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**Global Markets Research**

**Daily Currency Outlook**

**USD/MYR**



Source: Bloomberg, HLBB Global Markets Research

**Intraday Thoughts –Slightly Bullish**

USD/MYR opened 0.08% higher at 4.4736 before strengthening to 4.5028 at the point of writing. Daily outlook is slightly bullish with most Asian currencies tumbling against the greenback after the Fed rate shifts jolted markets. That said, the pair is currently trading in the overbought territory, and this will cap gains at 4.5050 (R1) and 4.5200 (R2) today. Up on deck today is the final US GDP print for 3Q, accompanied by its leading index and existing home sales data for November.

**1-Month Outlook – USD/MYR Neutral-to-Slightly Bearish**

The USD/MYR outlook is neutral-to-slightly bearish in our view, largely reflecting some consolidation after the recent rally in greenback after Trump’s win, and as traders continue to trade cautiously in the USD on uncertainties over the pace of rate cuts in view of Trump’s potentially business friendly and inflationary policies going forward. While still healthy, labour data has inevitably cooled. Coupled with mixed economic data, there is no change in our view on easing monetary policy going forward, albeit at a slower than initially expected pace, narrowing the interest rate differentials between meeting next week given Trump’s potentially inflationary policies. the US and Malaysia. On the domestic front, favourable economic outlook and the delay in the implementation of RON95 subsidy retargeting to mid-2025 will further push back upside risks to inflation, reaffirming our view for an extended pause in the OPR probably through next year, supportive of the MYR and our neutral-to-slightly bearish outlook.

	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
USD/MYR	4.4258	4.4330	4.5028	4.5050	4.5200

## USD/SGD



### USD/SGD Neutral-to-Slightly Bearish

USD/SGD opened flat at 1.3631 before trending down to 1.3615 at the point of writing. Daily outlook is neutral-to-slightly bearish given the downward trajectory post opening and that the pair is slightly overbought, with support levels seen at 1.3537 (S1) and 1.3443 (S2) today.

	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
USD/SGD	1.3443	1.3537	1.3615	1.3680	1.3729

## MYR Crosses

### SGD/MYR



### SGD/MYR Neutral-to-Slightly Bullish

SGD/MYR opened 0.85% lower at 3.2787 before paring all its losses and more to trade at 3.3072 at the point of writing. Daily outlook is neutral-to-slightly bullish on SGD strength against regionals, and in anticipation that the SGD will benefit from a risk-off environment rather than MYR. This pair will face resistance at 3.3145 (R1) and 3.3223 (R2) today, with next key risk being Malaysia's CPI tomorrow.

	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
SGD/MYR	3.2961	3.3014	3.3072	3.3145	3.3223

### GBP/MYR

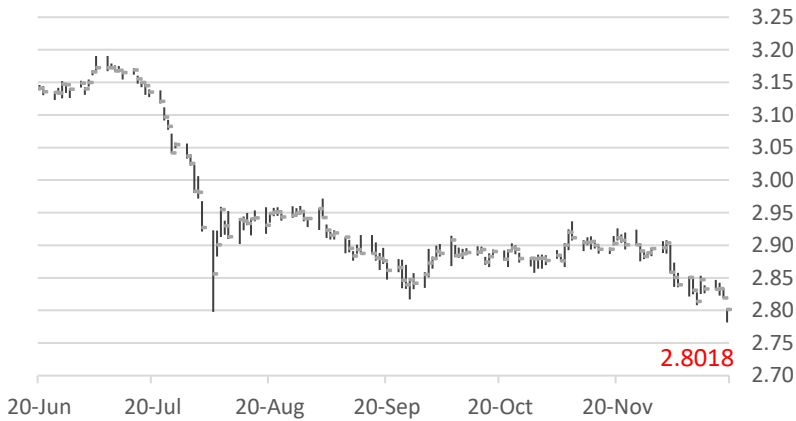


### GBP/MYR Neutral

GBP/MYR opened 0.69% lower at 5.6319 before shedding some of these losses to trade at 5.6674 at the point of writing. We prefer to stay neutral for this pair ahead of BOE's monetary policy decision, with expectations that the central bank will maintain its status quo this time but its gradual rate cut stance ahead given sticky inflation and wage growth data.

	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
GBP/MYR	5.6508	5.6610	5.6674	5.7010	5.7261

### AUD/MYR



### AUD/MYR Slightly Bearish

AUD/MYR opened 1.33% lower at 2.7815 before paring some of these losses to trade at 2.8018 at the point of writing. Daily outlook is slightly bearish on account of the lower opening, with losses likely to narrow given its oversold position and after Australia's consumer inflation expectations data ticked up to 4.2% in December from 3.8% previously.

	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
AUD/MYR	2.7864	2.7917	2.8018	2.8294	2.8399

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