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**Global Markets Research**

**Daily Currency Outlook**

**USD/MYR**



Source: Bloomberg, HLBB Global Markets Research

**Intraday Thoughts – Neutral-to-Slightly Bearish**

USD/MYR opened 0.03% lower at 4.4715 before trending down to 4.4698 at the point of writing. Daily outlook is neutral-to-slightly bearish given that the pair is trading near its overbought position. Key risk to this will be cautious sentiment in financial markets amid brewing geopolitical tension and a flight to safety that will likely benefit USD. With this, we expect the pair to be supported at 4.4558 (S1) today. Data wise, it will be light with only US mortgage applications on deck.

**1-Month Outlook – USD/MYR Neutral**

The USD/MYR outlook is neutral as traders continue to trade cautiously in the USD on uncertainties over the pace of rate cuts especially in view of Trump’s potentially inflationary policies going forward and softer, but still resilient labour data released recently. That said, we believe increasing odds of a slower pace of Fed rate cuts especially going into 2025, will limit downside in the USD going forward. On the domestic front, 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. The prospects of narrowing in rate differentials, favourable economic outlook and domestic reforms, ongoing initiatives to encourage flows, will continue to support the MYR, despite likelihood of near-term volatility in the midst of political and policy noises in the US.

	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
USD/MYR	4.4395	4.4558	4.4698	4.4806	4.4884

### USD/SGD



#### USD/SGD Neutral

USD/SGD opened flat at 1.3380, traded within a narrow band of 1.3363-1.3394 range before settling at 1.3382. Daily outlook is neutral, eyeing trading range between 1.3364-1.3404 as investors largely look towards geopolitical developments for currency bets.

	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
USD/SGD	1.3349	1.3364	1.3382	1.3404	1.3426

### MYR Crosses

#### SGD/MYR

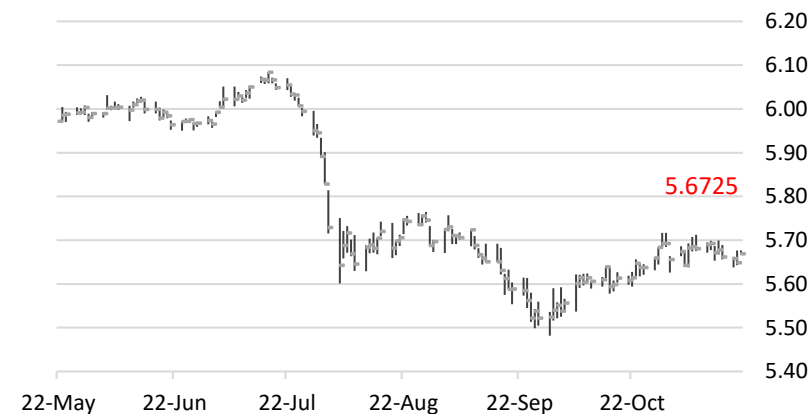


#### SGD/MYR Neutral

SGD/MYR opened 0.28% higher at 3.3458 before erasing most of these gain to trade at 3.3404 at the point of writing. Daily outlook is thus neutral, with the higher opening offset by its near overbought position, but any retracement will be limited by 3.3311 (S1) for now.

	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
SGD/MYR	3.3257	3.3311	3.3404	3.3519	3.3650

#### GBP/MYR



#### GBP/MYR Bullish

GBP/MYR opened 0.50% higher at 5.6763 before retreating slightly to 5.6738 at the point of writing. Daily outlook is bullish on GBP strength today, after BOE Governor Andrew Bailey warned that budget tax increases risk lingering persistence of wage pressures, reaffirming support for gradual rate cuts going forward. Today, we will also see UK releasing its CPI, making it the key risk for this pair today.

	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
GBP/MYR	5.6228	5.6354	5.6725	5.6890	5.7221

**AUD/MYR**

**AUD/MYR Bullish**

AUD/MYR opened 0.78% higher at 2.9251 but pared some of these gains to trade at 2.9206 at the point of writing. Daily outlook is bullish on AUD strength today. AUD/USD is seen holding firmly above 0.6520 level this morning, benefitting from higher oil prices, better than expected Leading Index this morning as well as after the RBA minutes showed that policy makers are open to rate cuts, hikes and even higher for longer stance going forward.

	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
AUD/MYR	2.8775	2.8915	2.9206	2.9295	2.9335

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