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Daily Currency Outlook

USD/MYR



Intraday Thoughts - Neutral-to-Slightly Bearish

USD/MYR opened flat at 4.2028 and traded lower during early Asian trading to 4.1980 at the point of writing. Daily outlook is neutral-to-slightly bearish from here today amidst the sentiment for the MYR continuing to remain positive, but losses could be capped by rising geopolitical tensions in the Middle East which could lend some support to the greenback. On the economic data front, its quiet domestically with no releases scheduled for the day ahead, while in the US, the Conference Board's consumer confidence index for September and the FHFA's House Price Index for July are due for release later tonight. Immediate support for the pair today comes in at 4.1890 (S1), while more solid support can be seen down below at 4.1750 (S2) respectively.

1-Month Outlook – USD/MYR Neutral-to-Slightly Bullish

The USD/MYR outlook is neutral-to-slightly bullish as the pair consolidates after the recent MYR rally, which has seen it move into oversold conditions. While expectations of broad USD weakness going forward should continue to play out in the medium term, with the currency weighed down by a cooling labour prints, further signs of disinflation and a gradual weakening in economic conditions, the USD could regain some ground in the short term. The Fed reduced interest rates by 50bps at the September FOMC meeting and indicated more cuts to come this year, with the dot plot pointing to a further reduction of another 50bps for the rest of the year. The market though is pricing in nearly another three 25bps cuts for the remaining 2 FOMC meetings for the year, and an adjustment to this pricing could lend some support to the USD in the near term. Domestically, the MYR will be supported by expectations for an extended pause in the OPR.

	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
USD/MYR	4.1750	4.1890	4.1980	4.2079	4.2175



USD/SGD



USD/SGD Neutral

USD/SGD opened flat at 1.2905 and inched higher in early trading to stand at 1.2913 at the point of writing. Daily outlook for the pair today is neutral, with an empty Singaporean economic data calendar today. Trading in the pair should be contained in the range of 1.2888 (S1) and 1.2939 (R1) for the day.

	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
USD/SGD	1.2852	1.2888	1.2913	1.2939	1.2963

MYR Crosses

SGD/MYR



SGD/MYR Neutral-to-Slightly Bearish

SGD/MYR opened 0.10% higher at 3.2557 but gave up its gains and more to stand at 3.2511 at the point of writing. Daily outlook from here is neutral-to-slightly bearish for the day, with nothing scheduled in terms of economic releases for the day in either jurisdiction. Immediate support for the cross comes in at 3.2454 (S1) today, whilst resistance can be seen above at 3.2600 (R1).

	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
SGD/MYR	3.2336	3.2454	3.2511	3.2600	3.2688

GBP/MYR



GBP/MYR Neutral-to-Slightly Bearish

GBP/MYR opened 0.45% higher at 5.6097 but pared some of its gains to stand at 5.6005 at the point of writing. Daily outlook from the current level is neutral-to-slightly bearish. No economic data is scheduled for either country today, with immediate support for the cross coming in at 5.5912 (S1) today, while stronger support emerges at 5.5845 (S2).

	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
GBP/MYR	5.5845	5.5912	5.6005	5.6086	5.6192



AUD/MYR



AUD/MYR Neutral-to-Slightly Bearish

AUD/MYR opened 0.22% higher at 2.8717 but gave up some of its gains to trade at 2.8700 at the point of writing. Daily outlook for the cross is neutral-to-slightly bearish from current levels, with the RBA set to decide on policy later today, where they are expected to keep the cash rate on hold at 4.35% amidst positive MYR sentiment. Support for the cross today can be seen at 2.8615 (S1) and 2.8549 (S2).

	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
AUD/MYR	2.8549	2.8615	2.8700	2.8759	2.8829

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