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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 0.01% higher at 4.4705 before sliding to 4.4598 at the point of writing. Daily outlook is neutral-to-slightly bearish following USD weakness today even after the strong US S&P PMI last week, and as the pair continues to trade near its overbought position. It will be an empty economic calendar for Malaysia this week but we will be watching out for the FOMC minutes later in the week for more clues on Fed’s thought on the economic outlook and policy path going forward.

**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 | 4.4281 | 4.4489 | 4.4598     | 4.4803 | 4.4906 |

### USD/SGD



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

USD/SGD opened 0.05% lower at 1.3460 before sliding to 1.3427 at the point of writing. As such, daily outlook is neutral-to-slightly bearish, but we will be looking out for any surprises on Singapore's CPI print due today. As it is, expectations is that both headline and core will moderate to 1.8% and 2.5% respectively in October from 2.0% and 2.8% previously.

|         | S2     | S1     | Indicative | R1     | R2     |
|---------|--------|--------|------------|--------|--------|
| USD/SGD | 1.3324 | 1.3398 | 1.3427     | 1.3506 | 1.3546 |

### MYR Crosses

#### SGD/MYR

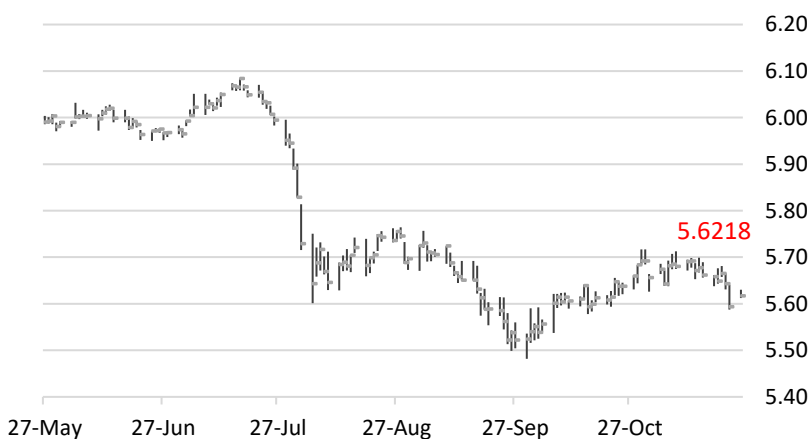


#### SGD/MYR Neutral-to-Slightly Bullish

SGD/MYR opened 0.48% higher at 3.3291 before paring some of these gains to trade at 3.3235 at the point of writing. Daily outlook is neutral-to-slightly bullish given SGD strength against most regionals, facing R1 and R2 at 3.3364 (R1) and 3.3563 (R2) today.

|         | S2     | S1     | Indicative | R1     | R2     |
|---------|--------|--------|------------|--------|--------|
| SGD/MYR | 3.2966 | 3.3049 | 3.3235     | 3.3364 | 3.3563 |

#### GBP/MYR



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

GBP/MYR opened 0.66% higher at 5.6301 before paring some of the gains to trade at 5.6218 at the point of writing. Daily outlook is neutral-to-slightly bullish as GBP/USD opened higher and held firmly around the 1.2600 level in early Asian morning trade, but gains likely capped given the disappointing PMI data from the UK last week.

|         | S2     | S1     | Indicative | R1     | R2     |
|---------|--------|--------|------------|--------|--------|
| GBP/MYR | 5.5535 | 5.5733 | 5.6218     | 5.6268 | 5.6605 |

**AUD/MYR**

**AUD/MYR Neutral-to-Slightly Bullish**

AUD/MYR opened 0.81% higher at 2.9238 before erasing some of these gains to trade at 2.9172 at the point of writing. Daily outlook is neutral-to-slightly bullish as the AUD/USD pair attracts some buyers near 0.6540 during the early Asian session. Australia's CPI is up on deck this week and will pose the key risk for this pair this week data wise.

|         | S2     | S1     | Indicative | R1     | R2     |
|---------|--------|--------|------------|--------|--------|
| AUD/MYR | 2.8526 | 2.8785 | 2.9172     | 2.9303 | 2.9562 |

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