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## Global Markets Research

### Daily Currency Outlook

#### USD/MYR



Source: Bloomberg, HLBB Global Markets Research

#### Intraday Thoughts – Neutral-to-Slightly Bullish

USD/MYR opened 0.10% higher at 4.4765 before strengthening further to 4.4783 at the point of writing. Daily outlook is neutral-to-slightly bullish with the USD on the front foot to close the year, and domestic data from S&P Global this morning that indicated a possible slowdown in the manufacturing sector in December. Gains will probably be capped though with decent resistance seen above at 4.4850 (R1) and 4.4925 (R2) today. Up on deck today stateside are the construction spending numbers for November, and the usual weekly jobless claims numbers.

#### 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. 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	4.4655	4.4728	4.4783	4.4850	4.4925

**USD/SGD**

**USD/SGD Neutral**

USD/SGD opened 0.02% lower at 1.3654 before losing more ground to 1.3638 at the point of writing. Daily outlook is neutral, with the USD strength being countered by better than expected growth in Singapore 4Q GDP numbers this morning, which led to full year growth of 4.0% y/y vs expectations of 3.5% y/y. Range today expected to be between 1.3605 (S1) and 1.3681 (R1).

	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
USD/SGD	1.3574	1.3605	1.3638	1.3681	1.3724

**MYR Crosses**
**SGD/MYR**

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

SGD/MYR opened 0.32% lower at 3.2751 before paring some of its losses to stand at 3.2836 at the point of writing. Daily outlook is neutral-to-slightly bullish on strong Singapore GDP data this released this morning. The cross will face resistance at 3.2875 (R1) and 3.2940 (R2) today, with next key risk being Singapore's PMI and Electronic Sector Index numbers due tonight.

	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
SGD/MYR	3.2755	3.2805	3.2836	3.2875	3.2940

**GBP/MYR**

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

GBP/MYR opened 0.28% lower at 5.5994 before shedding some of these losses to trade at 5.6079 at the point of writing. We are neutral-to-slightly bullish for the cross today with Nationwide Building Society scheduled to release their house price index for Dec later today. Resistance is seen above at 5.6144 (R1) and 5.6198 (R2).

	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
GBP/MYR	5.5950	5.6023	5.6079	5.6144	5.6198

**AUD/MYR**

**AUD/MYR Slightly Bullish**

AUD/MYR opened 0.40% lower at 2.7699 before paring all of these losses and more to trade at 2.7823 at the point of writing. Daily outlook is slightly bullish on account of the strength in AUD/USD this morning. The cross is likely to face some resistance at 2.7875 (R1) with more significant resistance above at 2.7961 (R2).

	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
AUD/MYR	2.7709	2.7755	2.7823	2.7875	2.7961

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