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Daily Currency Outlook

USD/MYR



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Intraday Thoughts – Neutral-to-Slightly Bullish

USD/MYR opened 0.21% higher at 4.4875 before pulling back slightly to 4.4860 at the point of writing. Daily outlook is neutral-to-slightly bullish with the USD beginning the year on a solid footing, and little in the way of economic data domestically today. There is some resistance seen above at 4.4895 (R1) today but more significant resistance kicks in at 4.4995 (R2). Over in the US, the focus lies on the ISM Manufacturing index for December which will be released tonight, and should provide further insight into how the US economy closed out the year.

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	4.4740	4.4795	4.4860	4.4895	4.4995

USD/SGD



USD/SGD Neutral-to-Slightly Bearish

USD/SGD opened flat at 1.3705 before retreating to 1.3677 at the point of writing. Daily outlook for the pair is neutral-to-slightly bearish, with the pair hovering in overbought territory. Singapore retail sales for November is due to be reported on later this afternoon, and support for the day is seen below at 1.3632 (S1) and 1.3560 (S2).

	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
USD/SGD	1.3560	1.3632	1.3677	1.3747	1.3790

MYR Crosses

SGD/MYR



SGD/MYR Neutral-to-Slightly Bullish

SGD/MYR opened 0.54% lower at 3.2701 before paring some of its losses to stand at 3.2796 at the point of writing. Daily outlook is neutral-to-slightly bullish on account of slightly bearish outlook for USD/SGD, with the key risk for the pair today coming from Singapore's retail sales release for November later today.

	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
SGD/MYR	3.2654	3.2766	3.2796	3.2851	3.2963

GBP/MYR



GBP/MYR Neutral-to-Slightly Bullish

GBP/MYR opened 0.56% lower at 5.5584 before edging lower further to 5.5575 at the point of writing. We are neutral-to-slightly bullish for the cross from here today with UK November mortgage approvals the key risk for today. Resistance for this pair is seen above at 5.5697 (R1) and 5.5798 (R2) for the day.

	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
GBP/MYR	5.5401	5.5510	5.5575	5.5697	5.5798

AUD/MYR

AUD/MYR Neutral-to-Slightly Bullish

AUD/MYR opened flat at 2.7845 today before ascending in morning trading to stand at 2.7878 at the point of writing. Daily outlook is neutral-to-slightly bullish today with no economic data releases due in either jurisdiction. The cross is likely to face some resistance at 2.7926 (R1) with more support seen below at 2.7805 (S1).

	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
AUD/MYR	2.7726	2.7805	2.7878	2.7926	2.8005

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