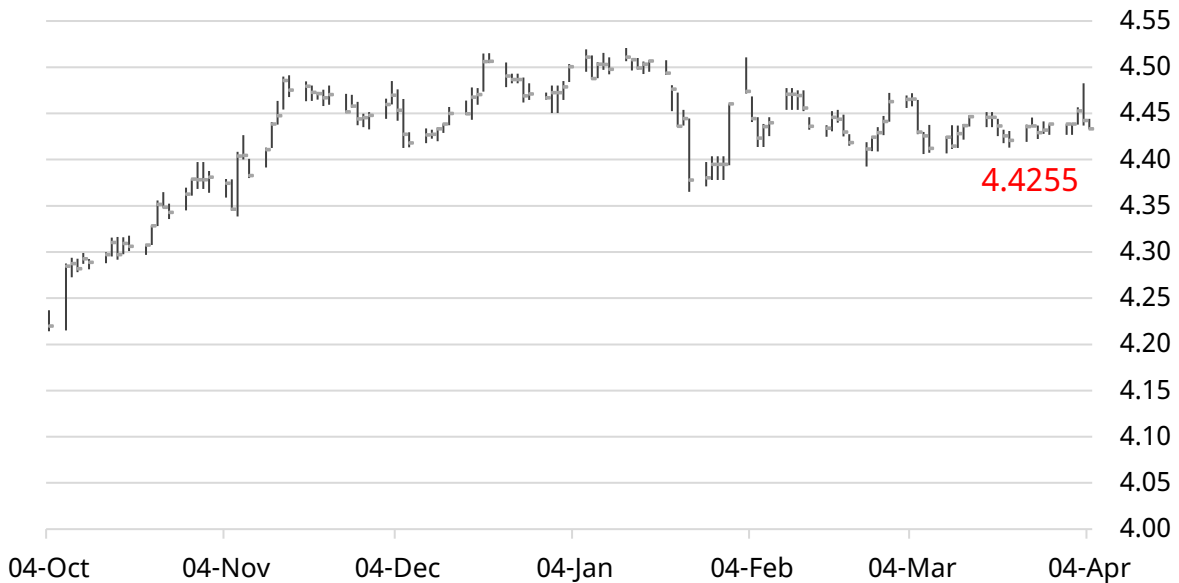


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Midday Currency Outlook

USD/MYR



Source: Bloomberg, HLBB Global Markets Research

Intraday Thoughts – Neutral-to-Slightly Bearish

USD/MYR opened flat at 4.4420 before sliding to 4.4255 at the point of writing. Daily outlook is neutral-to-slightly bearish on account of MYR strength and USD weakness, the latter weighed down by growth concerns in the US post tariff hike and on the back of lower UST yields. As it is, futures price in close to four quarter-point Fed rate cuts by end-2025, inching up further from yesterday. Capping gains will nonetheless be cautiousness ahead of the US non-farm payroll data today, where expectations are that job gains will slow but remain solid at +140k in March from the 151k gains in February.

1-Month Outlook – USD/MYR Neutral

We prefer to stay neutral on USD/MYR, expecting the DXY to consolidate after falling from 109 to 101 levels currently, firmly supported by still solid economic and labour market indicators recently, potentially some haven bid and lingering concerns over rising price pressures from the recent slew of tariffs by the US, the latest being the 10% baseline tariff across the board, in addition to higher tariff for many other countries, which will likely keep the Fed on its toes in their easing cycle. That said, the latest bout of trade tariff has also raised growth concern and saw markets pencilling in larger rate cut bets (another 98bps by end 2025) at the point of writing and will likely to cap significant upside for this pair. On the domestic front, BNM maintained the OPR at 3.00% and neutral policy stance in its latest monetary policy meeting and we opine that the central bank will likely maintain its OPR rate at this juncture to fully assess the impact from the new tariffs to the economy. However, we believe BNM will stand ready to act should downside risks to growth intensify.

	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
USD/MYR	4.3618	4.4078	4.4255	4.4709	4.4998

USD/SGD



USD/SGD Neutral-to-Slightly Bearish

USD/SGD opened flat at 1.3339 before sliding to 1.3323 at the point of writing. Daily outlook is neutral-to-slightly bearish on USD weakness today, with losses likely capped in view of consensus expectations for a drop in Singapore's retail sales data at noon today. Meanwhile, MAS has commented overnight that the central bank is ready to curb excessive volatility in the SGD and is closely monitoring this implication on the Singapore economy.

	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
USD/SGD	1.3192	1.3265	1.3323	1.3574	1.3765

MYR Crosses

SGD/MYR

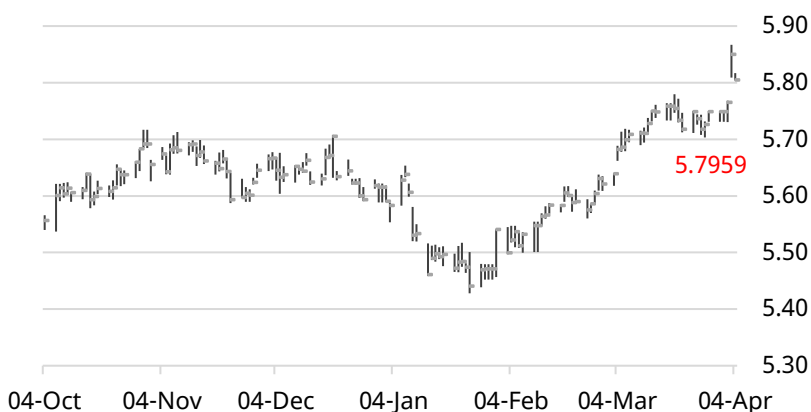


SGD/MYR Neutral-to-Slightly Bearish

SGD/MYR opened 0.07% higher at 3.3268 before erasing all gains to trade at 3.3208 at the point of writing. Daily outlook is neutral-to-slightly bearish pending the release of Singapore's retail sales print today. As it is, consensus is expecting sales to fall 0.2% y/y in February after gaining 4.5% y/y previously, another reason why MAS' policy is increasingly skewed towards easing.

	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
SGD/MYR	3.2969	3.3107	3.3208	3.3357	3.3468

GBP/MYR

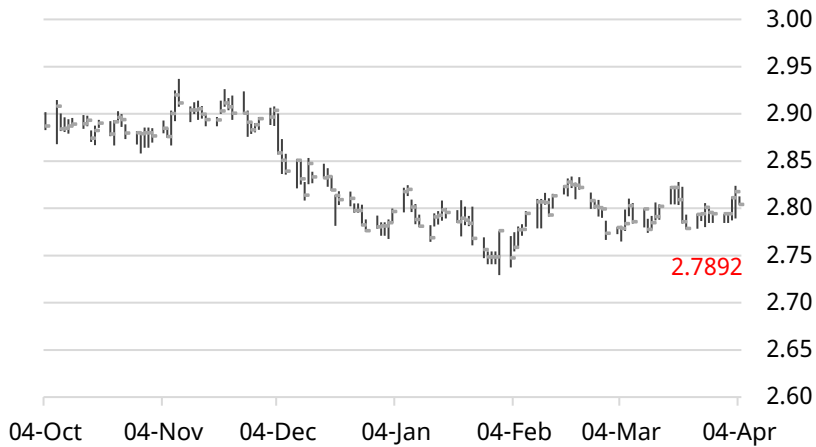


GBP/MYR Bearish

GBP/MYR opened 0.61% lower at 5.8144 and slid to 5.7959 at the point of writing. With this, daily outlook is bearish, but losses likely capped as GBP/USD held firmly around the 1.3100 level. It will be an empty economic calendar for the British soil today, but all eyes will be on UK's 400-page "hitlist" of US goods to tax.

	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
GBP/MYR	5.7226	5.7825	5.7959	5.8761	5.9023

AUD/MYR



AUD/MYR Slightly Bearish

AUD/MYR opened 0.27% lower at 2.8098 and slid to 2.7892 at the point of writing. Daily outlook is slightly bearish amid AUD weakness this morning against both G10 and regional peers. This comes after Australia's household spending data this morning missed street estimates, amplifying concerns over the state of the economy which is already facing risks of slowdown in its external trade data.

	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
AUD/MYR	2.7388	2.7746	2.7892	2.8318	2.8462

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