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Midday Currency Outlook

USD/MYR



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Intraday Thoughts – Slightly Bearish

USD/MYR opened 0.22% lower at 4.4458 before sliding to 4.4373 at the point of writing. Daily outlook is slightly bearish on account of USD weakness and MYR strength today, largely driven by a return of risk appetite amid temporary easing in global trade tension. Also supporting MYR is expectations that Malaysia’s 4Q and 2024 GDP will be revised up at noon, while key risk today will be US retail sales print, and to a lesser extent its import price and industrial production indicators.

1-Month Outlook – USD/MYR Neutral

The one-month outlook for USD/MYR is neutral in our view, largely reflecting some consolidation after the recent rally in greenback, which saw DXY hitting its 2-year high above the 109-handle. This comes after Trump’s election win, that saw traders pencilling in more business friendly and inflationary policies going forward. Amid more signs of upside of inflationary risks and solid economic environment, this saw traders pushing back the next rate cut to 4Q. That said, the current Fed rate remains slightly restrictive at this juncture, and as such, we opine that policy easing remains on track for the US. On the domestic front, BNM maintained the OPR at 3.00% as well as neutral policy stance in its latest monetary policy meeting. With no material changes in the policy statement, other than the mention of uncertainties and risks stemming from “more trade and investment restrictions,” this supports our view for an extended pause in the OPR in 2025, and in tandem with this, supportive of the MYR as well.

	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
USD/MYR	4.4986	4.4155	4.4373	4.4696	4.4836

USD/SGD



USD/SGD Neutral

USD/SGD opened flat at 1.3436, traded within the 1.3423-1.3441 band before settling at 1.3438 at the point of writing. As the pair has largely traded sideways despite the upward revisions in Singapore's GDP this morning, we have a neutral outlook for this pair today, eyeing trading range between 1.3395-1.3511.

	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
USD/SGD	1.3354	1.3395	1.3438	1.3511	1.3586

MYR Crosses

SGD/MYR

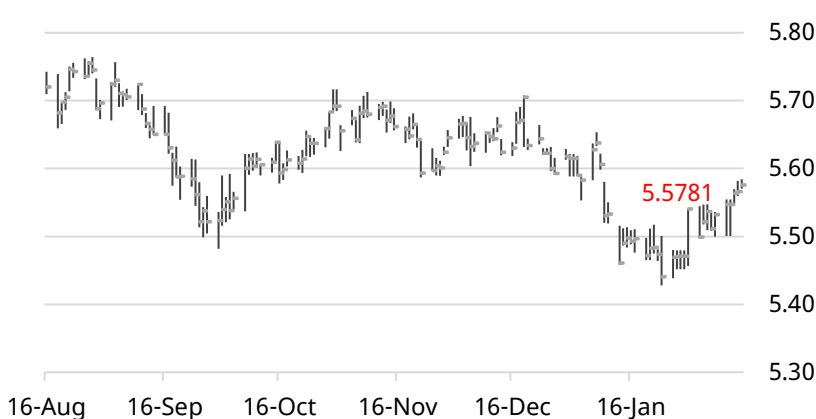


SGD/MYR Neutral

SGD/MYR opened 0.45% higher at 3.3166 before erasing most of its gains to trade at 3.3037 at the point of writing on MYR strength. With this, we prefer to stay neutral for this pair today ahead of Malaysia's GDP print, eyeing trading range between 3.2989-3.3058 today.

	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
SGD/MYR	3.29602	3.2989	3.3037	3.3058	3.3098

GBP/MYR



GBP/MYR Neutral-to-Slightly Bullish

GBP/MYR opened 0.32% higher at 5.5832 before losing some of its lustre to trade at 5.5781 at the point of writing. Daily outlook is neutral-to-slightly bullish given the higher opening, but gains likely to narrow given MYR strength and GBP weakness against regionals in early Asian trade, facing R1 and R2 at 5.5909 and 5.6192 today. It will be an empty UK economic calendar today.

	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
GBP/MYR	5.5469	5.5563	5.5781	5.5909	5.6129

AUD/MYR



AUD/MYR Bullish

AUD/MYR opened 0.51% higher at 2.8068 before trending up to 2.8080. We have a bullish outlook for this pair today, as AUD/USD held on to gains after Trump delayed its reciprocal tariffs plans on foreign nations, facing R1 and R2 at 2.8174 and 2.8367 today.

	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
AUD/MYR	2.7788	2.7857	2.8080	2.8174	2.8367

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