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Daily Currency Outlook

USD/MYR



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Intraday Thoughts – Neutral-to-Slightly Bearish

USD/MYR opened 0.01% higher at 4.4992 before making a retreat to 4.4955 at the point of writing. Daily outlook is neutral-to-slightly bearish, hit by double whammy of MYR strength and USD weakness today. The MYR supported by risk-on sentiment and the USD weighed down by traders bringing forward rate cut bets to July following the tamer than expected US CPI prints overnight. Key risk today is the US retail sales print, a gauge to consumer spending strength, one that consensus had pencilled in a sturdy +0.6% m/m in December as compared to +0.7% m/m previously.

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 policy win, that saw traders pencilling in more business friendly and inflationary policies going forward, while tamer than expected US PPI and CPI bringing forward the next and only rate cut for 2025 to the July FOMC meeting. At its, the current Fed rate remains restrictive at this juncture, and as such, we opine that easing policy measures remains on track for the US. On the domestic front, favourable economic outlook and the implementation of RON95 subsidy retargeting in mid-2025 will likely keep MYR supported, as investors will most likely view the latter positively that the government is continuing to address its fiscal consolidation going forward.

	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
USD/MYR	4.4771	4.4896	4.4955	4.5067	4.5146

USD/SGD



USD/SGD Neutral-to-Slightly Bearish

USD/SGD opened flat at 1.3671 before retreating to 1.3665 at the point of writing. Daily outlook is neutral-to-slightly bearish on USD weakness and SGD strength against G10, supported at 1.3638 (S1) and 1.3604 (S2) today. Singapore's NODX is on deck early morning tomorrow, and expectation is that it will turn contractionary in December.

	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
USD/SGD	1.3604	1.3638	1.3665	1.3699	1.3726

MYR Crosses

SGD/MYR



SGD/MYR Neutral-to-Slightly Bearish

SGD/MYR opened 0.02% higher at 3.2928 before making a U-turn to 3.2872 at the point of writing. Daily outlook is neutral-to-slightly bearish as a revival in risk appetite will likely benefit MYR rather than SGD today, with S1 and S2 seen at 3.2799 (S1) and 3.2603 (S2) today.

	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
SGD/MYR	3.2603	3.2799	3.2872	3.2964	3.3006

GBP/MYR



GBP/MYR Neutral-to-Slightly Bearish

GBP/MYR opened 0.22% higher at 5.5093 before quickly losing its momentum again to trade just above its opening level at 5.4979 at the point of writing. Daily outlook is neutral-to-slightly bearish on GBP weakness this morning, which saw GBP/MYR trading lower at 1.2236 at the point of writing. This comes after traders raised bets of more rate cuts following the cooler than expected UK inflation.

	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
GBP/MYR	5.4684	5.4829	5.4979	5.5127	5.5280

AUD/MYR



AUD/MYR Neutral-to-Slightly Bullish

AUD/MYR opened 0.49% higher at 2.8059 before paring some of these gains to trade at 2.8002 at the point of writing. Daily outlook is neutral-to-slightly bullish although gains from the higher opening will likely narrow on AUD weakness despite a jump in Aussie's hiring employment data.

	S2	S1	Indicative	R1	R2
AUD/MYR	2.7625	2.7766	2.8002	2.8048	2.8189

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