

Ringgit Weekly Outlook

Under pressure: Ceasefire scepticism and US data to keep USDMYR elevated

Overview

- Performance:** The MYR rebounded to 3.98/USD as Brent eased, though scepticism over the fragile ceasefire capped further gains.
- Market Dynamics:** Renewed Israeli strikes in Lebanon undermined hopes for near-term regional de-escalation despite the announced ceasefire. Crude prices retained two-thirds of their geopolitical risk premium as markets questioned the truce's durability. Strong US payroll data and rising inflation expectations reinforced USD strength against EM FX, prompting investors to pare short-USD positions and adopt defensive stances ahead of the Islamabad talks.
- Data Impact:** Tonight's US inflation print is expected to confirm persistent price pressure, reinforcing a higher-for-longer Fed narrative. Robust payroll gains and a 4.3% unemployment rate point to a US economy resilient against geopolitical shocks. Domestically, Malaysia's advance GDP estimate is the key local focus as markets gauge growth momentum. Sustained energy price volatility remains a risk factor to the domestic inflation and fiscal outlook, with attention on the Strait of Hormuz.
- Outlook:** The ceasefire looks tenuous. Israeli opposition to renewed diplomacy complicates the path to a broader deal and continued military friction in Lebanon risks re-escalation, keeping the Strait of Hormuz risk premium elevated. Markets will likely stay cautious, avoiding aggressive ringgit long positions until the Islamabad talks yield progress. We expect USDMYR to trade in a 4.00-4.05 range as geopolitical scepticism outweighs temporary relief. A move toward 3.95 is possible if de-escalation holds.
- Technical:** USDMYR faces resistance at 4.01, with immediate support near 3.96. Technical indicators are neutral.

Table 1: Currency Outlook

Long Term*							
	Q1-26	Q2-26F	Q3-26F	Q4-26F	Q1-27F	Q2-27F	Trend
USDMYR	4.05	4.05	4.00	3.95	4.00	4.01	—
Short Term (Technical)							
	RSI (7)	EMA (5)	R1	R2	S1	S2	Trend
USDMYR	37.469	3.992	4.011	4.048	3.955	3.937	▼

Signal for USD Trend = ▲ Bullish — Neutral ▼ Bearish

*F=Forecasts for end of period

Source: Kenanga Research, Bloomberg

RSI (7): 7-day Relative Strength Index

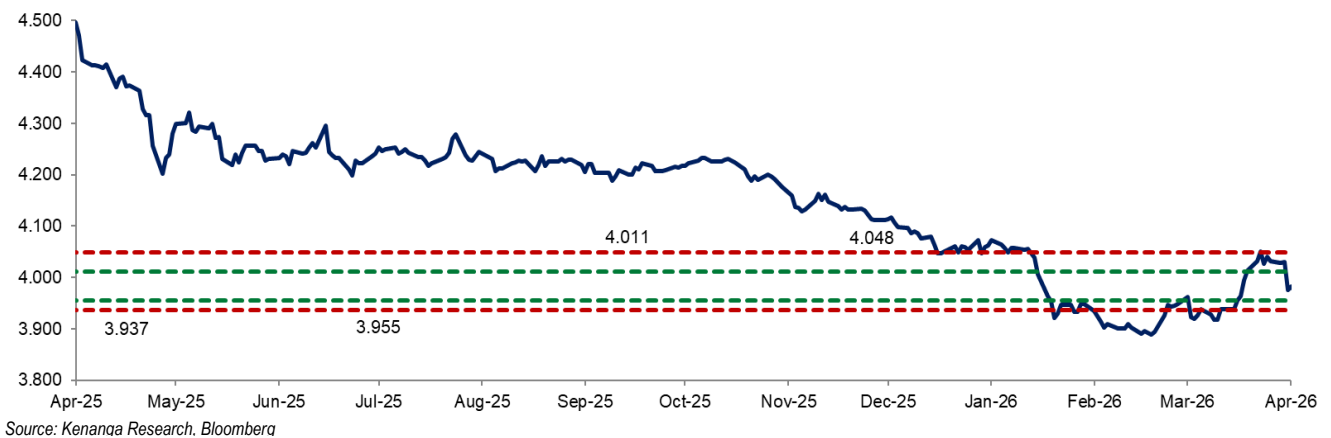
Measures the speed and magnitude of a security's recent price changes to evaluate overvalued or undervalued conditions. A reading of 80 or above indicates an overbought situation while a reading of 20 or below indicates an oversold condition.

EMA (5): 5-day Exponential Moving Average

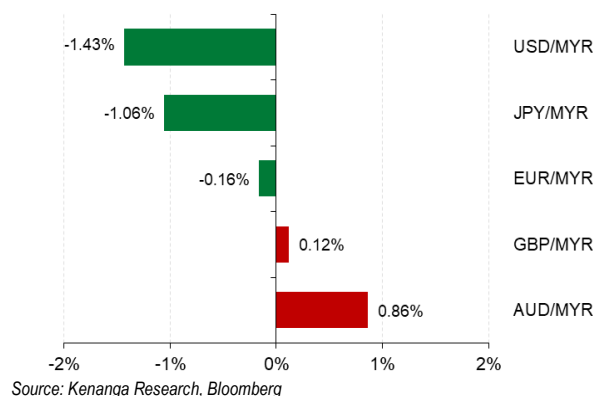
EMA gives more weight to the most recent periods, places more emphasis on what has been happening lately. Old data points retain a multiplier even if they are outside of the selected data series length.

$$EMA = (P \times \alpha) + [Previous\ EMA \times (1 - \alpha)]$$

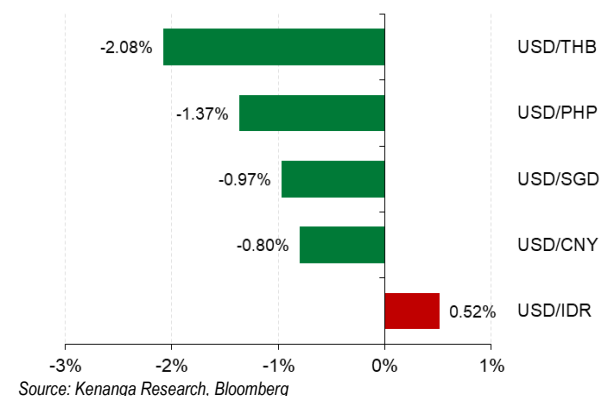
Graph 1: USDMYR Trend



Graph 2: Weekly Core Pairs' Performance



Graph 3: Weekly Regional Peers' Performance



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Table 2: Performance of Core Pairs

Currencies	02/01/26 YTD	09/04/25 Last Year	09/03/26 Last Month	02/04/26 Last Week	09/04/26 Yesterday	ytd (%)	yoy (%)	mom (%)	wow (%)
MYR									
USDMYR	4.054	4.496	3.962	4.040	3.982	-11.09%	-11.44%	0.50%	-1.43%
AUDMYR	2.716	2.704	2.780	2.778	2.802	0.62%	3.62%	0.78%	0.86%
GBPMYR	5.455	5.764	5.286	5.333	5.340	-4.48%	-7.37%	1.01%	0.12%
EURMYR	4.752	4.966	4.578	4.656	4.649	0.27%	-6.39%	1.55%	-0.16%
JPYMYR	2.585	3.094	2.500	2.530	2.503	-12.18%	-19.10%	0.10%	-1.06%
SGDMYR	3.152	3.337	3.095	3.139	3.123	-5.02%	-6.42%	0.89%	-0.52%
ASEAN 5 + CNY + JPY									
USDIDR	16725	16873	16949	17002	17090	5.51%	1.29%	0.83%	0.52%
USDTHB	31.524	34.549	32.09	32.791	32.108	-6.33%	-7.07%	0.06%	-2.08%
USDSGD	1.286	1.347	1.280	1.288	1.275	-6.54%	-5.32%	-0.38%	-0.97%
USDPHP	58.862	57.356	59.488	60.58	59.753	3.23%	4.18%	0.45%	-1.37%
USDCNY	6.989	7.346	6.907	6.886	6.831	-6.42%	-7.02%	-1.10%	-0.80%
USDJPY	156.840	145.240	158.460	159.680	159.080	1.23%	9.53%	0.39%	-0.38%
USD									
EURUSD	1.172	1.103	1.156	1.151	1.167	13.12%	5.78%	0.96%	1.38%
GBPUSD	1.346	1.282	1.335	1.319	1.340	7.63%	4.50%	0.39%	1.60%
AUDUSD	0.669	0.604	0.702	0.686	0.703	13.22%	16.49%	0.20%	2.43%

Source: Kenanga Research, Bloomberg

Table 3: Upcoming Major Data Release And Policy Announcement for the Week

Date	Country	Indicator	Previous	Consensus/Forecast
13/4/2026	US	Existing Home Sales (MAR)	4.09m	4.08m
14/4/2026	CN	Balance of Trade (MAR)	USD91.0b	USD107.1b
14/4/2026	US	PPI (MAR)	0.7% MoM	1.2% MoM
16/4/2026	CN	GDP Growth Rate (Q1)	4.5% YoY	5.0%
16/4/2026	UK	GDP (FEB)	0.0% MoM	N/A
16/4/2026	US	Initial Jobless Claims (APR/11)	219.0k	N/A
17/4/2026	MY	Inflation Rate (MAR)	1.4% YoY	1.8% YoY*
17/4/2026	MY	GFP Growth Preliminary (Q1)	6.3% YoY	4.7% YoY*

Source: Kenanga Research, Trading Economics, Bloomberg

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