



Daily Newswatch

Market Review

The FBMKLCI closed marginally higher, signalling continued resilience in Malaysia's domestic economy. Gains were led by technology and utilities counters, particularly those with strong domestic exposure. The rebound was supported by renewed optimism in the data centre segment and a sectoral rotation into defensive plays, as investors positioned cautiously amid heightened geopolitical tensions. Yesterday also marked the commencement of the China-Central Asia Summit in Astana, Kazakhstan. President Xi Jinping, along with the leaders of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan, is expected to use the platform to reaffirm their collective commitment to multilateralism and to the preservation of a rules-based international trade system. The summit is also anticipated to reinforce the next phase of China's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI 2.0), with a likely emphasis on connectivity, digital infrastructure, and sustainable development across Eurasia

Among key index constituents, notable gainers QL (+3.7%), PETCHEM (+3.1%), and MISC (+1.3%). Sector wise, Healthcare (-1.9%) was the top performer, followed by Technology (-1.2%), and Financial Services (-0.8%). Market breadth was remained negative, with 321 gainers and 613 losers.

Asian stocks ended mostly higher on Monday as investors reacted to escalating tensions in the Middle East and a mixed bag of data from China. SHANGHAI CI rose 0.4% to 3,383.7 and HSI closed up 0.7% at 24,061.0. Chinese factory output growth hit a six-month low in May, while retail sales picked up steam, signaling potential resilience in consumer demand amid a fragile truce in the country's trade war with the United States.

The major European stock markets traded higher on Monday, reversing losses from the previous session as world leaders gathered in Canada for the G7 summit, which will address global security, economic resilience, and tech cooperation. Discussions to resolve the Middle East crisis will also be a top priority. The Israel-Iran conflict entered its fourth day, with fresh missile exchanges. Iranian strikes on Tel Aviv, Haifa, and Petah Tikva killed at least five, injured dozens, and damaged key infrastructure, including a power plant. Markets also looked ahead to monetary policy decisions from the Federal Reserve, the Bank of Japan and the Bank of England due later in the week. The STOXX 50 closed up 0.9% at 5,339.6.

After moving sharply higher early in the session, stocks gave back some ground over the course of the trading day on Monday but continued to turn in a strong performance. The major averages all ended the day firmly in positive territory, with NASDAQ jumped 1.5% to 19,701.2, the S&P 500 advanced 0.9% to 6,033.1 and the DOW climbed 0.8% at 42,515.1. The early rally on U.S. came as investors looked to pick up stocks at somewhat reduced levels following the previous session's nosedive, which came after Israel launched a series of airstrikes against Iran. While the clash between Israel and Iran continued over the weekend, investors appear optimistic the conflict will remain relatively contained. A report from the Wall Street Journal citing Middle Eastern and European officials said Iran has been urgently signaling that it seeks an end to hostilities and resumption of talks over its nuclear programs. "Despite a weekend of violence between the two countries, investors showed no signs of panicking, judging by movements in financial markets on Monday," said Russ Mould, investment director at AJ Bell.

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Key Indices	Last Close	Daily chg %	YTD chg %
FBM KLCI	1,520.0	0.1	(7.4)
Dow Jones	42,515.1	0.8	(0.1)
Nasdaq CI	19,701.2	1.5	2.0
S&P 500	6,033.1	0.9	2.6
SX5E	5,339.6	0.9	9.1
FTSE 100	8,875.2	0.3	8.6
Nikkei 225	38,311.3	1.3	(4.0)
Shanghai CI	3,388.7	0.3	1.1
HSI	24,061.0	0.7	19.9
STI	3,908.5	(0.1)	3.2
Market Activities	Last Close	% Chg	
Vol traded (m shares)	2,840.0	(1.6)	
Value traded (RM m)	2,047.8	(0.6)	
Gainers	321		
Losers	613		
Unchanged	477		
Top 5 Volume	Last Close	Daily chg %	Vol (m)
MYEG	0.930	(2.6)	50.6
TANCO	0.955	(0.5)	38.6
TRIVE	0.015	50.0	29.1
NEXG	0.355	1.4	26.3
VELESTO	0.190	2.7	25.6
Top 5 Turnover	Last Close	Daily chg %	Val (RM m)
MAYBANK	9.590	(1.1)	141.8
CIMB	6.750	(1.0)	77.4
TENAGA	14.360	0.4	76.7
WPRTS	5.030	7.7	68.4
PBBANK	4.230	(0.5)	54.8
Currencies	Last Close	% Chg	
USD/MYR	4.247	(0.1)	
USD/JPY	144.710	0.0	
EUR/USD	1.155	(0.1)	
USD/CNY	7.180	0.0	
US Dollar Index	98.219	0.2	
Commodities	Last Close	% Chg	
Brent (USD/barrel)	74.5	1.8	
Gold (USD/troy oz)	3,402.2	0.5	
CPO (MYR/metric t)	4,079.0	(0.4)	
Bitcoin (USD/BTC)	106,388.7	(2.2)	



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Macro News

MY: Reaffirms firm commitment to regional energy cooperation

Malaysia reaffirmed its firm commitment to driving regional energy cooperation with a focus on inclusivity and sustainability, as it chaired the 43rd Asean Senior Officials Meeting on Energy (SOME), held here on Monday. Ministry of Energy Transition and Water Transformation (Petra) secretary general Datuk Mad Zaidi Mohd Karli said the theme for Malaysia's energy sector engagements, "Powering Asean: Bridging Boundaries, Building Prosperity", reflects the broader vision of Malaysia's Asean chairmanship. "This theme is important to emphasise the need for energy and dynamism in driving the region's development to propel Asean forward. He also expressed confidence that Monday's discussions would deliver tangible progress aligned with Malaysia's Priority Economic Deliverables and Asean's 2025 priorities, particularly on key initiatives such as the Asean Power Grid Memorandum of Understanding, and the Terms of Reference for the Subsea Power Cable Development Framework. The 43rd Asean-SOME and its associated meetings began on Monday and will run until June 18, drawing around 250 delegates, including senior energy officials and representatives from the Asean Secretariat and the Asean Centre for Energy. *(Bernama)*

CN: Xi takes push for global sway to Central Asia with Kazakh visit

Chinese President Xi Jinping is heading to Kazakhstan for talks with Central Asian leaders, providing a counterpoint to a Group of Seven (G7) summit by visiting a vast region at the nexus of competing interests from Washington to Beijing. Xi, who's making only his third overseas trip this year, will meet with Kazakh President Kassym-Jomart Tokayev on Monday, and attend the second gathering of the leaders of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan the following day. The summit in the Kazakh capital Astana is taking place in parallel to the G7 event in Canada, and comes days after US Secretary of State Marco Rubio met Kazakhstan's foreign minister in Washington. Xi hosted the inaugural China-Central Asia Summit in the Chinese city of Xi'an two years ago. A key objective for Xi in Kazakhstan, where he launched the sprawling Belt and Road infrastructure initiative more than a decade ago, is "future-proofing" China's economy for a potential rift with the US, according to Kate Mallinson, a partner at PRISM Strategic Intelligence Ltd in London. *(Bloomberg)*

US: Trump administration weighs adding 36 countries to travel ban, memo says

US President Donald Trump's administration is considering significantly expanding its travel restrictions by potentially banning citizens of 36 additional countries from entering the US, according to an internal State Department cable seen by *Reuters*. Earlier this month, the Republican president signed a proclamation that banned the entry of citizens from 12 countries, saying the move was needed to protect the US against "foreign terrorists" and other national security threats. The directive was part of an immigration crackdown Trump launched this year at the start of his second term, which has included the deportation to El Salvador of hundreds of Venezuelans suspected of being gang members, as well as efforts to deny enrolments of some foreign students from US universities and deport others. In an internal diplomatic cable signed by US Secretary of State Marco Rubio, the State Department outlined a dozen concerns about the countries in question and sought corrective action. *(Reuters)*

Canada; UK: Agree to establish trade working group, expand defence collaboration

Canada and the UK agreed on Sunday to set up a trade working group which will submit its recommendations to the prime ministers of the respective countries within the next six months, a joint statement by the two governments said. British Prime Minister Keir Starmer arrived in Canada for bilateral meetings with Prime Minister Mark Carney before the G7 leaders' summit in Alberta from Sunday to Tuesday. Carney



has been reaching out to allies to strengthen and diversify the country's trade as its industries, especially steel, aluminum and automobiles, face US tariffs. The working group would seek to address market access barriers, expand arrangements into areas such as digital trade, and explore cooperation to develop critical minerals and artificial intelligence infrastructure, the statement said. While the UK is an important trading partner for Canada, it represents only a small share of Canada's exports. (*Reuters*)

CN: Trump's budget cuts prompt China to review risks of US data void

China's government is reviewing the fallout for the nation's scientific research from President Donald Trump's moves to withdraw funding from some US agencies and halt publication of certain categories of data. Several Chinese ministries and bodies have in recent weeks started assessing potential disruption to their work and made efforts to determine the extent to which some activities have become reliant on data published by the US, according to people familiar with the matter. Agencies carrying out reviews include the Chinese Academy of Sciences, China Meteorological Administration, Ministry of Natural Resources and Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs, one of the people said. One area of work facing potential disruption has been studies of coral bleaching in the South China Sea, according to another person. Chinese researchers had used a product made available by the US National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, or NOAA, that published coastal water temperatures, which was decommissioned last month, the person said. (*Bloomberg*)

MY: First phase of halal roadmap contributed RM149b to GDP, with exports hitting RM61.8bn

The first phase of the Halal Industry Master Plan (HIMP2030), covering the period from 2023 to 2025, has recorded encouraging achievements with an implementation rate of 89.7%, said Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi. Zahid, who is also the Halal Industry Development Council (MPIH) chairman, said that during this period, the halal industry contributed RM149bn to the gross domestic product (GDP), while halal exports reached RM61.8bn. "This achievement is a clear indication that our halal industry development direction is on the right track and is gaining increasing confidence not only domestically, but also in international markets," he said in a statement after chairing MPIH meeting No 1/2025 here on Monday. The meeting, attended by representatives from 15 federal ministries and state governments, served as a key platform to coordinate policies and strategic actions aimed at strengthening Malaysia's position as a global leader in the halal industry. (*Bernama*)

Corporate News

Sersol: ED Mohamed Suffian reemerges as largest shareholder

Sersol Bhd said on Monday that its executive director Datuk Mohamed Suffian Awang has reemerged as the company's largest shareholder, after acquiring a 13.7% stake in the Johor-based industrial paint manufacturer. According to the ACE Market-listed firm's filing with Bursa Malaysia, Mohamed Suffian acquired 100m Sersol shares for a total consideration of RM500,000 — or half a sen per share — via IceAge Property Sdn Bhd in an off-market transaction on June 12. The transaction price represents an 80% discount to Sersol's closing share price of 2.5 sen on the same day. The block of shares was acquired from Jessie Lim Me Xian, who ceased to be a substantial shareholder following the disposal of her entire stake. (*The Edge*)

Poh Kong: Posts flat 3Q net profit despite record revenue due to higher gold prices

Poh Kong Holdings Bhd's net profit for the third quarter ended April 30, 2025 (3QFY2025) came in almost unchanged at RM47.6m compared to RM47.7m a year ago, although revenue hit a record high of RM533.9m as gold prices surged. The jeweller attributed its performance to higher income tax and operating expenses during the quarter in review, according to its filing with Bursa Malaysia on Monday. Its third quarter revenue is 2.8% higher than the RM519.6m registered a year ago. For the latest quarter, income tax expense climbed 34.5% year-on-year to RM19.0m, while operating expenses rose 6.3% to RM55.1m. For the nine-month period ended April 30, 2025 (9MFY2025), Poh Kong's net profit rose 3.8% to RM98.5m from RM94.9m a year earlier, while revenue increased 2% to RM1.3bn from RM1.3bn. (*The Edge*)

Deleum: Acquires oilfield service assets and business from Thai-based MPC Future for RM60m

Deleum Bhd is buying Thailand-based MPC Future Co Ltd's oilfield service assets and business for RM60m through a combination of cash and share issuance in a subsidiary, to expand its portfolio and services offering in Thailand. The acquisition will include slickline, hydraulic workover and well head maintenance assets from MPC Future, an oil and gas services firm, according to Deleum's bourse filing Monday (June 16). Deleum's indirect subsidiary, Deleum Oilfield Solutions (Thailand) Co Ltd (DOST) has inked a sale and purchase agreement for the acquisition. New and preference shares in DOST will be issued to MPC Future under the deal, valued at 278.8m baht (or RM36.4m), while the remaining RM23.6m will be settled in cash. The arrangement will result in MPC Future holding 48.3% in DOST, while Deleum will hold 49.9%. (*The Edge*)

CIMB: Former SC head Syed Zaid named as new chairman

CIMB Group Holdings Bhd has named former head of the Securities Commission Malaysia, Datuk Syed Zaid Albar, as its new group chairman, succeeding Tan Sri Mohd Nasir Ahmad, who is retiring on July 19. The appointment will take effect on July 20. In line with the transition, Syed Zaid will be appointed as an independent, non-executive director on June 18, CIMB said in a statement Monday. A seasoned lawyer with four decades of expertise in capital markets, Syed Zaid is a founding partner of Albar & Partners. He served as executive



chairman of the Securities Commission Malaysia from 2018 to mid-2022. He has also served on the boards of various public listed companies, including Yinson Holdings Bhd, Cycle & Carriage Bintang Bhd, Malaysian Pacific Industries Bhd and Malaysia Building Society Bhd. Mohd Nasir, who served as CIMB's group chairman for a decade, expressed the board's confidence in welcoming Syed Zaid as his successor. *(The Edge)*

Berjaya Land: To develop RM170m apartment project in Greenland

Berjaya Land Bhd, via its wholly owned subsidiary Berjaya Greenland Invest A/S, has signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with SIBS Sdn Bhd to deliver climate-resilient modular housing in Greenland. SIBS is a subsidiary of Sweden-based SIBS AB Group that specialises in modular construction and has a manufacturing facility in Penang. In a media statement on Monday, Berjaya Land has stated that the partnership aims to deliver efficient, climate-resilient residential apartments through modular construction that enables faster deployment, cost savings and long-term quality. To that effect, Berjaya Land has engaged with the Municipality of Nuuk and secured lands in Nuuk for the housing project, which is in the planning and design phase and is targeted to launch next year. With a gross development value (GDV) of RM170m, the housing project will comprise 66 apartment units housed across eight blocks with built-ups from 2,152 to 4,305 sq ft (200 to 400 sq m). Construction is targeted to commence in July 2026 and is expected to be completed in two years. *(The Edge)*

Solarvest: Secures 25-year solar plant deal in Brunei

Solarvest Holdings Bhd has, via a joint venture (JV) company, secured a 25-year power purchase agreement (PPA) with the government of Brunei to invest in, build, and operate a 30MWac solar photovoltaic power plant, which will be the largest such plant in Brunei upon its completion by end 2026. The project, which originated from a request for proposal (RFP) process launched in 2021, will be developed on a remediated landfill in Brunei. It is expected to generate an annual output of 64.5m kWh of renewable energy, said Solarvest in a statement. Brunei aspires to achieve a 30% renewable energy mix and to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions by 20% from business as usual levels by 2030. As part of the RFP requirements, participating developers were mandated to form JVs with government-linked companies to ensure national participation and capacity building, Solarvest said. Hence, on June 14 when it inked the PPA, Solarvest also inked an agreement for the JV (under Seri Suria Power (B) Sdn Bhd (SSPSB)) with Khazanah Satu Sdn Bhd and Serikandi Oilfield Services Sdn Bhd. Solarvest's wholly owned Atlantic Blue Sdn Bhd holds a 34% stake in SSPSB, while Khazanah Satu owns a 30%, and Serikandi holds a 36% stake. *(The Edge)*

Upcoming key economic data releases	Date
US – Core Retail Sales (MoM)	Jun 17
US – Retail Sales (MoM)	Jun 17
UK – CPI (YoY)	Jun 18
EU – CPI (YoY)	Jun 18
US – Initial Jobless Claims	Jun 18
US – Fed Interest Rate Decision	Jun 18
<i>Source: Bloomberg</i>	



Stock Selection Based on Dividend Yield

	Sector	Price (RM)	Dividend/Share (RM)	Dividend Yield (%)
Bermaz Auto	Consumer	1.11	0.15	13.78
Amway (M)	Consumer	5.07	0.47	9.27
British American Tobacco (M)	Consumer	6.21	0.54	8.70
Sentral REIT	REIT	0.78	0.06	8.26
YTL Hospital REIT	REIT	1.04	0.08	7.98
REXIT	Technology	0.63	0.05	7.94
KIP REIT	REIT	0.87	0.07	7.75
Hektar REITS	REIT	0.49	0.04	7.63
CapitaLand Malaysia Trust	REIT	0.64	0.05	7.56
Paramount Corporation	Property	1.03	0.07	7.28
MBM Resources	Consumer	5.43	0.39	7.24
Taliworks Corporation	Utilities	0.70	0.05	7.14
MAG Holdings	Consumer	1.23	0.08	6.67
Magnum	Consumer	1.23	0.08	6.67
Ta Ann Holdings	Plantation	3.92	0.26	6.58

Source: Bloomberg

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Methodology: The list above includes stocks that have a high dividend yield, estimated to be greater than 4% per annum. These stocks also have a history of paying dividends consistently, having paid dividends for the past 3 years.

IPO Tracker

Company	Listing Sought	Issue Price (RM/Share)	No. Of Shares (m)		Closing Date	Listing Date
			Public Issue	Offer for Sale		
Cuckoo International (Mal) Bhd	Main Market	1.29	143.3	222.1	5 Jun	24 Jun
Pan Merchant Bhd	ACE Market	0.27	232.2	18.0	17 Jun	26 Jun
Arrow Systems Group Berhad	ACE Market	0.17	128.3	53.5	19 Jun	02 Jul
PMCK Group Berhad	ACE Market	0.22	272.6	32.7	25 Jun	09 July

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