



Daily Newswatch

Market Review

The FBMKLCI ended the session in positive territory, reversing earlier losses after spending much of the trading day under pressure. The late rebound—driven by strength in consumer and healthcare counters—lifted the index by 3 points, underscoring a resilient domestic market backdrop despite external headwinds. In our view, sentiment within the construction sector has strengthened following policy clarity under the 13th Malaysia Plan (RMK13), particularly relating to large-scale infrastructure rollouts such as road upgrade projects and the Penang Light Rail Transit (LRT) initiative. These developments have revived investor optimism around cyclical and project-driven segments of the market, signalling greater confidence in the domestic investment pipeline amid global uncertainty. Between the key index constituents, the top gainers were PETDAG (+5.3%), 99SMART (+2.2%) and SIME (+1.9%). Sector wise, Financial Services (+0.5%) led the gain, followed by Construction (+0.4%) and Consumer Products and Services (+0.3%). The overall market breadth turned neutral with 353 gainers and 626 losers.

Asian stocks rose broadly on Wednesday as Fed rate cut hopes prevailed and U.S. President Donald Trump said the United States was close to a trade deal with China. SHANGHAI CI rose 0.5% to 3,634.0 on hopes for Sino-U.S. trade deal. Trump said the U.S. is getting along with China very well and that he would meet his Chinese counterpart, Xi Jinping, before the end of the year if an agreement is struck. HSI edged up marginally to finish at 24,910.6 ahead of a slew of Chinese economic data and corporate results coming throughout the week.

European stocks closed mostly higher on Wednesday, thanks largely to some strong corporate earnings updates, and expectations of an interest rate reduction by the Federal Reserve in September. U.S. President Donald Trump's threat the his administration is considering imposition of tariffs on chips and pharmaceuticals rendered the mood a bit cautious and limited markets' upside. The U.S. President has called a pledge of investment totalling \$600bn made in the EU-U.S. trade deal a gift and threatened the EU with 35% blanket tariffs if it fails on the pledge. Trump also said that tariffs on semiconductor and chip imports would be announced as soon as next week to boost U.S. manufacturing and that planned tariffs on pharmaceuticals imported into the U.S. could eventually reach as high as 250%. Euro STOXX 50 gained 0.3% to 5,263.3.

After moving mostly higher early in the session, stocks saw further upside over the course of the trading day on Wednesday. NASDAQ jumped 1.2% to 21,169.4 and the S&P 500 climbed 0.7% to 6,345.1. The narrower DOW posted a more modest gain, rising 0.2% to 44,193.1. Apple (AAPL) helped to lead the markets higher, with the tech giant surging by 5.1% following reports the company will announce plans to invest another \$100bn to expand its U.S. operations during a White House event later today. Earlier in the day, stocks benefitted from a positive reaction to earnings news from companies like McDonald's (MCD), which jumped by 3.0%. The gain by McDonald's came after the fast food giant reported second quarter results that exceeded analyst estimates on both the top and bottom lines. Shares of Shopify (SHOP) also spiked by 22.0% after the e-commerce platform reported better than expected second quarter revenues and provided upbeat third quarter guidance. On the other hand, shares of Super Micro Computer (SMCI) plunged by 18.3% after the server maker reported weaker than expected fiscal fourth quarter results and provided disappointing first quarter guidance. Shares of Disney (DIS) also moved to the downside after the entertainment giant reported mixed fiscal third quarter results.

Key Indices	Last Close	Daily chg %	YTD chg %
FBM KLCI	1,527.0	(0.4)	(7.0)
Dow Jones	44,173.6	1.3	3.8
Nasdaq CI	21,053.6	2.0	9.0
S&P 500	6,329.9	1.5	7.6
SX5E	5,242.3	1.5	7.1
FTSE 100	9,128.3	0.7	11.7
Nikkei 225	40,290.7	(1.2)	1.0
Shanghai CI	3,583.3	0.7	6.9
HSI	24,733.5	0.9	23.3
STI	4,197.2	1.0	10.8

Market Activities	Last Close	% Chg
Vol traded (m shares)	2,629.1	(16.8)
Value traded (RM m)	1,945.0	(12.7)
Gainers	545	
Losers	475	
Unchanged	391	

Top 5 Volume	Last Close	Daily chg %	Vol (m)
TRIVE	0.015	50.0	69.0
INARI	1.990	(6.6)	61.2
MAGMA	0.385	(7.2)	58.2
ZETRIX	0.870	(2.8)	56.6
TANCO	0.820	(2.4)	56.2

Top 5 Turnover	Last Close	Daily chg %	Val (RM m)
INARI	1.990	(6.6)	122.8
GAMUDA	5.400	0.0	78.3
TENAGA	13.160	(1.1)	68.5
CIMB	6.750	(0.6)	58.8
MAYBANK	9.540	(0.6)	55.9

Currencies	Last Close	% Chg
USD/MYR	4.231	0.1
USD/JPY	146.730	0.2
EUR/USD	1.159	0.1
USD/CNY	7.181	0.2
US Dollar Index	98.589	(0.2)

Commodities	Last Close	% Chg
Brent (USD/barrel)	68.8	0.1
Gold (USD/troy oz)	3,377.3	0.1
CPO (MYR/metric t)	4,166.0	(0.6)
Bitcoin (USD/BTC)	115,025.1	0.2



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Macro News

MY: Services producer price index up 1% in 2Q

Malaysia's services producer price index (SPPI) recorded a year-on-year increase of 1.0% in the second quarter, up from the 0.6% increase registered in the previous quarter, according to the SPPI report released on Wednesday by the Department of Statistics Malaysia (DOSM). Chief statistician Datuk Seri Dr Mohd Uzir Mahidin said the arts, entertainment and recreation index increased by 4.5%, moderating from a 6.6% increase in the previous quarter. "This was primarily driven by the other amusement and recreation activities index (+1.9%). The accommodation and food and beverage service activities index also continued its upward trend, rising by 3.6%, similar in the first quarter of 2025. (*The Edge*)

US: Trump says 'getting very close' on extending China trade truce

US President Donald Trump said he is "getting very close to a deal" with China to extend the trade truce that saw the two countries agree to reduce tit-for-tat tariff hikes and ease export restrictions on rare earth magnets and certain technologies. "It's not imperative, but I think we are going to make a good deal," Trump said in an interview with CNBC, adding that the US is "getting along with China very well". Still, Trump downplayed the notion that he is eager for a meeting with Chinese President Xi Jinping, saying he would only want to see his Chinese counterpart as part of an effort to conclude trade negotiations. (*Bloomberg*)

US: Trump says he's readying more tariffs on Russian energy buyers

US President Donald Trump suggested he would impose increased tariffs on additional countries buying energy from Russia — including China — after saying earlier on Tuesday that he would raise levies on Indian exports within 24 hours. "We will be doing quite a bit of that," Trump said when asked if he would follow through on a previous threat to impose tariffs on additional countries, including China. "We will see what happens over the next fairly short period of time." Trump also claimed that he "never said a percentage" that he would impose on Russian trading partners. (*Bloomberg*)

MY: InvestKL secures 1H investments of RM2.8bn, anchors five regional hubs in Greater KL

InvestKL has secured RM2.8bn in committed investments in the first half of 2025 (1H2025), establishing five new regional hubs in Greater Kuala Lumpur, and creating 1,197 high-skilled jobs with average executive salaries exceeding RM11,700. The investments span information



technology infrastructure, consumer healthcare, materials science, financial services, and renewable energy, reinforcing Greater KL's position as a strategic hub for innovation-driven global services, InvestKL said in a statement. *(The Edge)*

MY: Launch National Cloud Computing Policy at Asean AI Malaysia Summit 2025

Malaysia will launch its National Cloud Computing Policy (NCCP) at the upcoming Asean AI Malaysia Summit 2025 (AAIMS25), marking a strategic milestone in the country's digital transformation journey and regional leadership in trusted cloud and artificial intelligence (AI) adoption. Digital Ministry secretary general Fabian Bigar said the strategic policy, which will be launched on Aug 13 by Digital Minister Gobind Singh Deo, will outline Malaysia's vision to strengthen national cloud infrastructure, promote trusted and secure data governance, and accelerate cloud adoption across both the public and private sectors. "As a foundational enabler for AI and digital innovation, the NCCP sets the stage for a resilient, inclusive, and future-ready digital economy," he told a media briefing here on Wednesday. *(The Edge)*

US: Trump, Apple to announce fresh \$100bn US investment

President Donald Trump plans to announce that Apple Inc. will commit to spending another \$100bn on domestic manufacturing, the latest pledge by the tech giant to increase US production of its products as it seeks to avoid punishing tariffs on its flagship iPhones. The announcement at the White House on Wednesday includes a new manufacturing program designed to bring more of Apple's supply chain to the US, with an eye toward assembling additional critical components domestically, according to a White House official who detailed the announcement on the condition of anonymity. Apple Chief Executive Officer Tim Cook is expected to attend the event. *(Bloomberg)*

Corporate News

Citaglobal: Acquire stake in Perlis logistics hub master developer for RM40m in shares

Citaglobal Bhd is to acquire a 12.8% indirect interest in the master developer of the Perlis Maritime Corridor in a RM40m deal involving the issuance of new shares. In a bourse filing on Tuesday, Citaglobal said the deal will see the company acquire a 20% stake in Manjaran, an indirect shareholder of PMC's master developer Mutiara Perlis Sdn Bhd, from Dedap Rimbun. Dedap Rimbun is owned by Datuk Shabaruddin Ibrahim and family. Shabaruddin is also group executive chairman of Mutiara Perlis. The transaction, to be covered by the issuance of 9% of the group's enlarged share base, will result in Dedap Rimbun emerging as Citaglobal's second-largest shareholder. *(The Edge)*

Exsim: Manage RM45m Summit Hotel revamp, lease it for at least three years

Exsim Hospitality Bhd, formerly Pan Malaysia Holdings Bhd, has agreed with AmFIRST Real Estate Investment Trust (REIT) to manage a planned RM45m refurbishment and rebranding of The Summit Hotel Subang USJ, and to lease the hotel for three years after the revamp. Exsim Hospitality's unit, Mana Mana Holdings Sdn Bhd, will manage the 15-month refurbishment for a fixed fee of RM220,000, according to Bursa Malaysia filings on Wednesday. After the refurbishment, Mana Mana will operate the hotel under a tenancy agreement with a base monthly rent of RM600,000 plus revenue sharing above a certain level. *(The Edge)*

Pharmaniaga: Completes capital reduction, concluding regularisation plan

Pharmaniaga Bhd has completed its regularisation plan following the completion of its RM520m capital reduction. The capital reduction took effect on Tuesday and trimmed the pharmaceutical group's issued share capital to RM249.6m, the group's bourse filing on Wednesday showed. "MBSB IB (MBSB Investment Bank) wishes to announce that the regularisation plan has been completed following the completion of the capital reduction," a separate bourse filing read. *(The Edge)*

Azam Jaya: Bags RM120.9m job to upgrade Sabah's Tawau Airport

Azam Jaya Bhd has secured a three-year contract from the Ministry of Transport for upgrading works for Sabah's Tawau Airport. The RM120.9m contract was awarded to Azam Jaya's wholly owned unit Pembinaan Azam Jaya Sdn Bhd. The project will be undertaken on a design-and-build basis, the Sabah-based road infrastructure builder said in a statement. The contract spans Aug 22 this year to Aug 21, 2028. However, Azam Jaya noted completion is expected by Aug 17, 2028. *(The Edge)*

Carzo: Third default judgement granted against fruit supplier Carzo over unpaid loan

Carzo Holdings Bhd on Wednesday said another judgement in default has been obtained against the LEAP Market-listed fruit supplier, this time by RHB Bank Bhd over an unpaid sum of up to RM1.8m. A day ago, Carzo said the High Court had granted Maybank Islamic Bhd two default judgements against the company over unpaid banking facilities totalling RM6m. A judgement in default is a judgement given against a defendant when they fail to enter an appearance in the case within the specified timeframe. *(The Edge)*

Saliran: Explore O&G collaboration with partners in China, Malaysia

Saliran Group Bhd, which was listed on the ACE Market in March, inked a memorandum of understanding (MOU) on Wednesday with China-based Maoming Port Group Co Ltd and Malaysia's PCA Group Sdn Bhd to establish a framework for cooperation in the oil and gas (O&G) sector. The MOU, valid for one year, aims to explore, develop, and promote initiatives that will enhance the group's technical capabilities, broaden its supply-chain integration, and expand its reach into international markets, said Saliran in a filing with Bursa Malaysia.



Saliran is a supplier of pipes, fittings, flanges, related parts and accessories, and steel products primarily serving O&G customers. *(The Edge)*

MAGMA: Former chairman Farouk Abdullah ceases to be Magma's substantial shareholder

Magma Group Bhd's former executive chairman Datuk Seri Ismail @ Farouk Abdullah has ceased to be a substantial shareholder in the hotel management and property development company, following a stake trim. Farouk's vehicle Impiana Sdn Bhd has disposed of 4.1m shares or a 0.2% stake, Magma's bourse filing on Wednesday showed. The filing listed the date of cessation as July 28. The share sale pared his stake in the company to 4.9%, below the 5% threshold required to be deemed a substantial shareholder. *(The Edge)*

MHB: Johor High Court sets aside MMHE injunction in RM57.3m Bokor Phase 3 dispute

Malaysia Marine and Heavy Engineering Holdings Bhd announced on Wednesday that the Johor High Court has set aside an injunction obtained by its unit, Malaysia Marine and Heavy Engineering Sdn Bhd (MMHE), against a subcontractor's arbitration notice over a dispute in the Bokor Phase 3 project in Sarawak. Haumea Offshore Sdn Bhd is claiming over RM57.3m in a dispute with MMHE, citing problems with the execution of its subcontract for hook-up and commissioning work, including providing marine vessels for the project. In a filing with Bursa Malaysia, MHB said the Johor High Court on Aug 5, has set aside an earlier injunction that paused arbitration while deciding on MMHE's challenge to the arbitration notice by Haumea Offshore. The hearing to decide if the arbitration notice is valid is scheduled for Sept 11. If the court finds the notice invalid, any arbitration started will be cancelled. *(The Edge)*

Upcoming key economic data releases	Date
US – Initial Jobless Claims	Aug 7
UK – BoE Interest Rate Decision	Aug 7
US – CPI (Jul)	Aug 12
US – PMI (Jul)	Aug 14
JP – GDP (Q2)	Aug 14
US – Core Retail Sales (Jul)	Aug 15
EU – CPI (Jul)	Aug 20
<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

User guide: Mercury Securities compiles a list of dividend-yielding stocks for conservative long-term passive investors looking for regular income whilst capping downside risk of their investment.

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		

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