



# Daily Newswatch

## Market Review

FBM KLCI closed higher at 1,585.6 on Monday as investors shifted focus to large-cap stocks while tracking key regional indices, with sentiment supported by expectations of a Fed rate cut of at least 25 basis points at the September 16–17 policy meeting despite attention on upcoming US consumer inflation readings. Utilities led sector gains with a 1.5% increase, followed by Industrial Products & Services up 1.1% and REITs up 0.8%. While among individual stocks, PCHEM advanced 5%, PPB rose 3.1% and YTLPOWER gained 2.7%. Market breadth was positive, with 548 advancers outnumbering 434 decliners.

Asian stock markets closed higher on Monday, buoyed by optimism over a potential US Federal Reserve rate cut following weaker than expected labour data, alongside improved risk appetite on signs of economic resilience in China and steady regional trade data. The SSE Composite Index rose 0.4% to close at 3,826.8, driven by strength in consumer and technology sectors, while the Hang Seng Index advanced 0.9% to 25,633.9, supported by gains in property and financial shares.

Monday saw a strong closing for European stocks as markets continued to evaluate the outlook for European rates and the most recent corporate news. To close at 5,367, the STOXX 50 gained 0.9%, while the pan-European STOXX 600 gained 0.6%, closing at 553. As yield gaps in Eurozone countries tightened, heavyweight banks closed significantly higher, reducing fragmentation worries that surfaced in the final weeks before the French parliament's anticipated dissolution. A 1% increase was seen in Santander, ING, and Nordea. A 2.5% increase in the global chip industry and the announcement that ASML would acquire the majority stake in Mistral AI contributed to the company's rise. Meanwhile, Siemens, Airbus, and Schneider all jumped 2%, indicating that industrial titans also made progress.

Wall Street began the week on a positive note on Monday as investors positioned themselves for a data-heavy week that includes two important inflation reports that are expected to impact Federal Reserve policy forecasts. The Dow Jones increased 114 points, the S&P 500 increased 0.2%, and the Nasdaq 100 gained almost 0.5% to go closer to its August record high due to strength in chipmakers. Amazon (+1.4%), Broadcom (+3.1%), Nvidia (+0.7%), and Oracle (+2.5%) were the market leaders. AppLovin (+11.6%) and Robinhood Markets (+15.7%) both saw substantial increases following their September 22 inclusion in the S&P 500. In the meantime, T-Mobile fell 3.9% and Apple fell 0.7%.

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Key Indices	Last Close	Daily chg %	YTD chg %
FBM KLCI	1,585.6	0.5	(3.5)
Dow Jones	45,515.0	0.3	7.0
Nasdaq CI	21,798.7	0.5	12.9
S&P 500	6,495.2	0.2	10.4
SX5E	5,362.8	0.8	9.5
FTSE 100	9,221.4	0.1	12.8
Nikkei 225	43,643.8	1.5	9.4
Shanghai CI	3,826.8	0.4	14.2
HSI	25,633.9	0.8	27.8
STI	4,308.5	0.0	13.8

Market Activities	Last Close	% Chg
Vol traded (m shares)	2,146.0	(7.6)
Value traded (RM m)	1,938.9	(15.7)
Gainers	548	
Losers	430	
Unchanged	528	

Top 5 Volume	Last Close	Daily chg %	Vol (m)
PHARMA	0.195	8.3	125.4
NEXG	0.020	0.0	0.3
TANCO	0.810	1.9	52.9
JAKS	0.110	10.0	46.9
VELESTO	0.215	4.9	24.8

Top 5 Turnover	Last Close	Daily chg %	Val (RM m)
MAYBANK	10.000	0.1	115.6
CIMB	7.270	(0.4)	100.0
SDG	5.120	1.2	78.0
PBBANK	4.280	0.2	71.3
TENAGA	13.320	2.0	64.0

Currencies	Last Close	% Chg
USD/MYR	4.219	0.3
USD/JPY	147.460	0.0
EUR/USD	1.176	0.0
USD/CNY	7.130	0.0
US Dollar Index	97.454	(0.3)

Commodities	Last Close	% Chg
Brent (USD/barrel)	66.0	0.8
Gold (USD/troy oz)	3,636.2	0.0
CPO (MYR/metric t)	4,388.0	(0.3)
Bitcoin (USD/BTC)	112,394.8	0.4



## Macro News

### US: Gold climbs to fresh record after bets on Fed rate cuts surge

Gold hit a fresh record on Monday, bolstered by an unexpectedly weak US employment report that saw wagers increase on the Federal Reserve (Fed) cutting interest rates. Bullion rose as much as 1% to more than US\$3,622 an ounce, eclipsing the previous record set on Friday after a pivotal US payrolls report showed a slowdown in hiring, while unemployment increased to the highest level since 2021. (Bloomberg)

### US: Cuts to US oil jobs and spending threaten output growth

The U.S. oil industry has laid off thousands of workers and cut billions in spending due to lower oil prices and the biggest consolidation in a generation, in what could mark the end of the rapid output growth that made the U.S. the world's top producer. The Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries and its allies in the OPEC+ producer group are increasing output to win back market share that was lost to the United States and other producers in recent years. OPEC+ agreed on Sunday to further raise production from October by 137,000 barrels per day. (Reuters)

### US: Probes malware email targeting trade talks with China

US authorities are investigating a bogus email purportedly from a Republican lawmaker that contained malware apparently aimed at giving China insights into the Trump administration's trade talks with Beijing, the *Wall Street Journal* (WSJ) reported on Sunday. The malware in the email that appeared to be sent by Representative John Moolenaar in July to US trade groups, law firms and government agencies was traced by cyber analysts to a hacker group — APT41 — believed to be working for Chinese intelligence, the newspaper said. (Reuters)

### MY: Segamat earthquake: 15 buildings suffered minor damages; repairs estimated at RM0.5 million, says deputy minister

Fifteen government buildings have been identified as having suffered minor damages, with an estimated repair cost of RM550,500, following the weak earthquakes that hit the district from Aug 24 to 30. Deputy Minister of Works Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Maslan said the report was the result of an inspection by the Segamat Public Works Department (JKR) as of Sept 3 on buildings involving the Segamat Hospital, Bandar Putra Health Clinic, Segamat Community College, District Kadi Office, schools and government quarters. Apart from buildings, inspections found that no damage was reported to roads and bridges from monitoring 325 kilometres (km) of federal roads, 242.11km of state roads, and 71 bridges and flyovers within the earthquake radius. Ahmad said seismic factors had been taken into account in the design of government buildings and bridges since the enforcement of the MS EN 1998 National Annex in September 2017. (Bernama)

### MY: Proposal for joint Sulawesi Sea development still at initial stage, says foreign minister

The proposed joint development with Indonesia in Block ND6/ND7, Sulawesi Sea is still at the preliminary stage and has not been finalised. Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Mohamad Hasan said that so far, no agreement has been reached between the two countries and official discussions on the proposal have not yet begun. Mohamad said discussions on the maritime delimitation between Malaysia and Indonesia were held through the Technical Meeting on Maritime Boundaries Delimitation between Malaysia and the Republic of Indonesia, which was established in 2005. He said the government was always cautious and had made a comprehensive assessment of any proposed solution, including economic cooperation, to ensure that the country's sovereignty was not affected. (Bernama)

### CN: Reviews trade law update as tariff barriers rise

China's top legislative body on Monday began reviewing the first revision in more than two decades of the country's foreign trade law, as Beijing seeks to give legal backing to countermeasures it can take in a trade conflict. The revision would strengthen China's trade countermeasures, allowing trade bans or restrictions on foreign individuals or organisations deemed a danger to China's sovereignty or security, the official *Xinhua* news agency reported. The draft also outlines the establishment of a "trade adjustment assistance" system and measures to stabilise supply chains, the report said. (Reuters)

### CN: Pushing Asean to seal trade pact upgrade as US tariffs bite

China is pushing the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (Asean) to sign an upgrade to their free trade agreement before the end of the year, Vice Commerce Minister Yan Dong said on Monday, as Beijing seeks to diversify its exports amid US tariffs. Negotiations on the upgrade concluded in May, paving the way for improved market access in sectors such as agriculture, the digital economy and pharmaceuticals between China and the 10-member state Asean bloc, with Beijing seeking to position itself as the "more open" major economy, while US President Donald Trump continues to target the region with punitive trade curbs. (Reuters)

### EU: French parliament votes to oust prime minister, deepening political crisis

France's parliament voted on Monday to bring down the government over its plans to tame the ballooning national debt, deepening a political crisis and handing President Emmanuel Macron the task of finding a fifth prime minister in less than two years. He must now tender his resignation, leaving Macron to face a narrowing set of options, with financial markets signalling worry at France's political and fiscal crisis. Bayrou had called the vote unexpectedly to try to win parliamentary support for his strategy to lower a deficit that stands at nearly double the European Union's (EU) 3% ceiling and to start tackling a debt pile equivalent to 114% of GDP. (Reuters)



## Corporate News

### **RL: Bags RM60.2m job to build waste recovery facility**

Reservoir Link Energy Bhd has been awarded a RM60.2m turnkey engineering, procurement, construction and commission contract for a waste recovery facility. The contract was awarded by Sage Promaster Sdn Bhd, a company that provides consultancy and contracting services for identifying industrial waste, managing waste, transporting it, recovering and recycling materials, and producing alternative fuel. In a filing with Bursa Malaysia on Monday, the company said that under the contract, its unit RL Sigma Engineering Sdn Bhd will design and supply an industrial waste-recovery facility that can process up to 15,000 metric tonnes of raw materials. The recovered product, Safefuels®, is Sage Promaster's own alternative fuel, made to produce renewable energy similar to traditional fuels used in cement and power plants. *(The Edge)*

### **INTA: Secures RM66.5m housing construction job from Eco Majestic**

Inta Bina Group Bhd has won a RM66.5m contract to build 154 houses in a gated and guarded project in Hulu Langat, Selangor for Eco Majestic Development Sdn Bhd. The development will have two phases and include two-storey semi-detached, semi-detached and two-storey terrace houses. The job was awarded to its wholly owned unit, Inta Bina Sdn Bhd, the construction firm said in an exchange filing on Monday. The contract is to span 20 months, effective Sept 22, with completion targeted for May 21, 2027. *(The Edge)*

### **JTGROUP: Bags RM42.9m subcontract for underground cable project**

Utilities engineering firm Jati Tinggi Group Bhd on Monday announced that it has secured a subcontract valued at RM42.9m for underground cable works. The company's unit, Jati Tinggi Holdings Sdn Bhd, accepted a subcontract from Worktime Engineering Sdn Bhd for 11kV underground cable works in the North and Selangor zones, it said in a filing with the bourse on Monday. The scope of works would include the supply of pipes and erection of power cables, fibre optic cables, joints and terminations, testing, commissioning and all ancillary works. *(The Edge)*

### **CHB: Gets nod to transfer listing to Main Market**

Critical Holdings Bhd said on Monday it has secured regulatory approval for transfer to the Main Market less than two years after its listing on the ACE Market. The Securities Commission Malaysia approved the transfer in a letter dated Sept 3, 2025, and took note that the company had complied with the Bumiputera equity requirement for public listed companies, according to the company's exchange filing. Shares of Critical Holdings, a Penang-based company focusing on mechanical, electrical and process utilities engineering, have risen 66% from this year's low of 58 sen in April. The stock has nearly tripled from its listing price in December 2023. *(The Edge)*

### **UNIQUE: Forms JV to sell emergency lights, signage**

Fire protection solutions maker Unique Fire Holdings Bhd has formed a joint venture (JV) with Singapore-based wholesale trader Z10 Pte Ltd and Malaysian electrical components firm E&E Electrical Solutions Sdn Bhd for the sale of emergency lights and signage. Under the joint venture, Unique Fire will use its industry connections, Z10 will handle manufacturing and quality checks, and E&E Electrical Solutions will manage operations, market growth, and licensing, the company said on Monday. *(The Edge)*

### **GAMUDA: JV chosen as preferred contractor for works related to Australia's Marinus Link**

Gamuda Bhd and Samsung C&T Corp have been selected by the Australian government as the preferred contractor for the last major contract in Stage 1 of the Marinus Link, an undersea and underground electricity and data interconnector between the states of Tasmania and Victoria. TasVic Greenlink — the JV between Gamuda's wholly owned Australian unit DT Infrastructure Pty Ltd and Samsung C&T — was awarded the balance of the works package for Stage 1 on Monday, according to TasVic and MLPL in separate statement. *(The Edge)*

### **VELESTO: PNB mulling Velesto privatisation amid dividend upside, industry uncertainty**

PERMODALAN Nasional Bhd (PNB) is said to be exploring options to privatise its 48%-owned Velesto Energy Bhd amid a challenging outlook for the oil and gas (O&G) industry. Sources say, however, that the country's largest fund manager faces hurdles, as the other shareholders may be reluctant to accept the proposed pricing. A source says the price tag for the privatisation may not be exciting, considering that the share price of Velesto has been subdued over the past year. *(The Edge)*

Upcoming key economic data releases	Date
US Non Farm Payrolls Annual Revision	Sep 9
US PPI	Sep 10
US Inflation Rate	Sep 11
<i>Source: Bloomberg</i>	



## Stock Selection Based on Dividend Yield

	Sector	Price (RM)	Dividend/Share (RM)	Dividend Yield (%)
Bermaz Auto	Consumer	0.71	0.08	11.41
British American Tobacco (M)	Consumer	4.74	0.53	11.18
REXIT	Technology	0.51	0.05	9.80
Taliworks Corporation	Utilities	0.55	0.05	9.17
KIP REIT	REIT	0.85	0.07	8.24
Sentral REIT	REIT	0.78	0.06	7.82
MBM Resources	Consumer	5.42	0.42	7.71
UOA REITS	REIT	0.83	0.06	7.52
CapitaLand Malaysia Trust	REIT	0.63	0.05	7.30
Ta Ann Holdings	Plantation	4.18	0.31	7.30
Paramount Corporation	Property	1.04	0.07	7.21
RHB Bank	Finance	6.58	0.45	6.78
YTL Hospital REIT	REIT	1.11	0.07	6.67
Kim Loong Resources	Plantation	2.27	0.15	6.61
Sports Toto	Consumer	1.42	0.09	6.41

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		
JS Solar Holding Berhad	ACE Market	0.31	78.0	19.5	9 Sep	23 Sep
Express Powerr Solutions (M) Bhd	ACE Market	0.20	180.0	65.4	8 Sep	24 Sep
Camaroe Berhad	ACE Market	0.14	99.0	49.5	12 Sep	2 Oct



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