



Daily Newswatch

Market Review

The FBM KLCI rose 0.8% on Monday to close at 1,622.4 points, as the positive sentiment from Wall Street's tech giants' positive earnings spilled over to regional markets. Financial Services (+1.0%), Transportation & Logistics (+0.9%) and Plantation (+0.8%) were the best-performing sectors. Among major constituents, Mr DIY Group, Maxis and Axiata Group led the rise by 3.1%, 2.4% and 2.0%, respectively. However, Market breadth was negative, with 751 losers outpacing 450 gainers, while 531 counters were unchanged.

For Monday, Asian stock markets closed in positive territory, as investors digested last week's megacap earnings that reflected significant spending on artificial intelligence, bolstering AI-related sentiment. The Shanghai Composite rose 0.6% to 3,976.5, the Hang Seng gained 1.0% to 26,158.4 and the TAIEX advanced 0.4% to 28,334.6. Meanwhile, the Nikkei 225 remained closed for a public holiday with the benchmark last up 2.1% to 52,411.3 on Friday. In Shanghai, the best-performing sectors are Energy (+3.1%), Communication services (+1.6%) and Financials (+0.7%). Within those sectors, stocks such as Shanghai Information2 Software, Puya Semiconductor Shanghai and Hymson Laser Technology led the rise by 20.0%, 14.1% and 13.7%, respectively. Conversely, in Hong Kong, the advance was driven by gains in Energy (3.0%), Financials (+2.0%) and Consumer non-cyclicals (+1.5%).

European equities closed largely higher on Monday, staying close to record highs set last week as investors prepared for crucial earnings announcements this week. The STOXX 50 climbed 0.3% to 5,675, while the STOXX 600 edged above the flatline at 572. Autos were among the top performers in the Eurozone after China announced that it will examine exemptions for Nexperia chip exports, which are critical for auto manufacture, allowing Mercedes-Benz, Volkswagen, BMW, and Stellantis to increase by 0.9% to 2.3%. Campari plummeted more than 3% after Italian tax officials seized \$1.5bn in shares from its controlling holding firm in an alleged tax evasion investigation. Finally, BNP Paribas fell 1.6% as it plans to raise Additional Tier 1 capital for the first time since its failed bid for Banco Sabadell.

At Monday's closing, US stocks were uneven, with the S&P 500 up 0.3% and the Nasdaq up 0.5% as a flurry of AI acquisitions concentrated gains in megacap tech, while the Dow fell 210 points. Nvidia jumped 1.1%, while Microsoft fell 1.1%, after the company confirmed export licenses to ship Nvidia-class GPUs to the UAE and a separate multiyear GPU cloud contract worth around \$9.7bn. Amazon rose 3.6% following a rumoured multiyear, \$38bn partnership with OpenAI, which will rely primarily on huge GPU deployments. Materials and real estate lagged as the ISM manufacturing index fell to 48.7, indicating weaker factory demand. Corporate results remained under focus, with Palantir (3.4%) and other AI-related reports expected this week.

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Key Indices	Last Close	Daily chg %	YTD chg %
FBM KLCI	1,622.4	0.8	(1.2)
Dow Jones	47,330.0	(0.5)	11.2
Nasdaq CI	23,818.9	0.4	23.3
S&P 500	6,855.3	0.2	16.6
SX5E	5,679.3	0.3	16.0
FTSE 100	9,701.4	(0.2)	18.7
Nikkei 225	52,411.3	2.1	31.4
Shanghai CI	3,976.5	0.5	18.6
HSI	26,158.4	1.0	30.4
STI	4,444.3	0.4	17.3

Market Activities	Last Close	% Chg
Vol traded (m shares)	3,250.9	(8.3)
Value traded (RM m)	2,479.8	(7.3)
Gainers	450	
Losers	751	
Unchanged	531	

Top 5 Volume	Last Close	Daily chg %	Vol (m)
PERAK	0.310	(8.8)	92.5
ZETRIX	0.815	(3.6)	72.1
GENM	2.340	0.4	66.5
MMAG	0.185	(59.8)	65.8
DNEX	0.330	8.2	56.6

Top 5 Turnover	Last Close	Daily chg %	Val (RM m)
GENM	2.340	0.4	155.4
GAM	5.100	1.2	118.6
AMM	5.790	1.6	93.9
YTLP	3.970	(0.5)	74.3
MAY	9.950	0.8	69.6

Currencies	Last Close	% Chg
USD/MYR	4.200	(0.3)
USD/JPY	154.180	0.0
EUR/USD	1.152	0.0
USD/CNY	7.121	(0.0)
US Dollar Index	99.873	0.1

Commodities	Last Close	% Chg
Brent (USD/barrel)	64.9	0.2
Gold (USD/troy oz)	3,995.2	(0.2)
CPO (MYR/metric t)	4,090.0	0.0
Bitcoin (USD/BTC)	106,481.6	(0.4)

Source: Bloomberg



Macro News

US: Becomes first country to export 10 mil tonnes of LNG in single month

The US has become the first country to export 10m metric tonnes (mmt) of liquefied natural gas in a single month, according to preliminary data from financial firm LSEG. The US exported a record 10.1 mmt of the liquid fuel in October, up from a revised figure of 9.1 mmt in September, LSEG data showed. Already the world's largest LNG exporter, the US has been ramping up sales with four record-setting months in 2025. The surge was led by the start-up of Venture Global's Plaquemines export plant and the ramp-up of Cheniere's Corpus Christi Stage 3 project, the data showed. The Plaquemines facility, located in Louisiana, sold 2.2 mmt last month, surpassing its previous high of 1.6 mmt in September, the data showed. *(Reuters)*

US: Manufacturing contracts further in October; supplier delivery times lengthen

US manufacturing contracted for an eighth straight month in October as new orders remained subdued, and suppliers were taking longer to deliver materials to factories against the backdrop of tariffs on imported goods. The Institute for Supply Management (ISM) said on Monday its manufacturing PMI fell to 48.7 last month from 49.1 in September. A reading below 50 indicates contraction in manufacturing, which accounts for 10.1% of the economy. Still, the PMI remained above 42.3, a level that the ISM said over time was consistent with an expansion of the overall economy. Economists polled by *Reuters* had forecast the PMI edging up to 49.5. A month-long shutdown of the US government is, however, making it difficult to get a good read of the economy. The shutdown, on track to be the longest on record, has caused a government economic data blackout. *(Reuters)*

US: Economy at risk of wobble as lower-income consumers get squeezed

The US consumer's durability as a prop for the economy may be tested in coming weeks as family budgets, particularly among the less affluent, are stressed by rising healthcare costs, the potential loss of federal food benefits, and a wobbly job market outlook that is already taking a toll on earnings. November is typically the start of a buoyant shopping and travel season, with the Thanksgiving holiday at the end of the month and Christmas following in late December. This year it also coincides with the possible loss of food benefits for many families amid an ongoing US government shutdown, and rising healthcare costs for others if federal subsidies are cut at the start of the year for insurance policies offered under the Affordable Care Act, also known as Obamacare. *(Reuters)*

CN: Extends visa-free policy to end-2026, adds Sweden to scheme

China will extend its visa-free entry policy for 45 countries including France, Germany and Spain to Dec 31, 2026 and expand the scheme to cover Sweden, effective Nov 10, the foreign ministry said on Monday. The extension covers 32 European countries as well as Australia, New Zealand, Japan, South Korea and several nations in South America and the Gulf region, a statement released by the foreign ministry's consular affairs department showed. The policy was scheduled to expire at the end of this year for many of the countries. China has offered visa-free entry to citizens from dozens of countries in recent years as part of efforts to woo foreign visitors, revive a tourism sector battered by years of strict Covid-19 controls, and boost foreign engagement. *(Reuters)*

CN: Trump says China, other countries can't have Nvidia's top AI chips

Artificial intelligence (AI) giant Nvidia's most advanced chips will be reserved for US companies and kept out of China and other countries, US President Donald Trump said. During a taped interview that aired on Sunday on CBS' *60 Minutes* programme and in comments to reporters aboard Air Force One, Trump said only US customers should have access to the top-end Blackwell chips offered by Nvidia, the world's most valuable company by market capitalisation. "The most advanced, we will not let anybody have them other than the US," he told CBS, echoing remarks made earlier to reporters as he returned to Washington from a weekend in Florida. "We don't give [the Blackwell] chip to other people," he said during the flight. *(Reuters)*

CN: Finance ministry sets up new debt management department

China's Ministry of Finance set up a new debt-management department, it said on Monday, the latest step in its effort to rein in local debt risks as the economy slows. The department's main responsibilities will include formulating and implementing systems and policies for managing central and local government debt, as well as drafting regulations and measures for debt-related management, according to the ministry's website. The department will help set limits on outstanding national and local government debt, manage the issuance and repayment of government borrowings and oversee risks — particularly those associated with implicit debt. *(Reuters)*

CN: Iron ore falls on China PMI disappointment, weak fundamentals

Iron ore dropped on concerns about China's economic outlook, as a gauge of the country's manufacturing activity expanded less than expected. Futures of the steel-making ingredient fell as much as 1.9% to US\$104.10 (RM436.86) a tonne on Monday (Nov 3). The drop came as the RatingDog China General Manufacturing Purchasing Managers' Index slipped in September and new export orders dropped at the quickest pace since May. The official gauge last week showed the longest losing streak in more than nine years. Downward pressure on iron ore futures prices has kicked in again after they rose to close as high as US\$107.20 last Wednesday just before the latest US-China trade truce. The market's fundamentals suggest prices could go lower as the industry grapples with oversupply, high inventories and declining margins. *(Bloomberg)*



CN: Factory activity growth slowed, private survey shows

China's manufacturing activity expanded less than forecast in October, a private survey showed, adding to worrying signs about the economy's momentum as the year winds down. The RatingDog China general manufacturing purchasing managers index (PMI) slipped to 50.6 from 51.2 in September, according to a statement released on Monday, staying just above the 50 mark that divides expansion from contraction. The median forecast of economists surveyed by *Bloomberg* was 50.7. New export orders dropped at the quickest pace since May, the PMI report showed, with goods producers turning the least optimistic in six months. A long national holiday in October might have exaggerated the extent of the slowdown. (*Bloomberg*)

MY: Delayed palm oil peak season pushes CPO towards RM4,600 per tonne in first half of 2026 — Glenauk Economics

Crude palm oil (CPO) prices are expected to remain firm, trading between RM4,300 and RM4,600 per tonne in the first half of 2026, according to a forecast by Glenauk Economics. This price strength is supported by a significant delay in the industry's peak production season, with yields now only expected to trend downwards in December 2025 and January 2026. The benchmark CPO futures on the Bursa Malaysia Derivatives Exchange closed at RM4,115 per tonne on Monday. While short-term volatility linked to biodiesel policy changes in Indonesia exists, "palm oil fundamentals remain firm", Glenauk noted. (*The Edge*)

MY: Malaysia reserves right to cancel US trade agreement at any point in time

Malaysia has the right to terminate its agreement on reciprocal trade (ART) with the United States (US) at any time through written notice without requiring the consent of the US, said the Attorney General's Chambers (AGC). In a statement, the AGC said that this is provided for under Article 7.5 of the ART, which also emphasises that all protections under the agreement are intended to defend and preserve Malaysia's sovereignty and protect the country's interests at all times. The statement clarifies that ART will only come into effect 60 days after both parties exchange written notifications confirming that their respective domestic legal procedures have been completed. (*Bernama*)

MY: Employer group seeks clarity on foreign worker pay rules after court ruling

The Malaysian Industrial Commercial & Service Employers Association (MICSEA) is calling on the Ministry of Human Resources (MOHR) to issue clear and structured guidelines on wage payment timelines for foreign workers, following a recent court ruling that employers must pay wages from the moment these workers arrive in Malaysia. The call comes after the Shah Alam High Court upheld a Labour Court's ruling to award over RM760,000 in back wages to 93 foreign workers who were left stranded without jobs upon arriving in Malaysia, with the judge saying employers cannot treat foreign workers as a "reserve labour pool" as the court rejected the employers' argument that salary payments were conditional on actual work performed. (*The Edge*)



Corporate News

GENTING: Genting's takeover offer for GENM turns unconditional after crossing 50% threshold

Genting Bhd said its takeover offer for Genting Malaysia Bhd has become unconditional after the group surpassed the 50% ownership threshold on Monday (Nov 3). According to a statement issued by Genting's principal adviser AmlInvestment Bank, the group now owns 2.8bn GENM shares — representing 50.105% of GENM's total issued shares (excluding treasury shares) — following open market acquisitions. Genting, which held 49.999% of GENM shares prior to the posting of the offer document, acquired an additional six million shares to cross the threshold. The offer, announced on Oct 13, is priced at RM2.35 per share — a nearly 10% premium to GENM's last traded price of RM2.14 on Oct 10 before the stock was suspended for the announcement. (*The Edge*)

CAPITALA: Mulling Bahrain airline as it explores Middle East hub

Capital A Bhd is considering establishing a Bahrain-based airline to operate narrowbody aircraft into key destinations in the Middle East, Central Asia, Africa and Europe. This is part of the group's expansion into the Middle East, which was marked by the signing of a Letter of Intent between Capital A and Bahrain's Ministry of Transportation and Telecommunications to explore establishing Bahrain as AirAsia's Middle East hub. The LOI sets out a framework for deeper aviation and economic collaboration between the two parties, covering airline operations, cargo and logistics, aircraft maintenance and talent development initiatives. Under the LOI, AirAsia will explore launching flights from Malaysia, Thailand, the Philippines and Indonesia to Bahrain over the next five years, with onwards connectivity to Europe and the US. (*The Edge*)

MAHSING: Acquires RM273.5m Semenyih land from S P Setia unit for M Legasi township

Mah Sing Group Bhd is expanding its presence in Semenyih with the acquisition of a 275-acre freehold parcel adjacent to its existing 500-acre M Legasi township for RM273.5m. The land, acquired from Petaling Garden Sdn Bhd, a subsidiary of S P Setia Bhd, is earmarked for the development of M Legasi 2, an integrated township that will serve as an upscale extension of the existing M Legasi. The acquisition comprises two adjoining parcels with a combined gross area of about 305 acres, translating into a land cost of RM20.6 psf based on the total gross land area, according to a statement. (*The Edge*)

MMAG: Hits limit-down, says unaware of reason for unusual market activity

MMAG Holdings Bhd — in which two listed companies hold a more than 10% stake combined — has come out to say that it is not aware of possible explanations for the unusual market activity (UMA) involving its stock after hitting limit-down on Monday, bringing the counter to its lowest in 19 months. In separate filings, MMAG also announced the resignation of executive director Chin Boon Long, eight months after his spouse Chan Swee Ying ceased to be a substantial shareholder. Following Chin's resignation as executive director, a role he had held for one year and nine months, MMAG appointed Datuk Kevin Jit Singh Ragbir Singh to the position with immediate effect. The group, whose shares have climbed as much as 75% this year and more than 800% in the last two years, received a UMA query from Bursa Malaysia after the stock fell as much as 30 sen to 16 sen per share. (*The Edge*)

ZENTECH: Bid to buy stake in Islamic payment gateway provider falls through

Zen Tech International Bhd said talks to buy a 30% stake in shariah-compliant payment gateway provider Souqa Fintech Sdn Bhd have fallen through. The information technology firm said Souqa has terminated the letter of intent (LOI), which initiated negotiations over a potential stake acquisition via a notice dated Oct 28, according to an exchange filing on Monday. Souqa's decision came after its preliminary internal evaluations and due-diligence assessments revealed "commercial and structural considerations that were materially adverse to the viability of the acquisition", Zen Tech said. (*The Edge*)

HOHUP: Says it risks share suspension if annual report not issued by Nov 7

Ho Hup Construction Co Bhd said it has five days to issue its annual report for 2025 or face suspension of its shares on Nov 10. The company failed to meet the end-October deadline for the annual report's issuance and will now have to submit it by Nov 7 or risk the suspension of its securities, said the construction outfit in a bourse filing on Monday (Nov 3). If suspended, the trading restriction will be lifted on the market day following the issuance of its annual report, unless otherwise determined by Bursa Securities. However, if Ho Hup fails to issue its annual report within six months from the end-October deadline — by end-April 2026 — the bourse regulator will commence delisting procedures against the company. (*The Edge*)

DESTINI: Faces trading suspension from Nov 10 after failing to submit annual report

Destini Bhd has until Nov 7 to submit its annual report for the financial year ended June 30, 2025 (FY2025), or face trading suspension from Nov 10. The engineering group, which recently returned to profitability following a strategic pivot into the rail sector from its roots as a defence contractor, missed the Oct 31 deadline to release its annual report, which includes audited financial statements, as well as the auditors' and directors' reports. Pursuant to Bursa Securities' Main Market listings requirements, trading in Destini's securities will be suspended if the company fails to issue the 2025 annual report within five market days, that is by Nov 7, according to an exchange filing on Monday. (*The Edge*)



Upcoming key economic data releases	Date
US ADP Nonfarm Employment Change	Nov 5
US ISM Non-manufacturing PMI	Nov 5
US ISM Non-manufacturing Prices	Nov 5
US S&P Global Services PMI	Nov 5
US Crude Oil Inventories	Nov 5
<i>Source: Bloomberg</i>	

Stock Selection Based on Dividend Yield

	Sector	Price (RM)	Dividend/Share (RM)	Dividend Yield (%)
British American Tobacco (M)	Consumer	4.47	0.43	9.55
REXIT	Technology	0.54	0.05	9.35
Taliworks Corporation	Utilities	0.54	0.05	9.26
MBM Resources	Consumer	5.22	0.42	8.01
Sentral REIT	REIT	0.78	0.06	7.87
KIP REIT	REIT	0.88	0.07	7.73
Bermaz Auto	Consumer	0.65	0.05	7.54
CapitaLand Malaysia Trust	REIT	0.62	0.05	7.42
Ta Ann Holdings	Plantation	4.23	0.31	7.23
Paramount Corporation	Property	1.04	0.07	7.21
MAG Holdings	Consumer	1.40	0.09	6.79
Magnum	Consumer	1.40	0.09	6.79
Sports Toto	Consumer	1.39	0.09	6.69
YTL Hospital REIT	REIT	1.12	0.07	6.61
Kim Loong Resources	Plantation	2.33	0.15	6.57

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		
Farmiera Berhad	ACE Market	0.25	117.0	0.0	30 Oct	12 Nov
PMW International Berhad	ACE Market	0.34	178.4	89.2	06 Nov	18 Nov
Aquawalk Group Berhad	ACE Market	0.31	368.6	368.6	07 Nov	19 Nov



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