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Market Review

The FBM KLCI sustained gains on Tuesday, gaining 0.5% to close at 1,634.8 points driven by the extended rally of the ringgit. The broader sector was positive as Consumer Products & Services (+0.9%), Telecommunications & Media (+0.7%) and Plantation (+0.7%) were the top performing sectors. Among index constituents, QL Resources, YTL Corp and 99 Speedmart led the gains by 3.8%, 2.4% and 2.3% respectively. However, overall market breadth turned slightly negative as losers outpaced gainers by 558 to 536, with 588 unchanged.

Asian stock markets were mixed on Tuesday as relief over the approaching end of the US government shutdown faded and persistent concerns about AI-technology valuations returned. The Shanghai Composite marginally trimmed 0.4% to 4,002.8 points, the Nikkei 225 slightly down by 0.1% to 50,842.9 points, the Hang Seng thinly rose 0.2% to 26,696.4 points and the TAIEX inched down 0.3% to 27,785.0 points. In Shanghai, Information Technology (-1.8%), Energy (-0.8%) and Consumer Discretionary (-0.4%) were the worst-performing sectors. Steep losses were seen from tech firms such as Zhongji Innolight (-4.5%), Eoptolink Technology (-3%), Cambricon Technologies (-4.4%), Shannon Semiconductor (-9.8%), and Victory Giant (-4.2%).

European stocks closed substantially higher on Tuesday, building on yesterday's good session to record highs amid optimism about the end of the US government shutdown and encouraging business news. The STOXX 50 rose 1.1% to 5,725.7 points and the STOXX 600 climbed 1.3% to 580.1 points. All sectors in the STOXX 50 closed higher with Energy (+2.3%), Health Care (+2.1%) and Consumer Discretionary (+2.0%) leading the gains. Among index constituents, Adyen (+8.4%), Hermes (+3.7%) and Bayer AG (+3.5%) were the top performing stocks.

Wall Street saw the S&P 500 rose 0.2%, the Dow Jones jumped up 1.2% to a new record high, and the Nasdaq Composite fell 0.3% on Tuesday as investors shifted from tech companies to blue chip and cyclical names on anticipation that a financing deal will pass the House this week. Progress in the Senate toward reopening the government boosted optimism in economically sensitive industries, while health-care leaders such as Merck (4.8%), Amgen (4.6%), and Johnson & Johnson (2.9%) drove the Dow higher. Hopes that the restoration of government operations will disclose delayed economic data and help near-term growth boosted overall sentiment. However, the tech-heavy Nasdaq suffered as renewed pressure struck AI-exposed firms.

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Key Indices	Last Close	Daily chg %	YTD chg %
FBM KLCI	1,634.8	0.5	(0.5)
Dow Jones	47,928.0	1.2	12.7
Nasdaq CI	23,468.3	(0.3)	21.5
S&P 500	6,846.6	0.2	16.4
SX5E	5,725.7	1.1	16.9
FTSE 100	9,899.6	1.1	21.1
Nikkei 225	50,842.9	(0.1)	27.4
Shanghai CI	4,002.8	(0.4)	19.4
HSI	26,696.4	0.2	33.1
STI	4,542.2	1.2	19.9

Market Activities	Last Close	% Chg
Vol traded (m shares)	3,534.5	(9.9)
Value traded (RM m)	2,856.6	25.3
Gainers	536	
Losers	558	
Unchanged	588	

Top 5 Volume	Last Close	Daily chg %	Vol (m)
MMAG	0.090	(5.3)	214.3
ZETRIX	0.855	0.0	62.2
IOI	4.100	0.7	60.1
TANC	0.930	1.6	54.9
NEXG	0.325	1.6	42.7

Top 5 Turnover	Last Close	Daily chg %	Val (RM m)
IOI	4.100	0.7	246.5
MAY	9.910	(0.3)	120.2
CIMB	7.650	0.9	112.8
PMAH	6.380	0.0	92.3
IHH	8.300	1.0	67.5

Currencies	Last Close	% Chg
USD/MYR	4.138	0.5
USD/JPY	154.110	0.0
EUR/USD	1.158	0.0
USD/CNY	7.117	0.0
US Dollar Index	99.474	(0.1)

Commodities	Last Close	% Chg
Brent (USD/barrel)	65.1	1.6
Gold (USD/troy oz)	4,126.9	0.3
CPO (MYR/metric t)	4,068.0	(0.3)
Bitcoin (USD/BTC)	102,989.2	0.4

Source: Bloomberg

Macro News

US: Shutdown nears end as Senate passes deal, House still to act

A record-setting 41-day US government shutdown is on a path to end as soon as Wednesday after the Senate passed a temporary funding measure backed by a group of eight centrist Democrats. The Senate's 60-40 vote Monday comes amid escalating flight disruptions, food aid delays and frustrations in a federal workforce that has mostly gone without pay for more than a month. The House, which has not cast a vote since Sept 19, still must pass the bill before sending it to President Donald Trump for his signature. Trump has endorsed the measure. (*Bloomberg*)

US: Trump Defends 50-Year Mortgage Plan, Calling It 'Not a Big Deal'

President Donald Trump downplayed criticism of the potential creation of a 50-year mortgage product, saying it would help more Americans afford monthly payments on homes. Extending the length of a mortgage to 50 years from the standard 30-year period would reduce monthly payments for borrowers, but it would also mean buyers build equity much more slowly and would pay far more interest over the lifetime of the loan. Critics of the plan, including Georgia Republican Representative Marjorie Taylor Greene, have assailed the idea as being a giveaway to banks and mortgage lenders. *(Bloomberg*)

CN: Opens state-dominated sectors wider to private investments

China is further opening up several major state-dominated industries to private capital by raising the ownership limit and removing some investment barriers. China's cabinet — the State Council — has unveiled a package of 13 measures to promote private investment in an effort to revive a sector that's struggled against the backdrop of sluggish demand at home and rising tensions over foreign trade. The body called for carrying out feasibility studies of private sector participation in areas ranging from railways to oil pipelines when the projects are submitted for national government approval, provided they offer a reasonable return on investment. For qualified projects, private companies can now hold stakes exceeding 10%, it said late Monday (Nov 10). *(Bloomberg*)

CN: Tightens rules for state-owned firms to add foreign debt

China is making it harder for some state-owned companies to borrow overseas, expanding a campaign to rein in local government debt risks, according to people familiar with the matter. The National Development and Reform Commission, China's top economic planning agency, has in recent weeks set tighter criteria, including those for profitability and business scope, for regional-level state-owned enterprises to get additional offshore debt quotas, said the people who requested anonymity discussing private matters. These SOEs must prove they are profitable and operating a clear core business such as manufacturing or mining so as to secure permission to raise new debt overseas, said the people. *(Bloomberg*)

CN: PBOC pushes yuan borrowing abroad to internationalise currency

China's central bank vowed to further encourage financing in the yuan by overseas entities, betting cheap borrowing costs and increased demand for the currency offshore will be crucial drivers for its globalisation. The country will promote the role of the yuan as a funding currency as one of the key steps to advance its internationalisation, the People's Bank of China said in its annual report released Oct 30. The central bank pledged to support the use of a variety of funding products, including yuan loans, panda bonds, offshore yuan bonds and trade financing, to help make it easier for overseas institutions and corporations to obtain the currency. The report reflects Beijing's resolution in raising the yuan's role in the global monetary system and its willingness to offer more yuan liquidity to offshore entities — a way to make the currency available to global users despite China's tight control of outbound capital flows. The yuan's cheap borrowing cost has become a new selling point as the nation's moderately loose monetary policy and deflationary pressure have pushed down bond yields well below those on US Treasuries. *(Bloomberg*)

MY: Wholesale, retail trade accelerates to 14-month high in September as consumer spending picks up

Consumer spending in Malaysia picked up in September, with wholesale and retail trade growing at its fastest pace in 14 months, official data showed. Wholesale and retail trade expanded 6.6% in September when compared to the same month in 2024, the Department of Statistics Malaysia (DOSM) said in a statement. The rate is the highest since July 2024 and is markedly higher than August's 4.9% year-on-year growth. On a month-on-month basis, distributive trade rose 0.9% in September. (*The Edge*)

MY: BNM: Applications for personal loans over RM100K need 15-min financial course from 2027

Starting Jan 1, 2027, anyone applying for personal financing over RM100,000 must complete a 15-minute financial education module under Bank Negara Malaysia's (BNM) revised policy, according to a BNM spokesperson. Developed with the Credit Counselling and Debt Management Agency (AKPK), the module covers key topics like effective interest rates, penalty charges, and contract terms. It helps borrowers assess their finances, understand loan risks, and make informed decisions. A BNM spokesperson said on Tuesday during the central bank's Media Workshop on fostering fairer conduct among financial service providers, that the RM100,000 threshold reflects the bankruptcy limit and the higher risk of non-repayment. (*The Edge*)

Corporate News

ECOWLD: NS Corp, SD Guthrie jointly launch Eco Business Park 7 in Negeri Sembilan

Eco World Development Group Bhd, NS Corp and SD Guthrie Bhd have officially launched Eco Business Park 7 at Labu, Negeri Sembilan on Tuesday. The development has a gross development value (GDV) of RM3bn. Developed by a joint venture company between EcoWorld (55%), SD Guthrie (30%) and NS Corp (15%) called Eco Business Park 7 Sdn Bhd, the 1,195 acres of freehold land is located at the Parcel C of the Malaysia Vision Valley 2.0 (MVV 2.0). It comprises a mix of medium-sized industrial lots, ready-built factories, retail lots and service facilities to support the needs of businesses and workers at the development. (*The Edge*)

VANTNRG: CIMB Islamic sells almost 3% stake from debt settlement

IMB Islamic Bank Bhd sold a 2.96% stake in Vantris Energy Bhd, last Thursday (Nov 6), reducing both CIMB Group Holdings Bhd and Khazanah Nasional Bhd's indirect stakes to 9.139%, according to the company's filing with the bourse. The 67.7m shares were part of a settlement of Vantris Energy's unit Sapura TMC Sdn Bhd's liabilities. CIMB Bank Bhd received 208.9m shares and 225.2m convertible redeemable convertible unsecured Islamic debt securities (RCUIDS), while CIMB Islamic Bank Bhd got 67.7m shares and 73.0m RCUIDS from Vantris Energy's unit, Sapura TMC, to settle its debts. Together, they held a 12.13% stake. The shares were priced at 80 sen each, and the RCUIDS can be converted one-for-one into shares. (*The Edge*)

LBS: To sell two parcels of land in JB for RM110m to fund Klang Valley projects

Property developer LBS Bina Group Bhd is selling two vacant land parcels in Johor Bahru for RM110m to reallocate funds to its Klang Valley projects. The 8,200-sqm parcels on Jalan Dato' Dalam, located in the heart of Johor Bahru City and near key infrastructure like the CIQ Complex and Persada Johor Convention Centre, were bought between 2013 and 2014 and are currently unbuilt, according to its filing with the bourse. The sale aligns with LBS Bina's '8x8 Strategy' to optimise its landbank and enhance shareholder value. (*The Edge*)

ARREIT: To establish RM2bn medium-term note programme

Amanahraya Real Estate Investment Trust plans to establish a RM2bn medium-term note programme to raise capital for refinancing and funds for working capital and capital expenditure. The REIT, via its trustee Pacific Trustee Bhd, lodged the required information and documents with the Securities Commission Malaysia on Tuesday, according to a bourse filing. The programme will have a perpetual tenure and allows for the issuance of medium-term notes of up to RM2bn. (*The Edge*)

BINACOM: Mohd Solehuddin exits as substantial shareholder

Mohd Solehuddin Yahya has ceased to be a substantial shareholder of Binasat Communications Bhd after his deemed interest through Dynamic Paradigm Sdn Bhd was disposed of in its entirety. Dynamic Paradigm sold all 24.7m shares, representing a 4.09% stake, in the telecommunications support services provider via a direct business transaction on Nov 5, according to Binasat's filing with Bursa Malaysia. Binasat's largest shareholder is businessman Datuk Eddie Ong Choo Meng, who controls the Hextar Group of companies, which has interests spanning chemicals, agriculture, industrial products and renewable energy. (*The Edge*)

BTM: Proposes RM80m capital reduction to clear losses, restore positive earnings

Wood processing firm BTM Resources Bhd has on Tuesday proposed an RM80m capital reduction to eliminate accumulated losses and restore positive retained earnings. According to its filing with Bursa Malaysia, the group had accumulated losses of RM78.9m at the group level and RM68.4m at the company level, based on audited results for the 18-month period ended June 30, 2025. Following the capital reduction, BTM is expected to have retained earnings of RM1.0m at the group level and RM11.5m at the company level. *(The Edge)*

CEB: Secures financing for expansion plans linked to Johor–Singapore Economic Zone

Cape EMS Bhd said it has secured financing for its expansion plans, which includes battery storage assembly, from Malayan Banking Bhd, under the lender's Johor–Singapore Economic Zone (JSSEZ) initiative. It was one of five Johor-based organisations to receive a total of RM120m in collective financing from Maybank, according to Cape EMS' statement on Tuesday. The specific quantum secured by the company was not disclosed. The Senai-based EMS provider plans to expand into battery storage assembly, electric vehicle charging and smart mobility infrastructure, and scale up precision manufacturing at its Senai facilities. *(The Edge)*

KERJAYA: Bags RM198m related-party construction contracts

Kerjaya Prospek Group Bhd said it has secured two related-party construction contracts worth a total of RM197.7m. The group said it secured a RM100.2m apartment construction job in Shah Alam from a unit of Kerjaya Prospek Property Bhd and a RM97.5m job to build canal bridges on Andaman Island, Penang, from Eastern & Oriental Bhd, according to bourse filings on Tuesday. Both contracts are deemed recurrent related-party transactions, given that Datuk Seri Tee Eng Ho, Datin Seri Toh Siew Chuon and Datuk Tee Eng Seng are major shareholders and sit on all three groups' boards. *(The Edge)*

DIALOG: Loses over RM1bn in market value in just two days amid concerns over Pengerang project delay

Shares of Dialog Group Bhd extended their sharp decline amid concerns over the company's potential exposure to a project delay in Pengerang. Dialog fell nearly 6% on Tuesday, its largest single-day decline since April 9, adding to the previous day's 4% decline. The two-day rout wiped more than RM1 billion from its market capitalisation, the lowest in nearly three months. *The Edge Malaysia* weekly reported over the weekend that ChemOne Group Pte Ltd, the Singapore-based promoter of the Pengerang Energy Complex (PEC), is experiencing a setback to achieve financial closure for the large-scale integrated refinery and petrochemical complex. *(The Edge)*

TAGHILL: Units seek judicial management to restructure amid cash flow strain

Construction firm Taghill Holdings Bhd said two of its wholly owned subsidiaries, which are not major contributors, have filed applications for a judicial management order to address their financial position and cash flow constraints. Judicial management is a process that helps troubled companies get temporary protection from creditors while they reorganise their debts and operations under a court-appointed manager. In a statement on Tuesday, Taghill — formerly known as Siab Holdings Bhd — said its units Siab (M) Sdn Bhd (SMSB) and Siab Construction Sdn Bhd (SCSB) are seeking to reorganise their debts and business operations "to better serve the interests of creditors under court supervision, safeguard employment and enable a more advantageous realisation of assets compared to a winding-up scenario". *(The Edge)*

Upcoming key economic data releases	Date
US CPI	Nov 13
US Initial Jobless Claims	Nov 13
US Crude Oil Inventories	Nov 13
US 30-Year Bond Auction	Nov 13
Source: Bloomberg	

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Stock Selection Based on Dividend Yield

	Sector	Price (RM)	Dividend/Share (RM)	Dividend Yield (%)
REXIT	Technology	0.52	0.05	9.71
Taliworks Corporation	Utilities	0.53	0.05	9.43
British American Tobacco (M)	Consumer	4.86	0.43	8.79
MBM Resources	Consumer	5.19	0.42	8.05
Sentral REIT	REIT	0.79	0.06	7.90
Bermaz Auto	Consumer	0.63	0.05	7.78
KIP REIT	REIT	0.89	0.07	7.64
CapitaLand Malaysia Trust	REIT	0.63	0.05	7.36
Ta Ann Holdings	Plantation	4.24	0.31	7.22
Paramount Corporation	Property	1.06	0.08	7.08
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	1.11	0.07	6.67
RHB Bank	Finance	6.81	0.45	6.59

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		
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
Polymer Link Holdings Berhad	ACE Market	0.25	97.1	24.1	11 Nov	25 Nov
PSP Energy Berhad	ACE Market	0.16	213.8	74.8	21 Nov	04 Dec

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