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Market Review

The FBM KLCI ended Tuesday 0.8% lower, slightly breaching the 1,700 psychological level to close at 1,699 points. The local bourse was dragged further by declines in heavyweights as global geopolitical and trade uncertainties continue to affect the markets. The broader sectors softened, as Financial Services (-1.8%), Technology (-1.1%) and Health Care (-0.9%) emerged as laggards. Among index components, QL Resources (-2.9%), Petronas Chemicals (-2.7%) and CIMB Group (-2.4%) were the top losers with notable losses among banks, namely Hong Leong Bank (-1.8%), Public Bank (-1.7%), RHB Bank (-1.1%) and Malayan Banking (-0.9%). Overall market breadth remained bearish, as losers continue to outpaced gainers 783 to 295, with 554 counters flat.

Major Asian markets closed Tuesday weaker, as regulatory tightening in China as well as global headwinds from US tariff threats and geopolitical tension further heightened cautious sentiment around the globe. The Shanghai Composite marginally trimmed one basis point to 4,114 points, the KOSPI slipped 0.4% to 4,886 points and the Hang Seng inched 0.3% lower to 26,488 points while the TAIEX outperformed, inching 0.4% higher to 31,760 points. Information Technology (-1.7%), Health Care (-1.1%) and Communication Services (-0.8%) pulled down the Chinese markets, as technology stocks led losses with Eoptolink (-5.1%), Guangzhou Haige (-6.7%), Zhongji Innolight (-3.4%), and Zhejiang Sanhua (-1.2%) among the most significant decliners. Similarly, the South Korean markets saw Electronic Technology (-2.4%), Health Services (-1.1%) and Consumer Durables (-0.6%) weighed down the market as heavyweights, Samsung Electronics and SK Hynix dropped 2.8%, alongside Kia Corporation (-3.3%) and Hanwha Aerospace (-1.6%). Meanwhile, Producer Manufacturing (+2.0%), Transportation (+1.5%) and Commercial Services (+1.0%) lifted Taiwan markets with Evergreen Aviation Technology (+4.9%), King Slide Works (+10.0%) and Ableprint Technology (+5.2%) emerging amongst the notable top gainers.

European markets closed sharply lower on Tuesday, extending the previous session's decline amid additional pressure from tariff threats from the United States. The Eurozone's STOXX 50 sank 0.6% to 5,892, while the STOXX 600 fell 0.7% to 603.

Wall Street closed substantially lower, with the S&P 500 down 2.1%, the Dow down 1.8%, and the Nasdaq CI down 2.4%. Losses were driven by a surge in trade volatility when President Trump announced additional tariffs on eight European countries associated with opposition to US control of Greenland. Selling pressure increased as Treasury yields rose, with rumors that a Danish pension fund intends to reduce its exposure to US Treasuries, adding to risk aversion and impacting on rate sensitive and growth companies. Large-cap tech and semiconductors led declines, with Nvidia (-4.4%), Broadcom (-5.4%), and Oracle (-5.8%) all suffering significant losses as investors trimmed high beta exposure, while cyclicals and industrials also declined.

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Key Indices	Last Close	Daily chg %	YTD chg %
FBM KLCI	1,699.1	(0.8)	1.1
Dow Jones	48,488.6	(1.8)	0.9
Nasdaq CI	22,954.3	(2.4)	(1.2)
S&P 500	6,796.9	(2.1)	(0.7)
SX5E	5,892.1	(0.6)	1.7
FTSE 100	10,126.8	(0.7)	2.0
Nikkei 225	52,991.1	(1.1)	5.3
Shanghai CI	4,113.6	(0.0)	3.6
HSI	26,487.5	(0.3)	3.3
STI	4,828.0	(0.1)	3.9

Market Activities	Last Close	% Chg
Vol traded (m shares)	2,861.9	(7.2)
Value traded (RM m)	2,868.3	4.4
Gainers	295	
Losers	783	
Unchanged	554	

Top 5 Volume	Last Close	Daily chg %	Vol (m)
SBS	0.240	(4.0)	76.2
ZETRIX	0.805	0.0	70.0
IJM	2.570	(3.0)	67.5
SMRT	0.190	2.7	58.6
CAPITALA	0.525	4.0	58.3

Top 5 Turnover	Last Close	Daily chg %	Val (RM m)
MAY	11.060	(0.9)	229.4
IJM	2.570	(3.0)	172.1
PBK	4.720	(1.7)	155.6
GAM	4.610	0.4	125.2
CIMB	8.170	(2.4)	120.5

Currencies	Last Close	% Chg
USD/MYR	4.056	(0.0)
USD/JPY	158.150	0.0
EUR/USD	1.173	0.0
USD/CNY	6.960	0.1
US Dollar Index	98.641	(0.8)

Commodities	Last Close	% Chg
Brent (USD/barrel)	64.9	1.5
Gold (USD/troy oz)	4,766.1	0.1
CPO (MYR/metric t)	4,092.0	0.6
Bitcoin (USD/BTC)	88,379.7	(1.1)

Source: Bloomberg

Macro News

US: Trump threatens 200% tariffs on French wines to get Macron on Board of Peace

US President Donald Trump threatened to hit French wines and champagnes with 200% tariffs in an apparent effort to cajole French President Emmanuel Macron into joining his Board of Peace initiative aimed at resolving global conflicts. Trump's initiative, which would start by addressing Gaza and then expand to deal with other conflicts, raises questions about the role of the United Nations and a source close to Macron said the French president intended to decline the invitation to join. When asked about Macron's stance, Trump said, "Did he say that? Well, nobody wants him because he will be out of office very soon." "I'll put a 200% tariff on his wines and champagnes, and he'll join, but he doesn't have to join," Trump said. *(Reuters)*

US: Bessent says Fed chair pick could come as soon as next week

US Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent said President Donald Trump could announce his pick for the next Federal Reserve chair as soon as next week, amid intense anticipation over the White House’s search for a new central-bank chief. “We have four fantastic candidates — it will be up to the president, and I would imagine that he will have an announcement maybe as early as next week,” Bessent said in remarks at a press conference Tuesday at Davos, where he is attending the World Economic Forum. The process of picking a successor to current chair Jerome Powell is seen as a four-person race, with BlackRock Inc’s Rick Rieder, National Economic Council director Kevin Hassett, Fed governor Christopher Waller and former governor Kevin Warsh as the final contenders after a long-search that has been led by Bessent. *(Bloomberg)*

CN: Hits 12m tonne US soybean target pledged in trade truce

China has bought about 12m metric tonnes of US soybeans, fulfilling a US-stated pledge to purchase that volume by the end of February, three traders told *Reuters* on Tuesday, after a late-October trade truce spurred buying. As buyers shunned North American supplies amid a trade war, China recorded no imports from the United States for four consecutive months from last September, taking US market share down to 15% from 21% in 2024. But the 12m target was met last week after bulk purchases by state stockpiler Sinograin and state trader Cofco, which were the only buyers of US beans, as private crushers continue to favour cheaper supplies from Argentina and Brazil. *(Reuters)*

CN: Aluminum output hits record while steel sinks

Chinese aluminium output rose to an all-time high last year, climbing to around the country’s capacity limit, while steel fell to a seven-year low, underscoring dramatically different prospects for the two most widely used metals. Aluminium production increased 2.4% to 45.0m tonnes, having risen every year this decade, according to the statistics bureau on Monday (Jan 19). The figure for December was a record 3.9m tonnes. Annual steel output declined 4.4% to 961m tonnes, falling below the one billion mark for the first time since 2019, with December at a two-year low of 68.2m tonnes. The energy transition that China leads relies heavily on aluminium, the lightweight metal used in renewables, power lines and electric car chassis. Steel is the backbone of construction, an industry dogged by the country’s years-long property crisis. China is the world’s biggest producer of both metals and both have been subject to output controls to varying degrees. *(Bloomberg)*

CN: Plans new measures to spur consumption for next five years

China plans to roll out new policies from 2026 to 2030 to spur domestic consumption and tackle "prominent" imbalances in supply and demand, with the services sector becoming a key focus, the country's state planner said on Tuesday. Chinese leaders have pledged to "significantly" lift household consumption's share of the economy over the next five years, though they have not given a specific target. "The issue of having strong supply but weak demand in the current economic operation is indeed a prominent problem," Wang Changlin, vice-head of the National Development and Reform Commission (NDRC), said at a press conference. *(Reuters)*

CN: Mulls M&A fund for tech innovation amid rivalry with US

China, locked in a battle to lead technologies ranging from robotics to artificial intelligence, is studying whether to set up a national merger and acquisition (M&A) fund as Beijing ramps up its push for technological breakthroughs. “We will explore establishing a national-level merger and acquisition fund,” Wang Changlin, vice chairman of the National Development and Reform Commission (NDRC), said at a press conference on Tuesday. China will “strengthen the planning and guidance of government investment funds, promote innovation, entrepreneurship, and creativity, and accelerate the cultivation and development of new productive forces,” he said, using a catch-all term for emerging and high-tech sectors. Wang didn’t offer further details. The announcement underscores the urgency with which China is pursuing its tech ambitions, where it’s a leader in dronemaking and a contender in AI through homegrown firms like DeepSeek. The country is building large numbers of data centres, and the M&A fund announcement comes after last month’s launch of a national venture capital fund backed by 100bn yuan (RM58bn). *(Bloomberg)*

CN: Unveils loan incentives to boost investment, consumption

China has announced a slew of incentives to spur investment and consumption, including a 500bn-yuan (RM290.9bn) loan guarantee facility to encourage private companies to borrow for expansion. The loan guarantee programme will last for two years, aiming to help qualified private companies pay for spending such as equipment and raw material purchases and technology upgrades, the Ministry of Finance said in a statement on Tuesday (Jan 20). An annual interest subsidy of 1.5 percentage points will be available for two years on loans taken by small- and medium-sized enterprises for purposes related to fixed assets or for participation in projects covered by the policy bank financing tools. Each borrower can get the subsidies on loans of up to 50m yuan, according to a separate statement. *(Bloomberg*)

GLOBAL: Global Bond 10-Year Yield Rise

Global bond yields surged on Tuesday, driven by heavy selling in Japanese government debt and renewed tariff threats from President Trump against Europe. In the US, the yield on the 10-year Treasury climbed to 4.29%, its highest level since August, while in Japan the 40-year yield jumped past 4% to a record high. Borrowing costs across Europe also moved higher. The movement for the following 10-year yield bond were as follows: UK remained flattish to 4.46% (-0.00%), Japan decreased to 2.32% (-0.02%), and South Korea increased to 3.63% (+0.01%), Germany rose to 2.86% (+0.02%), and France climbed to 3.53% (+0.03%). *(Bloomberg*)

MY: US reciprocal trade pact yet to take effect as Putrajaya seeks written assurances — Anwar

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim clarified on Tuesday that the Agreement on Reciprocal Trade (ART) between Malaysia and the US has yet to come into force, despite having been signed nearly three months ago. Anwar revealed that Malaysia is still seeking clarification and adjustments to several clauses in the agreement, adding that discussions are ongoing. "(For some clauses,) we have received assurances through discussions between the United States Trade Representative (USTR) and the Minister of Investment, Trade and Industry. However, we believe it would be better for these assurances to be put in writing before we finalise the agreement. These are among the matters being addressed before the deal is concluded," he told Parliament during Minister's Question Time. (*The Edge*)

MY: Records highest total trade performance in 2025 which exceeds RM3tn, says Anwar

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim said Malaysia has recorded its strongest positive trade trend on record in 2025, with total trade value projected to surpass RM3tn. Anwar said the record performance was driven by market diversification efforts, political stability, and policy clarity, even as escalating geopolitical tensions and protectionist pressures weighed on global trade flows. "Malaysia remains realistic in assessing these developments, and we have proactively explored new markets, including emerging technologies," he said during the prime minister's question time at the Dewan Rakyat sitting on Tuesday. "While maintaining long-standing trading relationships with the US, Europe, and China, we have also successfully penetrated new regions and markets to expand trade opportunities," he added, noting that the Malaysia External Trade Development Corporation (Matrade) would provide a detailed breakdown of the trade figures by noon on Tuesday. (*The Edge*)

MY: December exports hit record, powered by E&E, pushing 2025 trade past RM3tn

Malaysia's exports climbed to a record in December, defying an expected year-end slowdown and pushing total annual trade past the RM3.1tn threshold for the first time. Shipments abroad rose 10.4% from a year earlier to RM153.0bn, according to data from the Department of Statistics released on Tuesday. The result blew past the 2.5% median estimate in a Bloomberg survey of economists and represented a significant acceleration from November's 7% growth, which, in contrast to December's performance, had significantly undershot the 11.6% forecast. Trade surplus rose a marginal 0.1% to RM19.3bn, marking the 68th consecutive month of black ink since May 2020. On a month-on-month basis, the surplus narrowed the gap from November's slump, surging 216.8% as export growth (13.4%) outpaced the rise in imports (3.7%). For the full year of 2025, Malaysia's exports grew 6.5%, while imports rose 6.2%, raising total trade by 6.3% to RM3.1tn and lifting the annual trade surplus by 9.2% to RM151.8bn. (*The Edge*)

MY: December inflation rises 1.6% on higher personal care and education costs — official data

Malaysia's inflation rose to 1.6% year-on-year in December 2025, driven mainly by higher prices for personal care items, education and selected household-related costs, according to official data released on Tuesday (Jan 20). A *Bloomberg* survey of 16 economists expected inflation to rise by 1.4%. The consumer price index (CPI), the country's main gauge of inflation, stood at 135.5 points in December, compared with 133.4 a year earlier, according to the Department of Statistics Malaysia (DOSM). For the full year, Malaysia's inflation averaged 1.4% in 2025, easing from 1.8% in 2024. DOSM said the slower pace was mainly due to more moderate increases in housing-related costs, transport and health, alongside continued price declines in information and communication. At the state level, five states recorded inflation above the national average of 1.6%, led by Johor (2.3%) and Negeri Sembilan (2.2%). Kelantan recorded the lowest inflation rate at 0.5%. Most states saw higher food and beverage prices, with Negeri Sembilan posting the largest increase at 3.4%. (*The Edge*)

MY: ECERDC secures RM75bn committed, RM55bn realised investments

The East Coast Economic Region Development Council (ECERDC) has secured RM75bn in committed investments and RM55bn in realised investments, both surpassing their respective targets of RM70bn and RM49bn. In a statement Tuesday, ECERDC said this concludes the ECER Master Plan 2.0 (2018-2025). “Throughout this time, more than 79,000 jobs and over 25,000 entrepreneurship opportunities were created, supporting income growth, industrial expansion, and community involvement across Kelantan, Terengganu, Pahang, as well as Mersing and Segamat in Johor,” the council said. ECERDC secured RM10.0bn in realised investments in 2025 — meeting its annual RM10bn target — and generating 5,300 job opportunities. (*Bernama*)

MY: Govt combats palm oil discrimination with tailored approach — Noraini

The government, through the Plantation and Commodities Ministry, has adopted a dynamic trade diplomacy strategy to address all forms of discrimination by tailoring its approach to specific key market needs. Plantation and Commodities Minister Datuk Seri Dr Noraini Ahmad said the ministry has implemented a comprehensive approach to boost palm oil exports, focusing on compliance with international standards, market diversification and the generation of value-added activities within the palm oil industry. “Among the initiatives undertaken by the ministry and its agencies are focusing on premium or high-quality oil markets, encouraging industry transformation towards high-value-added products, and at the same time, strengthening the implementation of MSPO 2.0 to ensure that palm oil meets international standards,” she said. (*Bernama*)

Corporate News

MAYBANK: Announces RM10bn digital push, plans new app to replace MAE

Malayan Banking Bhd is set to invest RM10bn in technology over the next five years. This massive digital push includes plans for a new banking app to replace the current MAE app, as the lender accelerates adoption of artificial intelligence (AI) to modernise its platforms and regional applications. At the unveiling of the bank’s five-year strategy entitled ROAR30, president and group chief executive officer Datuk Seri Khairussaleh Ramli said the plan will focus on scaling and strengthening Maybank’s technology capabilities to drive long-term growth. “The end game is to gain deeper insight and support our customers more effectively, but equally important is equipping Maybankers with the right tools to help customers achieve their goals,” he said during a media briefing on Tuesday. *(The Edge)*

IJM: MACC quizzes nine in RM2.5bn money laundering probe

The Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) on Tuesday recorded statements from nine individuals, including two persons of interest, to assist in investigations into allegations of a RM2.5bn money laundering scheme involving IJM Corporation Bhd. MACC chief commissioner Tan Sri Azam Baki said all the individuals arrived at the commission's office at 10am, and the statement-recording process was expected to continue throughout the day. “We are indeed conducting investigations into several allegations involving this sector; however, we only commenced the probe yesterday. It is still too early for me to comment on our findings. If there is a case, we will proceed with investigations. *(Bernama)*

DAYANG: Contracts Shin Yang unit to build vessel for RM117m

Dayang Enterprise Holdings Bhd has contracted a unit of Shin Yang Group Bhd to build a maintenance work boat for RM117.7m. The 91-metre vessel is expected to be delivered by January 2028, Dayang said in its filing. Dayang said it already has the necessary internal funds to finance the deposit payment and is currently negotiating with the bank for the balance. “The board will also carefully consider the financing terms to ensure that Dayang Group will not be burdened by any financing cost nor the repayment obligations,” it said. The group currently has seven main vessels under operation, including six maintenance work boats and one supply vessel. Its 63.4%-owned Perdana Petroleum Bhd owns another 14 vessels. (*The Edge*)

LFECORP: Drops RM11m data centre job from SunCon after talks fall through

LFE Corp Bhd has pulled out of a proposed subcontract worth RM11.5m from a subsidiary of Sunway Construction Group Bhd, after both parties failed to finalise terms for a formal letter of award. LFE said the letter of intent (LOI) issued to its wholly-owned unit LFE Engineering Sdn Bhd had “ceased to have effect”, as the parties were unable to agree on the terms of the proposed letter of award. "Accordingly, the parties will not proceed further with the matter," the group said in a filing with Bursa Malaysia on Tuesday (Jan 20). The LOI, first announced on Dec 31, 2025, was for an RM11.5m electrical works subcontract for a data centre and office facility in Taman Teknologi Malaysia, Kuala Lumpur. LFE previously said the LOI was secured from SunCon’s wholly-owned Sunway Construction Sdn Bhd on Dec 24, with SunCon serving as the main contractor for the project. *(The Edge)*

KKB: Bags RM80m supply orders

KKB Engineering Bhd has secured six contracts worth a total of RM80m to supply steel pipes, fittings, poles and galvanised structural components. The Sarawak-based steel fabrication and engineering group said in a bourse filing Tuesday (Jan 20) that it had received orders from QC Construction & Engineering Sdn Bhd, Bumia Sdn Bhd and EPR (Kuching) Sdn Bhd for the supply of mild steel cement-lined (MSCL) pipes and specials. It had also secured an order from Global Rail Sdn Bhd for the supply, fabrication and hot-dip galvanising of AP poles and VMISS rectangular posts. Meanwhile, its subsidiaries Harum Bidang Sdn Bhd and KKB Industries (Sabah) Sdn Bhd have bagged orders from Chun Jun Piling Sdn Bhd and Citic Construction (Malaysia) Sdn Bhd for the supply of mild steel (MS) pipes and MSCL pipes respectively. (*The Edge*)

PJBUMI: To buy five drilling rigs to support Indonesia project

PJBumi Bhd has entered into a contract to purchase five drilling rigs as the group prepares for its upcoming oil and gas integrated project management (IPM) drilling work in Indonesia. The two sets of 750-horsepower (HP) AC drilling rigs and three sets of 550HP AC drilling rigs, supplied by China-based Gaoyou Hao Xiang Petroleum Machinery Co Ltd, carry a total consideration of USD39.9m (RM161.6m), according to the group's bourse filing on Tuesday. The seller is expected to take 120 days to manufacture the equipment at its facility in China, with delivery to Jakarta estimated at 150 days. The 750HP AC rigs are priced at USD16.3m (RM65.9m), while the 550HP AC rigs amount to USD23.6m (RM95.7m). (*The Edge*)

MYTECH: Takeover offer by chairman turns unconditional

MyTech Group Bhd said its takeover offer by executive chairman Tan Sri Cheng Joo Teik has turned unconditional after the parties acting in concert crossed the 50% shareholding mark. Cheng and the PACs held 53.6% in MyTech at market close on Tuesday (Jan 20), according to a company filing. Cheng's takeover offer of 30 sen per MyTech share will remain open until 5pm on Feb 3, the filing said. The offer values MyTech, which is involved in the manufacturing of precision springs and provision of financial services, at RM73.8m. Cheng launched the takeover bid after raising his stake by 17.7% to 42.5% in MyTech. *(The Edge)*

MAYBANK: Launches ROAR30 five-year plan, targets 13-14% ROE by 2030

Malayan Banking Bhd has officially launched ROAR30, its new five-year strategic roadmap to 2030, with a key financial target of raising the group's return on equity (ROE) to between 13% and 14%, from the current 11.5%. Unveiling the strategy, Maybank president and group chief executive officer Datuk Seri Khairussaleh Ramli said ROAR30 is designed to position the bank to capture Asean's long-term growth opportunities. "We believe that now is the time for us to supercharge our business growth and capitalise on Asean's growing significance," he told a media briefing. (*The Edge*)

SBS: Struggles on ACE Market debut, failing to stay above water

Branding and marketing firm SBS Nexus Bhd failed to stay above water on its ACE Market debut on Tuesday (Jan 20), ending its first trading day just one sen shy of its initial public offering (IPO) price of 25 sen. The stock, which opened flat, fell to a low of 23 sen and a high of 26 sen during trading before closing 4% lower at 24 sen. It was the exchange's second most actively traded stock, with some 76.2m shares changing hands. The company is now valued at RM117.6m. SBS Nexus' listing came after applications from the Malaysian public for its IPO shares exceeded the available shares by more than 22 times. The Bumiputera portion was oversubscribed 23 times, while demand from non-Bumiputera investors surpassed the allocation by 21 times. *(The Edge)*

BURSA: To close for Thaipusam, Federal Territory day

Bursa Malaysia Bhd and its subsidiaries will be closed on Feb 2, 2026 (Monday), in conjunction with the Thaipusam and Federal Territory public holidays. "Bursa Malaysia and its subsidiaries will resume operations on Feb 3, 2026 (Tuesday)," it said in a statement on Tuesday. *(Bernama)*

ANCOMNY: 2Q net profit climbs 18.9% on lower expenses

Ancom Nylex Bhd, which produces industrial and agricultural chemicals, saw its net profit for the second quarter rise 18.9% from a year ago, even as revenue dipped to its lowest level in four years. For the three months ended Nov 30, 2025 (2QFY2026), net profit grew to RM18.0m from RM15.2m in the previous year, according to the group's exchange filing on Tuesday. Quarterly revenue fell 4.9% to RM428.8m from RM450.7m. This marks the group's lowest quarterly revenue since 1QFY2022, when topline came in at RM404.7m. (*The Edge*)

IJM: Rejects money-laundering, UK probe allegations amid MACC inquiry

IJM Corp Bhd on Tuesday refuted money laundering allegations and denied that it is being probed by UK authorities, as the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) launched investigations into allegations of a RM2.5bn money laundering scheme involving the group. In a media statement, the construction and infrastructure group said it is not aware of any probe by the UK's Serious Fraud Office (SFO), and clarified that neither the company nor its UK associates have been approached by the British authority. "The company and its UK associates are not aware of any investigation by the UK's SFO. We have not been approached and any reports suggesting otherwise are inaccurate," IJM said. IJM also rejected allegations that it was involved in money laundering, describing the claims as unfounded. *(The Edge)*

RL: Secures four-year upstream services contract from Roc Oil Sarawak

Reservoir Link Energy Bhd has secured multiple work orders from Roc Oil (Sarawak) Sdn Bhd from 2025 until 2029. Reservoir Link, through its wholly-owned subsidiary, Reservoir Link Sdn Bhd (RSLB), was appointed as a panel contractor for the provision of integrated well continuity services for intervention, workover and abandonment for petroleum arrangement contractor (PACs) on Dec 11, 2025, it said in its filing. The work order shall remain valid for four years until Dec 10, 2029, it said. *(The Edge)*

ICTZONE: Secures second hardware and software lease deal in January

ICT Zone Asia Bhd has received a RM17.3m purchase order to lease information and communication technology (ICT) hardware and software for a five-year period. The leasing contract, awarded by Juricco Holding Sdn Bhd, covers laptops, desktops and related peripheral devices, which Juricco will subsequently deliver to an undisclosed government agency, said ICT Zone. No ICT services are included under the scope of work, the company said in a bourse filing on Tuesday. ICT Zone said it plans to fund the procurement of the ICT hardware and software using a combination of bank borrowings and internally generated funds. This marks ICT Zone’s second sizeable order announced this month. (*The Edge*)

SET: Clinches RM18m in purchase orders across PETRONAS-linked projects

Swift Energy Technology Bhd said it has received several purchase orders worth a combined RM18m, covering hybrid power systems, generators, battery boxes and power-factor correction panels for projects in Sabah and Suriname. The orders were secured via its wholly owned subsidiary Swift Energy Sdn Bhd, according to the group's filing on Tuesday. The largest portion involves two supply contracts from Rimbunan Jaya Sdn Bhd for PETRONAS Carigali Sdn Bhd’s North Belud WHP Project in Sabah, comprising an Ex solar power/wind turbine hybrid power system and an 80kW diesel generator, both scheduled for delivery by the second quarter of 2026. *(The Edge)*

Upcoming key economic data releases	Date
US GDP (QoQ) (Q3)	Jan 22
US Initial Jobless Claims	Jan 22
US Core PCE Price Index (MoM) (Nov)	Jan 22
US Core PCE Price Index (YoY) (Nov)	Jan 22
US S&P Global Services PMI (Jan)	Jan 23
US S&P Global Manufacturing PMI (Jan)	Jan 23
Source: Bloomberg	

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Stock Selection Based on Dividend Yield

	Sector	Price (RM)	Dividend/Share (RM)	Dividend Yield (%)
British American Tobacco (M)	Consumer	4.62	0.65	14.07
Bonia Corporation	Consumer	0.83	0.11	13.82
Taliworks Corporation	Utilities	0.48	0.05	10.42
MBM Resources	Consumer	5.15	0.42	8.17
Paramount Corporation	Property	1.03	0.08	7.77
Ta Ann Holdings	Plantation	4.25	0.33	7.74
Sentral REIT	REIT	0.81	0.06	7.70
KIP REIT	REIT	0.93	0.07	7.42
MAG Holdings	Consumer	1.31	0.09	7.25
Magnum	Consumer	1.31	0.09	7.25
CapitaLand Malaysia Trust	REIT	0.66	0.05	6.82
Kim Loong Resources	Plantation	2.37	0.15	6.46
Sports Toto	Consumer	1.33	0.08	6.24
UOA Development	Property	1.91	0.11	5.76
RHB Bank	Finance	8.01	0.46	5.69

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		
Guan Huat Seng Holdings Berhad	ACE Market	0.25	120.0	21.0	9 Jan	22 Jan
One Gasmaster Holdings Berhad	ACE Market	0.25	77.5	15.5	16 Jan	27 Jan
ISF Group Berhad	ACE Market	0.33	185.3	90.0	14 Jan	28 Jan

Source: Bursa Malaysia

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