



# Daily Newswatch

## Market Review

The FBM KLCI slipped 0.4% on Wednesday to close at 1,747.8 points, largely because profit-taking and selling pressure in heavyweight counters weighed on sentiment, as investors remained cautious amid lingering uncertainty over US tariff policy. Sectoral losses were led by Telecommunications & Media (-1.6%), Health care (-1.4%) and Transportation & Logistics (-0.4%), dragged by Telekom Malaysia (-4.8%), Public Bank (-2.8%), Kuala Lumpur Kepong (-2.1%). Overall market breadth turned slightly negative, with losers outpacing gainers at 540 to 539, while 540 counters ended unchanged.

Asian markets closed mixed but mostly higher on Wednesday, as optimism over technology demand and strong Wall Street tech performance, driven by anticipation ahead of Nvidia's earnings and a rebound in key export-oriented sectors, supported buying interest across the region. The Shanghai Composite edged up 0.7% to 4,147.2 points, the Hang Seng Index rose 0.7% to 26,765.7 points, Japan's Nikkei 225 jumped 2.2% to 58,583.1 points, Taiwan's TAIEX gained 2.1% to 35,413.1 points and South Korea's KOSPI advanced 1.9% to 6,083.9 points. In China, gains were led by Materials (+2.6%), Real Estate (+2.3%) and Consumer Staples (+1.1%), driven by GRINM Semiconductor Materials (+20.0%), Suzhou UIGreen Micro & Nano Tech (+20.0%) and Guangdong Anda Automation (+17.8%). Meanwhile, South Korea's rally was underpinned by Health Services (+8.3%), Consumer Durables (+7.6%) and Non-Energy Minerals (+5.9%), led by Charm Engineering (+30.0%), Keyang Electric Machinery (+29.9%) and Taekwang Industrial (+25.1%).

European equities rose on Wednesday as concerns over AI disruption eased and investors looked for clearer signals on US trade policy, with the Euro STOXX 50 climbing 0.9% to a record 6,172 and the STOXX Europe 600 gaining 0.7% to a record 633. Gains were led by ASML (+2%) ahead of Nvidia's earnings, while HSBC surged 7.6% on stronger-than-expected 2025 results, as German consumer confidence weakened into March and French sentiment improved in February.

US stocks advanced on Wednesday as investors digested another round of corporate earnings. In extended trading, Nvidia fluctuated after beating revenue and profit estimates, offering reassurance amid concerns over a potential AI bubble, while Salesforce slid nearly 5% after issuing weaker-than-expected fiscal 2027 revenue guidance, reviving worries over the software sector. During the regular session, the Dow gained 0.6%, the S&P 500 rose 0.8% and the Nasdaq Composite jumped 1.3%. Software shares led the rally, with Oracle up 1.2% following a bullish analyst upgrade, while Microsoft and Palantir climbed 3% and 4.2%, respectively. Confidence in AI-driven service models continued to improve after Anthropic's latest integrations positioned AI as complementary to legacy software platforms.

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Key Indices	Last Close	Daily chg %	YTD chg %
FBM KLCI	1,747.8	(0.4)	4.0
Dow Jones	49,482.2	0.6	3.0
Nasdaq CI	23,152.1	1.3	(0.4)
S&P 500	6,946.1	0.8	1.5
SX5E	6,173.3	0.9	6.6
FTSE 100	10,806.4	1.2	8.8
Nikkei 225	58,583.1	2.2	16.4
Shanghai CI	4,147.2	0.7	4.5
HSI	26,765.7	0.7	4.4
STI	5,007.7	(0.3)	7.8

Market Activities	Last Close	% Chg
Vol traded (m shares)	2,522.4	13.4
Value traded (RM m)	2,932.9	3.8
Gainers	539	
Losers	540	
Unchanged	540	

Top 5 Volume	Last Close	Daily chg %	Vol (m)
ZETRIX	0.805	(0.6)	98.6
TEAMSTR	0.235	(9.6)	80.2
ASTRO	0.075	(16.7)	64.5
TANC	1.530	2.0	48.5
CAPITALA	0.605	2.5	42.1

Top 5 Turnover	Last Close	Daily chg %	Val (RM m)
TM	7.750	(4.8)	179.4
PBK	4.950	(2.8)	172.3
MAY	12.360	(0.2)	157.6
CIMB	8.470	0.4	136.6
AMM	6.540	0.8	90.4

Currencies	Last Close	% Chg
USD/MYR	3.893	0.1
USD/JPY	156.280	0.1
EUR/USD	1.181	0.0
USD/CNY	6.862	0.3
US Dollar Index	97.700	(0.1)

Commodities	Last Close	% Chg
Brent (USD/barrel)	70.9	0.1
Gold (USD/troy oz)	5,175.8	0.2
CPO (MYR/metric t)	4,008.0	(0.2)
Bitcoin (USD/BTC)	68,341.4	(0.9)

Source: Bloomberg



## Macro News

### **US: Tariff rate to hit 15% or more for some nations, US Trade Representative says**

The US tariff rate for some countries will rise to 15% or higher from the newly imposed 10%, US Trade Representative Jamieson Greer said on Wednesday, without naming any specific trading partners or giving further details. Greer told Fox Business Network's "Mornings with Maria" program that the Trump administration does not intend to raise tariffs on Chinese goods above current levels as President Donald Trump plans to travel to China in coming weeks. "Right now, we have the 10% tariff. It'll go up to 15(%) for some and then it may go higher for others, and I think it will be in line with the types of tariffs we've been seeing," Greer said. Speaking later on Bloomberg TV, Greer said the White House was preparing a proclamation to raise the temporary tariffs to 15% "where appropriate." He added that it would "accommodate" countries that have trade deals but did not provide details. *(Reuters)*

### **US: Mortgage rates reach lowest since 2022, spur refinancing**

US mortgage rates slipped last week to the lowest level since 2022, generating more refinancing activity. The contract rate on a 30-year mortgage dropped eight basis points to 6.09% in the week ended Feb 20, according to Mortgage Bankers Association (MBA) data released Wednesday. The rate on five-year adjustable mortgages fell to 5.23%, also the lowest since September 2022. An index of refinancing activity climbed more than 4% to the second-highest level in five months. Refinancing has increased in all but two weeks this year, based on MBA data. However, the near quarter-point decline in mortgage rates this year has yet to inspire buyers, illustrating a housing market still struggling to gather momentum. The MBA's measure of applications for home purchases declined 4.7% last week to the lowest level since April. *(Reuters)*

### **US: Softer dollar, modest inflows offer breathing room to Indian rupee**

The Indian rupee was little changed on Wednesday, as a broadly softer greenback and dollar sales from foreign banks offered the currency some breathing room north of the psychologically important 91-per-dollar mark. The rupee was at 90.92 per dollar as of 10.30am IST, marginally above Tuesday's close of 90.95. A string of contract maturities in the non-deliverable forwards market this week is a sore spot for the rupee, having exerted pressure over the last two sessions. On the day, though, traders pointed to modest dollar inflows and rebound in local stocks, offering the currency some relief. India's benchmark equity indexes, the BSE Sensex and Nifty 50, were up about 1% each, led by IT stock, which rose more than 2.5% after a steep sell-off in recent sessions. *(Reuters)*

### **US: Fed's Collins says rates likely on hold 'for some time'**

Federal Reserve (Fed) Bank of Boston president Susan Collins said interest rates are likely to stay unchanged "for some time" as recent economic data shows an improvement in the labour market, while risks to inflation remain. The labour market is showing "at least some more signs of an unusual kind of stability," Collins said on Tuesday during a panel discussion hosted by the Boston Fed. She also pointed to the need for more evidence that inflation is coming down towards 2%. "I think that it's quite likely that it will be appropriate to hold the current range for some time," she said. "After 175 basis points of easing over the past year and a half, we are at mildly restrictive, perhaps quite close to neutral already," Collins said, referencing the level at which interest rates neither stimulate nor restrain the economy. *(Bloomberg)*

### **CN: Germany's Merz hails China ties as he seeks reset with Beijing**

German Chancellor Friedrich Merz won a pledge by China to import more high-quality goods from Germany on Wednesday, as he visited Beijing aiming to reset relations that have been clouded by a yawning trade deficit with the world's second-largest economy. On his first visit to China as Chancellor, Merz, who was accompanied by a large business delegation, told President Xi Jinping that he wanted to deepen economic ties with China, Germany's largest trading partner last year. "There are challenges, which we should talk about today, but the framework in which we operate is exceptionally good and we have worked together very well over the past decades," he said. Xi welcomed the comments from Merz, who faces a tough balancing act of redefining an economic relationship that is increasingly unfavourable to German interests. *(Reuters)*

### **CN: Warns US it will respond if trade probe spurs new tariffs**

China warned it will take "all necessary measures" if the US uses a probe into a 2020 trade deal to impose fresh tariffs, after Washington signalled the investigation would continue. In a Wednesday statement responding to comments by US Trade Representative Jamieson Greer, China's Commerce Ministry said Beijing has honoured the Phase One agreement despite the pandemic disruption, and has complied with pledges it made on intellectual property and the opening of financial and agricultural markets. It also accused the US of undermining implementation by tightening export controls, restricting two-way investment and expanding other curbs that it said obstruct normal trade and investment, adding that a 2025 white paper set out its case. *(Bloomberg)*

**CN: Buoyant economy turns around Hong Kong's fiscal deficit, budget shows**

Hong Kong's economy will remain buoyant this year, growing by 2.5%-3.5%, helping the city return to a budget surplus following three years of deficits, financial secretary Paul Chan said in his annual budget speech on Wednesday. The government expects a HK\$2.9bn (US\$370.8m) surplus, a marked turnaround from the HK\$67bn deficit it originally forecast, and the first surplus recorded by the financial hub since the 2021-22 fiscal year. The city had grappled with post-Covid pandemic malaise and a falling property market — long a mainstay of public revenues from land sales income. In the next financial year, another surplus was also forecast, widening to HK\$22.1bn, with Chan emphasizing the government would strive to maintain fiscal balance by "strictly containing" expenditure, including cutting civil service numbers by 2% each year for the next two years. *(Bloomberg)*

**CN: Yen reverses gain versus dollar after dovish BOJ nominations**

The yen erased its earlier gains against the dollar after Japanese Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi's government nominated two new Bank of Japan policy board members on Wednesday (Feb 25) who are seen as dovish. The Japanese currency reversed an advance of 0.3% versus the greenback, falling as much as 0.1% to 156.04. The yield on the 30-year Japanese government bond rose 10.5 basis points to 3.38% in afternoon trading. Aoyama Gakuin University Professor Ayano Sato and Chuo University Professor Toichiro Asada, two academics associated with reflationist economic policies, have been named to replace outgoing BOJ board members Asahi Noguchi and Junko Nakagawa. *(Bloomberg)*

**MY: Has to address structural challenges to escape middle-income trap — Economy Ministry**

Malaysia is still facing several structural challenges that need to be addressed to escape the middle-income trap, according to the Economy Ministry. These challenges include slow productivity growth, insufficient levels of innovation and technology investment, development and income disparities between regions, and limited fiscal space for the government, the ministry said. "Addressing these issues consistently and in an integrated manner is an important prerequisite to ensure that structural economic transformation can be achieved sustainably and inclusively," the ministry said in a written reply to the Dewan Negara on the Parliament website on Wednesday. *(Bernama)*

**MY: Trade competitiveness stable despite stronger ringgit, says Amir Hamzah**

The overall impact of ringgit movements on the country's trade competitiveness is expected to remain manageable, said Finance Minister II Datuk Seri Amir Hamzah Azizan. He noted that the ringgit strengthened by 10.1% against the US dollar in 2025 and rose between 1.5% and 13.9% against other major and regional currencies. "In 2025, Malaysia recorded higher gross export growth of 6.5%, compared with 5.8% in 2024. "This growth was mainly supported by exports in the electrical and electronics sector, which remained robust," he said in response to a supplementary question from Senator Datuk Bobbey Ah Fang Suan in the Dewan Negara on Wednesday. *(Bernama)*

**MY: Rice stocks at 1.09 mil metric tonnes, sufficient for demand, says minister**

As of Feb 3, Malaysia's physical rice stock stood at 1.09 million metric tonnes, including 200,000 tonnes of buffer stock and 889,285 tonnes of trade stock, sufficient to meet national demand for 5.45 months. Agriculture and Food Security Minister Datuk Seri Mohamad Sabu said the stock forms part of the ministry's measures to ensure the continuity of food supply in the event of a disaster. Other initiatives include a pilot project to cultivate rice across five planting cycles over two years, covering 3,000 hectares in phases from 2024 within the Malaysian Agricultural Development Authority (Mada) area. "Additionally, we are upgrading and modernising the agricultural water management system through public-private partnerships. *(Bernama)*

## Corporate News

**SUNWAY: Lifts cash portion of IJM takeover offer to 32.5 sen per share but keeps RM3.15 offer price intact**

Sunway Bhd on Wednesday (Feb 25) revised the cash component of its takeover offer for IJM Corp Bhd following the declaration of a two-sen dividend to Sunway shareholders. The cash portion of the offer will increase from 31.5 sen to approximately 32.5 sen per IJM share, after adjusting for the second interim dividend declared for the financial year ended Dec 31, 2025 (FY2025), according to a press notice issued by Maybank Investment Bank on behalf of the group. Sunway noted that the adjustment reflects the net distribution of two sen per Sunway share multiplied by the 0.501 new Sunway shares that each IJM shareholder would receive upon accepting the offer. *(The Edge)*

**SUNWAY: FY2025 net profit up 13% on record revenue of RM9.8bn**

Sunway Bhd's net profit for the year ended Dec 31, 2025 (FY2025) rose 13.1% year-on-year to RM1.3bn, underpinned by a record revenue of RM9.8bn. Net profit increased from RM1.2bn in FY2024, as revenue climbed 24.5% from RM7.9bn previously, supported by stronger operating performance across most business segments except for the property development segment. Full-year earnings per share rose to 19.06 sen from 16.72 sen previously, a bourse filing showed. Revenue from the property development segment fell 26.1% to RM1.5bn from RM2.0bn in FY2024, while revenue from the property investment segment rose 4% to RM1.0bn from RM988.7m. *(The Edge)*



**SUNCON: Secures RM1.2bn new work orders, lifts order book to RM6.9bn**

Sunway Construction Group Bhd has secured new work orders totalling RM1.2bn for shell-and-core projects from a US-headquartered multinational technology company. In a bourse filing, SunCon said its wholly owned Sunway Construction Sdn Bhd accepted the work orders for two separate projects. Construction is set to begin immediately, with final completion targeted for May 2027. SunCon, however, did not disclose the identity of the client. The latest win lifts SunCon's outstanding order book to RM6.9bn, including RM1.2bn in new projects secured in the first eight weeks of 2026. The group is aiming for a RM6bn order replenishment this year, after achieving an all-time high order book replenishment of RM5.2bn in 2025. *(The Edge)*

**TM: To exit DNB, tap U Mobile for 5G under dual-network framework**

Telekom Malaysia Bhd plans to terminate its 5G access agreement with Digital Nasional Bhd (DNB) and instead access 5G services through U Mobile Sdn Bhd, in line with Malaysia's dual 5G network framework. The termination of the DNB agreement is subject to regulatory consent from the Malaysian Communications and Multimedia Commission (MCMC). In a filing with Bursa Malaysia, the group said it issued a notice to both MCMC and DNB to terminate the access agreement on Feb 24, 2026. The access agreement dated Oct 30, 2022 allows the group to end the agreement within 30 days once 5G services are commercially available from another operator. *(The Edge)*

**TM: 4Q net profit more than halves on absence of one-off tax credit, higher costs**

Telekom Malaysia Bhd's net profit more than halved to RM222.5m for the quarter ended Dec 31, 2025 (4QFY2025) due to the absence of a one-off tax credit, higher mobile network sharing costs, and increased customer acquisition and employee expenses from voluntary separation schemes. A year ago, it posted a net profit of RM730.6m. Earnings per share (EPS) fell to 5.8 sen from 19.04 sen. Operating profit before other gains and finance costs (Ebit) stood at RM215.5m, compared to RM512.4m in the corresponding quarter last year. The group announced a second interim dividend of 14.5 sen and a special dividend of four sen for FY2025, making the total dividend 31 sen, the same as FY2024. *(The Edge)*

**PBBANK: 4Q net profit rises 4% amid higher income, lower provisions**

Public Bank Bhd said on Wednesday its net profit grew about 4% in the recently ended quarter from a year earlier thanks to higher income and lower provisions. Net profit at the third-largest bank in Malaysia by assets was RM1.9bn for the three months ended Dec 31, 2025 (4QFY2025), according to an exchange filing. During the same quarter last year, Public Bank booked a one-off goodwill impairment of RM473.8m for its Hong Kong operations. A dividend of 12 sen per share was declared and payable on March 26. "Amid a dynamic business environment, the group remained focused on its core financing and deposit businesses, while enhancing its comprehensive range of wealth management solutions to meet evolving customer demand," said chief executive officer Tan Sri Tay Ah Lek. *(The Edge)*

**AMBANK: 3Q earnings up 9% on higher net interest income**

AMMB Holdings Bhd posted an 8.9% increase in net profit for the third quarter ended Dec 31, 2025 (3QFY2026), supported by higher net interest income and non-interest income. The country's sixth largest banking group by assets reported a net profit of RM529.6m in 3QFY2026, up from RM486.5m in the previous corresponding quarter, as quarterly revenue rose 3.1% to RM1.3bn from RM1.2bn a year earlier, a bourse filing on Wednesday showed. Earnings per share (EPS) for the quarter stood at 16.01 sen, compared with 14.71 sen in 3QFY2025. Net interest income rose 2.45% to RM618.5m from RM603.7m a year earlier. *(The Edge)*

**ABMB: Posts record quarterly earnings of RM215m in 3Q**

Alliance Bank Malaysia Bhd's net profit climbed 15% in the third quarter ended Dec 31, 2025 (3QFY2026) as higher income more than offset increased operating expenses and allowances for credit losses. The bank, one of the country's smaller lenders, posted a net profit of RM215.2m in 3QFY2026, its highest quarterly profit on record, up 15.3% from RM186.7m a year earlier, as revenue rose 12.5% year-on-year to RM631.6m from RM561.3m, a bourse filing on Wednesday showed. Earnings per share for the quarter stood at 12.4 sen, compared with 12.1 sen in 3QFY2025. Alliance Bank did not declare any dividend for the latest quarter. *(The Edge)*

**SDG: Posts record FY2025 profit despite 4Q earnings decline, declares 18.1 sen dividend**

SD Guthrie Bhd said its net profit fell 35.75% in the fourth quarter to RM496m from RM772 million a year earlier, weighed down by lower upstream and downstream divisions. Revenue ended Dec 31, 2025 (4QFY2025), however, rose 4.59% to RM5.49 billion from RM5.26 billion. The group declared a final dividend of 10.35 sen per share, bringing the total dividend for FY2025 to 18.10 sen per share, up from 16.36 sen in FY2024. The decline in quarterly net profit was mainly due to a 7% drop in the average realised crude palm oil price and a 1% reduction in fresh fruit bunches (FFB) production to 2.29 million tonnes, said SD Guthries in its exchange filing. *(The Edge)*



**GENP: 4Q profit down 87% to record low, dragged by Indonesian unit's RM97m fine**

Genting Plantations Bhd saw its net profit for the fourth quarter fall to its lowest ever despite a record revenue, dragged by a fine against its Indonesian unit. Net profit for the three months ended Dec 31, 2025 (4QFY2025), shrunk 87.4% to RM14.14 million from RM112.05 million a year earlier, although revenue jumped 20.8% to a record of RM1.03 billion, according to a bourse filing on Wednesday. Despite the improved revenue, operating profit came in lower, weighed down by lower fresh fruit bunch (FFB) production and crude palm oil prices under the plantation segment. This was then further dragged by the 396 billion rupiah (RM96.6 million) fine against the group's 95%-owned indirect subsidiary, PT Suantri Permai. *(The Edge)*

**LCTITAN: Logs largest quarterly and full-year loss**

Lotte Chemical Titan Holding Bhd logged its largest-ever quarterly loss in the fourth quarter, closing its latest fiscal year with a record full-year loss. Earnings were dragged by margin spread compression as well as a hefty impairment loss of RM1.4 billion on property, plant and equipment and right-of-use assets, according to the olefin and polyolefin producer's bourse filing on Wednesday. Net loss for the three months ended Dec 31, 2025 (4QFY2025) widened to RM1.67 billion — its highest quarterly net loss on record — from RM590.13 million a year earlier, despite improved revenue of RM2.57 billion as compared to RM1.79 billion previously. *(The Edge)*

**NESTLE: 4Q net profit more than triples; declares 90 sen dividend**

Nestlé (Malaysia) Bhd reported a more than threefold increase in net profit for the fourth quarter from a year earlier, underpinned by strong top line growth, cost and operational efficiencies. Net profit for the three months ended Dec 31, 2025 (4QFY2025) rose to RM125.53 million or 53.53 sen per share from RM41.1 million or 17.53 sen per share in the same period last year. Revenue for the quarter increased 14.2% to RM1.68 billion from RM1.47 billion previously, driven by double-digit growth across both domestic and export markets. The group, which produces staples such as Milo, Maggi and Nescafé, declared an interim dividend of 90 sen per share amounting to RM211.05 million. The entitlement date is April 14, while payment will be made on May 13. *(The Edge)*

**DLADY: 4Q profit slides 26% on higher tax, operating costs**

Dutch Lady Milk Industries Bhd reported a 25.8% drop in its fourth-quarter net profit as higher income tax and administrative expenses offset a slight gain in revenue. Net profit for the three months ended Dec 31, 2025 (4QFY2025) fell to RM22.8 million from RM30.73 million a year earlier. The bottom line was further pressured by other operating expenses and other losses — as opposed to other operating income and other gains previously — according to a bourse filing on Wednesday. No dividend was declared for the quarter. *(The Edge)*

**KLK: 1Q net profit rises 73.5% on higher palm product sales, lower costs**

Kuala Lumpur Kepong Bhd saw its net profit for the first quarter rise 73.5% from a year earlier, despite lower crude palm oil (CPO) prices, on better palm product sales volumes coupled with lower production costs. Net profit for the three months ended Dec 31, 2025 (1QFY2026) surged to RM382.41 million from RM220.46 million a year earlier, as revenue rose 6.8% to RM6.35 billion from RM5.95 billion previously, according to the plantation outfit's bourse filing on Wednesday. No dividend was recommended for the quarter. The manufacturing segment saw a turnaround, with a profit of RM42 million versus a loss of RM53.4 million in 1QFY2025, on higher profit contribution from the oleochemical division, lower loss reported by the non-oleochemical division and turnaround in profitability from refineries. *(The Edge)*

**MALAKOF: Falls into the red in 4Q on plant issues; names ex-Petronas chief Wan Zulkiflee as chairman**

Malakoff Corporation Bhd posted its first quarterly loss in two years for the fourth quarter ended Dec 31, 2025 (4QFY2025), as lower capacity payments from its coal-fired plants dragged earnings lower. The power generation and environmental solutions group recorded a net loss of RM28.97 million in 4QFY2025, compared to a net profit of RM26.03 million in the corresponding quarter last year. Revenue for the quarter declined 32% to RM1.47 billion from RM2.16 billion in 4QFY2024, a bourse filing showed. The group attributed the weaker performance mainly to lower energy and capacity payments from Tanjung Bin Energy Sdn Bhd following a fire incident at its flue gas desulphurisation facility and chimney tunnel as well as lower energy and capacity payments at Tanjung Bin Power Sdn Bhd due to a decline in applicable coal prices and a steam turbine generator rotor failure. *(The Edge)*

**PETRONM: Swings to profit in 4Q on refinery efficiencies**

Petron Malaysia Refining & Marketing Bhd returned to the black in its latest fourth quarter, fuelled by process optimisation at its Port Dickson refinery and a hedging strategy that offset volatile global oil prices. Net profit for the quarter ended Dec 31, 2025 (4QFY2025) came in at RM43.78 million, a sharp reversal from the RM69.55 million net loss it recorded in 4QFY2024, its Wednesday bourse filing showed. This was despite revenue edging down 1.2% to RM3.08 billion from RM3.12 billion, as a moderate rise in sales volume was offset by lower average oil prices. For the full FY2025, the refiner's net profit surged to RM245.66 million, over 13 times the RM18.04 million it logged in FY2024, even as cumulative revenue fell 15.2% to RM13.42 billion from RM15.84 billion amid lower oil prices. *(The Edge)*



### **CAPITALA: Turns to positive shareholders' equity, eyes PN17 upliftment**

Capital A Bhd is eyeing an exit from Practice Note 17 (PN17) status after the hefty gain from the disposal of its aviation business, part of its completed regularisation plan, lifted the group to a positive shareholders' equity position. The disposal gain of RM9.75 billion from the sale of its airline business saw Capital A's net profit for the fourth quarter ended Dec 31, 2025 (4QFY2025) swell to RM10.2 billion, from a net loss of RM1.66 billion a year earlier, according to a bourse filing on Wednesday. Quarterly revenue jumped 48.3% year-on-year to RM769.08 million from RM518.51 million. *(The Edge)*

### **NATGATE: 4Q profit tumbles as data computing revenue cools**

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### **UOADEV: 4Q profit surges on revaluation gains**

UOA Development Bhd posted a 50.3% jump in fourth-quarter net profit, lifted by a sizeable revaluation surplus on its investment properties, despite weaker revenue from slower progress billings. For the fourth quarter ended Dec 31, 2025 (4QFY2025), net profit rose to RM192.76 million from RM128.21 million a year earlier. Quarterly revenue, however, fell 25.6% to RM174.72 million from RM234.86 million. The group said results contribution were mainly progressive recognition from ongoing projects, including Bamboo Hills Residences, a medical centre in Bangsar South, Aster Hill, and Duo Tower. A revaluation surplus of RM169.2 million was booked on investment properties, sharply higher than RM44.24 million a year ago. Operationally, margins held steady, with gross profit at 35.48% versus 37.38% previously. *(The Edge)*

### **SENDAI: Scope in Trojena progressing well, says chief after record 4Q results**

Eversendai Corp Bhd posted its best-ever quarterly net profit and revenue in its three months ended Dec 31, 2025 (4QFY2025), lifted by its Middle East projects while operating and finance costs fell. Net profit stood at RM59.52 million or 7.62 sen per share in the quarter, up 64% quarter-on-quarter and over six-fold year-on-year. Also supporting earnings were forex gains, said the structural steel specialist, who operates mainly in the Middle East, India, and Southeast Asia. Revenue for the quarter rose 9.4% q-o-q and 82% y-o-y to RM615.55 million. No dividend was announced for the year. The latest results lifted Eversendai's full-year net profit to RM110.41 million, its third best since listing, while revenue rose to a record RM2.14 billion, up 71.54% from a year ago. *(The Edge)*

### **NEXG: Sinks into red as RM145.6m paper loss on investments wipes out profits**

NexG Bhd, formerly Datasonic Group Bhd, swung to a net loss of RM130.88 million for its third quarter ended Dec 31, 2025 (3QFY2026), as the group was hit by a massive fair value loss of RM145.6 million on "other investments". While the group did not provide details of these investments in its quarterly results filing on Wednesday, NexG's FY2025 annual report and several bourse disclosures from 2025 highlighted a series of acquisitions into volatile penny stocks that have since seen their market values collapse. The stocks include MMAG Holdings Bhd (KL:MMAG) and NexG Bina Bhd (KL:NEXGBINA). In March last year, NexG bought 45 million shares or 1.95% in MMAG for RM18 million. In the same month, the group acquired another 175 million shares or 7.58% stake in MMAG for RM70 million, or 40 sen per share. *(The Edge)*

### **ZETRIX: Raises funds, plans to list AI unit on Nasdaq**

Zetrix AI Bhd, a publicly traded Malaysian provider of digital infrastructure, raised about US\$40 million (RM155.42 million) from World Bank's investment arm and is preparing to list its artificial intelligence (AI) unit on Nasdaq by year end. The equity injection from International Finance Corp (IFC) will be used to expand access to digital infrastructure across Malaysia, Southeast Asia and other emerging markets, Zetrix said on Wednesday. Digital public infrastructure — foundational systems that allow citizens, businesses and governments to access essential services securely and efficiently — is being reshaped by advances in AI. Zetrix, formerly known as MyEG Services Bhd, plays a role in providing such infrastructure in Malaysia. *(The Edge)*

### **VARIA: Bags RM155m subcontract to upgrade Pasir Gudang Highway**

Varia Bhd has secured a RM155 million subcontract for upgrading works on the Pasir Gudang Highway, strengthening its construction order book for the next three years. Pembinaan Teguh Maju Sdn Bhd, the construction outfit's wholly-owned subsidiary, accepted the letter of award from Kemuncak Pesaka Sdn Bhd on Wednesday, according to the group's stock exchange filing. The subcontract covers labour, materials, equipment and machinery supply for the construction and completion of civil and infrastructure upgrading works for the Pasir Gudang highway in Johor. The contract runs for 36 months from Dec 3, 2025 till Dec 2, 2028. Shares of Varia closed unchanged at 84 sen on Wednesday, with a market capitalisation of RM363.3 million. *(The Edge)*



Upcoming key economic data releases	Date
US PPI (Jan)	Feb 27
US Chicago PMI (Feb)	Feb 27
<i>Source: Bloomberg</i>	

## Stock Selection Based on Dividend Yield

	Sector	Price (RM)	Dividend/Share (RM)	Dividend Yield (%)
British American Tobacco (M)	Consumer	6.68	0.60	8.98
MBM Resources	Consumer	5.05	0.41	8.10
Ta Ann Holdings	Plantation	4.63	0.35	7.56
KIP REIT	REIT	0.93	0.07	7.42
MAG Holdings	Consumer	1.35	0.10	7.41
Magnum	Consumer	1.35	0.10	7.41
Sentral REIT	REIT	0.79	0.06	7.34
Paramount Corporation	Property	1.09	0.08	7.34
CapitaLand Malaysia Trust	REIT	0.67	0.05	7.31
Sports Toto	Consumer	1.38	0.09	6.81
UOA Development	Property	1.91	0.12	6.44
Kim Loong Resources	Plantation	2.39	0.15	6.28
Wellcall Holdings	Ind. Prod.	1.36	0.08	6.03
Al-Aqar Healthcare REIT	REIT	1.28	0.08	6.02
SLP Resources	Ind. Prod.	0.78	0.05	5.77

*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		
OGX Group Berhad	ACE Market	0.35	150.0	75.0	02 Mar	12 Mar

*Source: Bursa Malaysia*

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