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Market Review

The FBM KLCI ended flat at 1,714.3 on Wednesday as escalating tensions in the Middle East pushed Brent crude toward US$100 per barrel, raising inflation concerns. Construction (+1.6%), Utilities (+1.4%) and Technology (+0.9%) led sectoral gains, offset by Financial Services (-0.5%), REIT (-0.4%) and Plantation (-0.3%). Telekom Malaysia (+3.7%), Gamuda (+2.5%) ad MISC (+2.3%) led the gainers, while Mr DIY (-2.2%), Sunway (-2.0%) and RHB Bank (-1.6%) were the worst performers. Market breadth, however, was positive, with 544 gainers ahead of 526 losers, while 603 counters closed unchanged.

Asian markets closed mixed on Wednesday, as tech-led gains from an overnight SOX rally faded through the session as oil prices surged past $100/bl for the first time since July, following reports of explosions near Iran's Kharg Island and retaliatory Iranian strikes on US bases in the region. Japan's Nikkei 225 led regional declines, falling 0.2%, followed by Hong Kong's Hang Seng, which eased 0.2%. China's Shanghai Composite rose 0.3%, Taiwan's TAIEX added 0.2%, while South Korea's KOSPI led regional gains, climbing 1.4%. In China, sectoral gains were led by Energy (+1.5%), Utilities (+1.0%) and Materials (+0.9%), with Hymson Laser Technology (+12.5%), Beijing Worldia (+10.2%) and Xinjiang Sailimu (+10.1%) among the top performers. In South Korea, Energy Mineral (+7.6%), Health Services (+4.5%), and Producer Manufacturing (+4.%) were the strongest sectors, driven by SM Bexel (+21.2%), KidariStudio (+20.6%), and Lotte Chemical (+18.1%).

European stocks closed sharply lower Wednesday as surging energy prices reinforced fears that inflation could dent demand and push the ECB toward multiple rate hikes this year. The Euro STOXX 50 fell 1.6% to 6,311, while the STOXX Europe 600 dropped 1.5% to 640. Intensifying US-Iran strikes pushed back hopes of normalized Middle East fuel exports, sending Brent past $100/barrel and regional gas benchmarks to their highest since 2022, ahead of an expected ECB 25bps hike tomorrow. Rate-sensitive names fell sharply, with Santander, ING, Deutsche Bank, and Allianz down 2%, while industrials Schneider Electric, Siemens, Rheinmetall, and Safran dropped over 3%.

US stocks closed lower Wednesday as higher yields weighed on corporate margins and consumer demand. The S&P 500 fell 0.5%, the Nasdaq CI lost 0.6%, and the Dow shed 405 points. Oil rose further as US-Iran strikes escalated, reducing near-term Middle East export prospects and adding inflation concerns ahead of next week's Fed meeting. Higher rates on AI hyperscaler debt raised borrowing-cost risks for equities, while the Treasury tripled its next longer-dated debt buyback, disappointing investors expecting more. Alphabet fell 2.3% on a $15.1 bn Finland buildout, Amazon dropped 1.8% on new sterling financing, while Meta jumped 6.5% on a new AI agent. Apple shed 0.3% despite unveiling a foldable iPhone; Micron and AMD gained 2.7% and 3%.

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Indices	Last Close	Daily chg %	YTD chg %
FBM KLCI	1,714.3	(0.0)	2.0
Dow Jones	52,380.7	(0.8)	9.0
Nasdaq CI	26,253.3	(0.6)	13.0
S&P 500	7,636.4	(0.5)	11.6
SX5E	6,311.6	(1.6)	9.0
FTSE 100	10,670.1	(1.3)	7.4
Nikkei 225	65,142.8	(0.2)	29.4
Shanghai CI	3,951.5	0.3	(0.4)
HSI	25,275.0	(0.2)	(1.4)
STI	5,729.6	(0.7)	23.3

Market Activities	Last Close	% Chg
Vol traded (m shares)	3,668.1	(11.3)
Value traded (RM m)	3,500.2	11.3
Gainers	544	
Losers	526	
Unchanged	603	

Top 5 Volume	Last Close	Daily chg %	Vol (m)
ZETRIX	0.270	(11.5)	659.7
JAK	0.130	8.3	70.3
GAM	4.920	2.5	42.7
NHR	0.300	3.4	42.1
AHBH	0.055	22.2	42.0

Top 5 Turnover	Last Close	Daily chg %	Val (RM m)
GAM	4.920	2.5	210.2
ZETRIX	0.270	(11.5)	185.7
MAY	10.460	(0.8)	183.1
PBK	5.000	0.0	169.3
SDG	6.140	(1.0)	110.9

Currencies	Last Close	Daily chg %
USD/MYR	4.070	(0.2)
USD/JPY	153.370	0.1
EUR/USD	1.164	0.0
USD/CNY	6.707	0.0
US Dollar Index	98.817	0.0

Commodities	Last Close	% Chg
Brent (USD/barrel)	101.2	3.4
Gold (USD/troy oz)	4,398.7	(0.0)
CPO (MYR/metric t)	4,660.0	(0.2)
Bitcoin (USD/BTC)	78,164.0	(0.2)

Source: Bloomberg, FactSet

Macro News

GLOBAL: Shipping nations warn global trade is fracturing — and everyone pays

The armed conflicts, trade wars, and extreme weather events hammering maritime supply chains are not one-offs, but rather signs of a "structural shift" for global trade, 18 of the most important shipping nations warned on Tuesday. "Shipping routes are increasingly instruments of leverage and risk," said the Consultative Shipping Group, whose members include the UK, Germany, South Korea, Canada and Singapore, in a rare joint statement published by Denmark's maritime authority. The Strait of Hormuz, which Iran effectively shuttered after the US and Israel launched strikes against it in February, is a stark example of the global consequences of a regional conflict. Meanwhile, disruptions from the Covid pandemic to Russia's war in Ukraine show how fragile the global supply chain can be. *(Bloomberg)*

GLOBAL: Global goods trade strengthening despite tariffs, Middle East tensions, WTO says

Global trade in goods has strengthened from June despite geopolitical and policy-related uncertainties, the World Trade Organization said on Wednesday, signaling resilience in merchandise flows even as risks remain elevated. The September reading of the WTO's barometer tracking merchandise trade growth was 102, an improvement from the June barometer of 101.7, with growth remaining above trend. The WTO publishes its Goods Trade Barometer four times a year. It covers export orders, air freight, container shipping, automotive products, raw materials and electronic components. Readings above 100 indicate growth above the baseline trend of 100, while figures below 100 points to below-trend growth. *(Reuters)*

MIDDLE EAST: Brent crude rises above US$100 a barrel as Middle East conflict intensifies

Brent crude futures breached US$100 a barrel on Wednesday for the first time since July 24 as escalating attacks in the Middle East, including on tankers, stifled hopes of a normalisation of oil shipping in the region. The move brought futures prices into line with physical crude and fuel markets, where prices have already been trading above the psychological threshold. Front-month Brent crude futures were up US$2.74, or 2.8%, at US$100.66 (RM409.44) a barrel by 1315 GMT, after earlier touching US$100.95. US West Texas Intermediate crude was up US$2.74, or 3%, at US$95.77 a barrel, its highest level since early June. The contracts were headed for their biggest daily rises in percentage terms since Sept 1. *(Reuters)*

US: 10-Year Yield Rises to Near 3-Year High

The yield on the 10-year US Treasury note rose toward 4.85% on Wednesday, the highest since October of 2023, after the Treasury Department tripled the buyback on notes and bonds to take place tomorrow. The department will purchase $6 bn in off-the-run securities, compared with Secretary Bessent's earlier announcement that buybacks would at least double to $4 bn, among the multiple moves by Washington to supress long-maturity yields. Yields on the long-end of the curve have surged this year as high oil prices due to the war in Iran raised underlying inflation, risking a rate hike by the Federal Reserve in upcoming meetings. This was magnified by record-setting corporate debt supply, with AI companies issuing north of $1.5 trillion in new issuance. *(US Department of Treasury)*

US: Treasury to buy up to US$6bn in Sept 10 buyback operation

The Treasury Department said on Wednesday that it will buy up to US$6 bn (RM24.4 bn) in 10- to 20-year Treasury bonds during its buyback operation on Thursday, triple the size of its last long-dated operation. The Treasury last month said it would at double the size of its buybacks on longer-dated securities to at least US$4 bn over the next quarter in an effort to support liquidity. It came after a sell-off that pushed 30-year yields to their highest level since 2007. The Treasury buys older dated, less liquid securities in the operations. Treasury yields rose after the announcement. Benchmark 10-year yields reached 4.8528%, the highest since November 2023. *(Reuters)*

US: Mortgage rates rise to 6.85%, highest in more than a year

US mortgage rates climbed to a more than one-year high last week, extending a steady rise in borrowing costs since the start of the Iran war. The contract rate on a 30-year mortgage rose six basis points to 6.85% in the week ended Sept 4, according to Mortgage Bankers Association data released Wednesday. The rate on a five-year adjustable mortgage, however, dropped to 6.13%. Prior to the start of the Iran war at the end of February, rates had fallen to the lowest level since 2022. Since then, they've moved up by about three quarters of a percentage point as the conflict pushed up energy prices and stoked inflation concerns. Higher borrowing costs have tamped down demand for loans. *(Bloomberg)*

US: Treasury ratchets up pressure on Iran with sweeping new aviation sanctions

The United States on Tuesday issued 36 Iran-related sanctions targeting the country's aviation sector and other companies as part of a broad push to escalate economic pressure on Tehran as the war in the Middle East has moved into a seventh month. The US Treasury Department said the action was aimed at grounding Iran's Mahan Air, which was already sanctioned by the US and the European Union, and expanding sanctions to all other Iranian airlines. The sanctions also took aim at covert front companies, cargo handlers, foreign intermediaries and deceptive trans-shipment routes that Washington says Iran relies on to obtain US-origin aircraft and sensitive technology *(Reuters)*

US: To ban Canadian motorcycle, dairy, alcohol imports as trade war sizzles

The US banned a broad swath of Canadian alcoholic beverages, motorcycles and dairy products from import on Tuesday, sharply escalating an already acrimonious trade spat. The import bans, which go into effect on Sept 29 and were published on the White House's website, came after Canada's own retaliatory tariffs on US goods took effect after midnight on Tuesday. Those Canadian levies themselves followed 50% tariffs that the US imposed on some US$20 bn of Canadian goods last month, after several rounds of negotiations collapsed. *(Reuters)*

US: Fed officials signal openness to Warsh's proposal for fewer policy meetings

At least a third of all Federal Reserve (Fed) officials have said they would consider meeting less frequently to set interest rates, giving Kevin Warsh an early opening for one of the biggest structural changes he's proposed as the US central bank's new chairman. Whether the idea might be adopted any time soon remains uncertain. The Fed's policy committee hasn't yet hashed out any details. Some officials who are open to it have also said they want to see further analysis of the potential trade-offs, along with a consideration of whether the change is packaged with other potential adjustments to the Fed's communications strategy. *(Bloomberg)*

US: Fed's three choices as new chair Warsh's honeymoon ends — Bloomberg analysis

With a week until a key Federal Reserve (Fed) meeting, US President Donald Trump has lobbed his first threat at Kevin Warsh, the new chair he put on the job. "The Fed board, with its great new leader, must get smart — be patriots for a change," he posted last Friday, urging policymakers to cut interest rates even as the market sees better-than-even odds of a hike to counter inflation. Trump added: "High interest rates put the US at a very unfair disadvantage, and I won't allow that to happen!" The Warsh-Trump honeymoon is officially over. *(Bloomberg)*

EU: Targets China with 'Made in Europe' public contract rules

The European Union is pushing governments to direct more of their €2.6 trillion (RM12.28 trillion) in public contracts toward local suppliers — and away from China. The European Commission, the EU's executive arm, approved a legislative proposal on Wednesday that would prefer European suppliers when governments hand out contracts, including for crucial public services like energy, water, railway, ports, airports and postal services. Governments could also reject a bid if the offer sources more than half its supplies from outside the EU. "Public money needs to serve our collective aims," EU industry chief Stephane Sejourne told reporters on Wednesday. "It doesn't matter how good our legislation is if public money is not being spent on European objectives." *(Bloomberg)*

CN: Teapots may cut run rates in blow to crude import demand

China's private oil refiners may cut processing runs in the coming weeks as traditional sources of crude supply become scarcer and costs surge, potentially hurting demand in the biggest importer. Teapots — as the companies are known — face a twin challenge, with shipments from both Iran and Venezuela under pressure because of a US naval blockade against Tehran's ports and redirection of flows from the South American producer following Washington's intervention. At the same time, crude futures have been rallying, with Brent on the crest of hitting US$100 a barrel. "Teapots are unlikely to be able to afford a full shift to mainstream grades," said Jianan Sun, an analyst at Energy Aspects Ltd. (*Bloomberg*)

CN: Sours on tool that helped real estate firms overhaul debt

China is casting doubt on one of the key mechanisms that helped keep several major property developers including Country Garden Holdings Co out of liquidation. The China Securities Regulatory Commission has declined to accept the registration of a swathe of so-called mandatory convertible bonds, a debt-to-equity instrument that was a key part of developers' restructuring negotiations with foreign investors, people familiar said, requesting not to be named because the matter is private. Country Garden, which has already issued a portion of the US$13 bn (RM52.91 bn) in planned offshore MCBs, was informed a few weeks ago that the securities watchdog had rejected its filing to register the instruments, according to people. (*Bloomberg*)

CN: Chinese inflation revives as oil spike, AI boom feed into prices

China's consumer inflation accelerated for the first time since April and factory-gate prices grew faster than expected, as more expensive food and energy revive cost pressures. The consumer price index (CPI) rose 0.8% in August from a year earlier, in line with forecasts and up from 0.5% in the previous month, according to data released by the National Bureau of Statistics on Wednesday. Producer inflation rebounded to 3.8% from 3.5% in July, exceeding the median forecast of 3.6%. The core CPI, which strips out volatile food and energy prices, rose for the first time in four months to 1%. Energy prices contributed 0.28 percentage point to the headline year-on-year gain for consumer inflation, NBS statistician Dong Lijuan said in a statement. (*Bloomberg*)

SK: Picks US$22bn gas project as first under trade deal

South Korea has identified a gas-fired power project in Texas as the first US investment under a trade deal agreed last year, a step that could help ease tensions between the two allies after months of friction over the pace of progress related to Seoul's investment commitments. The project in Encinal, Texas, with an investment of around US$22 bn, would have a total capacity of 6.3 gigawatts and would start with 1.4 GW of gas-turbine generation before adding 4.9 GW of combined-cycle capacity, *Yonhap News* and other Korean media outlets reported. It would help meet surging electricity demand from artificial-intelligence data centres. (*Bloomberg*)

MY: Energy reform central to Malaysia's economic policy, says minister

Energy reform can no longer be viewed solely as a sectoral or regulatory matter, but must be recognised as an integral part of Malaysia's broader economic agenda, said Economy Minister Akmal Nasrullah Mohd Nasir. "Energy reform is no longer only a sectoral or regulatory matter. It is central to economic policy," he said at the Energy Regulatory Insights 2026 forum organised by the Energy Commission. He noted that the cost, reliability and carbon profile of energy would increasingly influence investment decisions, industrial competitiveness, technology deployment and the ability to protect the interests of the people. (*The Edge*)

MY: Unsubsidised RON95, diesel and RON97 prices up 25 sen as oil prices surge amid Mideast conflict

The retail prices of unsubsidised RON95 and diesel, as well as RON97, will rise by 25 sen per litre from Sept 10 to Sept 16, following a sharp increase in global crude oil prices amid an escalation of the Middle East conflict. Unsubsidised RON95 will rise by 6.63% to RM4.02 per litre from RM3.77 previously, while diesel increases by 5.35% to RM4.92 per litre from RM4.67 previously. RON97 will increase by 5.9% to RM4.50 per litre from RM4.25 per litre, according to the Ministry of Finance's (MOF) statement on Wednesday. (*The Edge*)

MY: Industrial growth seen moderating in 2H, E&E remains key support

Malaysia's industrial production growth is expected to slow in the second half of 2026 (2H2026), but strong electrical and electronics (E&E) demand should continue to support manufacturing, economists said. The industrial production index (IPI) grew 4.7% year-on-year in July, down from 6.5% in June and below market expectations, mainly due to weaker mining output. Manufacturing remained resilient, growing 6.4%. BIMB Securities Research maintained its 2026 IPI growth forecast at 4.8%, saying manufacturing should remain the key driver of industrial activity, supported by the ongoing artificial intelligence-driven E&E upcycle, firm export demand and technology-related investments. (*The Edge*)

MY: S&P sees Malaysian data centre operators tapping offshore US dollar bonds as local banks tighten financing

Malaysian data centre operators could turn to the offshore US dollar bond market for funding "quite soon" as local banks become increasingly selective in financing a sector where data centre deals continue to grow in size, according to S&P Global Ratings. S&P Global Ratings director of financial institutions ratings Nikita Anand said that with data centre exposure accounting for only 1% of total loans currently, Malaysian banks are not yet close to their lending limits. "Generally, banks are not approaching their sectoral or single counterparty exposure limits yet, but we understand that this could be a constraint, especially for banks which are smaller and have a smaller capital base. (*The Edge*)

MY: Palm oil dips on outlook for expanding Malaysian inventories

Palm oil dipped ahead of Malaysian data due Thursday that are expected to show rising stockpiles and weaker exports from the world's second-biggest grower. Futures fell as much as 1.2% in Kuala Lumpur before paring losses, trading just below RM5,000 a tonne after briefly topping that level on Tuesday. Malaysian inventories likely expanded to the highest level since January last month as exports declined on softer-than-usual festival demand in major buyer India, according to a *Bloomberg* survey of executives, traders and analysts. The "sluggish export pace" is weighing on market sentiment, said David Ng, a senior trader at IcebergX Sdn. (*Bloomberg*)

MY: Industrial output decelerates in July, official data show

Malaysia's industrial output grew at a slower than expected pace in July, as manufacturing and electricity sectors expanded while mining contracted, official data showed. The industrial production index — which tracks output from factories, power plants and mines — rose 4.7% in July when compared to the same month last year, the Department of Statistics Malaysia said in a statement. The print is lower than the 5.6% increase predicted in a *Bloomberg* poll and June's 6.5% year-on-year rise. On a month-on-month basis, the index declined 2% in July. Industrial production across Asian exporter economies mostly eased in July amid supply chain disruption as well as higher costs of fuel and raw materials. Factory output in China, Malaysia's biggest trading partner, also decelerated during the same month. (*The Edge*)

MY: Ringgit falls to lowest versus Singapore dollar since November

Malaysia's ringgit fell to a 10-month low versus the Singapore dollar, weighed by foreign stock outflows while the island state's currency is supported by a hawkish monetary policy stance. The ringgit falls 0.2% against the Singapore dollar to 3.2162 on Wednesday, the lowest since November, as stock outflows continued for the second straight month. Singapore's currency remained buoyed by the central bank's monetary policy tightening stance. "Expectation of further tightening of the Singapore dollar nominal effective exchange rate policy at the October meeting is supportive for the Singapore dollar, while the safe-haven status is back into play on renewed geopolitical uncertainties," according to Wee Khoon Chong, senior market strategist for Asia Pacific at BNY in Hong Kong. (*Bloomberg*)

Corporate News

ALAM: CEO Azmi to be charged on Thursday

Alam Maritim Resources Bhd group managing director and chief executive officer Datuk Azmi Ahmad will be charged at the Kuala Lumpur Sessions Court on Thursday. Based on a check of the court system, Azmi will be charged at Criminal Sessions Court 14 before judge Suzana Hussin at 9am. On Aug 17, Alam Maritim, in a filing with Bursa Malaysia, said that Azmi had been remanded to assist in an investigation by the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC). On Aug 15, *Bernama* reported that the MACC had detained seven individuals comprising a CEO, a company director, a former company director and four former senior management officers of Lembaga Tabung Haji to assist in investigations into issues raised in the Royal Commission of Inquiry report on Tabung Haji. (*Bernama*)

SCIENTX: 4Q net profit climbs nearly 30%; declares six sen dividend

Scientex Bhd's net profit rose 29.54% year-on-year in the fourth quarter, driven by stronger contributions from its packaging and property divisions. Net profit for the fourth quarter ended July 31, 2026 (4QFY2026), stood at RM199.92 m, compared with RM154.33 m a year earlier. Quarterly revenue rose 17.75% to RM1.4 bn from RM1.19 bn while operating profit increased 32.7% to RM281.78 m from RM212.41 m, according to its filing with Bursa Malaysia. The group recommended a single-tier final dividend of six sen per share for FY2026 — payable on Jan 21, 2027 — subject to shareholders' approval at its forthcoming annual general meeting. (*The Edge*)

KLK: Redesignates Lee Jia Zhang as CEO, succeeding father Oi Hian

Kuala Lumpur Kepong Bhd has redesignated its chief operating officer Lee Jia Zhang as chief executive officer, effective Oct 1. Jia Zhang, 43, will fill the vacancy left by his father, Tan Sri Lee Oi Hian, who was redesignated as group executive chairman in 2024. Oi Hian is also chairman of KLK's controlling shareholder Batu Kawan Bhd. The Lee family owns more than 56% of Batu Kawan, which in turn holds a 48.24% stake in KLK. In a statement, KLK said the board changes are part of the group's orderly leadership transition and are intended to ensure continuity in its strategic and operational direction. (*The Edge*)

ZETRIX: Bursa asks Zetrix AI to justify RM130m valuation for MYEG Ventures in third query on deal

Bursa Malaysia Securities has sought further clarification from Zetrix AI Bhd on its RM130 m valuation for the proposed acquisition of a 50% stake in MYEG Ventures Inc through IPVG Employees Inc, marking its third set of queries on the deal. The latest query dated Sept 8, among other things, focused on the valuation, given that MYEG Philippines Inc — which is 51%-owned by MYEG Ventures — recorded an average annual profit after tax of only PHP21.6 m (about RM1.4 m) for the three financial years ended 2025, while its net assets stood at about RM20 m as at end-2025. (*The Edge*)

ZETRIX: TS Wong cuts stake to 13.14% as margin call liquidations wipe out two-thirds of Zetrix AI's market cap

Zetrix AI Bhd's co-founder and single-largest shareholder Wong Thean Soon's stake in the group has dropped to 13.14% as of Wednesday. This consists of a direct interest of 7.58% (596.87 m shares) and indirect interest of 5.56% (438.17 m shares), according a bourse filing. Wong, better known as TS Wong, and his investment vehicle Asia Internet Holdings Sdn Bhd have offloaded 1.245 bn shares — equivalent to a 16.35% stake — in Zetrix for a combined RM321.34 m over the last few days. This has reduced his stake from 29.49% (15.19% direct and 14.30% indirect). (*The Edge*)

SSF: Sees Low Kok Yew emerge as third-largest shareholder

SSF Home Group Bhd said Low Kok Yew has emerged as a substantial shareholder after raising his stake in the home furniture retailer to above 5%. Low bought 13.55 m direct shares or a 1.69% stake from executive director and deputy CEO Lok Kok Khong on Sept 7, according to a bourse filing on Wednesday. The transaction was valued at RM4.88 m. Prior to the share purchase, Low's shareholding stood at 4.81%. It has now increased to 6.51%, making him the third-largest shareholder in the home furniture retailer. The share transaction left Lok, who is the second-largest shareholder, with 68.06 m shares or an 8.5% direct stake. (*The Edge*)

LFECORP: Wins RM23.9m contracts for Ara Damansara redevelopment

LFE Corp Bhd said on Wednesday it has secured three contracts worth a combined RM23.87 m to provide electrical, mechanical and plumbing services for a redevelopment project in Ara Damansara, Selangor. According to its bourse filings, the engineering and construction group said that its wholly-owned LFE Engineering Sdn Bhd had accepted all three letters of award dated Aug 5, 2026 from Pembinaan Bina Bumi Sdn Bhd to undertake the subcontracting works. The jobs comprise: RM13.3 m for the supply, installation, testing and commissioning of electrical and extra-low-voltage services, RM5.3 m for air-conditioning and mechanical ventilation services, and RM5.27 m for cold, hot water and sanitary plumbing services. (*The Edge*)

EIPOWER: Newly listed EI Power buys Glenmarie property for new HQ

Power engineering solutions provider EI Power Bhd, which was listed less than four months ago on the ACE Market, is acquiring a freehold property in Bandar Glenmarie, Shah Alam for RM17.2 m to serve as its new headquarters. In a bourse filing, the company, which is also a subsidiary of telecommuniations network services and infrastructure provider OCK Group Bhd, said its unit had entered into a sale and purchase agreement with Elitesoft Asia Sdn Bhd for the acquisition. (*The Edge*)

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ENRA: Teams up with China's O&G services firm to bid for FPSO job in Southeast Asia

Enra Group Bhd has teamed up with a Chinese oil and gas services provider to jointly bid for an upcoming tender to provide a floating storage and offloading (FPSO) vessel in Southeast Asia. In a bourse filing, Enra said its indirect wholly owned subsidiary Hexagon Energy Logistics Sdn Bhd had, on Sept 7, inked a pre-joint bidding cooperation agreement with China Offshore Engineering & Technology Co Ltd for the collaboration. Under the non-binding agreement, the parties will negotiate on the scope of work, pricing and respective responsibilities upon receiving the official tender documents. These arrangements will be formalised in a separate definitive agreement. (*The Edge*)

AZRB: Redesignates Wan Zakariah as chairman

Ahmad Zaki Resources Bhd has redesignated executive vice-chairman Datuk Seri Wan Zakariah Wan Muda to chairman, effective immediately. Zakariah owns 5.32 m direct shares, representing a 0.8% stake, and 27,000 indirect shares in Ahmad Zaki Resources. He is also the older brother to executive director Datuk Wan Zulkifli Wan Muda. His appointment follows the resignation of Tan Sri Dr Madinah Mohamad, who resigned on Wednesday to pursue personal interests, according to a bourse filing. Madinah first joined the board in 2021 and served as auditor-general from February 2017 until her contract ended in 2019. (*The Edge*)

PEB: To delist from Main Market on Sept 14

Pimpinan Ehsan Bhd will be delisted on Sept 14 after the shell company said it could not meet a deadline to submit a plan to revive itself. The removal marks the final chapter for the company formerly known as TRIplc Bhd listed since 2018. Trading of Pimpinan Ehsan's shares has been halted since Aug 21 after a decision to return cash to shareholders as the acquisition of renewable energy firm reNIKOLA Holdings Sdn Bhd collapsed. Under a capital reduction and repayment exercise, shareholders will receive 91 sen per share, funded from roughly RM65 m held in a custodian account as at April 22, including accrued interest. (*The Edge*)

Upcoming key economic data releases	Date
US 10-Year Note Auction	Sept 10
US PPI (MoM) (Aug)	Sept 10
US Initial Jobless Claims	Sept 10
US Existing Home Sales (Aug)	Sept 10
US Crude Oil Inventories	Sept 11
US 30-Year Bond Auction	Sept 11
US CPI (MoM) (Aug)	Sept 11
US CPI (YoY) (Aug)	Sept 11
US Core CPI (MoM) (Aug)	Sept 11
Source: Investing.com	

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Stock Selection Based on Dividend Yield

	Sector	Price (RM)	Dividend/Share (RM)	Dividend Yield (%)
Sentral REIT	REIT	0.66	0.06	9.70
CapitaLand Malaysia Trust	REIT	0.59	0.05	8.81
Bermaz Auto	Consumer	0.94	0.08	8.77
MBM Resources	Consumer	5.29	0.45	8.54
YTL Hospital REIT	REIT	1.00	0.09	8.50
KIP REIT	REIT	0.85	0.07	8.47
Sports Toto	Consumer	1.32	0.10	7.20
Paramount Corporation	Property	1.02	0.07	7.16
TIME dotCom	Telco	5.85	0.39	6.65
UOA Development	Property	1.60	0.11	6.63
Al-Salam REIT	REIT	0.61	0.04	6.61
MAG Holdings	Consumer	1.22	0.08	6.56
Magnum	Consumer	1.22	0.08	6.56
Pavilion REIT	REIT	1.59	0.10	6.48
Al-Aqar Healthcare REIT	REIT	1.16	0.07	6.38

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		
United Asiapac Energy Berhad	ACE Market	0.35	139.22	-	5 Aug	14 Sept
Butterfield FB Berhad	ACE Market	0.48	150.00	72.00	2 Sept	15 Sept
Pioneer Heat Holdings Berhad	ACE Market	0.25	86.70	17.35	3 Sept	17 Sept
Evocom Berhad	ACE Market	0.18	113.91	22.00	14 Sept	28 Sept
GB Bond Holdings Berhad	ACE Market	0.25	64.30	42.88	18 Sept	01 Oct

Source: Bursa Malaysia

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