



Daily Newswatch

Market Review

The FBM KLCI rose 0.1% to 1,631.8 points on Monday due to improved risk appetite in line with firmer regional markets, after softer US labour data eased expectations of further Fed tightening and took some pressure off bond yields. Technology (+1.7%), Health Care (+1.4%) and Financial Services (+0.5%) led sectoral gains, driven by Nestle (+0.5%), Hong Leong Bank (+0.2%) and Misc (+0.2%). Market breadth, however, was negative, with 598 losers ahead of 564 gainers, while 524 counters closed unchanged.

Asian markets closed mostly higher on Monday as a weaker-than-expected US jobs report reduced bets on another Fed rate hike, lowering bond yields and setting off a rebound in rate-sensitive technology stocks, following Wall Street's rally on Friday. Taiwan's TAIEX led regional gains (+2.6%), followed by Japan's Nikkei 225 (+2.4%) and Hong Kong's Hang Seng (+0.3%), while markets in mainland China and South Korea were closed for public holidays. In their last trading sessions, Chinese gains were led by Health Care (+2.9%), Consumer Staples (+1.7%) and Financials (+1.0%), with CanSino Biologics (+20%), Shanghai Model Organisms (+19.9%) and Suzhou Novoprotein Scientific (+13.5%) the top performers. In South Korea, Health Technology, Commercial Services and Health Services each rose 1.6%, driven by Enplus, Pusan Cast Iron and CK Solution.

European equities mostly advanced on Monday, with STOXX 50 gaining 0.2% and STOXX 600 adding 0.3%. Spanish stocks led, surging over 1% after PM Pedro Sánchez called a snap November 29 election following a parliamentary setback. France's CAC 40 fell around 1% on fiscal and political concerns ahead of the 2027 presidential election, with the euro weakening to a 17-month low. Schneider Electric plunged over 9% after announcing its largest-ever deal, a \$22.6 billion acquisition of US software firm PTC, worrying investors. Banco Santander supported the market, climbing over 4%.

US stocks closed higher Monday as heavyweight tech gains outweighed elevated oil prices and bond yields. The S&P 500 rose 0.7%, Nasdaq 100 gained 0.9% to a record 31,076 and Dow added 91 points. Strong earnings, consumer spending and AI investment supported equities despite rising borrowing and energy costs and inflation concerns. Hyperscalers Alphabet (+0.9%), Meta (+1.9%) and Microsoft (+1.5%) gained. Among chipmakers, Nvidia and Broadcom (both +2.1%) mostly offset Micron (-1%), AMD (-0.3%) and Intel (-2.6%). Tesla rose 2.2%; SpaceX jumped 7.6% on reported potential TSMC cooperation with Musk's Terafab.

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Indices	Last Close	Daily chg %	YTD chg %
FBM KLCI	1,631.8	0.1	(2.9)
Dow Jones	51,267.9	0.2	6.7
Nasdaq CI	27,477.3	1.1	18.2
S&P 500	7,774.0	0.7	13.6
SX5E	6,242.1	0.1	7.8
FTSE 100	10,497.9	0.3	5.7
Nikkei 225	69,946.9	2.4	39.0
Shanghai CI	3,842.2	0.3	(3.2)
HSI	24,040.3	0.3	(6.2)
STI	5,664.3	0.5	21.9

Market Activities	Last Close	% Chg
Vol traded (m shares)	4,781.7	12.3
Value traded (RM m)	2,885.3	6.4
Gainers	564	
Losers	598	
Unchanged	524	

Top 5 Volume	Last Close	Daily chg %	Vol (m)
ZETRIX	0.065	(43.5)	1,372.6
VSI	0.320	10.3	157.4
JAK	0.170	(5.6)	78.4
EFM	0.170	(19.0)	49.9
NATGATE	1.830	0.0	43.0

Top 5 Turnover	Last Close	Daily chg %	Val (RM m)
GAM	4.990	(2.2)	163.4
MAY	10.000	(0.2)	101.5
ZETRIX	0.065	(43.5)	101.0
TNB	13.000	0.3	83.8
NATGATE	1.830	0.0	79.7

Currencies	Last Close	Daily chg %
USD/MYR	4.087	(0.1)
USD/JPY	157.960	(0.0)
EUR/USD	1.122	(0.1)
USD/CNY	6.706	0.0
US Dollar Index	102.130	(0.0)

Commodities	Last Close	% Chg
Brent (USD/barrel)	100.3	(1.9)
Gold (USD/troy oz)	4,134.4	(0.1)
CPO (MYR/metric t)	4,400.0	0.2
Bitcoin (USD/BTC)	85,790.6	0.0

Source: Bloomberg



Macro News

US: 10-Year Yield Rises to 5.33% on Monday

The US 10-year Treasury yield climbed to 5.33% on Monday, near its highest level since March 2022 as investors assessed fresh economic data and prepared for the release of the Federal Reserve's September meeting minutes. The latest ISM report showed that services-sector activity continued to expand, with the PMI at 54.9 in September, slightly below August but broadly in line with expectations. At the same time, cost pressures intensified, highlighting renewed inflation risks despite the moderation in business activity. (*Trading Economics*)

US: Oil Holds Losses as Mideast Exports Recover 5.33% on Monday

Crude oil traded near \$89 per barrel on Tuesday after declining for two consecutive sessions, pressured by signs that Middle East crude exports are recovering toward pre-war levels. JPMorgan said crude shipments have rebounded to 17.5 million barrels a day, or 98% of pre-war levels, while product flows such as diesel and gasoline reached 3 million barrels a day, or 58%. (*Trading Economics*)

US: Services Growth Eases as Price Pressures Intensify

The ISM Services PMI fell to 54.9 in September 2026 from 55.4 in August, compared with expectations of 55. The index nevertheless remained in expansion territory for a 27th consecutive month, indicating continued growth in the US services sector. Business activity eased more noticeably, with the Business Activity Index dropping to 56.5 from 61.7, while new orders also moderated to 59.8. Employment improved, moving back above the 50 threshold to 50.1 after two months of contraction. (*Trading Economics*)

US: Gold ticks higher on softer Fed outlook as strong dollar limits gains

Gold prices advanced on Monday, supported by continued worries about rising US government debt and fading expectations of an immediate US Federal Reserve (Fed) rate hike, although a firmer dollar limited gains. Spot gold rose 0.4% to US\$4,159.89 (RM17,001.89) per ounce by 1138 GMT. US gold futures for December delivery added 0.64% to US\$4,188.70. (*Reuters*)

UK: Expected to follow EU with China EV tariffs, report says

The UK is preparing to impose import levies on Chinese electric vehicles to meet a key demand from the European Union, the Times of London reported, in a blow to a group that now accounts for nearly one in four cars sold in the country. Brussels has made clear that the UK faces being cut from the Made in Europe local-content rules if it does not act on the tariffs, the newspaper said, adding that EU officials are concerned the UK could become a backdoor for Chinese exports into Europe. (*Bloomberg*)

UK: Job slump longer than during financial crisis, PMI says

Britain's jobs market is stuck in its longest downturn since the early 2000s, according to a closely-watched survey, surpassing the decline during the financial crisis. S&P Global's UK purchasing managers' index (PMI) said employers cut back on staff for a 24th consecutive month. (*Bloomberg*)

UK: Hits 17-month low, dollar near pre-Liberation Day highs

The euro slid to a 17-month low against the dollar on Monday as concerns about France's ability to rein in its budget deficit and a sharp bond market sell-off last week stirred fears of a return of sovereign debt crisis dynamics in the eurozone. French government bonds have come under pressure as expectations of higher policy rates and rising political uncertainty ahead of the 2027 election cast doubt on the ability of the euro area's second-largest economy to put its public finances on a more sustainable footing. (*Reuters*)

CN: To pump \$54bn into state banks and insurers to boost economy

China is pumping tens of billions of dollars into eight state-owned banks and insurance companies to help shore up the country's financial system and boost its slowing economy. The cash injection, which is being led by China's finance ministry, will total 360 billion yuan (\$53.6bn; £39.7bn), state news agency Xinhua said on Sunday. (*BBC*)

JP: Service sector activity slows from five-month high, PMI shows

Japan's service sector expanded at a weaker pace in September as business activity and new orders grew more slowly and earthquake disruption dampened demand, a business survey showed on Monday. The S&P Global final Japan Services Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) eased to 51.3 in September from a five-month high of 52.5 in August, a survey by S&P Global showed, worse than a flash reading of 51.6. (*Reuters*)

JP: Takaichi pledges fiscal discipline as Japan's debt bill rises

Japanese Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi on Monday pledged to "control" bond issuance and act swiftly against market turbulence, seeking to reassure investors worried about Japan's worsening public finances that have pushed up bond yields. She said the government would pursue fiscal sustainability even as it ramps up spending to bolster growth potential, including by reviewing existing tax breaks and subsidies. (*Reuters*)



MY: Govt to boost high-value commodity exports, reduce reliance on food imports — minister

The government remains committed to strengthening the nation's agrifood sector by driving higher production and exports of high-value commodities such as pineapples and durians, while narrowing the country's food trade gap. Agriculture and Food Security Minister Datuk Seri Mohamad Sabu said the move would not only boost the agrifood sector's contribution to export earnings but also reduce the country's reliance on food imports. *(The Edge)*

MY: Govt dividend receipts up 1.4% to RM39.55b in 2025 on higher BNM, Khazanah payouts — AG's report

The federal government received RM39.55 billion in dividends from its investments in 2025, up by 1.4% from RM39.01 billion a year earlier, as higher payouts from Bank Negara Malaysia (BNM) and Khazanah Nasional Bhd outweighed lower receipts from other entities. The dividends came from 20 companies and two statutory bodies, compared with 21 companies and two statutory bodies in 2024. *(The Edge)*

MY: BNM: Household financial position remains resilient amid West Asia risks

The financial position of households has remained generally resilient, supported by Malaysia's stable labour market conditions, according to Bank Negara Malaysia (BNM). It said domestic policy measures, including expanded government cash assistance and continued fuel subsidies, have also helped contain the pass-through of higher global costs to domestic consumer prices. *(The Edge)*

MY: Palm oil stockpiles balloon to record on output surge

Palm oil inventories in Malaysia likely swelled to a record last month, buffering supplies of the world's most-used vegetable oil as an intensifying El Niño threatens to disrupt production in the coming year. The burgeoning supplies could deepen a recent slump in prices, as traders also await a ramp-up in exports to major markets like India that would help draw down the massive stockpiles. *(Bloomberg)*

Corporate News

IJM: Appoints Johan Idris as new chairman

Construction and property conglomerate IJM Corporation Bhd has appointed non-executive chairman of KPMG Malaysia Datuk Johan Idris as its independent non-executive director and chairman, effective Monday. Johan, who previously served as KPMG Malaysia's managing partner and country senior partner, succeeds long-serving chairman Tan Sri Krishnan Tan following his retirement. *(The Edge)*

ZETRIX: Owes JPJ RM314m from May to September this year; firm stopped RM231m cheque meant to settle arrears — Loke

Zetrix AI Bhd owes the Road Transport Department some RM314 million as it failed to remit collections from May to September this year. The outstanding amount is the reason behind the ministry's decision to suspend Zetrix and its subsidiary MyEG under their three-year contract, which took effect on Monday, according to Transport Minister Anthony Loke Siew Fook. *(The Edge)*

ZETRIX: Extends decline to lowest in more than a decade

Zetrix AI Bhd fell to its lowest in 13 years after the Ministry of Transport revealed that the digital services company owed the government some RM314 million. The stock fell five sen or more than 40% to close Monday at 6.5 sen, the lowest since May 2013. More than one billion shares exchanged hands, the highest daily volume since Zetrix' managing director Wong Thean Soon suffered forced selling on his accounts in September. *(The Edge)*

JTGROUP: Bags two TNB contracts worth RM15.7m

Jati Tinggi Group Bhd has secured two contracts from Tenaga Nasional Bhd (TNB) worth a combined RM15.7 million for underground cable works in Selangor and a submarine power cable monitoring system in Perlis. The larger contract, worth RM13.44 million, was awarded to Jati Tinggi's wholly-owned subsidiary Jati Tinggi Holding Sdn Bhd for the installation, testing and commissioning of 11kV underground cables and related accessories for TNB's distribution network in Selangor. *(The Edge)*

CITAGLB: Unit secures RM29m portion of Thai waste-to-energy contract

Citaglobal Bhd said on Monday its indirect unit LAWI Engineering GmbH (LAWI Germany) has secured a RM29 million share of a RM52.1 million contract for a waste-to-energy (WTE) project in Thailand. LAWI Germany, together with an unnamed consortium partner, was awarded the contract by Siam Power Co Ltd for the engineering, procurement and construction of a steam boiler plant for the Siam Power Naklang WTE project in Nakhon Ratchasima Province. *(The Edge)*

WESTRVR: Secures RM17.5m electrical, solar works for Selangor logistics park

West River Bhd has secured a RM17.5 million subcontract for electrical, security and solar panel system works at the E-Metro Logistic Park in Bandar Bukit Raja 2, Selangor. The subcontract was awarded by Al-Ambia Sdn Bhd to West River's wholly owned subsidiary West River Engineering Sdn Bhd, according to the group's bourse filing on Monday. *(The Edge)*



GOHUB: Bags RM65m contract from KTMB unit

Information technology solutions provider Go Hub Capital Bhd has secured a five-year service contract worth RM65 million from Keretapi Tanah Melayu (KTMB) unit Tenang Capital Bhd. In a bourse filing, Go Hub said the job was secured via its wholly owned NSS IT Solution Sdn Bhd, which was awarded the letter of acceptance on Sept 30 to provide maintenance and support services for KTMB's Integrated Ticketing System. *(The Edge)*

YINSON: Secures additional RM2.5bn in Ghana FPSO contract

Yinson Holdings Bhd said it has secured about US\$600 million (RM2.5 billion) in additional firm contract backlog following an amendment to its contract for the FPSO John Agyekum Kufuor offshore of Ghana. The amendment, signed with Eni Ghana Exploration and Production Ltd on Oct 2, covers a major upgrade to the floating production, storage and offloading (FPSO) vessel's gas handling and processing capacity and extends its firm contract by four years to 2036, said Yinson. *(The Edge)*

ASTEEL: Stake to 53.08% after mandatory takeover offer

Datuk Clifford Hii Toh Leong has increased his stake in Asteel Group Bhd to 53.08% stake following the close of his unconditional mandatory takeover offer on Monday. According to a press statement on Monday issued by principal adviser UOB Kay Hian (M) Sdn Bhd, Hii's investment vehicle, Hii Capital Holdings Sdn Bhd, received acceptances for 724,585 shares as at 5pm on Monday. *(The Edge)*

PERTAMA: Ran eJamin for five years without formal contract, invested bail funds without approval — PAC

eJamin, an online bail payment system operated by an indirect unit of Practice Note 17 (PN17) company Pertama Digital Bhd, ran for five years without a formal contract, the Public Accounts Committee found. Bail funds were also deposited into a commercial bank account held by Dapat Vista Sdn Bhd, instead of the federal government's consolidated trust account, in contravention of the Federal Constitution and the Financial Procedure Act 1957, according to the committee's report released on Monday. *(The Edge)*

SPSETIA: Gentari sign MOU to explore green mobility solutions across Setia developments

S P Setia Bhd and clean energy solutions provider Gentari Green Mobility Sdn Bhd have signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) to explore a collaboration in clean energy and green mobility solutions, according to a press statement issued on Monday. Gentari Green Mobility is a subsidiary of Gentari Sdn Bhd, which is wholly owned by Petroliaam Nasional Bhd (PETRONAS). *(The Edge)*

MKLAND: Talks of major corporate exercise at MK Land resurface

TALKS of a potential corporate exercise at property developer MK Land Holdings Bhd have resurfaced, with a source familiar with the matter saying an adviser has been appointed to explore possible options. The source spoke on condition of anonymity because the discussions are private. *(The Edge)*

EVOCOM: IPO Watch: ACE Market-bound Evocom charts broader logistics footprint

E-COMMERCE logistics and workforce solutions provider Evocom Bhd is set to make its debut on Bursa Malaysia's ACE Market on Monday (Sept 28), with the group looking to broaden its logistics footprint through an expansion of its air freight transshipment business, technology investments and a new headquarters near Kuala Lumpur International Airport's (KLIA) air cargo terminal. The company's initial public offering (IPO) comprises 113.91 million new shares and an offer for sale of 22 million existing shares, both priced at 18 sen apiece. *(The Edge)*

KGB: Unit wins further RM133m contract for Kuching data storage plant

Kelington Group Bhd said its wholly owned unit has been awarded a second contract by a manufacturer operating in the Sama Jaya Free Industrial Zone in Kuching, Sarawak, worth about RM133 million. In a filing with Bursa Malaysia, the group said the award was given to Kelington Technologies Sdn Bhd (KTSB) on Oct 2 and covers the main structural steel works for the customer's data storage manufacturing facility, which is being expanded. *(The Edge)*

ALPHA: Targets Main Market transfer in 4Q

Alpha IVF Group is planning to transfer from the ACE Market to the Main Market of Bursa Malaysia, with completion expected sometime in the fourth quarter this year. The fertility care group said the transfer will be through the accelerated transfer process under the Securities Commission Malaysia's Equity Guidelines, with shareholder approval required at a general meeting. *(The Edge)*



Upcoming key economic data releases	Date
Crude Oil Inventories	Oct 7
10-Year Note Auction	Oct 8
FOMC Meeting Minutes	Oct 8
Initial Jobless Claims	Oct 8
30-Year Bond Auction	Oct 9
<i>Source: Investing.com</i>	

Stock Selection Based on Dividend Yield

	Sector	Price (RM)	Dividend/Share (RM)	Dividend Yield (%)
Sentral REIT	REIT	0.65	0.06	9.85
MBM Resources	Consumer	4.79	0.46	9.58
CapitaLand Malaysia Trust	REIT	0.57	0.05	9.20
Bermaz Auto	Consumer	0.93	0.08	9.03
YTL Hospital REIT	REIT	0.99	0.09	8.63
KIP REIT	REIT	0.87	0.07	8.21
MAG Holdings	Consumer	1.18	0.09	8.05
Magnum	Consumer	1.18	0.09	8.05
Sports Toto	Consumer	1.30	0.10	7.54
Paramount Corporation	Property	0.99	0.07	7.41
Ta Ann Holdings	Plantation	5.75	0.40	6.96
AI-Salam REIT	REIT	0.59	0.04	6.78
Pavilion REIT	REIT	1.53	0.10	6.73
TIME dotCom	Telco	5.61	0.37	6.65
Matrix Concepts Holdings	Property	1.08	0.07	6.57

Source: Bloomberg

User guide: Mercury Securities compiles a list of dividend-yielding stocks for conservative long-term passive investors looking for regular income whilst capping downside risk of their investment.

Methodology: The list above includes stocks that have a high dividend yield, estimated to be greater than 4% per annum. These stocks also have a history of paying dividends consistently, having paid dividends for the past 3 years.

IPO Tracker

Company	Listing Sought	Issue Price (RM/Share)	No. Of Shares (m)		Closing Date	Listing Date
			Public Issue	Offer for Sale		
Ecosys (Malaysia) Berhad	ACE Market	0.27	145.7	-	29 Sept	14 Oct
EGH International Berhad	ACE Market	0.16	240.0	120.0	05 Oct	16 Oct
RedPlanet Berhad	ACE Market	0.19	70.0	10.0	08 Oct	22 Oct
NWE Resources Group Berhad	ACE Market	0.20	143.1	-	09 Oct	21 Oct

Source: Bursa Malaysia

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