



Daily Newswatch

Market Review

The FBM KLCI rose 0.1% to 1,633 points on Tuesday due to positive regional sentiment, tracking gains across major Asian markets after Wall Street's tech-led rally overnight, although elevated US Treasury yields continued to cap risk appetite. Health Technology (+6.3%), Producer Manufacturing (+1.8%) and Health Services (+1.7%) led sectoral gains, driven by Nestle (+1.3%), Kuala Lumpur Kepong (+0.5%) and Petronas Chemicals (+0.2%). Market breadth was positive, with 664 gainers ahead of 450 losers, while 560 counters closed unchanged.

Asian markets closed mixed on Tuesday as most bourses tracked Wall Street's tech-led rally, with Japan further supported by a strong government bond auction that eased yield concerns, while South Korea fell as chip heavyweights came under selling pressure amid worries over elevated bond yields. Japan's Nikkei 225 led regional gains (+1.1%), followed by Hong Kong's Hang Seng (+1.0%) and Taiwan's TAIEX (+0.2%), while South Korea's KOSPI fell 0.9%. Mainland China markets remained closed for the National Day holiday and will resume trading on Thursday. In South Korea, Non-Energy Minerals (-2.7%), Process Industries (-2.0%) and Producer Manufacturing (-1.8%) were the sectoral laggards, dragged by DH Autonex, Exicure Hitron and SG Global. In China, in their last trading sessions, the sectoral gains were led by Health Care (+2.9%), Consumer Staples (+1.7%) and Financials (+1.0%), with CanSino Biologics, Shanghai Model Organisms and Suzhou Novoprotein Scientific as the top performers.

European stocks closed firmly higher Tuesday, led by banks, consumer discretionary and autos as sovereign yields' surge paused. Euro STOXX 50 and STOXX Europe 600 each added 0.5%, to 6,272 and 636. Long-dated euro-area yields mostly fell, especially in higher-debt economies, easing ECB anti-fragmentation intervention fears. Banks tracked rebounding credit: BNP Paribas jumped 2.5%; UniCredit, Santander and Deutsche Bank rose 1.5% each. Intesa Sanpaolo rebounded 1.3% as markets reassessed a potential Banca MPS acquisition's return impact. Schneider Electric sank 4.5% after agreeing to buy US software firm PTC for \$22.6 billion.

US stocks closed higher Tuesday, supported by heavyweight tech as surging bond yields paused, easing pressure on its credit outlook. The S&P 500 (+0.6%) and Nasdaq 100 (+0.5%) hit record highs, while the Dow gained 253 points. AI infrastructure and hyperscaler stocks mostly rose as fresh sector deals spurred speculative demand. OpenAI discussed \$30 billion financing with UAE funds; Alphabet gained 0.3% before acquiring nuclear capacity from Constellation Energy (+12.2%). AMD jumped 2.8% as CEO Lisa Su signalled strong chip demand ahead. Microsoft rose 0.8%, Amazon 1.9% and Nvidia 0.1%.

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Indices	Last Close	Daily chg %	YTD chg %
FBM KLCI	1,633.4	0.1	(2.8)
Dow Jones	51,521.3	0.5	7.2
Nasdaq CI	27,599.9	0.4	18.8
S&P 500	7,818.9	0.6	14.2
SX5E	6,272.2	0.5	8.3
FTSE 100	10,541.7	0.4	6.1
Nikkei 225	70,684.0	1.1	40.4
Shanghai CI	3,842.2	0.3	(3.2)
HSI	24,280.6	1.0	(5.3)
STI	5,701.5	0.7	22.7

Market Activities	Last Close	% Chg
Vol traded (m shares)	4,176.7	(12.7)
Value traded (RM m)	2,949.7	2.2
Gainers	664	
Losers	450	
Unchanged	560	

Top 5 Volume	Last Close	Daily chg %	Vol (m)
ZETRIX	0.090	38.5	962.8
TOPG	0.875	11.5	165.1
SLG	0.250	(10.7)	83.7
VSI	0.330	3.1	74.9
SUCB	0.460	5.7	44.1

Top 5 Turnover	Last Close	Daily chg %	Val (RM m)
MAY	9.970	(0.3)	150.2
TOPG	0.875	11.5	138.0
PENT	6.080	11.8	107.0
GAM	5.000	0.2	85.7
TNB	12.900	(0.8)	85.5

Currencies	Last Close	Daily chg %
USD/MYR	4.086	(0.0)
USD/JPY	158.420	(0.2)
EUR/USD	1.125	(0.1)
USD/CNY	6.706	0.0
US Dollar Index	101.915	0.1

Commodities	Last Close	% Chg
Brent (USD/barrel)	100.6	0.3
Gold (USD/troy oz)	4,162.9	(0.0)
CPO (MYR/metric t)	4,340.0	(1.1)
Bitcoin (USD/BTC)	85,505.0	(0.1)

Source: Bloomberg



Macro News

IMF: Cost-of-living crises have lasting impact on inflation expectations, poverty, IMF says 5.33% on Monday

Sharp spikes in food and energy prices will likely become more common, the International Monetary Fund said, warning such crises drive inflation expectations higher for longer, worsen poverty and threaten economic stability. IMF research released on Tuesday examined three decades of strategies used by governments to mitigate price surges, as well as a new economic model that accounts for the higher inflation experienced by poorer households, which spend a higher share of their budgets on daily necessities. *(Reuters)*

US: Oil Rises as Mideast Risks Remain 5.33% on Monday

Crude oil climbed toward \$90 per barrel on Wednesday, recovering from five-week lows as persistent risks to Middle East energy flows overshadowed signs of rising supply from the region. Iran has intensified attacks on tankers in the Strait of Hormuz in recent days, with the UK Maritime Trade Operations reporting nine incidents so far this month. *(Trading Economics)*

US: Trade deficit widens in August amid strong imports 5.33% on Monday

The US trade deficit widened more than expected in August, driven by a surge in imports of goods amid robust domestic demand, keeping trade on track to again subtract from economic growth in the third quarter. The trade shortfall increased 13.7% to US\$105.6 billion (RM431.5 billion), the Commerce Department's Bureau of Economic Analysis and Census Bureau said on Tuesday. *(Trading Economics)*

US: 10-Year Treasury Yield Softens from 24-Year High

The yield on the 10-year US Treasury note was at 5.26% on Tuesday, pausing a surge that peaked at a 24-year high of 5.33% touched yesterday, tracking the momentary dip in wholesale fuel prices. Oil bids were tamed by signs that some laden tankers passed through the Strait of Hormuz. The 10-year yield has surged over 110bps this year as risks of higher rates from the Federal Reserve, soaring federal deficit spending, and increasing corporate debt supply triggered a plunge in demand for duration. *(Trading Economics)*

US: Logistics Growth 2nd-Highest in 4 Years

The US Logistics Managers' Index increased to 70.2 in September 2026 from 66.6 in August. It is the second-highest reading in four years, behind only June's reading of 71.1. A faster increase was seen for Inventory Levels (58.9 vs 52.8) and Inventory Costs (79.9 vs 78.6) which is also having a significant effect on the warehousing market. Warehousing Capacity shrank the most since March 2022 (39.3 vs 53.5), potentially due to the fact that firms, particularly retailers, had run inventory down a bit and are not rushing goods in now ahead of potential holiday sales. *(Trading Economics)*

US: Gold edges up as dollar, Treasury yields slip

Gold ticked up on Tuesday, supported by a pause in the US Treasury yield's rally and a weaker dollar, while investors awaited the minutes of the US Federal Reserve's (Fed) September meeting for fresh clues on its monetary policy outlook. Spot gold rose 0.4% to US\$4,155.34 (RM16,977.89) per ounce by 10.09am EDT (1409 GMT). US gold futures for December delivery added 0.6% to US\$4,182.30. *(Reuters)*

JP: BOJ chief calls for more focus on anchoring inflation around target

Bank of Japan (BOJ) governor Kazuo Ueda said on Tuesday that it was becoming more important to anchor underlying inflation around the central bank's 2% target, signalling readiness to keep raising interest rates to blunt the risk of too-high inflation. The remarks come ahead of the central bank's two-day policy meeting ending on Oct 30, where new quarterly growth and inflation forecasts will be closely watched for clues on the timing of the next rate hike. *(Reuters)*

JP: 10-year bond sale draws solid demand as yields top 3%

Japan's 10-year government bond auction Tuesday saw stronger demand than the 12-month average as elevated yields underpinned buying. The bid-to-cover ratio was 3.76 compared with 3.29 at the previous sale and a 12-month average of 3.21. Bond futures pared their losses after the result. The benchmark 10-year yield hit 3.115% on Tuesday, matching its highest level since 1996. A sale of the same tenor last month passed smoothly after yields reached 3%. *(Bloomberg)*

JP: Nominal Wage Growth Tops 3% for 7th Month

Average cash earnings in Japan increased by 3.8% year-on-year in August 2026, slightly exceeding market expectations for a 3.7% gain and staying above 3% for a seventh month, the longest such run since 1992. While it slowed from a revised 4.3% rise in July, it also marked the 56th consecutive month of nominal wage growth. Regular pay, including base salaries, rose 3.8% to mark continued solid wage growth, while overtime pay accelerated to 5.2% from a revised 4.5% increase in July. *(Trading Economics)*

MY: BNM: Banks working towards fraud alert before transaction is completed

Malaysian banks are working towards introducing fraud alert capabilities that can flag potential risks before a transaction is completed. A pilot test involving selected banks is targeted for the first half of 2027 ahead of wider implementation, Bank Negara Malaysia governor Datuk Seri Abdul Rasheed Ghaffour said in his speech text for a conference on financial crime and counter terrorism financing on Tuesday. *(The Edge)*



MY: And France to sign energy transition MOU soon, says Fadillah

Malaysia and France are expected to sign a memorandum of understanding (MOU) on energy transition soon to accelerate efforts towards a cleaner and more sustainable future, Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Fadillah Yusof said on Tuesday. Fadillah, who is also the energy transition and water transformation minister, said the matter was discussed during a courtesy call by French Ambassador to Malaysia Marc Abensour at the Parliament building on Tuesday. *(Bernama)*

Corporate News

CIMB: Considers selling Philippine business — Bloomberg

CIMB Group Holdings Bhd is exploring a sale of its business in the Philippines as part of efforts to streamline and focus on bigger markets for growth, according to people with knowledge of the matter. The Malaysian lender is working with a financial adviser on the potential divestment and has reached out to prospective buyers to gauge interest, said the people, asking not to be identified because the process is private. *(The Edge)*

ZETRIX: Still finalising amount owed to JPJ after Loke reveals RM314m arrears

Zetrix AI Bhd (KL:ZETRIX) said the exact amount it owes the Road Transport Department (JPJ) is still being finalised between the two parties, a day after Transport Minister Anthony Loke Siew Fook said the company had accumulated RM314 million in unpaid remittances. It said this in a bourse filing on Tuesday following queries from Bursa Malaysia about several news reports by The Edge about the arrears, and the subsequent suspension of Zetrix and its subsidiary MyEG Sdn Bhd as JPJ collection agents, which Zetrix confirmed. *(The Edge)*

TOPGLOV: Says ready for storms ahead as 4Q net profit jumps nearly five times

Top Glove Corporation Bhd said it is confident of weathering headwinds ahead after earnings jumped nearly five times in the recently ended quarter, sending its shares higher. Net profit at the world's largest natural rubber glove maker was RM157.63 million in the three months ended Aug 31, 2026 (4QFY2026), compared to RM34.83 million in the same quarter a year earlier. *(The Edge)*

SAMAIDEN: Reveals RM238 mil contract value for LSS5+ solar project

Renewable energy solutions provider Samaiden Group Bhd said its contracts to undertake works for a 99.99-megawatt (MW) Large Scale Solar 5+ (LSS5+) project are worth RM238 million. The group disclosed the contract value in a Bursa Malaysia filing on Tuesday, four days after announcing the contracts without revealing their value due to confidentiality restrictions. *(The Edge)*

MSNIAGA: Wins two-year RM32.3m contract extension from Customs Dept

Mesiniaga Bhd has won a RM32.3 million contract from the Royal Malaysian Customs Department (RMDC) for the maintenance and licence renewal of its MyGST System. The contract marks a continuation of the information technology product and service provider's earlier MYGST system agreement with RMCD that first started in November 2023. *(The Edge)*

SCIENXTX: To acquire 503 acres in Johor for RM580 mil

Scientex Bhd is acquiring 503 acres in Pulai, Johor, for RM580 million to boost the property developer's land bank. The plan is to turn the 14 plots of land currently owned by the Lau family of Leong Hup International Bhd (KL:LHI) into mixed development, the company said in an exchange filing. *(The Edge)*

DIALOG: JV bags onshore O&G concession in Thailand

Dialog Group Bhd said its 50.01%-owned joint venture company has been awarded concession rights and operatorship for the L8/66 exploration block onshore Thailand. The joint venture company, Pan Orient Energy (Siam) Ltd (POES), was notified by the Thai government on Monday (Oct 5) that it had been awarded the concession following a joint bid with CanAsia Energy Corp in Thailand's 25th Onshore Bid Round, according to Dialog's Bursa Malaysia filing on Tuesday. *(The Edge)*

ELRIDGE: Invests RM45m to venture into activated carbon business

Elridge Energy Holdings Bhd is investing RM45 million to venture into the manufacturing and the sale of activated carbon business for use across water treatment, industrial purification and related filtration. This marks Elridge's move further downstream from its existing palm kernel shell biomass operations. *(The Edge)*

IAB: Secures contract for Suai water treatment plant in Miri

Insights Analytics Bhd, which mainly provides asset management systems to water utilities, has secured a RM14.44 million subcontract to construct a water treatment plant in Sarawak's Miri division. Its wholly owned subsidiary Insights Analytics Technologies Sdn Bhd accepted the letter of award from main contractor K J S Capital Sdn Bhd on Tuesday, the company said in a filing with Bursa Malaysia. *(The Edge)*

SLG: Construction firm SLGC ends first trading day below IPO price

SLGC Bhd ended its first trading day on the ACE Market below its initial public offering (IPO) price. The construction firm's shares closed at 25 sen on Tuesday, three sen or 10.71% lower than the IPO price of 28 sen per share, after hitting an intraday low of 24 sen as more than 83 million shares exchanged hands. *(The Edge)*



Upcoming key economic data releases	Date
10-Year Note Auction	Oct 8
FOMC Meeting Minutes	Oct 8
Initial Jobless Claims	Oct 8
30-Year Bond Auction	Oct 9
Source: Investing.com	

Stock Selection Based on Dividend Yield

	Sector	Price (RM)	Dividend/Share (RM)	Dividend Yield (%)
Sentral REIT	REIT	0.64	0.06	10.00
MBM Resources	Consumer	4.80	0.46	9.56
CapitaLand Malaysia Trust	REIT	0.56	0.05	9.29
Bermaz Auto	Consumer	0.92	0.08	9.13
YTL Hospital REIT	REIT	0.98	0.09	8.72
KIP REIT	REIT	0.87	0.07	8.21
MAG Holdings	Consumer	1.20	0.10	7.92
Magnum	Consumer	1.20	0.10	7.92
Sports Toto	Consumer	1.32	0.10	7.42
Paramount Corporation	Property	0.99	0.07	7.41
Ta Ann Holdings	Plantation	5.76	0.40	6.94
TIME dotCom	Telco	5.45	0.37	6.84
Matrix Concepts Holdings	Property	1.07	0.07	6.64
RHB Bank	Finance	7.43	0.49	6.64
Pavilion REIT	REIT	1.56	0.10	6.60

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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