



Daily Newswatch

Market Review

The FBM KLCI fell 1.3% to 1,611 points on Wednesday due to elevated US Treasury yields and renewed gains in crude oil prices, which weighed on sentiment in line with weaker regional markets, alongside persistent foreign selling ahead of Budget 2027. Financial Services (-2.7%), Health Care (-2.5%) and Consumer Products & Services (-0.9%) led sectoral losses, dragged by Nestle (-2.2%), Hong Leong Bank (-1.4%) and CIMB (-0.4%). Market breadth was negative, with 659 losers ahead of 490 gainers, while 514 counters closed unchanged.

Asian markets closed mostly lower on Wednesday, failing to follow Wall Street's record-setting rally as elevated bond yields and renewed gains in oil prices kept investors cautious. South Korea's KOSPI led regional losses (-2.0%), followed by Japan's Nikkei 225 (-0.9%) and Hong Kong's Hang Seng (-0.6%), while Taiwan's TAIEX ended flat. Mainland China markets remained closed for the National Day holiday and will resume trading today. In South Korea, Health Services (-3.7%), Health Technology (-3.6%) and Technology Services (-2.5%) were the sectoral laggards, dragged by DH Autonex, Shinpong Pharmaceutical 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 fell sharply Wednesday as rebounding energy prices and surging bond yields hampered earnings projections. Euro STOXX 50 fell 1.6% to 6,175 and STOXX Europe 600 lost 1.1% to 630. Italy's 10-year yield jumped 10 bps and France's surged 15 bps while the German Bund was flat, reinforcing eurozone bond fragmentation concerns. Contagion fears hit lenders: Deutsche Bank dropped 5%; Intesa Sanpaolo, UniCredit and BNP Paribas fell 4% each. Industrials also fell: Siemens and Safran slid 3% each; Schneider dropped 2.3%, extending yesterday's slump as markets assessed its PTC acquisition.

US stocks fell Wednesday as concerns over high yields returned, threatening credit-sensitive earnings projections. S&P 500 and Nasdaq 100 both slipped 0.2% from peaks; Dow lost 341 points. Oil pared gains; long-dated yields eased after a strong 10-year Treasury auction. Credit stayed tight; FOMC minutes backed higher rates to tame inflation. AI chipmakers and hyperscalers mostly fell as yields and wider spreads hit orders: Nvidia -0.7%, AMD -0.5%, Meta -2.4%, Oracle -0.8%, despite SpaceX's \$40 billion Nvidia chip borrowing plan. SpaceX fell 2.5%, Tesla 0.7%. Pharma and consumer staples gained.

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Indices	Last Close	Daily chg %	YTD chg %
FBM KLCI	1,611.8	(1.3)	(4.1)
Dow Jones	51,179.9	(0.7)	6.5
Nasdaq CI	27,538.7	(0.2)	18.5
S&P 500	7,801.8	(0.2)	14.0
SX5E	6,180.3	(1.5)	6.7
FTSE 100	10,458.5	(0.8)	5.3
Nikkei 225	70,035.7	(0.9)	39.1
Shanghai CI	3,842.2	0.3	(3.2)
HSI	24,130.5	(0.6)	(5.9)
STI	5,608.4	(1.6)	20.7

Market Activities	Last Close	% Chg
Vol traded (m shares)	3,831.7	(8.3)
Value traded (RM m)	3,516.5	19.2
Gainers	490	
Losers	659	
Unchanged	514	

Top 5 Volume	Last Close	Daily chg %	Vol (m)
TOPG	0.855	(2.3)	350.1
ZETRIX	0.080	(11.1)	300.6
VSI	0.325	(1.5)	103.6
SUCB	0.445	(3.3)	79.0
MEGB	0.005	0.0	65.4

Top 5 Turnover	Last Close	Daily chg %	Val (RM m)
TOPG	0.855	(2.3)	310.0
CIMB	7.330	(4.8)	256.2
MAY	9.870	(1.0)	192.9
RHBBANK	7.250	(2.4)	115.7
GAM	5.080	1.6	108.5

Currencies	Last Close	Daily chg %
USD/MYR	4.087	(0.0)
USD/JPY	158.010	0.0
EUR/USD	1.120	0.0
USD/CNY	6.706	0.0
US Dollar Index	102.242	0.4

Commodities	Last Close	% Chg
Brent (USD/barrel)	100.2	(0.4)
Gold (USD/troy oz)	4,105.0	(0.2)
CPO (MYR/metric t)	4,310.0	(0.7)
Bitcoin (USD/BTC)	83,271.5	(0.1)

Source: Bloomberg



Macro News

IMF: Chief warns energy shock, growing debt and AI risks threaten global growth

The global economy is under threat from persistently high energy prices, record public debt and risks from the artificial intelligence (AI) investment boom, International Monetary Fund Managing Director Kristalina Georgieva warned on Wednesday, urging governments to implement protective fiscal and monetary policy measures. *(Reuters)*

IEA: Says member countries ready to release more oil reserves if necessary

The International Energy Agency's (IEA) member countries stand ready to release additional oil from their strategic reserves if necessary and will prioritise diesel due to tight supplies of the fuel, the head of the IEA said on Wednesday. IEA member states still have ample reserves of crude oil and refined products and stand "ready to release more of these stocks to the market if and when required", its director Fatih Birol said in a statement. *(AFP)*

US: Inflation Expectations Rise to Three-Year High 5.33% on Monday

Median US inflation expectations for the year ahead rose 0.3 percentage point to 3.9% in September 2026, the highest level since May 2023, according to the latest Survey of Consumer Expectations. Year-ahead price expectations increased across several key categories. Gasoline expectations rose 1.7 percentage points to 4.6%, food to 5.3%, and medical care to 9.1%. Expectations for college tuition increased to 6.1%, while rent rose to 6.6%. *(Trading Economics)*

US: Fed Likely to Raise Rates Again This Year 5.33% on Monday

Most Fed policymakers judged that another increase in the target range for the federal funds rate would likely be appropriate by year-end. However, they emphasized that they approached each meeting with an open mind and that future decisions would depend on incoming economic data, its implications for the outlook, and the balance of risks, according to the minutes of the September 15–16, 2026 FOMC meeting. Minutes also showed that all policymakers supported raising the target range for the federal funds rate by 25bps to 3.75%-4%. *(Trading Economics)*

US: 10-Year Yield Eases From 24-Year High

The yield on the 10-year Treasury note was at 5.28%, 8 bps below the 24-year high touched earlier in the session as oil prices swung lower and softened the alarm over energy inflation. OPEC+ shipped laden tankers through the Persian Gulf to limit the crunch for global refiners. This coincided with a strong auction for 10-year notes, which stopped through by 1.7 bps. *(Bloomberg)*

US: 30-year mortgage rate hits highest in nearly three years 5.33% on Monday

The interest rate on the most common US home loan jumped last week to its highest in almost three years, worsening affordability for buyers four weeks before elections that will decide if President Donald Trump's Republicans keep control of Congress. The average 30-year fixed-rate mortgage surged 19 basis points to 7.49% in the week ended Oct 2, the Mortgage Bankers Association said on Wednesday. It was last higher in November 2023. *(Reuters)*

US: Gold down 1% as dollar gains; Fed minutes in focus 5.33% on Monday

Gold prices fell on a stronger US dollar on Wednesday, while investors awaited the minutes of the Federal Reserve's (Fed) September meeting to gauge the degree of support among policymakers for further rate hikes. Spot gold fell 0.98% to US\$4,122.73 per ounce by 0905 GMT. US gold futures for December delivery slid 0.91% to US\$4,149.00. *(Reuters)*

UK: 30-year gilt yields hit 28-year high in global sell-off 5.33% on Monday

British 30-year bond yields rose to a 28-year high on Wednesday as a global bond sell-off pushed equivalent US borrowing costs to their highest since 2002, adding to pressure on finance minister John Healey before his first budget in three weeks' time. Yields on 30-year gilts — once a major part of UK debt issuance — jumped 13 basis points on the day to peak at 6.036% at 1341 GMT, their highest since January 1998 and pushing past a previous record set on Oct 1. *(Reuters)*

CN: Central bank adds to gold reserves for 23rd consecutive month

China's central bank stepped up its gold purchases in September, extending its buying streak to a 23rd consecutive month, official data showed on Wednesday. Gold holdings by the People's Bank of China rose to 77.47 million fine troy ounces at the end of September from 76.73 million ounces a month earlier. China has continued to accumulate gold despite sharp swings in bullion prices this year. *(Reuters)*

JP: BOJ's dovish dissenter signals support for future rate hikes

The Bank of Japan's (BOJ) new policymaker Ayano Sato said she supports the idea of raising interest rates in several stages, Kyodo news agency reported on Wednesday, highlighting awareness even among dovish board members of the need to combat inflation risks. Appointed by Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi, who favours looser monetary policy, Sato was one of two dissenters to the BOJ's decision to raise interest rates in September. She joined the nine-member board in June. *(Reuters)*



JP: Considers another extra budget for disaster relief, Yomiuri says

Japan is considering compiling an extra budget focused on relief spending for reconstruction efforts after disasters such as earthquakes and heavy rain, the Yomiuri newspaper said on Wednesday. The size of the extra budget, the second this fiscal year, is likely to be small and it is not aimed at stimulating the economy, the paper said, citing a few unidentified sources. *(Reuters)*

SK: Unveils US\$747 bil energy transition plan through 2035

South Korea's government on Wednesday unveiled a 1,000 trillion won (US\$747 billion) energy transition and decarbonisation strategy through 2035, aiming to expand renewable power, transform heavy industry and create new drivers of growth. The K-GX, or Korea-Green Transformation, plan includes 200 trillion won in fiscal spending, more than 790 trillion won in climate finance, alongside a separate 220 trillion won private-sector investment, Finance Minister Lee Hyoung-il said in a presentation attended by senior officials and business leaders. *(Reuters)*

MY: 2026 palm oil output could surpass last year's, says commodities minister

Malaysia's palm oil production for this year is meeting projections and could even surpass 2025's record level despite risks from the Super El Niño, Plantation and Commodities Minister Datuk Seri Dr Noraini Ahmad said. Last year's crude palm oil (CPO) production of 20.28 million tonnes was the highest in a decade, according to the Malaysian Palm Oil Board (MPOB). *(The Edge)*

Corporate News

SPEEDY: Plans ACE Market IPO to raise funds for capacity expansion

Lighting solutions provider Speedy Best Holdings Bhd, which also manufactures and sells steel poles and provides smart city solutions, is planning an ACE Market listing to raise funds for capacity expansion and to further develop its proprietary platform that uses artificial intelligence for smart city management. *(The Edge)*

AEMULUS: Secures RM15.8m orders for data centre, AI test systems from Singapore customer

ACE Market-listed Aemulus Holdings Bhd (KL:AEMULUS) has secured new orders worth US\$3.86 million (RM15.77 million) from an undisclosed Singapore customer for test systems used in the data centre and artificial intelligence (AI) market. The orders were secured by its wholly-owned subsidiary Aemulus Corporation Sdn Bhd and are expected to be fulfilled within 12 months, the automated test equipment provider said in a Bursa Malaysia filing on Wednesday. *(The Edge)*

MMM: To be delisted on Oct 12 as Bursa Malaysia dismisses appeal

Bursa Malaysia Securities has dismissed MMM Group Bhd's appeal against the rejection of its proposed regularisation plan, paving the way for the company to be delisted on Oct 12. In a bourse filing on Wednesday, the Practice Note 17 (PN17) company said Bursa's Listing Committee, after considering all facts and circumstances as well as written representations submitted by the company, decided that the grounds raised in its appeal did not justify departing from its decision previously. *(The Edge)*

ANCILETECH: IT solutions provider Ancile Tech files draft prospectus for ACE Market listing to fund business expansion

Enterprise IT services provider Ancile Tech Bhd has filed its draft prospectus for an initial public offering (IPO) on the ACE Market, as it seeks funds to set up an in-house network operations centre (NOC) and security operations centre (SOC), and expand its business beyond northern Peninsular Malaysia. The Penang-based group plans to use part of the IPO proceeds to procure and implement technology infrastructure for the NOC and SOC, which will provide round-the-clock network monitoring and cybersecurity services to enterprise customers, according to its draft prospectus. *(The Edge)*

DATASONIC: Axes RM28 mil property deal after Fire Dept condition unmet

Datasonic Group Bhd has terminated its proposed acquisition of a RM28.5 million industrial property in Petaling Jaya after failing to get Fire and Rescue Department approval for fire safety equipment. The termination notice was issued by Datasonic Technologies Sdn Bhd (DTSB), the group's wholly-owned subsidiary, to the vendor Pixio Sdn Bhd on Tuesday, according to Datasonic's bourse filing. *(The Edge)*

EGHI: Interior fit-out firm EGH International IPO oversubscribed 2.6 times

EGH International Bhd, an interior fit-out services company, said the public portion of its initial public offering (IPO) was oversubscribed by 2.63 times, ahead of its Oct 16 listing on the ACE Market. In a bourse filing on Wednesday, the company said it received 3,101 applications for 131.33 million shares against 50 million new shares made available for public subscription. *(The Edge)*

NORTHERN: Bags RM34m solar plant contract a day after Main Market transfer

Northern Solar Holdings Bhd has secured a RM34 million engineering, procurement, construction, and commissioning (EPCC) contract to develop a 9.5MW large-scale solar photovoltaic plant. The latest award follows RM119.4 million worth of large-scale solar contracts secured in March 2026, bringing the amount of jobs it has secured this year to about RM153.4 million, said the rooftop panel specialist in a statement on Wednesday. *(The Edge)*



YINSON: Unit prices largest FPSO project bond at US\$1.46b

Yinson Azalea Production Pte Ltd, an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of Yinson Holdings Bhd (KL:YINSON), said it has officially priced US\$1.46 billion (RM6.21 billion) in senior secured notes for its Agogo floating production, storage and offloading (FPSO) vessel. This pricing marks an industry record as the largest-ever issuance size for an FPSO project bond, Yinson Production said in a statement. *(The Edge)*

PJBUMI: Gets Bursa's nod for proposed one-into-five share split

Bursa Malaysia Securities Bhd has approved PJBumi Bhd's proposed share split, expected to boost trading liquidity and attract a broader investor base by lowering trading prices. In a Bursa Malaysia filing on Wednesday, PJBumi said Bursa Securities' approval for the proposed share split is subject to several conditions, including full compliance with the relevant provisions of the Main Market Listing Requirements (Main LR) governing the exercise. *(The Edge)*

DPHARMA: Eyes biologics, export growth as insulin market share shrinks

DUOPHARMA Biotech Bhd, the country's largest generic drug manufacturer by market share, is stepping up exports and expanding its biologics portfolio as it looks to offset a decline in domestic market share for human insulin. Group CEO Wan Amir-Jeffery Wan Abdul Majid says the group is targeting growth across Asean, China, India, the Middle East and Africa as it seeks to build its next growth engine. *(The Edge)*

TUNEPRO: Protect seeks sustainable growth after turnaround

TWO years into his tenure as group CEO, How Kim Lian has helped steer Tune Protect Group Bhd out of three consecutive years of losses. The challenge now is to turn that recovery into sustainable growth as weaker travel demand, market volatility and geopolitical tensions weigh on its outlook. Tune Protect's net profit jumped 46-fold to RM26.45 million in the financial year ended Dec 31, 2025 (FY2025) from RM572,000 in FY2024. It had recorded a net loss of RM947,000 in FY2023. *(The Edge)*

OPPSTAR: Arm CSS gives Oppstar a head start, not a shortcut to earnings

ACCESS to Arm's Compute Subsystem (CSS) would lower the technological barrier for Oppstar Bhd to develop an advanced chip. But an Arm token is not an instant earnings booster, Oppstar's senior executives acknowledge in an interview with The Edge. Its chief operating officer Tan Chun Chia estimates that developing a product could require a total investment of between US\$60 million (RM244 million) and US\$100 million, depending on the product. *(The Edge)*

OPPSTAR: '2.0' push: From contracted chip designer to turnkey service provider

FOR years, Oppstar Bhd was mainly confined to designing chips for others. Now, the Penang-based integrated circuit (IC) design house wants to broaden its business scope, becoming a turnkey service provider in the IC chip industry. On top of that, Oppstar intends to tape out its own chips. *(The Edge)*

Upcoming key economic data releases	Date
US 30-Year Bond Auction	Oct 9
US Existing Home Sales (Sep)	Oct 13
US Core CPI (MoM) (Sep)	Oct 14
US CPI (MoM) (Sep)	Oct 14
US CPI (YoY) (Sep)	Oct 14
US Retail Sales (MoM) (Sep)	Oct 15
US PPI (MoM) (Sep)	Oct 15
US Core Retail Sales (MoM) (Sep)	Oct 15
US Philadelphia Fed Manufacturing Index (Oct)	Oct 15
US Initial Jobless Claims	Oct 15
Source: Investing.com	



Stock Selection Based on Dividend Yield

	Sector	Price (RM)	Dividend/Share (RM)	Dividend Yield (%)
Sentral REIT	REIT	0.63	0.06	10.16
MBM Resources	Consumer	4.77	0.46	9.62
CapitaLand Malaysia Trust	REIT	0.56	0.05	9.29
Bermaz Auto	Consumer	0.92	0.08	9.18
YTL Hospital REIT	REIT	0.97	0.09	8.76
KIP REIT	REIT	0.87	0.07	8.21
MAG Holdings	Consumer	1.19	0.09	7.98
Magnum	Consumer	1.19	0.09	7.98
Paramount Corporation	Property	0.99	0.07	7.37
Sports Toto	Consumer	1.36	0.10	7.21
Ta Ann Holdings	Plantation	5.83	0.40	6.86
RHB Bank	Finance	7.25	0.49	6.80
TIME dotCom	Telco	5.51	0.37	6.77
Matrix Concepts Holdings	Property	1.07	0.07	6.64
Pavilion REIT	REIT	1.57	0.10	6.56

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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