



Daily Newswatch

Market Review

The FBM KLCI rose (0.2%) to close at 1,599.6 points on Tuesday, as bargain hunting emerged following Monday's sharp sell-off, although it narrowly failed to reclaim. Health Care (+0.6%), Telecommunications and media (+0.6%) and Financial services (+0.4%) led sectoral gains, with Petronas chemicals (+2.1%), Axiata (+1.9%) and CelcomDigi (+1.6%). Market breadth remained negative, with 330 gainers, 742 losers and 509 unchanged.

Major Asian stocks fell on Tuesday, after artificial-intelligence -related stocks bounced back on Wall Street while oil prices stayed elevated. China's Shanghai led regional gains (+0.1%) to 3735.4 points driven by Health services (+2.9%), Commercial services (+1.6%) and Technology services (+1.5%). Taiwan's TAIEX (-1.1%) to 46,292.9 points driven by Energy Minerals (-8.2%), Finance (-2.3%) and Process Industries (-1.8%). Japan's Nikkei 225 (-1.3%) closed at 64,075.4 points driven by Government (-4.8%), Miscellaneous (-3.8%) and Finance (-3.2%). Hong Kong's Hang Seng (-1.3%) closed at 23,867.7 points driven by Distribution services (-4.4%), Non-energy minerals (-3.8%) and Retail trade (-2.1%) while South Korea's KOSPI (-3.7%) closed at 5552.7 points driven by Energy Minerals (-8.3%), Retail trade (-5.8%) and Communications (-5.4%).

European stocks closed lower on Tuesday, with the Euro STOXX 50 falling 0.4% to 6,124 and the STOXX Europe 600 easing 0.1% to 639. ASML (-2.2%) and data-centre-related stocks, including Siemens, Schneider and Siemens Energy, declined by up to 3.3% amid concerns over AI financing. Pharmaceutical stocks advanced, with Sanofi gaining 3% and Argenx surging 6%.

Wall Street closed mostly higher on Tuesday, with the S&P 500 up 0.3%, the Dow gaining 530 points, and the Nasdaq down 0.1%, as declining Treasury yields and energy prices eased rate-hike concerns. Banks and healthcare stocks rebounded, led by Eli Lilly (+3.5%), Merck (+3.2%) and Johnson & Johnson (+2.2%). 3M surged 5.8% after beating profit estimates and raising its outlook, while General Motors fell 6.8% after narrowing its profit outlook. SpaceX and Netflix declined 0.1% and 1.7%, respectively, ahead of earnings.

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Indices	Last Close	Daily chg %	YTD chg %
FBM KLCI	1,599.6	0.2	(4.8)
Dow Jones	52,495.9	1.0	9.2
Nasdaq CI	26,424.8	0.0	13.7
S&P 500	7,712.6	0.3	12.7
SX5E	6,121.7	(0.4)	5.7
FTSE 100	10,733.0	(0.3)	8.1
Nikkei 225	64,075.4	(1.3)	27.3
Shanghai CI	3,735.4	0.1	(5.9)
HSI	23,867.7	(1.3)	(6.9)
STI	5,404.0	(0.1)	16.3

Market Activities	Last Close	% Chg
Vol traded (m shares)	2,867.8	15.0
Value traded (RM m)	2,420.6	1.4
Gainers	330	
Losers	742	
Unchanged	509	

Top 5 Volume	Last Close	Daily chg %	Vol (m)
ZETRIX	0.055	10.0	114.7
VSI	0.330	(2.9)	67.9
TOPG	0.910	2.2	63.7
NHR	0.470	5.6	44.1
SC	0.005	(50.0)	42.9

Top 5 Turnover	Last Close	Daily chg %	Val (RM m)
CIMB	7.150	0.0	121.0
MAY	9.950	0.5	104.9
RHB	N/A	N/A	N/A
PMAH	6.750	1.0	69.3
YTLPWR	N/A	N/A	N/A

Currencies	Last Close	Daily chg %
USD/MYR	4.083	0.0
USD/JPY	158.280	(0.1)
EUR/USD	1.123	(0.1)
USD/CNY	6.676	0.1
US Dollar Index	101.701	(0.3)

Commodities	Last Close	% Chg
Brent (USD/barrel)	108.8	(0.7)
Gold (USD/troy oz)	4,116.3	(0.2)
CPO (MYR/metric t)	4,569.0	(0.6)
Bitcoin (USD/BTC)	82,861.7	0.1

Source: Bloomberg



Macro News

US: Housing starts fall to one of the worst paces since pandemic

New US residential construction declined in September to a four-month low and building permits for single-family homes slid, highlighting a struggling housing market. Housing starts decreased 5.2% to an annualised rate of 1.22 million, according to federal government data released on Tuesday. The pace trailed all estimates in a Bloomberg survey of economists. (*Bloomberg*)

US: Gold eases as elevated oil prices keep inflation risks in focus

Gold eased on Tuesday as firmer oil prices heightened inflation concerns, while investors awaited next week's Federal Reserve (Fed) policy meeting for signals on the US interest rate outlook. Spot gold slid 0.3% to US\$4,128.92 per ounce by 0621 GMT, while US gold futures for December delivery dropped 0.3% to US\$4,148.50. (*Reuters*)

US: Oil Steadies as Traders Weigh US-Iran Talks

Crude oil steadied near \$98 per barrel on Wednesday following sharp swings in the previous session, as investors assessed mixed reports on diplomatic progress between the US and Iran. Prices fell sharply on Tuesday after Pakistan's army chief, Field Marshal Asim Munir, met with senior Iranian diplomatic and military officials in Tehran to discuss bilateral ties and the status of negotiations with Washington. However, a diplomat involved in the discussions dismissed reports that a deal was imminent, while confirming that efforts to end the conflict remain underway. (*Trading Economics*)

US: Treasury Yields Fall on Tuesday to 5.09%

The yield on the US 10-year Treasury note fell nearly 5 basis points to 5.09% on Tuesday, hovering near one-month lows, as oil prices declined on hopes for a diplomatic resolution to the war in Iran, while weaker housing data added to the downward pressure. Housing starts fell 5.2% in September, while pending home sales dropped to a record low, highlighting the continued impact of elevated mortgage rates on housing demand. Investors also weighed persistent inflationary pressures ahead of the Fed's interest rate decision next week. (*Trading Economics*)

UK: Jobs market shows some recovery signs as BOE mulls rate hike

British workers have seen another modest rise in the pace of pay growth and there were other signs of a small recovery in the jobs market, according to data which could bolster the case for a Bank of England (BOE) interest rate hike next month. Average weekly earnings, excluding bonuses, grew by 3.7% in the three months to August compared with the same period in 2025, the Office for National Statistics (ONS) said, extending a gradual pickup since touching a low of 3.4% earlier this year. (*Reuters*)

CN: Flags Apec's role as key for a challenged global economy

The Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (Apec) forum has an increasingly important role in helping the world economy tackle the challenges it faces, China's Finance Minister Lan Foan said on Tuesday. "Apec, as an engine of global economic growth, shoulders greater responsibility," Lan said in remarks at the opening of the Apec Finance Ministers' meeting in Hong Kong. (*Reuters*)

JP: Export Growth Slows to 4-Month Low

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MY: Leaves loan rates steady for 17th consecutive month

China kept its benchmark lending rates unchanged for the 17th straight month in October on Tuesday, in line with market expectations. The steady loan prime rates (LPRs) suggest policymakers are in no rush to roll out fresh monetary easing after a strong third-quarter gross domestic product outcome, as they focus on reforming the loan pricing framework and improving monetary policy transmission. (*Reuters*)

MY: BNM to issue strategy paper, exposure draft on shariah contract framework this year

Bank Negara Malaysia (BNM) will be issuing a strategy paper and exposure draft on the shariah contract framework this year. BNM governor Datuk Seri Abdul Rasheed Ghaffour said the framework is under review to promote broader, more effective use of shariah contracts. "The next Financial Sector Blueprint will also carry this broader shift. We want to align the financial sector more closely with Malaysia's future socio-economic priorities," he said during his special address at the Kuala Lumpur Islamic Finance Forum (KLIFF 2026) here on Tuesday. (*Bernama*)



Corporate News

SML: Wins court battle to remove 6 directors picked by major shareholder and approved by SC

South Malaysia Industries Bhd has succeeded in its bid to remove six directors nominated by a substantial shareholder after the High Court quashed the Securities Commission Malaysia's (SC) approval of their appointment. In a bourse filing on Tuesday, SML said the High Court on Monday also ordered the regulator to pay RM15,000 in costs. *(The Edge)*

ZETRIX: MD TS Wong's stake down to 1.85%

Zetrix AI Bhd managing director Wong Thean Soon (TS Wong) has offloaded another 3.13 million shares, bringing his stake down to 1.85%. The shares, equivalent to a 0.04% stake, were disposed of by his investment vehicle Asia Internet Holdings Sdn Bhd on Monday (Oct 19) at five sen apiece — in line with Monday's closing price — for RM156,500. *(The Edge)*

LYC: Delisting deferred pending Bursa appeal

LYC Healthcare Bhd has managed to delay its delisting from the ACE Market pending an appeal with Bursa Malaysia Securities Bhd. In a bourse filing on Tuesday, LYC said it lodged the appeal ahead of the Oct 26 deadline, staving off the delisting slated for Oct 29. However, the suspension of trading in LYC Healthcare securities from Oct 27 is expected to go ahead. *(The Edge)*

CFM: Seeks leave to initiate judicial review over Bursa public reprimand, fine

Computer Forms (Malaysia) Bhd said it has applied for leave to commence judicial review proceedings against Bursa Malaysia Securities' decision to publicly reprimand the company for breaches of listing requirements involving its failed electric vehicle (EV) joint venture. The application filed at the High Court on Monday was also made by some of its directors, the company said in a bourse filing, without naming them. *(The Edge)*

MAGNA: Proposes name change to Hallson Group

Property developer Magna Prima Bhd proposes to change its name to Hallson Group Bhd, subject to shareholders' approval. In a bourse filing on Tuesday, the company said the proposal for the name change will be tabled at an extraordinary general meeting to be scheduled later. *(The Edge)*

GAMUDA: Signs agreement with Perak government for 1,500 million litres per day water supply scheme

Gamuda Bhd has signed an agreement with the Perak government to develop and operate the Northern Perak Water Supply Scheme, which will transfer up to 1,500 million litres per day (MLD) of raw water from Sungai Perak to Bukit Merah Dam. In a filing with Bursa Malaysia, Gamuda said the agreement, signed on Tuesday (Oct 20), involves Khazanah Air Perak Sdn Bhd (KAP), a 50:50 joint venture between Gamuda and Perbadanan Kemajuan Negeri Perak, and KAP's wholly-owned subsidiary, Prasarana Air dan Irigasi Perak Sdn Bhd (PAIPP). *(The Edge)*

RPLANET: ACE Market-bound RedPlanet's FY2026 net profit rises 22%

ACE Market-bound RedPlanet Bhd saw higher contributions from its main information communications technology (ICT) segment as the group posted a 22.1% increase in net profit to RM6.33 million for the financial year ended June 30, 2026 (FY2026). Annual revenue rose 22.3% to RM40.72 million from RM33.3 million previously, according to its filing with Bursa Malaysia on Tuesday. *(The Edge)*

CTOS: KWAP sells RM4.1 mil worth of CTOS Digital shares

Civil service pensions manager Retirement Fund (Incorporated) (KWAP) has sold 11.4 million shares in CTOS Digital Bhd amid a small rebound in the credit reporting agency's share price. According to a filing on Tuesday, the open market transaction had an estimated value of RM4.1 million based on the closing price of 36 sen on Monday. *(The Edge)*

BUSCAP: Teams up with StarCharge to venture into EV charging infrastructure

Bus Cap Bhd has entered into a deal with Starcharge Energy Sdn Bhd to explore electric vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure and related services in Malaysia, as the bus manufacturer seeks to diversify beyond vehicle production. The collaboration covers charging station infrastructure, technical support, installation and maintenance, as well as potential local assembly of charging equipment, said Bus Cap in a Bursa Malaysia filing on Tuesday. *(The Edge)*

HANDAL: Auditor resigns amid prolonged annual report delay

Handal Energy Bhd's external auditor resigned on Monday after the company indicated its intention to appoint a replacement, with the board expressing dissatisfaction over the progress of an audit that has delayed its annual report for nearly six months. The oil and gas services provider, whose businesses include offshore cranes and lifting, said SBY Partners PLT submitted its resignation as statutory auditor on Monday. The board accepted the resignation the same day, according to its filing with Bursa Malaysia. *(The Edge)*



MISC: SC extends deadline to Nov 30 for MISC, EPF to declare intention on Yinson privatisation

The Securities Commission Malaysia has extended the deadline to Nov 30 for major shareholders MISC Bhd and the Employees Provident Fund (EPF) to announce whether they intend to take Yinson Holdings Bhd (KL:YINSON) private. The extension, approved by the SC in a letter dated Oct 19, will allow Yinson Legacy Sdn Bhd (YLSB) — an investment vehicle linked to Yinson executive chairman Lim Han Weng and his family — MISC and EPF to continue evaluating and discussing the exercise that will be undertaken through a scheme of arrangement. *(The Edge)*

CIMB: Corporate figure Wee Hoe Soon to join CIMB Group's board at start of 2027

CIMB Group Holdings Bhd has announced that Tan Sri Dr Wee Hoe Soon @ Gooi Hoe Soon, 66, will be joining its board as an independent and non-executive director on Jan 1, 2027. According to filings with Bursa Malaysia, CIMB noted that Wee will also become a member of the bank's risk committee and audit committee. *(The Edge)*

AWANTEC: Secures RM8.7m ERP contract from TH Plantations

Awantec Bhd has secured an RM8.68 million contract to supply and implement an enterprise resource planning (ERP) system for TH Plantations Bhd. In a filing with Bursa Malaysia on Tuesday, Awantec said its wholly-owned subsidiary Awantec Systems Sdn Bhd accepted a letter of award from TH Plantations on Oct 20 for the supply, implementation, configuration, testing, training, commissioning, support and maintenance of the Sage X3 ERP system for TH Plantations and its subsidiaries. *(The Edge)*

BIGCARING: To launch Main Market IPO by end-October to raise some RM2.45b — report

Big Caring Group Bhd plans to launch its share sale this month in a bid to raise some RM2.45 billion, the Wall Street Journal reported. The company, which operates over 600 pharmacies in Malaysia, plans to launch the initial public offering (IPO) in the final week of October with an aim to list on Main Market by mid-November, the financial newspaper reported citing unidentified people familiar with the matter. *(The Edge)*

SKA: ACE Market-bound SKA Capital eyes another RM500m in data centre-linked jobs to swell RM313m order book

Data centre-related projects account for nearly half of ACE Market-bound SKA Capital Bhd's RM313.4 million outstanding order book, as the group eyes more contracts from the fast-growing sector. Managing director Datuk Subas Kumar Ambairam said the group is also bidding for about RM500 million worth of data centre-related projects through selective tenders. *(The Edge)*

SHINYOU: Elevator firm Shinyou Holdings seeks ACE Market listing

Shinyou Holdings Bhd, which installs lifts and escalators, is seeking a listing on the ACE Market to raise capital for expansion and working capital for new projects. The Selangor-based company is planning to expand to East Malaysia by setting up a branch office in Kota Kinabalu, Sabah, according to its draft prospectus. Shinyou has about 20 elevators in East Malaysia currently serviced by appointed sub-contractors. *(The Edge)*

THMY: Scales up for next generation of AI testing

THMY Holdings Bhd, which made its ACE Market debut on Oct 23 last year at an initial public offering (IPO) price of 31 sen, has seen its shares surge nearly 7.5-fold in slightly less than a year to RM2.32 last Wednesday (Oct 7), giving the automated test solutions provider a market value of RM2.06 billion. At that price, THMY trades at a trailing price-earnings ratio (PER) of about 123 times. Based on analyst forecasts, the stock is valued at 81 times the company's earnings for the financial year ended March 31, 2027 (FY2027) and 59 times FY2028 earnings. *(The Edge)*

SDG: Denies its estates cause fires in Indonesia

SD Guthrie Bhd on Tuesday denied allegations that its subsidiaries or employees caused forest and land fires in Indonesia. The allegations are not supported by credible evidence and do not reflect the facts established through its own ground checks that confirmed no active fires in any of its estates in Indonesia, the world's largest palm oil producer by acreage said in a statement. *(The Edge)*

Upcoming key economic data releases	Date
US Initial Jobless Claims	Oct 22
S&P Global Services PMI (Oct)	Oct 23
S&P Global Manufacturing PMI (Oct)	Oct 23
Source: Investing.com	



Stock Selection Based on Dividend Yield

	Sector	Price (RM)	Dividend/Share (RM)	Dividend Yield (%)
Sentral REIT	REIT	0.63	0.06	10.24
Bermaz Auto	Consumer	0.89	0.09	9.72
MBM Resources	Consumer	4.75	0.46	9.66
CapitaLand Malaysia Trust	REIT	0.55	0.05	9.54
YTL Hospital REIT	REIT	0.97	0.08	8.81
KIP REIT	REIT	0.86	0.07	8.49
MAG Holdings	Consumer	1.18	0.09	8.05
Magnum	Consumer	1.18	0.09	8.05
Sports Toto	Consumer	1.27	0.10	7.72
Paramount Corporation	Property	0.96	0.07	7.60
Al-Salam REIT	REIT	0.54	0.04	7.48
Ta Ann Holdings	Plantation	5.71	0.40	7.01
TIME dotCom	Telco	5.35	0.37	6.97
Matrix Concepts Holdings	Property	1.02	0.07	6.96
RHB Bank	Finance	7.30	0.49	6.73

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		
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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