

Bulletin Today

BURSA MALAYSIA

Index	Closing	Pts Chg	% Chg
FBM-KLCI	1,623.12	4.74	0.29
Volume: Total (mil):	5,390.30	626.56	13.15
Total Value (RM' mil):	4,412.48	701.03	18.89
Gainers	761		
Losers	478		
Unchanged	473		

TRADE STATISTICS

Participation	Bought	Sold	Net
47.23 Institution	1,929	2,239	(310)
20.54 Retail	867	946	(79)
32.23 Foreign	1,617	1,228	389
100.00	4,413	4,413	0

FTSE-BURSA MALAYSIA

Index	Closing	Pts Chg	% Chg
FBM 70	18,794.32	230.79	1.24
FBM 100	12,155.30	69.39	0.57
FBM Palm Oil - NC	11,177.35	(8.55)	(0.08)
FBM Smallcap	19,801.37	115.08	0.58
FBM Emas	12,582.32	71.94	0.58
FBM Fledgling	22,700.30	81.01	0.36

WORLD

Index	Closing	Pts Chg	% Chg
Dow Jones	39,754	32	0.08
Nasdaq	18,283	(364)	(1.95)
FTSE 100	8,223	30	0.36
Nikkei 225	42,224	392	0.94
Hang Seng	17,832	361	2.06
Korea Kospi	2,891	23	0.81
Singapore STI	3,475	15	0.44
Thailand SET	1,329	6	0.46
Jakarta	7,300	13	0.18
Shanghai	2,970	31	1.06
Shenzhen	1,620	37	2.35

KLCI FUTURES

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FBM-KLCI	1,623.12	4.74	0.29	224m
FKLI - Jul 24	1,619.00	2.00	0.12	5,413
FKLI - Aug 24	1,622.00	2.50	0.15	303
FKLI - Sep 24	1,605.50	1.00	0.06	651
FKLI - Dec 24	1,613.50	3.50	0.22	489

FOREX & COMMODITIES

	Closing	Pts Chg	% Chg
CPO Futures (Oct)	3,906.00	9.00	0.23
Brent (USD/b)	85.40	0.32	0.38
Gold (USD/Ounce)	2,415.48	44.22	1.86
USD/RM	4.6875	(0.0122)	(0.26)
SGD/RM	3.4789	(0.0041)	(0.12)
JPY/RM	2.9497	0.0432	1.49

HIGHLIGHTS

- ◆ The **Dow closing up 32.39 points** or 0.1% to **39,753.85**, but the **Nasdaq plunged 364.04 points** or 2.0% to **18,283.41**
- ◆ DOSM: Malaysia's wholesale and retail sales growth accelerates to 7.1% Y-o-Y in May, fastest in a year
- ◆ BNM keeps OPR at 3.0% as widely expected
- ◆ U.S. consumer prices unexpectedly dip in June, annual growth slows more-than-expected
- ◆ UK economy rebounds in May
- ◆ **Astro** gets RM734.9m additional tax bill from IRB
- ◆ **Shin Yang's** controlling Ling family injects East Malaysia car dealership business into group for RM144.5m
- ◆ **Aneka Jaringan** bags RM53.0m sub-contract for construction project in Selangor
- ◆ **Keyfield** delivers vessel to Helms Geomarine for three-plus-two years charter
- ◆ **Pesona Metro** acquires 51% stake in property developer to diversify business
- ◆ **Asia Poly** buys stake in director's company to jump onto data centre bandwagon
- ◆ **G3 Global** secures 30-year concession to develop migrant worker dorms in Maldives
- ◆ **BM Greentech** proposes 1-for-4 bonus issue of warrants

THE SLANT

- ◆ The FBM KLCI was still on the uptrend, extending its gains for a third straight day. This time, the market was buoyed by JP Morgan's upgrade on the country's rating, with the U.S. equities' continuing gains also helping to shore up sentiments further. In the process, the key index also regained the 1,620 level at the close. The broader market also saw renewed buying interest that helped market breadth to extend their stay in the positive territory. Also, traded volumes climbed back above 5.0b units.
- ◆ Near-term market conditions are likely to remain buoyant, supported by optimism of an U.S. interest rate cut and the upgrade of the country's rating that could encourage further interest in Malaysian equities. Sentiments are also slowing picking up from the recent positivity in regional and key global indices that should also permeate to the local market and there has also been a pickup in foreign participation that would also help to keep the FBM KLCI on its upward trend for longer. Collectively, these factors could help the key index to end the week on a firmer note as it could now look to stay above the 1,620 to retest the next hurdle at 1,625 points, before year-high level of 1,630 points is retested. On the downside, the supports are at 1,615 and 1,610 points respectively.

- ◆ The broader market shares are also likely to sustain their gains into the end of the week amid the more positive market undertone, which should also encourage more retail players to re-enter the market to pick up some laggards.

GLOBAL AND ECONOMIC UPDATE

- ◆ Stocks showed a substantial downturn over the course of the trading session on Thursday, with the Nasdaq and the S&P 500 pulling back sharply after reaching new record intraday highs in early trading with profit taking setting in. The Dow, however, closed up 32.39 points or 0.1% to 39,753.85, while the Nasdaq plunged 364.04 points or 2.0% to 18,283.41. [RTT News](#)
- ◆ **DOSM: Malaysia's wholesale and retail sales growth accelerates to 7.1% Y-o-Y in May, fastest in a year**
Malaysia's wholesale and retail sales accelerated by 7.1% Y-o-Y to RM147.9b in May 2024 — the fastest pace since the 11.9% Y-o-Y jump in March 2023 — thanks to higher retail sales in non-specialised stores. The wholesale and retail sales growth in May recorded a 4.7% Y-o-Y and 8.7% Y-o-Y expansion each, while motor vehicle sales maintained a double-digit growth rate for the second consecutive month at 10.5% Y-o-Y. On a monthly basis, the retail sector inched up 0.3%, while wholesale trade was up 2.0% and motor vehicle sales climbed 8.8%. [The Edge Markets](#)
- ◆ **BNM keeps OPR at 3.0% as widely expected**
Malaysia's central bank kept the benchmark interest rate unchanged as widely expected, amid resilient economic growth and manageable inflation. The OPR was maintained at 3.0% following the Monetary Policy Committee's two-day meeting. [The Edge Markets](#)
- ◆ **U.S. consumer prices unexpectedly dip in June, annual growth slows more-than-expected**
U.S. consumer prices unexpectedly edged slightly lower in June, largely reflected another steep drop of gasoline prices. It slipped by 0.1% M-o-M in June after coming in unchanged in May. Economists had expected consumer prices to inch up by 0.1% M-o-M. The annual rate of consumer price growth slowed to 3.0% Y-o-Y in June, from 3.3% Y-o-Y in May. Economists had expected the pace of price growth to decelerate to 3.1% Y-o-Y. The annual rate of core consumer price growth also slowed to 3.3% Y-o-Y in June, from 3.4% Y-o-Y in May. The pace of core price growth was expected to remain unchanged. [RTT News](#)
- ◆ **UK economy rebounds in May**
The UK economy rebounded at a faster-than-expected pace in May, underpinned by broad-based expansion in the services, manufacturing and construction industries. Real GDP grew 0.4% M-o-M in May after showing no growth in April. The actual growth was double the expected 0.2% M-o-M expansion. [RTT News](#)

CORPORATE NEWS

- ◆ **Astro gets RM734.9m additional tax bill from IRB**
Astro Malaysia Holdings Bhd's 100%-owned Astro Shaw Sdn Bhd and MEASAT Broadcast Network Systems Sdn Bhd (MBNS) has been served with an additional tax bill of RM734.9m for the YA2019 to YA2023, including penalties. The additional assessment is about half of the group's market capitalisation of RM1.59b. Astro Shaw's notice showed an additional tax of RM22.0m, while MBNS has to pay RM712.9m. The notices for additional assessment were issued as production costs incurred during the said years of assessment were disallowed for deduction ASSB and MBNS have 30 days from the date of the notices to appeal against the IRB's decision. [The Edge Markets](#)

- ◆ **Shin Yang's controlling Ling family injects East Malaysia car dealership business into group for RM144.5m**
The Ling family behind shipping company **Shin Yang Group Bhd** is injecting part of their Toyota and Lexus car dealership business in East Malaysia into the group for RM144.5m, in a cash and share deal. The group had signed two separate conditional share sale agreements to buy Boulevard Jaya Sdn Bhd — an authorised dealer of Toyota vehicles in Sarawak and agent of Lexus vehicles to take up a 60% stake each in three other companies involved in related automotive businesses, including sale of spare parts, after-sales services, and the servicing and repairing of Toyota and Lexus vehicles in East Malaysia. The group plans to fund the acquisitions using internal funds. For the treasury shares to be transferred, they represent about 4.6% of its issued share capital post-acquisition (excluding treasury shares, which will be reduced from 70.3m to 15.4m). The acquisitions are expected to be completed by 3Q2024. [The Edge Markets](#)

- ◆ **Aneka Jaringan bags RM53.0m sub-contract for construction project in Selangor**
Aneka Jaringan Holdings Bhd has secured a RM53.0m sub-contract from Grand Dynamic Builders Sdn Bhd for the execution of bored piles and precast reinforced concrete piles works in Selangor. The project, scheduled to start on 17 July, 2024, is expected to be completed by 1 March, 2025 and involves the construction of a new logistics hub for Strategic Sonata Sdn Bhd. [The Edge Markets](#)

- ◆ **Keyfield delivers vessel to Helms Geomarine for three-plus-two years charter**
Keyfield International Bhd delivered its Keyfield Helms 1 (KH1) geotechnical vessel to Helms Geomarine Sdn Bhd for a three-plus-two years charter contract. The charter party agreement, signed in December 2023, will begin this month until end-June 2027. KH1 will be utilised to primarily support Helms Geomarine which recently secured a three-year geotechnical investigation contract from Petroliam Nasional Bhd (Petronas). Additionally, the vessel will support Helms Geomarine's long-term contracts with other oil majors in Malaysia and in Thailand. [The Edge Markets](#)

◆ **Pesona Metro acquires 51% stake in property developer to diversify business**

Pesona Metro Holdings Bhd is diversifying into property development through the acquisition of a 51% stake in the developer of a high-rise residential project in Bukit Jalil for RM40.8m in cash. A 19% stake is acquired from Chin May Yong for RM15.2m, and the other 32% stake is from AM Anugerah Sdn Bhd for RM25.6m. Upon the completion of these acquisitions, Chin's stake in Gaya Kuasa will be diluted to 49%. The group plans to finance the acquisition through internally generated funds and/or bank borrowings. The diversification is expected to be completed by 4Q2024. [The Edge Markets](#)

◆ **Asia Poly buys stake in director's company to jump onto data centre bandwagon**

Asia Poly Holdings Bhd is buying a 50% stake in an IT engineering firm, Darwell Asia Pacific Sdn Bhd — a move to venture into telecommunications engineering and data centre support services. The stake acquisition will cost RM6.1m in cash. The group is buying the stake from Darwell's current directors namely Ooi Chee Seong, who will dispose 48% of his stake valued at RM5.9m, and Tan Lian Li (disposing 2.0% stake worth RM0.2m). This is a related party transaction as the group's non-independent and non-executive director, Thoo Soon Huat also owns a 30% stake in Darwell. The agreement also came with a profit guarantee of RM1.6m EBITDA for 2024 and 2025. The acquisition will be funded using internally generated funds and is expected to be completed within three months. [The Edge Markets](#)

◆ **G3 Global secures 30-year concession to develop migrant worker dorms in Maldives**

G3 Global Bhd has received the letter of award from the Maldives Ministry of Homeland Security and Technology, granting it the exclusive rights to implement the the National Integrated Migrant Workers Dormitory (NiMWD) for the Maldives government. This project aims to oversee and manage the accommodation and welfare of all migrant workers in the Maldives.

The project will be undertaken through a public-private partnership model, with 100% private finance initiative and revenue sharing between Maldives and G3 Global. The concession period for the project is 30 years, starting from the date of issuance of the land lease, with an automatic extension of an additional period of 30 years. The project will generate revenue through fees charged to employers for each migrant worker at US\$100 per month for the first year, before increasing to US\$120 per month, of which US\$5.00 shall be shared with the Maldives government. The fee will be subject to periodic review. [The Edge Markets](#)

- ◆ **BM Greentech proposes 1-for-4 bonus issue of warrants**
BM Greentech Bhd (BMG) has proposed to undertake a bonus issue of up to 172.0m warrants on the basis of 1 warrant-for-every 4 existing BMG shares held by entitled shareholders. The group will undertake the exercise once it completes the proposed acquisition of the entire stake in solar firm, Plus XNergy Holding Sdn Bhd (PXH) as well as a special issuance to **QL Resources Bhd**, which holds a 52.6% stake in BGM. The exercise price of the warrants is assumed at RM1.63.

The group has formalised a conditional share acquisition agreement to fulfil the term sheet requirements in BMG's RM110.0m acquisition of PXH. The acquisition will be satisfied via an issuance of 81.5m new BMG shares at an issue price of RM1.35 per share to PXH. Under the agreement, PXH must achieve a minimum accumulated profit guarantee of RM44.0m from 1 April, 2024 until 31 March, 2028. To ensure QL maintains its shareholdings in BMG after the acquisition, BMG will issue 90.3m new shares to QL at RM1.35 per share. *The Edge Markets*

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