

# Bulletin Today

## BURSA MALAYSIA

Index	Closing	Pts Chg	% Chg
FBM-KLCI	1,619.06	(4.06)	(0.25)
Volume: Total (mil):	4,583.63	(806.67)	(14.97)
Total Value (RM' mil):	3,728.03	(684.45)	(15.51)
Gainers	532		
Losers	639		
Unchanged	514		

## TRADE STATISTICS

Participation		Bought	Sold	Net
45.70	Institution	1,683	1,724	(41)
20.77	Retail	794	754	40
33.53	Foreign	1,251	1,250	1
100.00		3,728	3,728	0

## FTSE-BURSA MALAYSIA

Index	Closing	Pts Chg	% Chg
FBM 70	18,673.19	(121.13)	(0.64)
FBM 100	12,110.62	(44.68)	(0.37)
FBM Palm Oil - NC	11,168.24	(9.11)	(0.08)
FBM Smallcap	19,812.57	11.20	0.06
FBM Emas	12,540.70	(41.62)	(0.33)
FBM Fledgling	22,781.66	81.36	0.36

## WORLD

Index	Closing	Pts Chg	% Chg
Dow Jones	40,001	247	0.62
Nasdaq	18,398	115	0.63
FTSE 100	8,253	30	0.36
Nikkei 225	41,191	(1033)	(2.45)
Hang Seng	18,293	461	2.59
Korea Kospi	2,857	(34)	(1.19)
Singapore STI	3,498	23	0.65
Thailand SET	1,332	3	0.20
Jakarta	7,328	27	0.37
Shanghai	2,971	1	0.03
Shenzhen	1,617	(2)	(0.14)

## KLCI FUTURES

Index	Closing	Pts Chg	% Chg	Volume
FBM-KLCI	1,619.06	(4.06)	(0.25)	267m
FKLI - Jul 24	1,625.50	6.50	0.40	8,278
FKLI - Aug 24	1,628.50	6.50	0.40	255
FKLI - Sep 24	1,612.00	6.50	0.40	130
FKLI - Dec 24	1,618.50	5.00	0.31	85

## FOREX & COMMODITIES

	Closing	Pts Chg	% Chg
CPO Futures (Oct)	3,892.00	(14.00)	(0.36)
Brent (USD/b)	85.03	(0.37)	(0.43)
Gold (USD/Ounce)	2,411.43	(4.05)	(0.17)
USD/RM	4.6715	(0.0160)	(0.34)
SGD/RM	3.4781	(0.0008)	(0.02)
JPY/RM	2.9581	0.0084	0.28

## HIGHLIGHTS

- ◆ The **Dow advanced 247.15 points** or 0.6% to **40,000.90**, while the **Nasdaq climbed 115.04 points** or 0.6% to **18,398.45**
- ◆ DOSM: Malaysia's industrial output rises slower-than-expected in May
- ◆ U.S. producer prices rise 0.2% M-o-M in June, slightly more-than-expected
- ◆ U.S. consumer sentiment unexpectedly drops to eight-month low in July
- ◆ China exports rise more-than-forecast in June
- ◆ **Toyo Ventures'** US\$980.0m equipment financing facility voided following termination of Vietnam thermal power plant project
- ◆ **REDtone** now fourth-largest shareholder in **Theta Edge** after raising stake to 7.12%; **Theta Edge** says RM673.8m investment for new IoT project is actually operating expenditure
- ◆ **Tafi** bags RM207.5m related-party transaction for mixed-used development in Setia Alam
- ◆ **Kimlun** forms JVco with Singapore's Astaka to build serviced apartments in Johor Bahru
- ◆ **JAKS Resources** partners with Chinese firm to bid for 500MWac solar PV plants under LSS5 programme
- ◆ **KNM** gets six-month extension to submit PN17 regularisation plan
- ◆ **Radiant Globaltech** to acquire 80% stake in IT firm for RM52.5m
- ◆ **Nestcon** aims to raise RM27.3m via private placement to repay bank borrowings

## THE SLANT

- ◆ The FBM KLCI succumbed to profit taking ahead of the weekend with the key index closing a shade below the 1,620 level. Market conditions were generally more tepid after three consecutive days of gains that allowed the key index to recapture the psychological 1,600 level. In the broader market, conditions also turned more subdued with most stocks ending the week lower, leaving market breadth on a negative note. At the same time, traded volumes slipped below 5.0b units for the day.
- ◆ Near-term market conditions are likely to stay mostly positive, underpinned by the continuing prospects of monetary easing in the U.S. as its economy and inflation cools further, opening the door for a potential first interest rate cut in September. The cut is likely to bolster demand for Malaysia's exports and strengthen the Ringgit against the USD in due course. In the interim, the key index could remain relatively steadfast and could make a pass at the 1,620 level again as the bouts of mild bargain hunting could continue. At the same time, foreign funds may also continue to pick up some of the recent laggards and to allow the key index to regain its near-term upsides. Beyond the 1,620 level, the resistances are at 1,625 and 1,630 points respectively. On the

downside, meanwhile, the supports are at 1,615 points and 1,610 points respectively.

- ◆ The lower liners could also mount a quick recovery, but further gains may also be mild due to the already toppish market conditions. Consequently, the gains could be met with bouts of profit taking that could slow their upsides.

## GLOBAL AND ECONOMIC UPDATE

- ◆ The major averages gave back ground going into the close but remained firmly positive. The Dow advanced 247.15 points or 0.6% to 40,000.90, while the Nasdaq climbed 115.04 points or 0.6% to 18,398.45. [RTT News](#)
- ◆ **DOSM: Malaysia's industrial output rises slower-than-expected in May**  
Malaysia's industrial output rose at a slower-than-expected pace in May from a year earlier amid a slowdown in manufacturing activities and electricity generation, and mining sector contraction. It climbed 2.4% Y-o-Y in May when compared to the same month last year. That compares to April's 6.1% Y-o-Y increase. On a monthly basis, the index rebounded 3.5% in April after contracting 7.6% a month earlier. [The Edge Markets](#)
- ◆ **U.S. producer prices rise 0.2% M-o-M in June, slightly more-than-expected**  
U.S. producer prices increased by slightly more-than-expected in June, largely due to an advance of prices for services. It rose by 0.2% M-o-M in June following a revised unchanged reading in May. Economists had expected producer prices to inch up by 0.1% M-o-M. The annual rate of producer price growth accelerated to 2.6% in June, from an upwardly revised 2.4% in May. The annual rate of producer price growth was expected to creep up to 2.3%. [RTT News](#)
- ◆ **U.S. consumer sentiment unexpectedly drops to eight-month low in July**  
U.S. consumer sentiment has unexpectedly deteriorated in the month of July. It fell to 66.0 in July, from 68.2 in June. Economists had expected the index to inch up to 68.5. With the unexpected decrease, the consumer sentiment index dropped to its lowest level since hitting 61.3 in November 2023. [RTT News](#)
- ◆ **China exports rise more-than-forecast in June**  
China's exports increased more-than-expected in June but imports fell unexpectedly. Exports posted a Y-o-Y growth of 8.6% in June, following May's 7.6% increase. Shipments were forecast to climb 8.0% Y-o-Y. Imports dropped 2.3% Y-o-Y, in contrast to the 1.8% Y-o-Y increase in May. Economists had forecast an expansion of 2.8% Y-o-Y. As a result, the trade surplus surged to US\$99.1b, from US\$82.6b in the prior month. This was well above economists' forecast of US\$85.0b. [RTT News](#)

**CORPORATE NEWS**

- ◆ **Toyo Ventures' US\$980.0m equipment financing facility voided following termination of Vietnam thermal power plant project**  
**Toyo Ventures Holdings Bhd** said that the US\$980.0m (RM4.58b) financing facility it secured from i-Power Solutions Pte Ltd for the Song Hau 2 thermal power plant project is no longer applicable. This came one week after the group confirmed that the project has been terminated by the Vietnamese government. It received an email from i-Power Solutions' legal counsel, citing the project's termination as reason for rendering the equipment facility irrelevant. However, it emphasised that SH2P is still in the process of finalising syndicated financing facilities for the power plant project. *The Edge Markets*

- ◆ **REDtone now fourth-largest shareholder in Theta Edge after raising stake to 7.12%; Theta Edge says RM673.8m 'investment' for new IoT project is actually operating expenditure**  
**REDtone Digital Bhd** has acquired a total of 8.4m shares, representing a 7.1% stake in **Theta Edge Bhd**, from the open market for about RM13.9m cash. This makes REDtone the fourth-largest shareholder in Theta Edge, after Lembaga Tabung Haji which holds a 27.3% stake, Threadstone Capital Sdn Bhd (13.6% stake) and Inter Pacific (9.4%). These acquisitions were funded using internal funds from the group and its subsidiaries.

Theta Edge had, on 2 July, 2024, received an offer letter from the Ampang Jaya Municipal Council (MPAJ) for the development, provision and maintenance of Internet of Things (IoT) for its smart business initiative in Ampang Jaya. The group clarified that the RM673.8m it planned to invest to develop IoT technology is actually the operating expenditure that is required for the project over a 20-year concession period, commencing from 15 July, 2024 until 14 July, 2044. The value of RM673.8m does not refer to the actual investment required for the project. *The Edge Markets*

- ◆ **Tafi bags RM207.5m related-party transaction for mixed-used development in Setia Alam**  
**Tafi Industries Bhd** has bagged a construction contract as well as piling and project furniture works worth a combined total of RM207.5m for a mixed-use development project that comprises a serviced apartment and a small-office, home-office (SOHO) block in Setia Alam, Selangor. The contract was awarded by Armani KPF2 Development Sdn Bhd (AKDSB). The tenure for the construction of the main building and associate works is 42 months, with a contract value of RM186.6m, while the piling and project furniture construction works has a tenure of six months, worth RM20.9m. This contract is deemed a related-party transaction as Datuk Seri Azlan Azmi, Datuk Seri Wong Sze Chien, Datuk Seri Ong Chee Kean and Abdul Malek Jalil are directors of both Tafi and AKDSB. The latest contract won increased the group's outstanding order book to RM507.7m. *The Edge Markets*

◆ **Kimlun forms JVco with Singapore's Astaka to build serviced apartments in Johor Bahru**

**Kimlun Corp Bhd** is forming a joint venture company (JVco) with Singapore-listed Astaka Holdings Ltd's (AHL) indirect 50.99%-owned unit Astaka Capital Sdn Bhd (ACSB) to develop a residential serviced apartment project in Johor Bahru. ACSB and Kii Amber will form the JVco on a ratio of 51:49 shareholding respectively to undertake the project. The project is related to phase three of Arden @ One Bukit Senyum, which is slated to be launched in 4Q2024, with construction expected to be completed within 48 months. The Arden residential apartment has a gross development value of RM600.0m, comprising 600 premium serviced residence units in a skyscraper building.

The JVco has also proposed to acquire a parcel of land measuring 1.7 ac. in Johor Bahru for RM61.5m or RM77 per sq. ft. to be developed into the residential serviced apartment. For the purchase of the land, the JVco entered into a sale and purchase agreement with Astaka Padu Sdn Bhd (registered proprietor of the land) and Seaview Holdings Sdn Bhd (beneficial owner of the land). The JVco shares subscription will be satisfied wholly in cash from internally generated funds, while the land acquisition will be funded by external borrowings from third parties, including banks, loans or capital injections from each shareholder of the JVco. [The Edge Markets](#)

◆ **JAKS Resources partners with Chinese firm to bid for 500MWac solar PV plants under LSS5 programme**

**JAKS Resources Bhd** has entered into a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with Shanghai-based China Power Engineering Consulting Group International Engineering Co Ltd (CPECC INT'L) to bid for the development of solar photovoltaic (PV) plants with a maximum aggregate capacity of 500 megawatt of alternating current (MWac), under the Energy Commission's fifth Large Scale Solar (LSS5) programme.

Under the MOU, both parties agreed to form a consortium, where JAKS will hold a 51% stake and CPECC INT'L will hold 49%, to jointly bid, develop, finance, construct, and operate the solar PV plants. Should the project be awarded by the Energy Commission, both parties agree to establish a special purpose vehicle to implement the project. Both parties will collaborate on the study, planning, and preparation of the project bidding document by the bid closing date, arrange project financing with acceptable guarantees and terms, and share costs for external consultants and necessary preparations. The MOU is effective upon its signing, lasting one year, and will terminate automatically unless extended or upon the occurrence of other events. [The Edge Markets](#)

◆ **KNM gets six-month extension to submit PN17 regularisation plan**

**KNM Group Bhd** has been granted a second extension to submit its Practice Note 17 (PN17) regularisation plan from the earlier deadline of 30 April, 2024. The group now has until 30 October, 2024 to submit its regularisation plan to the authorities. The group had previously requested for a 12-month extension until 30 April, 2025, but was given six months instead to finalise the PN17 regularisation plan. [The Edge Markets](#)

- ◆ **Radiant Globaltech to acquire 80% stake in IT firm for RM52.5m**  
**Radiant Globaltech Bhd** has announced plans to acquire an 80% stake in IT solutions provider Rymnet Solutions Sdn Bhd, for RM52.5m. Rymnet specialises in digitalisation of human resource management operations. The group has signed a term sheet with Rymnet founder, chief executive officer and major shareholder Un Sze Hau for the acquisition. The parties expect to finalise a formal share purchase agreement within 30 days. The proposed acquisition will bode well with its business strategic plans to widen and diversify its IT solution offerings. The acquisition deal will be financed through a combination of cash and shares. The group will pay RM42.5m in cash and issue 30.3m new shares at 33 sen per share to Un to cover the remaining RM10.0m. There is a profit guarantee clause under the proposed acquisition where the vendors guarantee the group a consolidated profit after tax (PAT) of RM5.0m for CY24 and an adjusted PAT of RM6.0m for CY25. [The Edge Markets](#)
  
- ◆ **Nestcon aims to raise RM27.3m via private placement to repay bank borrowings**  
**Nestcon Bhd** aims to raise RM27.3m through a private placement of 70.8m shares or 10% of its enlarged share base, based on an assumed issue price of 38.5 sen. A total of RM22.0m of the gross proceeds will be allocated to repaying its bank borrowings. Another RM4.6m will be used for working capital in construction projects, as well as for engineering, procurement, construction and commissioning (EPCC) of solar photovoltaic (PV) projects, while the remaining RM685k will cover estimated expenses related to the proposed private placement. The proposed private placement is expected to be completed by 1Q2025. [The Edge Markets](#)

**Table 1: Entitlements (15/07/2024 – 22/07/2024)**

Stock Code	Stock Name	Entitlements	Description	Ex-Date	Lodgement Date	Payment/Cessation Date
0270	NATIONGATE HLDGS BHD	Interim	0.0025	15/07/2024	16/07/2024	15/08/2024
5271	PECCA GROUP BHD	3rd Interim	0.015	15/07/2024	16/07/2024	25/07/2024
5105	CAN-ONE BHD	1st & Final	0.04	15/07/2024	16/07/2024	26/07/2024
5147	SAMCHEM HLDGS BHD	1st Interim	0.005	15/07/2024	16/07/2024	31/07/2024
0217	POWERWELL HLDGS BHD	3rd Interim	0.01	15/07/2024	16/07/2024	30/07/2024
7091	UNIMECH GROUP BHD	Final	0.039	15/07/2024	16/07/2024	30/07/2024
5095	HEVEABOARD BHD	1st & Final	0.01	15/07/2024	16/07/2024	30/07/2024
1694	MENANG CORPORATION (M) BHD	Special Cash	0.06	16/07/2024	17/07/2024	26/07/2024
2135	GOPENG BHD	Final	0.01	16/07/2024	17/07/2024	16/08/2024
0218	ACO GROUP BHD	1st Interim	0.002	16/07/2024	17/07/2024	29/07/2024
9822	SAM ENGINEERING & EQUIPMENT (M) BHD	1st Interim	0.033	17/07/2024	18/07/2024	08/08/2024
5248	BERMAZ AUTO BHD	Special Cash	0.07	18/07/2024	19/07/2024	02/08/2024
5248	BERMAZ AUTO BHD	4th Interim	0.0475	18/07/2024	19/07/2024	02/08/2024
3107	FIMA CORPORATION BHD	2nd Interim	0.075	18/07/2024	19/07/2024	02/08/2024
5797	CHOO BEE METAL INDUSTRIES BHD	Final	0.005	18/07/2024	19/07/2024	02/08/2024
5533	OCB BHD	1st & Final	0.015	18/07/2024	19/07/2024	31/07/2024
5008	HARRISONS HLDGS (M) BHD	Final	0.5	19/07/2024	22/07/2024	19/08/2024
0229	MOBILIA HLDGS BHD	Bonus-Warrants	1:4	19/07/2024	22/07/2024	31/07/2024

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