

BULLETIN TODAY

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BURSA MALAYSIA

Index	Closing	Pts Chg	% Chg
FBM-KLCI	1,580.46	8.12	0.52
Volume: Total (mil):	3,428.21	476.02	16.12
Total Value (RM' mil):	2,613.57	166.39	6.80
Gainers	665		
Losers	372		
Unchanged	509		

TRADE STATISTICS

Participation	Bought	Sold	Net
40.29 Institution	1,085	1,021	63
20.59 Retail	518	558	(40)
39.12 Foreign	1,011	1,034	(23)
100.00	2,614	2,614	0

FTSE-BURSA MALAYSIA

Index	Closing	Pts Chg	% Chg
FBM 70	18,222.67	160.18	0.89
FBM 100	11,821.25	73.40	0.62
FBM Palm Oil - NC	12,091.66	25.89	0.21
FBM Smallcap	17,499.69	110.92	0.64
FBM Emas	12,141.36	75.53	0.63
FBM Fledgling	19,153.44	60.23	0.32

WORLD

Index	Closing	Pts Chg	% Chg
Dow Jones	44,026	538	1.24
Nasdaq	19,757	127	0.64
FTSE 100	8,548	28	0.33
Nikkei 225	39,028	125	0.32
Hang Seng	20,107	181	0.91
Korea Kospi	2,518	(2)	(0.08)
Singapore STI	3,795	(13)	(0.33)
Thailand SET	1,353	12	0.90
Jakarta	7,182	11	0.15
Shanghai	3,243	(2)	(0.05)
Shenzhen	1,940	5	0.25

KLCI FUTURES

Index	Closing	Pts Chg	% Chg	Volume
FBM-KLCI	1,580.46	8.12	0.52	207m
FKLI - Jan 25	1,572.50	10.00	0.64	9,161
FKLI - Feb 25	1,576.50	10.50	0.67	2,941
FKLI - Mar 25	1,559.50	11.50	0.74	307
FKLI - Jun 25	1,568.00	11.00	0.71	48

FOREX & COMMODITIES

	Closing	Pts Chg	% Chg
CPO Futures (Apr)	4,260.00	54.00	1.28
Brent (USD/b)	79.29	(0.86)	(1.07)
Gold (USD/Ounce)	2,744.81	36.60	1.35
USD/RM	4.4760	(0.0172)	(0.38)
SGD/RM	3.2919	0.0011	0.03
JPY/RM	2.8781	(0.0090)	(0.31)

HIGHLIGHTS

- The Dow closed up 537.98 points or 1.24% to 44,025.81, while the Nasdaq gained 126.58 points or 0.64% to settle at 19,756.78
- SASBADI HOLDINGS BHD – 1QFY25: NEUTRAL, TP: RM0.18
- German economic confidence weakens in January
- UK jobless rate rises, wage growth remains high
- Pansar bags RM477.7m highway construction job in Sarawak
- YNH to sell AEON Mall Seri Manjung to Sunway REIT for RM138.0m
- Taghill bags RM58.0m commercial complex construction job
- Mah Sing buys RM32.0m land for third project in Sentul
- KTI Landmark explores affordable housing project in Kota Kinabalu
- Alpha IVF's 2QFY25 net profit up 23.6% Y-o-Y driven by foreign patients
- MNRB's 3QFY25 net profit rises 36.9% Y-o-Y on higher insurance service earnings
- KIP REIT's 2QFY25 net property income up 28.9% Y-o-Y bolstered by newly acquired retail assets

THE SLANT

- There were more gains yesterday as the key index continues its recovery, buoyed by hopes that President Trump's possible tariffs will be less punitive than earlier expected. This encouraged further bargain hunting that helped the key index to climb back to the 1,580 level at the close. The buying interest was also extended to the broader market and market breadth remained decidedly on the positive side with traded volumes also rising to near 3.5b units.
- Near-term market conditions are likely to staying buoyant as market sentiments are showing improvements amid hopes of less disruptions to global trade ahead. This could spur further recovery on Bursa Malaysia as more bargain hunting activities could emerge after the early year selldown that sent the key index to its lowest level in more than five months. The recent big moves in key global indices could also provide some impetus for the FBM KLCI to gain further traction, albeit there are still pockets of selling by foreign funds that could still slow the recovery with domestic players, especially institutional players, providing much of the buying support. On the upside, the immediate hurdles are at the 1,582-1,585 levels, followed by the 1,592 level. The supports, meanwhile, are at 1,575 points and 1,566 points respectively.
- We also see the lower liners maintaining their recovery process, with market players capitalising on the improved market sentiments to undertake trades on some of the beaten down sector leaders. However, we also think quick profit taking to also temper with some of their upsides.

RESULTS UPDATE

▪ SASBADI HOLDINGS BHD – 1QFY25: NEUTRAL, TP: RM0.18

FYE Aug (RM m)	1QFY25	1QFY24	YoY	4QFY24	QoQ
			%		%
Revenue	34.1	15.3	123.3	23.6	44.5
PBT	7.8	(1.0)	NM	(6.4)	NM
PAT	5.8	(1.0)	NM	(4.1)	NM
EPS (sen)	1.3	(0.2)	NM	(0.9)	NM

Y-o-Y. 1QFY25's revenue more-than-doubled to RM34.1m, from RM15.3m, mainly attributed to an increase in book sales which led its Print Publishing segmental revenue higher, supported by the introduction of Madani Book Voucher with an estimated allocation of RM300m. This also resulted in its net profit returning to the positive side with a profit of RM5.8m, from a loss of RM1.0m.

Q-o-Q. 1QFY25's revenue improved by 44.5% to RM34.1m, from RM23.6m as it recovered from a seasonally low base, while its book sales increased mostly due to the Madani Book Voucher initiative. Net profit, meanwhile, came in at RM5.8m, from a RM4.1m loss in 4QFY24 due to the inclusion of a one-off impairment impact on inventories in that quarter.

Within expectations. Sasbadi's 1QFY25's revenue and PAT came in line with our expectations, accounting for about 32.7% and 58.6% of our forecasts respectively on seasonal factors. While we expect sales momentum in 2QFY25 to sustain on peak school sales period ahead of the 2025 academic year, we believe the weaker retail performance may still potentially indicate a longer-term shift in customer's purchase away from retail stores. Therefore, we downgrade our call on Sasbadi to **NEUTRAL** with a lower **TP of RM0.18 (-RM0.05)** by ascribing an unchanged target PER of 10.0x after we roll-forward our valuation to FY26F.

GLOBAL AND ECONOMIC UPDATE

- After a positive start, U.S. stocks largely kept moving higher on Tuesday and the major averages all ended the day's session on a firm note. The Dow closed up 537.98 points or 1.24% to 44,025.81, while the Nasdaq gained 126.58 points or 0.64% to settle at 19,756.78. [RTT News](#)
- **German economic confidence weakens in January**
German economic sentiment deteriorated more-than-expected in January as the economy remained in recession for the second straight year and inflationary pressure rose recently. The ZEW Indicator of Economic Sentiment fell to 10.3, from 15.7 in December. The reading was expected to drop moderately to 15.2. Meanwhile, the assessment of current economic situation improved slightly. The corresponding indicator rose 2.7 to -90.4. The score was seen at -93.1. [RTT News](#)
- **UK jobless rate rises, wage growth remains high**
The UK's unemployment rate rose slightly in the three months to November and wage growth remained high but falling vacancies signals a decrease in pay pressures. The unemployment rate rose to 4.4% in the September to November period, as expected, from 4.3% in the three months to October. Average earnings excluding bonuses grew 5.6% in three months to November from a year ago, slightly faster than the forecast of 5.5%. Earnings including bonuses also climbed 5.6% annually, which was in line with expectations. [RTT News](#)

CORPORATE NEWS

- **Pansar bags RM477.7m highway construction job in Sarawak**
Pansar Bhd has secured a RM477.7m highway construction job from the Sarawak Public Works Department. The contract involves the design and construction of the Serian-Gedong-Samarahan dual carriageway highway. Specifically, this is for Package 1 (Simpang Rayang/Munggu Kopi/Tanah Puteh/Sebemban to Gedong District), focusing on Section 1B, which entails a new road from Simpang Tanah Puteh to Gedong Isthmus. The scope of work includes the development of an 8.5km of a new four-lane dual carriageway, including two bridges, an autonomous rail transit (ART) reserve, bicycle tracks, utility corridors, road lighting, road furniture and signage. The project is slated to commence in February 2025 and will take 36 months to complete.
[The Edge Markets](#)
- **YNH to sell AEON Mall Seri Manjung to Sunway REIT for RM138.0m**
YNH Property Bhd is disposing of a two-storey shopping centre, AEON Mall Seri Manjung in Perak, to **Sunway Real Estate Investment Trust (REIT)** for RM138.0m. The property is 100% leased to supermarket chain operator **AEON Co (M) Bhd**, whose lease will last another 13 years until 3 December, 2037. The sale is expected to be completed within six months. YNH Property expects to record a pro forma net gain of RM12.0m from the RM138.0m disposal consideration, against the property's net book value of RM126.0m. The proceeds will go towards repayment of an outstanding loan and working capital. Meanwhile, Sunway REIT said the property is expected to generate an initial net property income yield of 6.5% and average 7.0% yield over AEON Co's remaining tenure on its lease. [The Edge Markets](#)
- **Taghill bags RM58.0m commercial complex construction job**
Taghill Holdings Bhd has secured a RM58.0m contract for construction work on an 18-storey commercial complex in Ipoh. The 18-storey commercial complex comprises 271 hotel rooms, offices, restaurants, cafes, function rooms, banquet halls and swimming pools. The contract, awarded by One Roof Development Sdn Bhd, will span 16 months from 1 March, 2025, with a target completion date of 30 June, 2026. [The Edge Markets](#)
- **Mah Sing buys RM32.0m land for third project in Sentul**
Mah Sing Group Bhd is purchasing a 2.78-ac. prime land in Sentul, Kuala Lumpur for RM32.0m, where it plans to develop its new RM283.0m residential development project dubbed M Aria. The new project marks the group's third development in Sentul and is estimated to carry a gross development value (GDV) of RM283.0m. M Aria will comprise apartments measuring 800 sq. ft. and 950 sq. ft. indicatively priced from RM498k. The project is expected to be developed over four years and the registration of interest is targeted to be in 2H2025. [The Edge Markets](#)
- **KTI Landmark explores affordable housing project in Kota Kinabalu**
KTI Landmark Bhd is exploring a potential affordable housing project in Kota Kinabalu, Sabah, to be jointly developed with a state government agency. The group's 100%-owned unit KTI Sdn Bhd accepted a letter of intent in relation to the project from Sabah's Housing and Town Development Authority. The project comprises developing 5,000 units of houses atop 57.25 ha. of land in Sepanggar district. The total estimated construction value of the project will be finalised upon the signing of the joint venture agreement. [The Edge Markets](#)
- **Alpha's 2QFY25 net profit up 23.6% Y-o-Y driven by foreign patients**
Alpha IVF Group Bhd's net profit increased 23.6% Y-o-Y to RM15.1m in 2QFY25, from RM12.2m a year ago, thanks to higher sales revenue from foreign patients. Quarterly revenue also rose 12.2% Y-o-Y to RM43.2m, from RM38.5m in 2QFY24. No dividend was declared for the quarter. [The Edge Markets](#)

- **MNRB's 3QFY25 net profit rises 36.9% Y-o-Y on higher insurance service earnings**
MNRB Holdings Bhd has reported a 36.9% Y-o-Y increase in its 3QFY25's net profit to RM115.9m, from RM84.6m a year earlier on the back of a RM136.7m jump in the group's insurance service earnings. Quarterly revenue also rose 15.9% Y-o-Y to RM936.7m, from RM808.6m previously, supported by growth in the reinsurance and general takaful businesses, although this was partially offset by a reduction in the retakaful business. The group did not declare any dividend for the quarter. *The Edge Markets*
- **KIP REIT's 2QFY25 net property income up 28.9% Y-o-Y bolstered by newly acquired retail assets**
KIP Real Estate Investment Trust (REIT) posted a 28.9% Y-o-Y rise in net property income (NPI) for 2QFY25 on better performance of its malls, bolstered by newly acquired retail assets, Cyberjaya mall D'Pulze and Perak hypermarket TF Value. NPI for 2QFY25 grew to RM21.6m, from RM16.8m a year earlier. The retail portfolio's occupancy rate stood at 97.1%. The group declared a distribution per unit (DPU) of 0.48 sen, payable on 28 February, 2025. *The Edge Markets*

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