AI Spending Concerns Keep Markets Selective

Market Review

MY: The local bourse closed higher, supported by gains in selected blue chips, although market breadth remained negative, with 648 losers outpacing 430 gainers. Sector-wise, Energy (+0.92%) outperformed, led by SLVEST (+9.0 sen) and YINSON (+2.0 sen), while Technology (-2.57%) lagged the most.

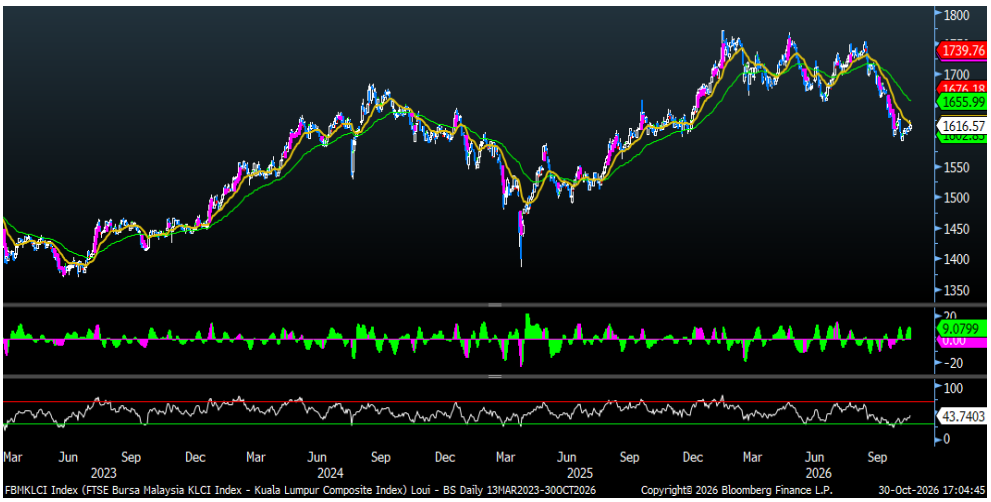
US: Wall Street slumped on Friday as Amazon and Intel slides dragged tech lower to close a negative October. The Nasdaq fell 2.9%, the S&P 500 lost 1.8%, and the Dow dropped 1.1%. Broad AI return concerns and Amazon's ballooning cash burn hit growth stocks, while a USD6.3B Binance hack pressured crypto equities.

The Day Ahead

US: Wall Street may remain under pressure following Friday's tech-led sell-off, as Intel's weak outlook and rising AI investment costs reignited valuation concerns. Investors will also monitor Tuesday's US midterm elections and Monday's ISM Manufacturing PMI. Meanwhile, attention shifts to earnings from Apple (AAPL) and Palantir (PLTR) on Monday. Apple's iPhone demand, Services growth and holiday-quarter guidance will offer insights into consumer spending and mega-cap technology resilience, while Palantir's commercial AI growth will test whether enterprise AI adoption is translating into sustainable revenue.

MY: The FBM KLCI may trade cautiously amid weaker global technology sentiment, although fresh corporate developments could provide stock-specific opportunities. CDB may attract interest after securing MCMC's spectrum assignments for the 2,600MHz and 900MHz bands on 30 October, strengthening network capacity and coverage, albeit with additional spectrum costs, including RM42m in annual fees for the 2,600MHz band. Meanwhile, TAANN may attract interest following its reported strong 3QFY26 production performance, with crude palm oil (CPO) output rising 23% YoY to 97,610 tonnes and fresh fruit bunch (FFB) production increasing 30% to 236,443 tonnes, improving production volume visibility for its plantation operations.

FBMKLCI Technical Outlook



Bloomberg

The local bourse extended its recovery above the 1,600 psychological threshold, testing the near-term EMA. Backed by an expanding positive MACD histogram and an RSI advancing toward 50, overhead resistance sits at 1,631–1,646, with support established at 1,586–1,601.

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Market Scorecard

Key Indices	Last price	Change (%)
Dow Jones	51,775.17	-1.09
S&P 500	7,580.07	-1.82
NASDAQ	25,437.00	-2.86
FBM KLCI	1,615.60	0.28
FBM Small Cap	15,550.19	-0.75
FBM ACE	5,403.91	-0.79
Construction	313.25	-0.94
Consumer	443.76	0.20
Energy	852.16	0.92
Financial Services	18,547.99	0.05
Healthcare	1,606.46	0.25
Ind Products	178.37	0.55
Plantation	8,697.42	0.70
Property	980.55	-0.03
REITs	864.73	-0.25
Technology	74.59	-2.57
Telco & Media	381.60	0.30
Transport & Logistics	1,021.03	-0.10
Utilities	1,780.69	-0.28
Trading Vol (m)	3,150.00	6.92
Trading Val (RM m)	2,680.00	10.08
Gainers/ Losers ratio	66%	
FKLI	1,617.50	0.59
FCPO (RM)	4,681.00	1.41
Brent oil (USD)	113.41	1.63
Gold (USD)	3,875.64	-3.60
USD	4.0540	0.00
GBP	5.4311	-0.06
EURO	4.5389	0.06
SGD	3.1742	0.13

Trading participation 5-day trend and value ('m)

Institution	Retail	Foreign
-457.8	134.2	322.8

Source: TradingView, Bursa Malaysia

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Company Briefs

MARC Ratings has downgraded **Zetrix AI Bhd's** (ZETRIX) RM2bn sukuk programme to C, a rating just above default, indicating a high likelihood of non-repayment and limited capacity by the company to address its financial challenges. The latest move marks the second rating downgrade in two weeks. The rating agency said any failure by Zetrix AI to make payments due under the sukuk programme would result in a downgrade to D, which indicates payment default. The latest downgrade follows a sukukholders' meeting on Oct 23 that ended without a resolution, heightening uncertainty over Zetrix AI's ability to comply with its covenant obligations. (The Edge)

Cuscapi Bhd (CUSCAPI) has proposed a capital reduction of up to RM190m to eliminate losses of RM143.2m it had accumulated as at Dec 31, 2025. The proposal comes about a month after the business solutions provider's private placement of 94.5m new shares was approved. It expects to retain earnings of RM46.29m from the capital reduction. (The Edge)

CelcomDigi Bhd (CDB) has received spectrum assignments for two blocks each in the 2600-megahertz and 900-megahertz frequency bands. The annual spectrum fee is RM42m for the 2,600-megahertz band for four years and RM3,500 per apparatus for the 900-megahertz band over five years. The assignments improve "capacity and service quality to support growing customer demand for quality and reliability". (The Edge)

UEM Sunrise Bhd (UEMS) has teamed up with AME Elite Consortium Bhd (AME) to develop a 402-acre industrial park in Gerbang Nusajaya, Johor, with an estimated gross development value of RM4bn. The two developers will hold equal stakes in Gerbang Synergy Sdn Bhd, which will acquire the freehold land from UEM Sunrise's wholly owned subsidiary, Nusajaya Rise Sdn Bhd, for RM972.1m. The JV is undertaken through UEM Sunrise's subsidiary UEM Land Bhd and AME Elite's unit AME Development Sdn Bhd. (The Edge)

Mi Technovation Bhd (MI) is acquiring a seven-storey light industrial building in Singapore for S$103.88m (RM331.8m) to establish a global operational hub and support the expansion of its vehicle technologies business. Its wholly owned subsidiary Ohima International Pte Ltd had on Friday entered into a conditional sale and purchase agreement with Kim Hup Lee & Co (Private) Ltd for the acquisition of KHL building, located along New Industrial Road. (The Edge)

Mega Fortris Bhd (MEGAFB) said its major shareholders had obtained a court order seeking details of March share transactions involving one particular shareholder, in response to a Bursa Malaysia query over a two-day sell-off that wiped out more than RM1bn in market value. Its non-independent non-executive chairman Datuk Ng Meng Kee and substantial shareholder Mega Fortris Global Pte Ltd had obtained a Kuala Lumpur High Court order against Affin Hwang Nominees Tempatan Sdn Bhd. Meng Kee has a 1.828% direct and a 65.041% indirect stake in Mega Fortris through Mega Fortris Global and his son, Aaron Mikhel Ng Khye Weng. However, the security seals manufacturer said it was unable to determine whether the court order had any connection with the sharp decline in its share price, adding that it was unaware of any undisclosed corporate developments or rumours that could explain the trading activity in response to Bursa Malaysia's unusual market activity (UMA) query. (The Edge)

Meng Kee is also connected to **GIIB Holdings Bhd** (GIIB) as a substantial shareholder, having acquired 6.48m shares in the rubber compound manufacturer as its stock hovers over a five-month low. The latest acquisition raised his shareholding in the rubber compound manufacturer to 15.823%, from 15.038% previously. He has a 7.951% direct stake in GIIB and a 7.872% indirect interest via

Mega Fortris Global Pte Ltd and Mega Fortris Capital Ltd. Earlier on Friday, the company told Bursa Malaysia that it was not unaware of any corporate developments that may have triggered UMA for the sharp fall in its share price on Thursday. (The Edge)

Ni Hsin Group Bhd (NIHSIN) said the resale of five million treasury shares for RM2.38m on Monday (Oct 26) may have contributed to the sharp fall in its share price and heavy trading volume, in response to an UMA query from Bursa Malaysia on Friday. The cookware manufacturer, however, said it could not conclusively determine whether the transaction had contributed to the recent trading activity. (The Edge)

IGB Real Estate Investment Trust's (IGBREIT) net property income (NPI) for the third quarter ended Sept 30, 2026 (3QFY2026) grew 48.3% to RM185.2m from RM124.9m a year earlier thanks to better contributions from its mall in Johor named The Mall, Mid Valley Southkey. Revenue for the quarter climbed 50.9% to RM249.3m from RM165.2m. The REIT declared an income distribution of 3.51 sen per unit amounting to a total payout of RM152.2m, payable on Nov 30. Separately, its sister company IGB Commercial REIT (IGBCR) that focused on office portfolio saw its NPI for 3QFY2026 rise 21.6% to RM45.8m from RM37.6m, supported by higher occupancy and rental rates. Revenue rose 14.3% to RM73.4m from RM64.2m. IGB Commercial REIT approved a distribution of 1.37 sen per unit for a total payout of RM33.3m. Payment is scheduled for Nov 30. (The Edge)

Integrated circuit designer **SkyeChip Bhd** (SKYECHIP) posted a net profit of RM17.7m in the second quarter ended Sept 30, 2026 (2QFY2027), supported by higher quarter-on-quarter revenue from its silicon intellectual property (IP) business. Revenue for the quarter came in at RM54.2m. (The Edge)

Malakoff Corp Bhd (MALAKOF) has established a RM700m green sukuk programme to partly finance the development of Melaka's first waste-to-energy (WTE) in Sungai Udang, which is expected to be completed in 2029. The 30-year programme was lodged with the Securities Commission Malaysia through its subsidiary, Sungai Udang WTE Sdn Bhd. (The Edge)

Avillion Bhd (AVI), which operates beach resorts, hotels and spas in Malaysia and Indonesia, is embroiled in a dispute with an individual claiming ownership of the land occupied by its Villa Cinta resort in Bali, Indonesia, over an alleged expired lease and outstanding rental obligations. The dispute involves PT Avillion Indonesia (PTAI), a 99%-owned indirect subsidiary of Avillion, which received a letter dated Oct 13, 2026 from solicitors representing Shirley Winarso over contractual and commercial arrangements relating to the occupation and use of Villa Cinta. (The Edge)

Steel pole manufacturer **Mestron Holdings Bhd** (MESTRON) has secured a new feed-in approval (FiA) from the Sustainable Energy Development Authority Malaysia to expand the capacity of its biogas power plant in Gua Musang, Kelantan, boosting its approved electricity export capacity by 18%. The approval, obtained through its indirect wholly owned subsidiary Liziz Biogas Sdn Bhd, raises the plant's approved net electricity export capacity to 2.36 megawatts (MW) from 2MW, while increasing its approved installed capacity to 3.12MW from 2.76MW. (The Edge)

HB Global Ltd (HBGLOB) founder and chief executive officer Shen Hengbao has stepped down after 17 years at the helm, as the loss-making China-based food processor grapples with an auditor withdrawal and delays in filing its annual report. Shen resigned effective Oct 30 to focus on his responsibilities in the group's China operations. (The Edge)

MAA Group Bhd's (MAA) external auditor, KPMG PLT, has raised concerns over the group's ability to continue operating and meet its financial obligations over the next

12 months, following a RM106.9m annual loss. The group received an unqualified audit opinion with a material uncertainty related to its ability to continue as a going concern for the financial year ended June 30, 2026. Its current liabilities stood at RM102.5m as at June 30, exceeding its current assets of RM99.4m by RM3.1m. (The Edge)

Kumpulan Jetson Bhd (JETSON) has received a qualified audit opinion for its financial period ended June 30, 2026, as auditors could not verify certain figures after a fire destroyed the financial records of a former subsidiary. The group said auditors Kreston John & Gan were unable to obtain sufficient evidence to verify the financial records of GRP Sdn Bhd following a fire on Jan 29. (The Edge)

Advance Information Marketing Bhd (AIM) has been flagged by its external auditors again over its ability to continue operating, as the company remains loss-making for the 11th straight year and its liabilities exceed its assets. Its auditors Daxin KF&C PLT highlighted a "material uncertainty related to going concern" in its audited financial statements for the financial year ended June 30, 2026 (FY2026). AIM recorded a net loss of RM819,648 for FY2026, while current liabilities exceeded current assets by RM893,296. Its total liabilities also surpassed total assets by RM573,661. (The Edge)

Lianson Fleet Group Bhd (LFG), a regional offshore support vessel (OSV) and marine transportation provider controlled by Yinson Holdings Bhd (YINSON) group executive chairman Lim Han Weng, has acquired a heavy-lift vessel capable of handling loads of up to 4,000 tonnes as it seeks to expand its presence in the offshore marine sector. The vessel, to be renamed *LFG Hercules*, was acquired on Oct 28 by Icon Samudera (L) Inc, a wholly owned subsidiary of Lianson, from an unrelated third party incorporated in Panama. (The Edge)

Meta Platforms, Inc. (META) has developed a humanoid robot prototype named Max in partnership with Chinese robotics startup Fourier and has begun work on a second-generation version, according to The Information. Standing 1.5 meters tall, weighing 106 pounds, and powered by NVIDIA's Jetson Thor computing platform, the prototype features facial expression displays and articulated hands designed to serve as a physical embodiment of Meta's Muse AI agent for household tasks, bolstered by its recent acquisition of Assured Robot Intelligence. (Investing.com)

Walmart Inc. (WMT) announced a strategic investment in Base Power along with an agreement to offer the Austin-based company's home battery systems at participating Walmart and Sam's Club locations starting in November, according to a press release statement. Under the arrangement, Texas customers who enroll in eligible Base Power offerings through store locations will receive a 20% discount on standard upfront installation fees for home battery units. Base Power, which operates over 20,000 battery installations across Texas, will deploy representatives to participating stores as Walmart plans an initial Texas launch with long-term intent to expand into additional regional markets over time. (Investing.com)

Technical Focus Tracker

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No.	Companies	Report Date	Report Date Share Price (RM)	Resistance 1 (RM)	Resistance 2 (RM)	Long Term Target (RM)	Support (RM)	Cut Loss (RM)	Last Price (RM)	Change in Share Price (%)	Comments
1	GOOGL	30-May	171.35	187.50	190.00	190.00	170.00	167.50	283.82	65.6%	Initiated on 30/5/2025
2	PWRWELL	25-Sep	0.59	0.61	0.71	0.71	0.57	0.52	1.07	82.9%	Initiated on 25/9/2025
3	PEKAT	3-Oct	1.83	2.00	2.05	2.05	1.70	1.66	2.93	60.1%	Initiated on 3/10/2025
4	MU	24-Oct	212.39	229.38	233.63	227.31	194.00	192.00	934.27	339.9%	Initiated on 24/10/2025
5	TIGO	19-Dec	53.06	58.40	59.40	59.40	49.80	49.80	79.90	50.6%	Initiated on 19/12/2025
6	SNDK	13-Feb	610.53	693.00	700.00	700.00	542.00	536.00	1330.05	117.9%	Initiated on 13/2/2026
7	HKB	11-Mar	0.20	0.29	0.35	0.35	0.24	0.23	0.80	310.3%	Initiated on 9/4/2026
8	CORAZA	10-Apr	0.63	0.69	0.85	0.85	0.60	0.59	1.28	103.2%	Initiated on 10/4/2026
9	MCLEAN	23-Apr	0.60	0.70	0.72	0.72	0.57	0.54	0.65	8.4%	Initiated on 23/4/2026
10	SUNCON	14-May	7.20	7.60	7.70	7.70	6.97	6.85	7.58	5.3%	Initiated on 14/5/2026
11	DUFU	29-May	1.86	2.20	2.73	2.73	1.77	1.72	2.82	51.6%	Initiated on 29/5/2026
12	NTAP	16-Jun	162.07	192.83	230.40	230.40	159.31	154.87	218.42	34.8%	Initiated on 16/6/2026
13	ANET	1-Jul	165.56	179.64	195.70	195.70	157.31	153.96	184.22	11.3%	Initiated on 1/7/2026
14	JTGROUP	22-Jul	0.67	0.75	0.77	0.77	0.65	0.63	1.24	86.5%	Initiated on 22/7/2026
15	NATGATE	4-Aug	1.25	1.37	1.40	1.40	1.14	1.10	2.14	71.2%	Initiated on 4/8/2026
16	DE	13-Aug	619.55	639.08	674.35	674.35	608.11	596.75	660.00	6.5%	Initiated on 13/8/2026
17	AUMAS	26-Aug	0.41	0.52	0.59	0.59	0.38	0.37	0.35	-14.8%	Cut loss on 18/9/2026
18	MRVL	11-Sep	234.63	316.92	329.88	329.88	223.40	205.22	218.34	-6.9%	Initiated on 11/9/2026
19	C	14-Sep	137.36	146.80	184.43	184.43	134.52	131.39	125.76	-8.4%	Initiated on 14/9/2026
20	SNX	14-Sep	261.83	286.44	302.13	302.13	267.02	252.85	255.07	-2.6%	Initiated on 14/9/2026
21	VERDANT	22-Sep	0.23	0.25	0.29	0.29	0.21	0.20	0.24	6.7%	Reached TP 2 on 29/9/2026
22	NOW	22-Sep	141.83	162.50	192.40	192.40	135.20	130.90	109.67	-22.7%	Initiated on 22/9/2026
23	FLEX	7-Oct	118.35	142.55	166.35	166.35	114.85	104.00	93.07	-21.4%	Initiated on 7/10/2026
24	IAB	9-Oct	1.37	1.64	1.93	1.93	1.21	1.19	1.03	-24.8%	Initiated on 9/10/2026
25	PESONA	13-Oct	0.47	0.50	0.55	0.55	0.47	0.45	0.50	5.3%	Initiated on 13/10/2026
26	EIPOWER	16-Oct	0.85	1.07	1.09	1.09	0.85	0.83	0.82	-3.5%	Initiated on 16/10/2026
27	OGX	23-Oct	0.46	0.53	0.55	0.55	0.44	0.43	0.45	-1.1%	Initiated on 23/10/2026
28	DELL	28-Oct	501.96	537.27	602.18	602.18	488.30	450.70	475.51	-5.3%	Initiated on 28/10/2026

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1	CBHB	7/4/2026	0.495	1.200	1.240	1.030	1.000	0.980	0.91	83.8%	Initiated on 7-Apr-2026
2	CHEEDING	2/10/2026	0.630	0.730	0.750	0.585	0.565	0.554	0.560	-11.1%	Initiated on 2-Oct-2026
3	HKB	2/10/2026	0.660	0.715	0.750	0.625	0.595	0.578	0.800	21.2%	Initiated on 2-Oct-2026
4	KOSSAN	2/10/2026	1.140	1.330	1.370	1.130	1.080	1.060	1.320	15.8%	Initiated on 2-Oct-2026
5	CLOUDPT	2/10/2026	0.500	0.600	0.635	0.470	0.450	0.441	0.505	1.0%	Initiated on 2-Oct-2026
6	INFOM	2/10/2026	1.790	1.980	2.050	1.550	1.470	1.440	1.810	1.1%	Initiated on 2-Oct-2026
7	OGX	2/10/2026	0.435	0.600	0.625	0.405	0.380	0.372	0.450	3.4%	Initiated on 2-Oct-2026
8	QES	2/10/2026	0.590	0.655	0.675	0.555	0.540	0.529	0.665	12.7%	Initiated on 2-Oct-2026
9	SCICOM	2/10/2026	2.330	2.540	2.590	2.170	2.110	2.070	2.110	-9.4%	Initiated on 2-Oct-2026
10	THMY	2/10/2026	2.170	2.400	2.500	1.970	1.880	1.840	2.110	-2.8%	Initiated on 2-Oct-2026
11	UMSINT	2/10/2026	8.770	9.750	10.000	2.330	2.160	7.980	7.500	-14.5%	Initiated on 2-Oct-2026
12	UWC	2/10/2026	7.090	7.760	8.000	6.560	6.320	6.190	7.150	0.8%	Initiated on 2-Oct-2026
13	VITROX	2/10/2026	10.000	11.240	11.500	9.570	9.260	9.070	10.900	9.0%	Initiated on 2-Oct-2026
	Average Return									8.6%	

Upcoming Dividends List

Stock	Entitlement	Description	Declare Date (DD)	Ex-Date	DD Price (RM)	Last Price (RM)	DY (%)	Price Chg Since DD (%)
KEINHIN (7199)	Final	RM0.03	25/6/2026	4/11/2026	RM1.09	RM1.08	2.3	-0.9
SNS (0259)	Interim	RM0.00	29/9/2026	4/11/2026	RM0.56	RM0.48	0.5	-14.4
AMEREIT (5307)	Distribution	RM0.02	21/10/2026	5/11/2026	RM1.55	RM1.53	1.4	-1.3
PTRANS (0186)	Interim	RM0.00	26/8/2026	5/11/2026	RM0.22	RM0.17	0.8	-25.0
PLENITU (5075)	Final	RM0.06	30/9/2026	5/11/2026	RM1.57	RM1.51	4.0	-3.8
FOODIE (0382)	Special Cash + Interim	RM0.01	22/10/2026	5/11/2026	RM0.30	RM0.32	1.9	8.5
CLOUDPT (0277)	Bonus-Options	1:2	19/8/2026	6/11/2026	RM0.49	RM0.51	-	4.1
BCMALL (0187)	Stock Split	1:10	23/10/2026	6/11/2026	RM0.01	RM0.01	-	0.0
ULICORP (7133)	Interim	RM0.02	23/10/2026	10/11/2026	RM1.39	RM1.40	1.4	0.7
NESTLE (4707)	Interim	RM0.80	27/10/2026	10/11/2026	RM94.28	RM95.94	0.8	1.8
ATRIUM (5130)	Distribution	RM0.03	28/10/2026	11/11/2026	RM1.17	RM1.18	2.3	0.9
OKA (7140)	Final	RM0.02	25/5/2026	11/11/2026	RM0.43	RM0.50	3.0	16.3
TFP (0145)	Bonus-Options	1:2	28/10/2026	11/11/2026	RM0.04	RM0.04	-	14.3
DXN (5318)	Interim	RM0.01	29/10/2026	12/11/2026	RM0.47	RM0.47	2.2	0.0
AXREIT (5106)	Distribution	RM0.02	29/10/2026	12/11/2026	RM1.78	RM1.78	1.3	0.0
HPPHB (0228)	Interim	RM0.01	21/10/2026	12/11/2026	RM0.30	RM0.30	2.5	1.7
VANZO (0333)	Interim	RM0.00	28/10/2026	12/11/2026	RM0.14	RM0.14	3.0	0.0
ECOSHOP (5337)	Interim	RM0.01	27/10/2026	12/11/2026	RM1.43	RM1.26	0.5	-11.9
CVIEW (5049)	Interim	RM0.08	29/10/2026	13/11/2026	RM2.71	RM2.85	2.8	5.2
SASBADI (5252)	Interim	RM0.01	28/10/2026	17/11/2026	RM0.14	RM0.14	3.6	3.7
BESHOM (7668)	Final	RM0.02	26/6/2026	17/11/2026	RM0.55	RM0.52	2.9	-4.6
ANCOMNY (4758)	Stock Dividend	1:100	29/10/2026	17/11/2026	RM0.81	RM0.81	-	0.0
TOPGLOV (7113)	Final	RM0.02	6/10/2026	23/11/2026	RM0.88	RM0.98	1.5	11.4
PGLOBAL (5331)	Interim	RM0.02	21/10/2026	27/11/2026	RM0.66	RM0.64	3.4	-3.0
TGL (9369)	Final	RM0.05	27/8/2026	27/11/2026	RM0.82	RM0.82	6.1	0.6
PANTECH (5125)	Interim	RM0.03	28/10/2026	27/11/2026	RM1.09	RM0.69	4.4	-37.2

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