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MARKET SNAPSHOT

- Markets recorded strong gains last week, recovering from the massive sell-off seen in the previous week. Optimism stemmed from lower CPI and PPI inflation figures in the United States, with the headline CPI inflation coming in below 3.0% for the first time since 2021.
- This again, lifted sentiments for a soft landing by the Federal Reserve. The CME FedWatch Tool continued to show a 100% probability of a rate cut in the 18th Sept meeting, with 75% leaning towards a 25bps cut while the remaining 25% with a 50bps cut.
- All the 20 major indices that we monitor recorded gains last week, picking up from a heavily battered session in the previous week. The top three gainers last week were the Nikkei 225 (+8.67%), Nasdag (+5.29%) and the KOSPI (+4.20%).
- Consumer inflation in the United States eased to +2.9%vov in Jul-24 (Jun-24: +3.0%yoy), the lowest in over a year and slightly softer than market expectations of +3.0%yoy. Food inflation remained at +2.2%yoy while energy prices rose marginally faster at +1.1%yoy (Jun-24: +1.0%yoy). Excluding volatile items, core CPI inflation eased to +3.2%yoy (Jun-24: +3.3%yoy), the lowest since Apr-21 and in line with market consensus.
- US producers' inflation eased to +2.2%yoy in Jul-24 (Jun-24: +2.7%yoy), the lowest in three months and slightly below market expectations of +2.3%yoy. Services prices, which account for 67.2% of the index weightage, rose by +2.6%yoy (Jun-24: +3.5%yoy), the slowest in five months. Excluding volatile price items, core producers' inflation moderated to +2.4%yoy (Jun-24: +3.0%yoy), a four-month low and lower than +2.7%yoy anticipated by the market consensus.
- Retail sales in the US rose to its fastest in three months by +2.7%yoy in Jul-24 (Jun-24: +2.0%yoy). Sales at motor vehicle and parts dealers, whose share account for almost 19% of overall retail trade, rebounded to expand +0.8%yoy (Jun-24: -3.4%yoy). Sales of non-store retailers increased further by +6.7%yoy.
- Headline inflation in the United Kingdom rose +2.2%yoy in Jul-24, its first increase since Dec-23. Core inflation, which excludes food, energy, alcohol and tobacco, rose by +3.3%, down from +3.5%yoy in Jun-24. Inflation in the services sector, fell to 5.2%yoy last month (Jun-24: +5.7%yoy).
- In Norway, the Norges bank maintained its interest rates unchanged at 4.5% and Governor Ida Wolden Bache indicated that the policy rate will likely be kept as such for "some time ahead". The central bank's Monetary Policy and Financial Stability Committee was particularly concerned with developments in the krone exchange rate and the potential implications for inflation.
- Malaysia's IPI growth accelerated to +5.0%yoy in Jun-24 (May-24: +2.4%yoy), continuing its expansion since rebounding in the final quarter of last year. The pace of growth exceeded market expectations of +4.7%yoy. Sales of manufacturing goods sustained the sixth month of growth since Jan-24, growing faster at +5.9%yoy in Jun-24 which was the fastest growth since Mar-23.
- Meanwhile, the country's construction output, surged by +20.2%yoy in 2QCY24 (1QCY24: +14.2%), marking the steepest rise in seven quarters. Civil engineering, which accounted for 39.0% of total output, soared

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Table 1	Benchmark II	ndices (%)	or Grobar
Index		Last Price	Change (%)
Nikkei 225		38,062.67	8.67
Nasdaq		17,631.72	5.29
KOSPI		2,697.23	4.20
TAIEX		22,349.33	4.10
S&P 500		5,554.25	3.93
DAX 40		18,322.40	3.38
PSEi		6,847.37	3.00
Dow Jones		40,659.76	2.94
Straits Time	es	3,352.89	2.79
ASX 200		7,971.05	2.49
CAC 40		7,449.70	2.48
Stoxx Europ	e 600	511.45	2.46
JCI		7,432.09	2.41
Ho Chi Minh	n VSE	1,252.23	2.34
Hang Seng		17,430.16	1.99
FTSE 100		8,311.41	1.75
FBM KLCI		1,623.90	1.74
Sensex		80,436.84	0.92
SET		1,303.00	0.46
Shenzhen C	SI 300	3,345.63	0.42

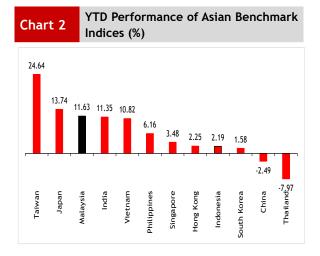
Source: Bloomberg



- +25.2%yoy (1QCY24: +24.7%yoy), the fastest growth in four years. Looking ahead, we anticipate robust expansion of the construction sector will continue into 2HCY24, supported by the government's RM90b allocation for the development expenditures in 2024.
- Domestic demand in Malaysia remains the key driver underpinning stronger growth momentum in 2QCY24. Consumer spending continued to increase as shown by the more robust rise in retail trade at +7.4%yoy in 2QCY24 (1QCY24: +5.2%yoy), the fastest expansion in four quarters. Meanwhile, external trade has been improving in recent quarters with exports of goods rising by +5.8%yoy in 2QCY24 (1QCY24: +2%yoy), sustaining growth for the second consecutive quarter. Excluding re-exports, domestic exports recorded faster growth of +11.4%yoy (1QCY24: +5%yoy).
- Malaysia's GDP growth accelerated to +5.9%yoy in 2QCY24, marking the fastest expansion in 6 quarters (1QCY24: +4.2%yoy). This growth surpassed the advance estimate of +5.8%yoy but fell slightly below our projection of +6.1%yoy.
- The Ringgit depreciated against the US Dollar by -0.19% to close at RM4.4323 on Friday. The Brent crude oil price rose +0.03% to USD79.68 per barrel while the crude palm oil price declined -1.13% to RM3,681.00 per tonne.

Chart 1 Net Foreign Fund Flows into Equity in 8 Asian Markets Since Jul-22 (USD'm) 10,000.0 5,000.0 -5,000.0 -15,000.0 -15,000.0 -15,000.0

Sources: Bloomberg & MIDFR



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B. TRACKING MONEY FLOW - ASIA

 Foreign funds returned to Asia last week after five straight weeks of net outflows. Foreign investors net bought USD4.01b of equities, with net buying activities seen across all eight markets we track except for India.

- Leading the net inflows last week was Taiwan at USD3.37b, ending the selling streak of five consecutive weeks. Foreign investors only net sold -USD147.1m on Tuesday but net bought for the remainder of the week. While Taiwan's economy is now expected to grow at a slower pace of +3.90% in 2024 as compared to the previous estimate of +3.94%, the outlook still remained positive due to its growing importance in the tech supply chain.
- South Korea drew in the second highest net foreign inflow last week at USD1.23b. This came after four straight weeks of net selling. The unemployment rate in the country declined to 2.5% in Jul-24, down from 2.8% in Jun-24.
- The optimism among foreign investors in Indonesia remains, as the net buying activities extended into its eighth consecutive week, with a total of USD187.3m last week. Foreign investors have been net purchasing Indonesian equities for eight consecutive trading days. President Joko Widodo tabled Budget 2025, his final budget in Parliament on Friday with a proposal worth USD230b. The budget, prepared by ministers under Jokowi and the economic team of president-elect Prabowo Subianto, projects a deficit of -2.53% of GDP next year, narrower than the -2.7% this year.
- Vietnam received a net foreign inflow of USD42.9m last week, after two weeks of net selling. Foreign investors net sold -USD2.89m on Friday but were net buyers for the rest of the week. The country's export turnover of processed and manufactured industrial goods hit nearly USD192b in 7MCY24, which made up 84.6% of the total export value, rising +15.4%yoy. The Ministry of Industry and Trade reported that products that recorded high growths were cameras, camcorders and components (+51.5%),



and computers, electronic products, and components (+30.0%)

- Foreign investors net bought USD25.3m in the Philippines, after net selling for two weeks. They net bought every day last week and have been buying for seven consecutive trading days. Its economy expanded slightly faster than expected by +6.3%yoy in 2QCY24. Consumer spending grew 4.6% in the period, accounting for two-thirds of output. Investments increased 11.5% while government spending expanded by 10.5%.
- Thailand saw its second consecutive week of net foreign inflows at USD12.4m. The SET Index took a hit on Wednesday when the Constitutional Court dismissed Srettha Thavisin as Prime Minister for violating ethics by appointing a minister who was previously jailed. The index rebounded quickly the following day after his party's leader Paetongtarn Shinawatra was proposed to take on the role and was then endorsed by the King. She is planning to continue all the policies by Thavisin, including major economic stimulus and reform, tackling illegal drugs, improving the country's universal healthcare system and promoting gender diversity.
- Foreign investors continued to net sell equities in India for the third consecutive week at -USD925.5m. They net sold every day last week. Weak exports led to a widening trade deficit in India, recording USD23.5b in Jul-24, coming in higher than expectations. Merchandise exports were USD33.98b in Jul-24 while imports were recorded at USD57.48b. India's services exports, however, held steady during in Jul-24 at USD28.43b while imports were at USD14.55b.





Sources: Bloomberg & MIDFR

Chart 4 Net Foreign Fund Flows into Southeast Asia Since Jul-22 (USD'm)



Sources: Bloomberg & MIDFR

Table 2	Net Forei	Net Foreign Fund Flows into Equity by Market (USD'm)									
Period	India	Indo	Korea	M'sia	Phil	Taiwan	Thai	Viet	Total		
Aug-24	-2,527.5	341.3	-339.2	-80.5	-7.7	-918.7	-33.9	-82.0	-3,648.2		
1Q24	1,329.4	1,685.7	12,188.7	-186.8	162.6	4,729.4	-1,933.4	-561.9	17,413.7		
2Q24	-912.5	-2,112.7	4,939.1	14.3	-690.0	-347.3	-1,297.5	-1,504.6	-1,911.2		
3Q24	1,346.8	752.6	900.4	201.4	52.4	-12,481.0	-80.8	-411.7	-9,719.8		
3Q23	5,382.2	-1,399.9	-1,635.9	488.1	-261.9	-13,427.4	-1,419.8	-331.9	-12,606.4		
4Q23	6,069.0	-43.6	4,396.8	-72.7	-134.1	9,113.0	-980.6	-681.3	17,666.5		

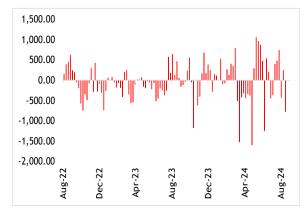
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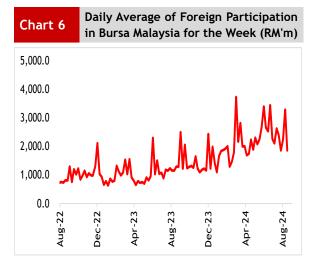
C. TRACKING MONEY FLOW - MALAYSIA

- Foreign investors channelled their funds back into Bursa Malaysia again after the heavy selloff the previous week, net buying RM299.6m on Malaysian equities.
- They only net sold -RM74.3m on Monday but were net buyers for the rest of the week. The strongest day of net buying was on Friday at RM288.3m.
- The top three sectors that were net bought by foreign investors last week were Financial Services (RM620.6m), Telecommunication & Media (RM93.9m) and Transportation & Logistics (RM40.8m). The top three sectors that were net sold by foreign investors were Technology (-RM143.8m), Property (-RM113.3m) and Industrial Products & Services (-RM100.7m).
- On the contrary, local institutional investors only net bought on Monday at RM55.7m but were net sellers for the rest of the week. In total, they were net sellers, amounting to -RM328.9m.
- Local retailers net bought equities last week, totalling RM29.3m.
- The average daily trading volume (ADTV) showed declines across all investor classes. Local retailers recorded the highest decline at -45.0%, while local institutions and foreign investors recorded declines of -39.9% and -43.5% respectively.





Sources: Bursa Malaysia & MIDFR



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Table 3	Bursa Ma	Bursa Malaysia: Market Participation (RM'b)								
	Local Retail		Loc	Local Institution			Foreign			
Period	Bought	Sold	Net	Bought	Sold	Net	Bought	Sold	Net	*Net (USD'b)
Aug-24	9.25	9.56	-0.31	19.47	18.80	0.67	14.78	15.14	-0.36	-0.08
1Q24	38.14	39.45	-1.31	76.23	74.05	2.18	61.41	62.28	-0.88	-0.19
2Q24	46.17	48.25	-2.08	96.53	94.50	2.02	70.66	70.61	0.05	0.01
3Q24	26.25	27.14	-0.89	54.43	54.51	-0.08	40.10	39.13	0.96	0.20
3Q23	34.89	35.98	-1.09	54.18	55.32	-1.14	42.77	40.54	2.23	0.49
4Q23	35.65	36.00	-0.35	56.14	55.42	0.72	44.33	44.71	-0.38	-0.07

 $Source: \ Daily\ statistics\ provided\ by\ Bursa\ Malaysia.\ {}^*Estimated\ by\ MIDFR\ based\ on\ the\ prevailing\ exchange\ rates.$



D. NET INFLOWS AND OUTFLOWS BY STOCK (WEEK ENDED 16 AUGUST 2024)

	LOCAL RETAIL	LOCAL INST	TITUTION	FORE	FOREIGN					
Top 10 Stocks with Weekly Net Inflows										
Company	Value	Company	Value	Company	Value					
P Setia	60.2	YTL Power International	115.5	CIMB Group Holdings	182.5					
Cape EMS	26.4	YTL Corp	86.2	Malayan Banking	181.7					
Genting	19.5	Gamuda	85.9	Tenaga Nasional	172.9					
etronas Chem Group	icals 19.4	Sunway	49.7	Public Bank	104.6					
ASM Malaysia Holdings	19.0	Frontken Corp	38.1	Telekom Malaysia	58.7					
op Glove Corp	16.4	Bursa Malaysia	21.5	AMMB Holdings	49.6					
'S Industry	14.1	Mr DIY Group (M)	21.3	CelcomDigi	48.7					
lotion VTec	13.0	Sime Darby Property	15.7	RHB Bank	47.0					
liap Teck Vent	ure 11.8	Malayan Cement	14.1	Hong Leong Bank	30.0					
HB Bank	10.6	IOI Properties Group	13.3	MISC	25.7					
		Top 10 Stocks with V	Veekly Net Outflo	ows						
Company	Value	Company	Value	Company	Value					
ublic Bank	-27.9	Malayan Banking	-201.5	YTL Power International	-110.3					
IMB Group Ho	ldings -24.2	Tenaga Nasional	-185.0	YTL Corp	-62.3					
MMB Holdings	-21.4	CIMB Group Holdings	-160.8	Gamuda	-59.7					
TL Corp	-18.1	Public Bank	-73.6	S P Setia	-51.7					
unway	-13.4	Telekom Malaysia	-62.2	Frontken Corp	-46.6					
Samuda	-12.7	RHB Bank	-56.9	IOI Properties Group	-30.9					
Ar DIY Group (M) -12.1	CelcomDigi	-55.2	Sime Darby	-26.9					
Malakoff Corp	-11.4	Top Glove Corp	-54.1	Sunway	-25.5					
anco Holdings	-9.5	S P Setia	-50.9	Petronas Chemicals Group	-24.2					
VCT Holdings	-9.0	MISC	-29.0	Sime Darby Property	-21.1					

Source: Dibots (based on the data provided by Bursa Malaysia).

Table 9



E. A SUMMARY OF 1HCY24

Table 7	Net Forei	Net Foreign Fund Flows into Equity by Market (USD'm)										
Period	India	Indo	Korea	M'sia	Phil	Taiwan	Thai	Viet	Total			
1HCY22	-28,438.0	4,268.1	-16,086.5	1,460.8	-775.3	-34,069.5	3,441.8	74.6	-70,124.0			
2HCY22	11,937.2	-0.9	6,421.6	-369.4	-470.1	-9,937.5	2,518.4	1,019.5	11,118.8			
1HCY23	9,291.6	1,090.2	7,944.3	-928.2	-467.3	11,247.3	-3,106.8	-12.9	25,058.3			
2HCY23	11,451.2	-1,443.5	2,760.9	415.5	-396.0	-4,314.5	-2,400.4	-1,013.2	5,060.1			
1HCY24	416.9	-427.0	17,127.8	-172.6	-527.4	4,382.2	-3,230.9	-2,066.5	15,502.5			

Source: Respective stock exchange statistics as reported on Bloomberg. These figures are subject to revisions.

Table 8	Bursa Ma	Bursa Malaysia: Market Participation (RM'b)								
David	Local Retail		Loc	Local Institution			Foreign			
Period	Bought	Sold	Net	Bought	Sold	Net	Bought	Sold	Net	*Net (USD'b)
1HCY22	75.33	73.62	1.71	128.80	136.60	-7.79	80.14	74.06	6.08	1.46
2HCY22	57.39	57.06	0.33	102.69	101.32	1.37	58.24	59.94	-1.70	-0.37
1HCY23	65.31	64.84	0.46	108.67	104.94	3.73	59.77	63.96	-4.19	-0.93
2HCY23	70.54	71.98	-1.43	110.32	110.74	-0.42	87.10	85.25	1.85	0.42
1HCY24	84.31	87.69	-3.39	172.76	168.55	4.21	132.07	132.90	-0.82	-0.17

 $Source: \ Daily\ statistics\ provided\ by\ Bursa\ Malaysia.\ {}^*Estimated\ by\ MIDFR\ based\ on\ the\ prevailing\ exchange\ rates.$

Net Flow of Sectors by Investor Class (RM'm)

LOCAL	RETAIL	LOCAL INS	TITUTION	FOREIGN	
Sector	Net	Sector	Net	Sector	Net
Financial Services	390.3	Financial Services	2,670.2	Utilities	1,783.0
Telecommunications & Media	5.3	Plantation	1,189.0	Transportation & Logistics	1,126.4
Plantation	-14.1	Industrial Products & Services	1,082.0	Property	984.3
Transportation & Logistics	-26.7	Utilities	416.3	Technology	775.1
Construction	-121.3	Energy	270.9	Healthcare	445.3
REITs	-125.8	Consumer Products & Services	239.4	Construction	424.7
Consumer Products & Services	-135.1	Property	197.7	Telecommunications & Media	327.1
Energy	-232.4	REITs	104.7	Energy	-30.5
Healthcare	-304.7	Healthcare	89.4	Industrial Products & Services	-130.7
Technology	-504.4	Construction	-223.2	REITs	-187.6
Property	-748.2	Technology	-373.9	Plantation	-1,185.3

-509.0

-1,313.4

Telecommunications

Transportation &

& Media

Logistics

Source: Dibots (based on the data provided by Bursa Malaysia).

-802.7

-1,585.0

Industrial Products &

Services

Utilities

-1,282.1

-3,126.5

Consumer Products

Financial Services

& Services



F. NET INFLOWS AND OUTFLOWS BY STOCK FOR 1HCY24

Table 6 Top 10 S	Stocks with Infl	ows and Outflows for the I	First Half by In	vestor Class (RM'm)						
LOCAL R	ETAIL	LOCAL INSTIT	TUTION	FORE	FOREIGN					
Top 10 Stocks with Monthly Net Inflows										
Company	Value	Company	Value	Company	Value					
Public Bank	516.6	Public Bank	986.8	Tenaga Nasional	1,347.4					
RHB Bank	316.5	CIMB Group Holdings	972.7	MISC	709.6					
Genting Malaysia	148.5	Kuala Lumpur Kepong	869.9	IJM Corp	497.2					
Genting	125.3	Sunway	477.1	YTL Power International	478.4					
Oriental Holdings	117.6	Nestle (Malaysia)	459.0	Sime Darby	354.5					
YNH Property	80.5	Malayan Banking	449.9	Mah Sing Group	348.4					
Rapid Synergy	71.4	Dialog Group	436.9	Malaysia Airports Holdings	333.5					
Carlsberg Brewery Malaysia	61.2	PPB Group	432.4	IOI Properties Group	299.7					
Widad Group	58.5	QL Resources	365.7	Telekom Malaysia	299.5					
Heineken Malaysia	56.0	YTL Corp	315.5	Bursa Malaysia	294.1					
		Top 10 Stocks with Mor	nthly Net Outfl	ows						
Company	Value	Company	Value	Company	Value					
Tenaga Nasional	-842.6	MISC	-701.8	Public Bank	-1,456.9					
Mah Sing Group	-347.8	Malaysia Airports Holdings	-566.8	Kuala Lumpur Kepong	-862.4					
YTL Corp	-304.4	IJM Corp	-431.9	RHB Bank	-846.0					
YTL Power International	-297.7	Sime Darby	-423.8	CIMB Group Holdings	-785.9					
Top Glove Corp	-201.1	Telekom Malaysia	-328.7	Nestle (Malaysia)	-425.1					
nari Amertron	-169.1	My E.G. Services	-305.0	PPB Group	-418.7					
Mr DIY Group (M)	-153.5	Tenaga Nasional	-304.3	Malayan Banking	-383.1					
Gamuda	-142.4	IHH Healthcare	-303.3	Dialog Group	-360.6					
CIMB Group Holdings	-134.0	Genting Malaysia	-292.6	Petronas Chemicals Group	-323.0					
Sunway	-127.6	Genting	-256.3	Sunway	-321.4					

Source: Dibots (based on the data provided by Bursa Malaysia).





Appendix: Foreign Shareholdings of the Companies Under Our Coverage as at Jul-24 (%)

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Company	%	Company (cont'd)	%	Company (cont'd)	%
Automotive		QL Resources	7.4	Port & Shipping	
Bermaz Auto	9.0	Rhong Khen International	62.3	MISC	11.7
MBM Resources	1.5	Spritzer	13.9	Suria Capital	5.4
Tan Chong	10.2	Gloves		Westports Holdings	27.4
Aviation		Hartalega	15.4	Property	
Capital A	14.9	Kossan Rubber	12.1	Eco World Development	9.4
Malaysia Airports	27.9	Top Glove	30.4	Glomac	3.5
Banking		Healthcare		IOI Properties	8.4
Affin Bank	27.6	IHH Healthcare	50.1	Mah Sing	32.8
Alliance Bank	21.0	KPJ Healthcare	8.3	Matrix Concepts	6.7
AMMB Holdings	26.7	Pharmaniaga	0.7	S P Setia	19.9
Bank Islam	2.2	Logistics		Sunway	6.1
CIMB Group	32.1	CJ Century	57.9	UOA Development	3.2
Hong Leong Bank	10.1	Swift Haulage	6.4	REITs	
Hong Leong Financial	30.4	Tasco	67.6	Al-'Aqar Healthcare	0.6
Malayan Banking	19.8	Non-bank Financials		Axis REIT	13.4
Public Bank	25.7	Allianz Malaysia	68.1	IGB REIT	2.4
RHB Bank	13.1	AEON Credit	67.4	KLCCP Stapled	0.0
Building Materials		Bursa Malaysia	20.0	Pavilion REIT	32.6
Cahya Mata Sarawak	11.1	LPI Capital	10.7	Sunway REIT	4.3
Malayan Cement	9.2	Syarikat Takaful Malaysia	6.1	Solar EPCC	
Conglomerate		Oil & Gas		Pekat	3.0
YTL Corporation	24.9	Bumi Armada	15.2	Samaiden	13.8
Construction		Deleum	4.0	Sunview	5.7
Gamuda	26.8	Dialog	15.8	Technology	
IJM Corp	20.5	Gas Malaysia	19.3	D & O Green Tech	35.3
KKB Engineering	0.5	MMHE	8.4	Datasonic	9.2
MRCB	11.1	Petronas Chemicals	8.1	Globetronics	2.9
Pintaras Jaya	0.3	Petronas Dagangan	6.3	Inari Amertron	19.2
Sunway Construction	0.9	Petronas Gas	10.0	My E.G. Services	16.4
WCT Holdings	16.8	Plantation		Unisem	2.4
Consumer		FGV Holdings	3.6	Telecommunication	
AEON Co.	59.0	Genting Plantations	6.1	Axiata	11.4
Asia File	3.5	IOI Corp	9.9	CelcomDigi	59.8
Fraser & Neave	61.6	KL Kepong	10.5	Maxis	7.9
Hup Seng Industries	3.4	PPB Group	19.4	Telekom Malaysia	14.2
Leong Hup	5.2	Sarawak Plantation	2.6	Utilities	
MSM Malaysia	6.5	SD Guthrie	9.8	Ranhill Utilities	16.8
Nestlé (Malaysia)	81.1	Ta Ann	12.3	Tenaga Nasional	17.0
Padini	5.6	TSH Resources	18.6	YTL Power	12.4

Source: Dibots (estimated from the latest half yearly filings by PLC to Bursa Malaysia and calculated by the demography movement daily).

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