

# Morning Toast

## News of the Day

- MSC's 2Q profit down on lower tin prices, sales volume; declares four sen dividend
- Carlsberg Malaysia declares 20 sen dividend as 2Q profit rises 3%
- Sunway REIT upbeat on outlook as 2Q property income jumps 20% on new assets, enhancements
- UMS Integration's 2Q profit rises on higher demand for semiconductor equipment parts
- Tex Cycle's 2Q net profit up 20% on investment gains

## Daily Trading Participations

	Buy (RM'm)	Sell (RM'm)	Net Buy (RM'm)
Local Institutions	1016.7	877.0	139.7
Local Retails	362.4	400.6	-38.2
Foreign	774.9	876.4	-101.5

Sources: Bloomberg

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### Market Indices

Indices	Last	Daily chg	YTD chg%
<i>Local</i>			
FBMKLCI	1,567.90	4.7	-4.5
FBMEmas	11,675.50	28.4	-7.2
FBMSHA	11,665.38	17.7	-7.3
FBMSCAP	15,549.65	62.6	-13.4
FBMACE	4,638.14	17.9	-13.8
F4GBM	945.35	2.4	-6.3
F4GBMS	964.64	1.4	-6.3

### Foreign

Dow Jones	44,458.61	483.52	4.5
S&P 500	6,445.76	72.31	9.6
Nasdaq	21,681.90	296.50	12.3
FTSE	9,147.81	18.10	11.9
Hang Seng	24,969.68	62.87	24.5
Nikkei	42,718.17	897.69	7.1
Shanghai CI	3,665.92	18.37	9.4
Strait Times	4,220.72	-12.06	11.4

### Currencies

BNM Middle Rate	Last	Daily chg	YTD
USD / MYR	4.23	0.0206	-5.4
GBP / MYR	5.69	-0.0011	1.4
JPY / MYR	2.86	0.0035	0.6
EUR/MYR	4.91	-0.0185	5.4
SGD / MYR	3.29	-0.0075	0.1
CNY / MYR	0.59	-0.0001	-3.8
AUD / MYR	2.75	-0.0136	-1.3

### Bond Yield Movements

		Yield D. Chg (bps)	
MGS	3- year	3.03	-12
	10- year	3.39	-13
GII	3- year	3.05	-13
	10- year	3.40	-12
UST	2- year	3.73	1
	10- year	4.29	6

### Commodities

	Last	Daily chg	D. chg %
CPO (3rd month)	4,430.00	442.0	11.1
Brent (1st month)	66.12	-0.5	-0.8
Gold (spot)	3,348.26	5.9	0.2

Source: Bloomberg

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## Market Pulse



Source: Trading View, Phillip Research

The FBMKLCI gained 4.66 points or 0.30% to close at 1,567.90 points. Daily gainers for FBMKLCI constituents at 18 counters outweigh the losers at 7 counters, while 5 remain unchanged. FBMKLCI gainers were led by Petronas Dagangan Bhd, Sime Darby Bhd and IOI Corp Bhd which gained 3.5%, 2.5% and 2.4%, respectively. On the broader market, daily gainers at 513 outweigh the losers at 477 counters, while 507 remain unchanged. The local market tracked the positive sentiment.

The top 3 sectorial daily gainers are Technology (+1.2%), Plantation (+0.9%), and Consumer (+0.8%) led by Hong Seng Consolidated Bhd (+100%), Th Plantations Bhd (+3.8%) and Citra Nusa Holdings Bhd (+25%) respectively. The top 3 sectorial daily losers are Construction (-0.9%), REIT (-0.4%), and Property (-0.4%) led by IJM Corp Bhd (-4.5%), Amanahraya Reit (-2.7%) and Majuperak Holdings Bhd (-13%) respectively.

Table 1: Our Picks

Company	Ticker	Rating	Price (RM)	TP (RM)	Upside (%)
<b>Fundamental</b>					
<b>Banking</b>					
Affin Bank	ABANK MK	Sell	2.38	2.40	0.8
Alliance Bank	ABMB MK	Hold	4.56	5.00	9.6
Ambank	AMM MK	Buy	5.27	6.30	19.5
CIMB Bank	CIMB MK	Buy	7.01	9.30	32.7
Hong Leong Bank	HLBK MK	Buy	19.60	24.30	24.0
Maybank	MAY MK	Buy	9.71	11.90	22.6
Public Bank	PBK MK	Buy	4.40	5.30	20.5
RHB Bank	RHBBANK MK	Buy	6.37	7.90	24.0
<b>Construction</b>					
AME Elite	AME MK	Buy	1.50	2.00	33.3
Gamuda	GAM MK	Buy	5.60	5.33	-4.8
Kerjaya Prospek	KPG MK	Buy	2.10	2.70	28.6
Sunway Construction	SCGB MK	Hold	5.38	5.35	-0.6
Binastra	BNASTRA MK	Buy	1.73	2.60	50.3
Southern Score Builders	SSB8 MK	Buy	0.57	0.75	31.6
<b>EMS</b>					
Nationgate	NATGATE MK	Buy	1.38	1.80	30.4
<b>Gaming</b>					
Genting Malaysia	GENM MK	Hold	1.96	1.80	-8.2
Genting	GENT MK	Buy	3.01	3.85	27.9
RGB International	RGB MK	Buy	0.29	0.73	156.1
<b>Healthcare</b>					
Optimax	OPTIMAX MK	Buy	0.57	0.70	22.8
UMediC	UMC MK	Buy	0.38	0.45	18.4
<b>Rubber Glove</b>					
Hartalega	HART MK	Hold	1.26	1.34	6.3
Kossan	KRI MK	Buy	1.25	1.94	55.2
Top Glove	TOPG MK	Hold	0.61	0.71	16.4
<b>Industrial</b>					
Critical	CHB MK	Buy	0.97	1.62	67.0
HE Group	HEGROUP MK	Buy	0.42	0.51	22.9
MN Holdings	MNHLDG MK	Buy	1.56	1.72	10.3
<b>Oil &amp; Gas</b>					
Bumi Armada	BAB MK	Buy	0.40	0.79	97.5
Dayang Enterprise	DEHB MK	Buy	1.77	3.00	69.5
Pantech	PGHB MK	Buy	0.71	0.89	25.4
Uzma	UZMA MK	Buy	0.37	0.76	108.2
T7 Global	T7G MK	Buy	0.25	0.34	36.0
<b>Plantation</b>					

Genting Plantation	GENP MK	Hold	4.99	5.27	5.6
Hap Seng Plantation	HAPL MK	Hold	2.03	1.84	-9.4
IOI Corporation	IOI MK	Hold	3.83	3.84	0.3
Kuala Lumpur Kepong	KLK MK	Hold	19.62	19.60	-0.1
SD Guthrie	SDG MK	Buy	4.94	5.21	5.5
Sarawak Oil Palms	SOP MK	Hold	3.48	3.01	-13.5
Sarawak Plantation	SPLB MK	Buy	2.61	2.88	10.3
<b>Property</b>					
Lagenda Properties	LAGENDA MK	Hold	1.20	1.25	4.2
SkyWorld Development	SKYWLD MK	Buy	0.52	0.70	35.9
<b>Renewable</b>					
Solarvest	SOLAR MK	Buy	2.47	3.05	23.5
Pekati	PEKAT MK	Hold	1.56	1.57	0.6
BM Greentech	BMGREEN MK	Buy	1.81	2.70	49.2
<b>Technology</b>					
D&O	DOGT MK	Hold	1.04	1.30	25.0
Frontken	FRCB MK	Buy	4.31	5.20	20.6
Greatech	GREATEC MK	Buy	1.79	1.90	6.1
Pentamaster	PENT MK	Hold	3.59	3.57	-0.6
TT Vision	TTVHB MK	Buy	0.52	0.78	51.5
UWC	UWC MK	Buy	2.80	2.60	-7.1
<b>Telco</b>					
OCK Group	OCK MK	Buy	0.40	0.66	65.0
Maxis	MAXIS MK	Hold	3.45	4.02	16.5
CelcomDigi	CDB MK	Hold	3.75	4.19	11.7
Telekom Malaysia	T MK	Buy	7.00	8.05	15.0
Axiata Group	AXIATA MK	Hold	2.63	2.08	-20.9
<b>Transport</b>					
AGX Group	AGX MK	Buy	0.49	0.96	95.9

Source: Bursa, Bloomberg, Phillip Research, price as of 12 August 2025

## Malaysian news highlights

### Malaysia, Bangladesh strengthen ties with semiconductor, high-tech deal

MIMOS Services Sdn Bhd (MSSB), the commercial arm of MIMOS Bhd, will spearhead a series of strategic initiatives aimed at advancing Bangladesh's semiconductor and high-technology sectors. This follows a memorandum of understanding (MOU) inked on Tuesday with the Bangladesh-Malaysia Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BMCCI) to advance technology transfer, talent development and research collaboration in the semiconductor sector. (Source: [TheEdgeMarkets](#))

### MPs urge govt to end contract doctor system, address acute nurse shortage

Government lawmakers are calling on the Ministry of Health to abolish the contract doctor system, arguing it is no longer relevant, and to take urgent action to address the severe shortage of healthcare workers, particularly nurses. Dr Kelvin Yii Lee Wuen (PH-Bandar Kuching) said the contract system, introduced in 2016 to handle a surplus of medical graduates, has outlived its purpose. (Source: [TheEdgeMarkets](#))

### Google, AMD, Huawei roll out AI initiatives at Asean event in KL

Tech heavyweights including Google LLC, Advanced Micro Devices Inc (AMD), Huawei Technologies Co Ltd and Phison-backed MaiStorage Technology Sdn Bhd on Tuesday announced artificial intelligence (AI) initiatives at the Asean AI Malaysia Summit 2025, aimed at advancing skills, research and innovation across Southeast Asia. The Asean Foundation, backed by Google, introduced AI Class Asean, a free learning platform to equip communities with the skills to thrive in the AI era. The programme will train 800,000 local leaders across all 10 Asean member states, ultimately benefiting 5.5 million people, including 400,000 Malaysians, with practical AI literacy. (Source: [TheEdgeMarkets](#))

### Asean urban growth must balance prosperity with equity — Fadillah

Asean must ensure that the prosperity generated by rapid urbanisation is shared equitably among all communities and not achieved at the expense of the vulnerable, said Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Fadillah Yusof. He said urban areas in Asean are already home to over 370 million people, contributing 70% of the region's gross domestic product (GDP) and powering a US\$3.8 trillion (RM16.08 trillion) economy in 2024 and by 2050, seven in 10 Asean citizens are projected to live in cities, making urban centres critical drivers of regional growth. (Source: [TheEdgeMarkets](#))

### Works Ministry seeking higher funding for infrastructure repairs in Budget 2026, says Nanta

The Works Ministry is seeking a higher allocation in Budget 2026 to upgrade the nation's main infrastructure, particularly major highways and federal roads. Minister Datuk Seri Alexander Nanta Linggi said the request is a core priority in the budget, which will be tabled in October. "This has been a main request for years, based on our studies showing that the amount we receive is far below what is needed. "We are seeking funds to repair and upgrade ageing and damaged roads across the country, not just federal routes," he told reporters. (Source: [TheEdgeMarkets](#))

## Global news highlights

### China loosens urea exports to India in sign of thawing tensions — Bloomberg

China has eased curbs on urea shipments to India, in the latest indication of a thaw in tensions between Beijing and New Delhi as US President Donald Trump's trade policies target the two Asian nations. India, the world's top importer of the crop nutrient, could take as much as 300,000 tonnes, according to people familiar with the matter. They asked not to be identified as they were not authorised to talk to the media. China is typically a major exporter of the nitrogen-based fertiliser, although it has restricted sales in recent years. (Source: [TheEdgeMarkets](#))

### China's carmakers fall short on pledge to pay suppliers faster

Just three of China's major automakers have met a pledge to pay suppliers within 60 days, underscoring the challenges of maintaining cash flow and overhauling business practices prompted by a long-running price war. State-owned manufacturers China FAW Group Co and Guangzhou Automobile Group Co as well as Chongqing-based Seres Group Co have implemented a 60-day turnaround for their bills, according to a report by state broadcaster CCTV on Monday. GAC has made 95% of its payments in cash, it said. (Source: [TheEdgeMarkets](#))

### Opec sees tighter oil outlook next year as demand accelerates

Opec forecast a tighter global oil market than previously projected, citing accelerating demand growth and a slower expansion in rival supplies. The Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries raised estimates for world demand growth in 2026 by 100,000 barrels a day to 1.4 million a day, a fractionally higher rate than this year, on stronger economic expectations. It trimmed forecasts for supply growth outside the group by the same amount. (Source: [TheEdgeMarkets](#))

### US small-business optimism rises to five-month high on economy

Sentiment among US small businesses climbed to a five-month high in July as owners grew more upbeat about the economic outlook, fuelling a pickup in expansion plans. The National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB) optimism index increased 1.7 points last month to 100.3, according to data out on Tuesday. Six of the 10 components that make up the gauge improved. A net 36% of owners expect better business conditions, up 14 percentage points from a month earlier and the most this year. A net 16% said now is a good time to expand their business, the largest share since January. (Source: [TheEdgeMarkets](#))

### US consumer prices increase moderately; worries about data quality rise

US consumer prices increased moderately in July, though rising costs for services such as airline fares and some tariff-sensitive goods like household furniture caused a measure of underlying inflation to post its largest gain in six months. The mixed report from the Labor Department's Bureau of Labor Statistics on Tuesday did not change financial market expectations that the Federal Reserve would cut interest rates in September amid signs of a deterioration in labor market conditions. (Source: [TheEdgeMarkets](#))

## Corporate news

### MSC's 2Q profit down on lower tin prices, sales volume; declares four sen dividend

Malaysia Smelting Corp Bhd's (KL:MSC) second-quarter net profit fell 16.57% from a year earlier on lower tin price and sales quantity of refined tin. Net profit for the three months ended June 30, 2025 (2QFY2025) stood at RM13.95 million, compared with RM16.72 million previously. Earnings per share dropped to 3.3 sen from four sen, according to the group's bourse filing on Tuesday. MSC noted that the average tin price for the quarter was RM139,800 per tonne compared with RM153,400 per tonne in 2QFY2024. (Source: [TheEdgeMarkets](#))

### Carlsberg Malaysia declares 20 sen dividend as 2Q profit rises 3%

Carlsberg Brewery Malaysia Bhd (KL:CARLSBG) announced a 20 sen dividend payout on Tuesday, its second interim payout for its financial year ending Dec 31, 2025 (FY2025), following a 3.2% year-on-year rise in its second quarter profit. This raises its dividend payout for the year so far to 43 sen per share, one sen more than the 42 sen it declared in the same period last year. (Source: [TheEdgeMarkets](#))

### Sunway REIT upbeat on outlook as 2Q property income jumps 20% on new assets, enhancements

Sunway Real Estate Investment Trust (KL:SUNREIT) is upbeat on its outlook, as it reported a near 20% jump in its second quarter (2Q) net property income (NPI) on Tuesday, thanks to the contribution of newly acquired assets and the completion of asset enhancement efforts. The group, which added six hypermarkets and two new malls to its retail portfolio last year, expects these new assets, coupled with the completion of Sunway Pyramid Mall's Oasis Wing and Sunway Carnival Mall's Old Wing, will help it offset the impact from a potentially weaker retail market. (Source: [TheEdgeMarkets](#))

### UMS Integration's 2Q profit rises on higher demand for semiconductor equipment parts

Dual-listed UMS Integration Ltd (KL:UMSINT) saw its net profit for the second quarter rise 10.1% year-on-year on the back of higher demand for its semiconductor equipment components. Net profit for the three months ended June 30, 2025 (2QFY2025) increased to S\$10.26 million from S\$9.32 million, the high-precision engineering company said in a statement on Tuesday. Quarterly revenue increased 20.4% y-o-y to S\$67.35 million compared with S\$55.95 million previously, as contribution gains seen under the semiconductor segment offset a sales decline under the aerospace and others segment. (Source: [TheEdgeMarkets](#))

### Tex Cycle's 2Q net profit up 20% on investment gains

Waste recycling firm Tex Cycle Technology (M) Bhd (KL:TEXCYCL) on Tuesday said its net profit rose 20.6% in the second quarter from a year ago, largely thanks to the gains from investment in quoted shares, despite weaker recycling sales. Net profit for the quarter ended June 30, 2025 (2QFY2025) increased to RM3.02 million from RM2.51 million, the ACE Market-listed group said in a bourse filing. Quarterly revenue rose 4.59% year-on-year to RM8.63 million from RM8.26 million, mainly lifted by stronger trading division sales and higher renewable energy generation, which offset a 24% drop in recycling and recovery revenue. (Source: [TheEdgeMarkets](#))

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