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## Morning Pole Position

| 25<sup>th</sup> October 2022 |

All market data as at previous trading day

### Market indices

Indices	Last	Daily chg	YTD chg%
<i>Local</i>			
FBMKLCI	1,446.42	8.70	-7.73
FBMEmas	10,220.90	51.10	-9.62
FBMSHA	10,197.40	33.69	-16.84
FBMSCAP	13,984.82	12.08	-11.27
FBMACE	4,801.27	18.15	-25.21
F4GBM	830.41	5.01	-5.67
F4GBMS	842.74	4.19	-14.23

Funds Flows	Net Buy (MYR'm)
Local Institutions	28.7
Local Retails	-48.8
Foreign	20.1

<i>Foreign</i>			
Dow Jones	31,499.62	417.06	-13.32
S&P 500	3,797.34	44.59	-20.33
Nasdaq	10,952.61	92.9	-29.99
FTSE	7,013.99	44.26	-5.02
Hang Seng	15,180.69	-1030.43	-35.12
Nikkei	26,974.90	84.32	-6.31
Shanghai CI	2,977.56	-61.37	-18.19
Strait Times	2,969.95	-52.75	-4.92

### Currencies

BNM Middle Rate (5pm)	Last	Daily chg	YTD %
USD / MYR	4.7380	0.0090	13.76
GBP / MYR	5.2736	-0.0163	-6.35
JPY100 / MYR	3.1391	-0.0147	-13.26
EUR/MYR	4.6224	-0.0037	-1.95
SGD / MYR	3.3162	0.0000	7.48
CNY / MYR	0.6535	0.0000	-0.18
AUD / MYR	2.9624	-0.0050	-2.12

### Bond Yield Movements

	Yield	Daily Change (bps)
<b>MGS</b>	3- year	3.93
	10- year	4.57
<b>GII</b>	3- year	3.88
	10- year	4.66
<b>UST</b>	2- year	4.5
	10- year	4.25

### Commodities

	Last	Daily chg	Daily chg %
CPO (3 <sup>rd</sup> month)	4,101.00	5	0.12
Brent (1 <sup>st</sup> month)	93.43	0.70	0.75
Gold (spot)	1,649.94	21.66	1.33

Source: Treasury.gov, Bursa and BNM

### FBMKLCI and statistics



Source: Bloomberg

### Market Turnover

Vol (m shrs)	1,991
Value (MYR m)	1,508

Top 5 Value	Last	Daily chg %	Value (MYR m)
PBBANK	4.500	1.351	124.158
CIMB	5.530	0.545	99.207
PICHEM	9.000	1.124	69.954
IHH	6.000	-1.478	49.562
MAYBANK	8.660	0.698	45.586

Top 5 Gainers	Last	Daily chg %	Value (MYR m)
FOCUS-PA	0.010	100.00	0.029
GOCEAN	0.015	50.00	0.026
DOLPHIN	0.020	33.33	0.002
AEM	0.020	33.33	0.000
EDUSPEC	0.020	33.33	1.261

Top 5 Losers	Last	Daily chg %	Value (MYR m)
CAP	0.005	-50.000	0.000
PERMAJU-PA	0.005	-50.000	0.000
VSOLAR	0.005	-50.000	0.003
SAPNRG-PA	0.035	-36.364	0.000
MINETEC-PA	0.010	-33.333	0.002

Top 5 DBT	Value (MYR m)	Volume (m shares)	Price (MYR)
UNISEM	61.728	32.000	2.36
HONGSENG	46.995	187.710	0.225
STELLA	32.927	34.660	1.06
SCGBHD	2.700	10.000	0.36
RAPID	2.471	0.183	14.72

## Market Pulse



Source: Chart created using [tradingview.com](https://tradingview.com)'s tools, PRSB

KLCI's rally extended on Friday to close at an intraday high of 1,466.42, with +8.70 pts (+0.61%). The gain within KLCI constituents was broad-based as it saw gainers outpacing losers by 18 to 10 while the remaining 2 are unchanged. The top gainers of the day were Dialog and Digi.com, which rose 2.82% and 2.00%, respectively. Similarly, the broader market share positive sentiment albeit more cautiously as there were 400 gainers and 388 losers with 382 remaining unchanged on Friday's trading session.

The U.S. market closed higher last night was fuelled by Fed Pivot speculations driven by The Wall Street Journal (Exhibit 1). The article said that the Fed is likely to use its November meeting to debate whether to trim the size of its rate hike in December, while investors assessed weaker-than-expected economic data. Fed policymakers are currently in a blackout period, with no fresh comments expected this week ahead of their two-day rate-setting meeting that ends on 2<sup>nd</sup> November. However, we believe that Fed would keep its aggressive stance as we still hold the view that inflation would peak in December.

In the meantime, U.S. market volatility would remain elevated (Exhibit 2) as the market heads to the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of corporate earnings with investors focusing on the tech giants (Alphabet, Microsoft, Meta, Apple, and Amazon). Investors also seem to be fleeing out of China upon confirmation of President Xi Jinping to a historic third term. The consolidation of power by President Xi appears to suggest a continuation of current policies and most importantly, the Zero-Covid policy which President Xi reiterates as necessary to protect the greater good of the populace. Nevertheless, we believe that President Xi will ensure China's prosperity during his reign, and he is set to maintain his long reign.

With GE15 working as the market catalyst, KLCI may continue to trend higher today, up to 0.382 Fibonacci level of 1,467.74. RSI has not reached an overbought level yet, despite strong buying activity last week which indicates the buying trend may continue. The recent rally we have seen on the local market appears to be supported by Institutional Investors rather than by foreign investors as seen in Exhibit 3. On top of that, a double bottom formation was completed last week giving a strong bullish reversal signal to the market. Thus, we think KLCI may trade between 0.236 and 0.382 Fibonacci levels (1,431.67-1,467.74) with a bullish bias. Albeit the market would likely remain volatile ahead of GE15 as

the situation remains fluid, we maintain our KLCI year-end target of 1,541 points. As election play kicks in, KLCI may reach 1,571 towards the polling date. Our Picks in Exhibit 4.

Exhibit 1: Friday's report in The Wall Street Journal

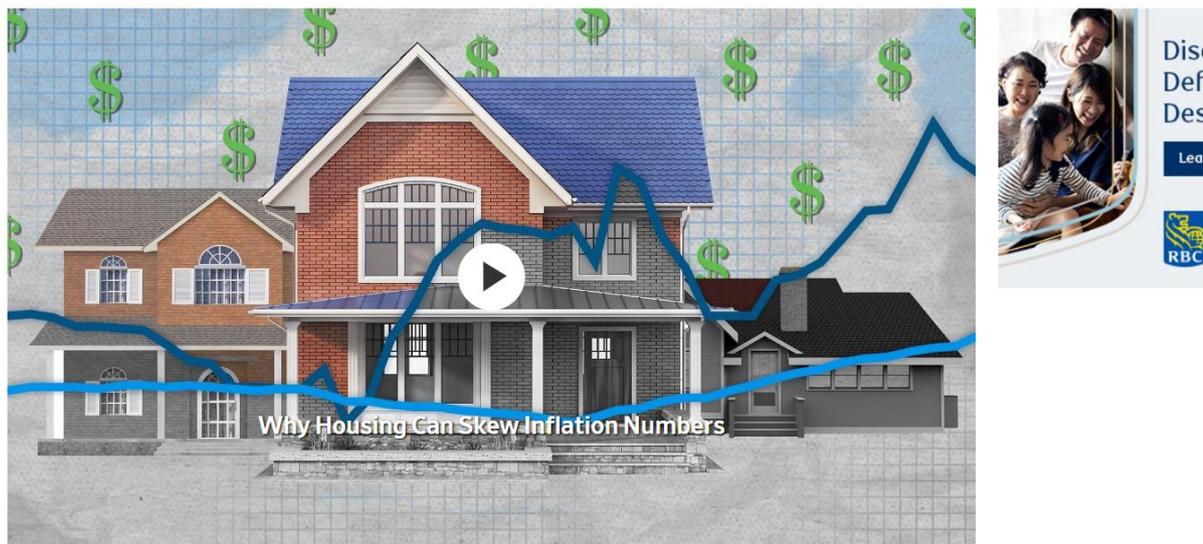
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# Fed Set to Raise Rates by 0.75 Point and Debate Size of Future Hikes

Some officials are signaling greater unease with big rate rises to fight inflation

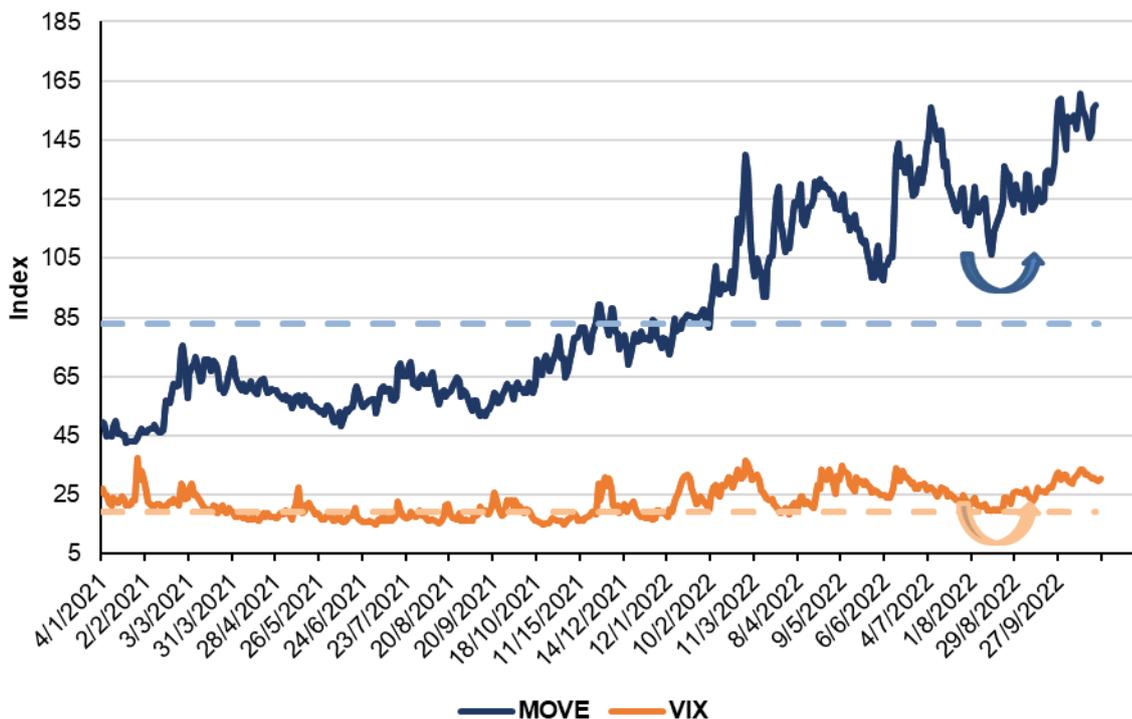


Why Housing Can Skew Inflation Numbers

Housing is one of the most weighted categories when tracking inflation, but it's also one of the most complicated to measure. WSJ's David Harrison explains how the shelter index is calculated, and why it can muddy the inflation outlook for the Fed. Illustration: Laura Kammermann

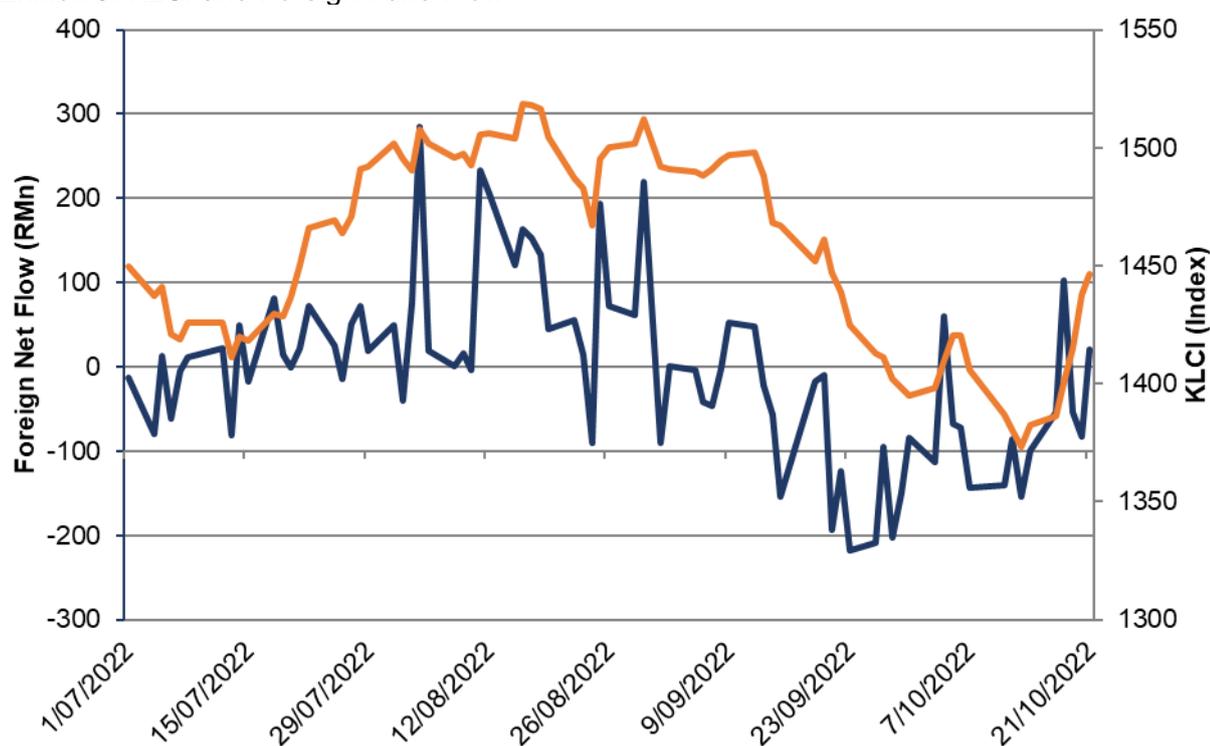
Source: WSJ

Exhibit 2: MOVE and VIX Indices



Source: Bloomberg, compiled by PRSB

Exhibit 3: KLCI and Foreign Fund Flow



Source: Bursa, Bloomberg, compiled by PRSB

Exhibit 4: Our Picks

Company	Ticker	Rating	Price (MYR)	TP (MYR)	Upside (%)
<b>Fundamental</b>					
Bermaz Auto	BAUTO MK	Buy	1.89	2.45	29.63
Guan Chong	GUAN MK	Outperform	2.07	2.78	34.30
<b>Technical</b>					
QL Resources	QLG MK	Outperform	5.20	5.77	10.96
Opcom Holdings	OHB MK	Buy	0.860	1.24	44.19
Gamuda	GAM MK	Outperform	3.75	4.30	14.67
Chin Well Holdings	CWH MK	Outperform	1.57	2.00	27.39
Supercomnet Technologies	SCT MK	Outperform	1.57	1.73	10.19
Pentamaster Corporation	PENT MK	Buy	3.85	5.26	36.62
Formosa Prosonic Industries	FOR MK	Buy	3.00	3.92	30.67
Kerjaya Prospek Group	KPG MK	Outperform	1.16	1.39	19.83
MMS Ventures	MMSV MK	Buy	0.655	1.20	83.21
FM Global Logistics Holdings	FMH MK	Buy	0.535	0.82	53.27
Hibiscus Petroleum	HIBI MK	Buy	0.95	1.32	39.68
OSK Holdings	OSK MK	Buy	0.87	1.12	29.48
UWC	UWC MK	Buy	3.63	5.03	38.57
Dayang Enterprise	DEHB MK	Buy	1.14	1.44	26.32
CTOS Digital	CTOS MK	Buy	1.34	1.78	32.84
Ancom Nylex	ANC MK	Buy	0.97	1.24	28.50
BP Plastics Holdings	BPP MK	Buy	1.38	1.80	30.43
CCK Consolidated Holdings	CCK MK	Outperform	0.61	0.71	16.39
Vitrox Corp Bhd	VITRO BHD	Buy	7.00	7.88	12.50

Pecca Group Bhd	PECCA MK	Buy	0.84	1.16	37.50
Nova Wellness Group Bhd	NOVA MK	Outperform	0.89	1.07	20.34
Duopharma Biotech Bhd	DBB MK	Outperform	1.43	1.44	0.70
Mega First Corp	MFCB MK	Outperform	3.33	3.63	8.86
Malton Bhd	MALT MK	Buy	0.37	0.44	20.55
Maxis Bhd	MAXIS MK	Outperform	3.55	3.82	7.61
MyEG Services Bhd	MYEG MK	Outperform	0.83	0.94	13.25
WCT Holdings Bhd	WCT MK	Outperform	0.35	0.43	22.86
<b>ETF</b>					
MyETF Dow Jones U.S. Titans 50	METFUS50 MK	Buy	USD 1.64	USD 1.93	17.84
MyETF MSCI SEA Islamic Dividend	MEMSID MK	Buy	0.79	0.92	16.28
Principal FTSE ASEAN 40 Malaysia ETF	CIMBA40 MK	Buy	1.64	1.80	9.73
Principal FTSE China 50 ETF	CIMBC25 MK	Buy	1.15	1.39	21.17
TradePlus HSCEI Daily (2x) Leveraged Tracker	HSCEI2XL MK	Strong Buy	0.48	0.85	77.89
TradePlus NYSE FANG+ Daily (-1x) Inverse Tracker	FANG1XI MK	Buy	1.90	1.86	-2.11

Source: Bursa, Bloomberg, PRSB, price as of 21<sup>st</sup> October 2022

## Malaysian news highlights

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- **Labuan Development Blueprint 2030 offers various economic developments, says Ismail Sabri**

The Labuan Development Blueprint 2030 is capable of bringing economic development to the tax-free island, said caretaker Prime Minister Datuk Seri Ismail Sabri Yaakob. He said the development plan launched in 2018 was drafted covering various physical developments and economic sectors to drive economic development in Labuan. "The Labuan Development Blueprint 2030 has been formulated to fulfil the needs of existing economic sectors and those that will be created. (Source: [TheEdgeMarkets](#))
- **MPIC: Delay in foreign workers intake due to source countries**

The delay in the entry of foreign workers into Malaysia is due to the source countries as they have to carry out several screening tests such as health screening and others. Plantation Industries and Commodities Minister Datuk Zuraida Kamaruddin said, nevertheless, this problem is being resolved and the intake of foreign workers is proceeding smoothly. (Source: [TheEdgeMarkets](#))
- **Malaysia still most desirable location for data centre hubs in the region — Mida**

Malaysia is still the most desirable location in the region for data centre hubs, said Malaysian Investment Development Authority (Mida) chief executive officer Datuk Wira Arham Abdul Rahman. Supported by the country's vast resources, favourable environment, and advancement in digital infrastructure, Malaysia has developed into a mature market for data centres, he said in conjunction with the grand opening of Bridge Data Centres' (BDC) first-phase hyperscale data centre in Sedenak, Johor on Thursday. (Source: [TheEdgeMarkets](#))

## Global news highlights

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- **US Business Activity Contracts for Fourth Month, Orders Shrink**

The S&P Global flash composite purchasing managers output index decreased 2.2 points to 47.3, the group reported Monday. Readings below 50 indicate contraction. A measure of business activity at service providers slid to 46.6 in the month, marking the second-worst reading since May 2020. Firms attributed the decline to weak client demand, rising interest rates and stubborn inflation, the report showed. (Source: [Bloomberg](#))
- **US Budget Deficit Plunges to \$1.38 Trillion as Pandemic Aid Unwinds**

The deficit for the fiscal year through September narrowed to \$1.38 trillion, from a revised \$2.78 trillion the previous year, according to US Treasury Department data released Friday. The headline gap between the government's spending and revenue figures are a perennial hot-button issue in Congress, often wielded as a key metric as Democrats and Republican push competing agendas. (Source: [Bloomberg](#))
- **Moody's cuts UK outlook to 'negative' over political turmoil**

Ratings agency Moody's on Friday (Oct 21) lowered the UK's outlook to "negative" from "stable" over ongoing political turmoil, weaker growth prospects and high inflation. Moody's maintained its sovereign rating for the UK at "Aa3". British Prime Minister Liz Truss resigned on Thursday triggering a leadership contest that, coming so soon after the bitter one that put her into power, could deepen divisions in the governing Conservative party. (Source: [TheEdgeMarkets](#))
- **Euro-Area Consumer Confidence Near Record Low as Recession Looms**

Euro-area consumer confidence stayed close to a record low in October, highlighting the continued risk of a recession this winter as households struggle with surging inflation and an acute cost-of-living crisis. A monthly gauge from the European Commission inched up to -27.6 from -28.8 in September, according to preliminary data released on Friday. Economists surveyed by Bloomberg had predicted a decline to -30. (Source: [Bloomberg](#))

- Euro-Zone Downturn Deepens, Making Recession More Likely**  
 Private-sector activity in the euro zone contracted for a fourth month in October, reinforcing expectations that the bloc is headed for a recession. An index of purchasing managers compiled by S&P Global slumped to its lowest level since April 2013, barring months when there were Covid-19 lockdowns. That was worse than economists had anticipated as record inflation hurts demand and some firms rein in production on weaker sales. (Source: [Bloomberg](#))
- ECB Preps Another Big Hike as Focus Shifts to Where It Will Stop**  
 The European Central Bank is priming another hefty hike in interest rates this week as the attention increasingly switches to how high it will eventually push. A second straight three-quarter-point increase -- an increment that appeared almost inconceivable earlier this year but is becoming the norm after three such moves by the Federal Reserve -- is all but a done deal on Thursday, bringing the deposit rate to 1.5%. (Source: [Bloomberg](#))
- Japan's Suspected Intervention Estimated at Record \$37 Billion**  
 The size of the suspected market action is estimated to be as much as 5.5 trillion yen (\$36.8 billion), according to a basic calculation using the BOJ's forecast for the change in its current account and the Central Tanshi projection for the balance assuming no intervention. (Source: [Bloomberg](#))
- Australia's 2023 Budget Deficit Set to Halve on Commodity Boom**  
 The underlying cash deficit in the 12 months through June 2023 will be A\$36.9 billion (\$23.4 billion), figures released prior to Tuesday's announcement showed. That compares with A\$78 billion forecast by the former conservative government when it laid out its plan for the fiscal year almost seven months ago. (Source: [Bloomberg](#))
- Xi's Power Grab Spurs Historic Market Rout as Foreigners Flee**  
 The market meltdown following the reshuffle, which highlighted Xi's unquestioned grip over the ruling party, shows deep disappointment over a likely continuation of policies staked on Covid Zero and state-driven companies. Tech giants Alibaba Group Holding Ltd., Tencent Holdings Ltd. and Meituan all tumbled more than 11% as investors remained skeptical that Xi and his allies will seek a rejuvenation of private enterprise. (Source: [Bloomberg](#))
- China's Export Growth Slows as Global Demand Weakens**  
 Exports in US dollar terms expanded 5.7% last month from a year earlier, the General Administration of Customs said in a statement Monday. That was slower than the 7.1% growth in August, but beat the 4% rise forecast by economists in a Bloomberg survey. Imports rose 0.3% in September from a year earlier, unchanged from August. The trade balance increased to \$84.74 billion. (Source: [Bloomberg](#))
- India faces headwinds from external sector, government says**  
 India's economy faces risks from the external sector, the nation's finance ministry said in its monthly report, flagging that foreign capital inflows could be hurt as the Federal Reserve tightens monetary policy and concerns about elevated global energy prices cloud the near-term outlook. "On the one hand, the Federal Reserve continues to be aggressive in the fight against inflation, thereby signalling further interest rate hikes. This may lower capital inflows, increase pressure on the rupee to depreciate, and make imports of essential commodities costlier," according to the report released Saturday. (Source: [TheEdgeMarkets](#))

## Corporate news

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- Moody's affirms Exim Bank's A3 ratings**  
 Moody's Investors Service has affirmed the A3 foreign currency senior unsecured debt and issuer ratings of Export-Import Bank of Malaysia Bhd (Exim Bank) and its (P)A3 foreign currency senior unsecured medium-term note (MTN) programme rating. Concurrently, it also affirmed the A3-backed foreign currency senior unsecured debt rating and the (P)A3-backed foreign currency senior unsecured MTN programme rating of the bank's wholly owned subsidiary, Exim Sukuk Malaysia Bhd.

Moody's said it has also affirmed Exim Bank's Baseline Credit Assessment (BCA) of b2. (Source: [TheEdgeMarkets](#))

- **MBSB moves ahead with MIDF merger, submits application to BNM**

Malaysia Building Society Bhd (MBSB) said it has made an application to Bank Negara Malaysia (BNM) to seek approval for its acquisition of Malaysian Industrial Development Finance (MIDF) from Permodalan Nasional Bhd (PNB), to form a universal Islamic banking group. Concurrently, MBSB said it has also entered into an implementation agreement with PNB towards inking a definitive agreement for the acquisition, upon obtaining BNM's approval. (Source: [TheEdgeMarkets](#))

- **MAHB's September passenger movements surpass eight million for first time since March 2020**

Malaysia Airport Holdings Bhd's (MAHB) said the passenger movements for its network of airports last month surpassed the eight million level for the first time since March 2020. The 8.2 million passengers achieved in September 2022, was equal to 71% of the September 2019 figure, the airports operator said in a filing with Bursa Malaysia. A total of 24 million passengers was recorded for the third quarter of 2022 (3Q22), it added. (Source: [TheEdgeMarkets](#))

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## Corporate Actions/ Entitlement

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Stock Code	Stock Name	Entitlements	Description	Ex-Date	Lodgement Date	Payment/ Cessation Date
5027	KMLOONG	RM0.0500	Interim Dividend	25/10/2022	26/10/2022	15/11/2022
6718	CRESNDO	RM0.0300	Interim Dividend	25/10/2022	26/10/2022	15/11/2022
138	MYEG	RM0.0025	First Interim Dividend	26/10/2022	27/10/2022	25/11/2022
0225	SCGBHD	2 Warrant to 1 Share	Bonus Issue Warrant	26/10/2022	27/10/2022	-
5006	STELLA	RM0.0250	Final Interim Dividend	26/10/2022	27/10/2022	24/11/2022
0186	PTRANS	RM0.0075	Third Interim Dividend	27/10/2022	28/10/2022	15/11/2022
4006	ORIENT	RM0.2000	Interim Dividend	27/10/2022	28/10/2022	17/11/2022
5220	GLOTEC	RM0.0180	Final Interim Dividend	27/10/2022	28/10/2022	21/11/2022
7207	SUCCESS	RM0.0180	Interim Dividend	28/10/2022	31/10/2022	28/11/2022

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