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BURSA	15-Mar	Day chg	% chg
KLCI	1,552.8	9.08	0.59%
FTSE EMAS	11,543.6	64.7	0.56%
FTSE Smallcap	16,929.1	75.64	0.45%
FTSE MESDAQ	4,709.1	-18.5	-0.39%
KLSE Mkt Cap (RM'b)	1,805.8	7.7	0.43%

**BURSA DAILY TRADING PARTICIPATION**

Participation	Net (RM'm)	Value (%)
Local Institution	244.1	29.5%
Local Retail	-88.4	12.0%
Foreign	-155.7	58.5%

INDICES	15-Mar	Day chg	% chg
Dow Jones	38,714.8	-190.9	-0.49%
S&P 500	5,117.1	-33.4	-0.65%
NASDAQ	15,973.2	-155.4	-0.96%
FTSE-100	7,727.4	-15.7	-0.20%
Nikkei 225	38,707.6	-99.7	-0.26%
SHCOMP	3,054.6	16.4	0.54%
HSI	16,720.9	-240.8	-1.42%
STI	3,173.0	-13.4	-0.42%
KOSPI	2,666.8	-51.9	-1.91%
TWSE	19,682.5	-255.4	-1.28%
JCI	7,328.1	-105.3	-1.42%
SET	1,386.0	-8.9	-0.64%

FOREX	15-Mar	14-Mar	% chg
USD/MYR:	4.7072	4.6860	0.45%
EUR/USD:	1.0889	1.0940	-0.47%
GBP/USD:	1.2736	1.2811	-0.59%
USD/YEN:	149.04	147.75	0.87%
USD/SGD:	1.3376	1.3319	0.43%
USD/HKD:	7.8223	7.8217	0.01%

**KEY STATS**

KLCI Spot			
Vol (m shares):	4,527.9	4,339.6	4.34%
Value (RMm):	4,822.4	2,760.2	74.71%
KLCI Future			
March-24	1,554.5	1,537.0	1.14%
April-24	1,555.0	1,538.0	1.11%
CPO Price (RM/tonne)	4,220.0	4,230.0	-0.24%
Soybean (US\$/bu)	1,198.3	1,195.3	0.25%
SoyOil (USc/lb)	49.9	48.9	2.07%
Gold (US\$/troy oz)	2,161.5	2,167.5	-0.28%
Nymex crude oil (US\$/bbl)	81.0	81.3	-0.27%
Latex (RM/kg)	7.46	7.40	0.74%
Tin (US\$/mt)	28,513.3	28,126.0	1.38%

## Research Highlights

### NEWS HIGHLIGHTS

- **Pertama Digital chairman ceases to be substantial shareholder**
- **Binastra Corp bags RM370.0m construction job**
- **Microlink plans RM89 mil rights issue to finance debt repayment, working capital**
- **Fajarbaru clinches RM11m contract for RMAF Butterworth base redevelopment**
- **IT firm Vetece eyes ACE Market listing to raise funds for expansion**

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- **China MOF chief vows to keep 'appropriate' size of spending**
- **China economy likely had muted start as 5.0% GDP goal in focus**
- **Japan's USD4.0t offshore funds will ignore first BOJ hike**
- **US factory production rebounds from weather-induced slump**
- **US Fed to provide fresh clues on rate cuts after uptick in inflation**
- **ECB governing council member sees prerequisites for several rate cuts this year**
- **ECB's Lane sees easing labour market stress**

### IDEAS OF THE DAY (SEE SEPARATE REPORTS FOR DETAILS)

- **Sector Update: Oil & Gas (Petronas 4Q23 Results)**
- **Company Update: PETGAS**
- **Weekly Technical Review: DJIA, KLCI**
- **Economic Viewpoint: ID External Trade**
- **Thematic: Sarawak Field Report**

## Corporate News

- **Pertama Digital chairman ceases to be substantial shareholder**

Pertama Digital Bhd said its non-executive chairman, has ceased to be a substantial shareholder after disposing of a 0.2% stake in the commercial banking company. The sale of the stake, comprising one million shares, took place on Wednesday (Mar 13), said the company. Based on the closing price of RM2.60 on Wednesday (Mar 13), the stake is valued at RM2.6m. Following the transaction, the non-executive chairman's shareholding in Pertama Digital has reduced to 4.8% — falling below the 5.0% threshold required for substantial shareholding status. (*The Edge Markets*)

- **Binastra Corp bags RM370.0m construction job**

Binastra Corp Bhd has secured a contract worth RM370.0m to undertake construction and completion of main building works and infrastructure projects. Binastra announced that its wholly owned subsidiary Binastra Builders Sdn Bhd had accepted the letter of award from Exsim Jalil Sdn Bhd. The project is to be completed in 41 months. The contract involves the development of three blocks of suite apartments totalling 1,558 units, along with related facilities in Bukit Jalil, Kuala Lumpur. (*The Edge Markets*)

- **Microlink plans RM89.0m rights issue to finance debt repayment, working capital**

Microlink Solutions Bhd said it plans to raise up to RM89.4m via a rights issue of redeemable preference shares (RPS) with detachable warrants to repay its bank borrowings and finance working capital. Under the proposal, the software solutions provider will issue up to 89.4m RPS at RM1 per share, together with 268.1m new free warrants on the basis of one RPS and three warrants for every 12 existing shares. The tenure of the RPS is five years and it has a dividend rate of 6.0% per annum based on the issue price, said the group. (*The Edge Markets*)

- **Fajarbaru clinches RM11m contract for RMAF Butterworth base redevelopment**

Fajarbaru Builder Group Bhd has been awarded a minor works contract worth RM11.0m for the partial delivery phase (early works) of redeveloping military facilities at the Royal Malaysian Air Force (RMAF) base in Butterworth, Penang. The construction and property development outfit said the Australian Department of Defence had awarded the contract to its wholly owned unit, Fajarbaru Builder Sdn Bhd (FBSB) and Avionics Pty Ltd, which is wholly owned by Avionics Holdings Pty Ltd. The total contract was RM13.8m, of which FBSB's portion of the contract was RM11.0m, while Avionics' portion was RM2.8m. (*The Edge Markets*)

- **IT firm Vetece eyes ACE Market listing to raise funds for expansion**

IT services firm Vetece Holdings Bhd is planning an initial public offering (IPO) on the ACE Market on Bursa Malaysia to seek funds for expansion. The IPO is expected to involve a public issuance of 98.0m new shares and an offer for sale of 39.2m existing shares at a price to be determined later, according to a draft prospectus filed with Bursa Malaysia. In total, the IPO offers a 35.0% stake in the company. Under the public issue, 19.6m shares will be made available to the Malaysian public while 9.8m shares have been set aside for eligible persons and the remaining 68.6m shares will be privately placed to select investors. (*The Star*)



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## Macro Bits

### Global

- [Fed, BOJ dominate rate week for almost half the global economy](#) Investors may glean more on the Federal Reserve's resolve to ease and how close Japan is to finally exiting negative interest rates as central banks set policy for almost half the global economy. *(Bloomberg)*

### Malaysia

- [Political stability, transparent policies attract foreign investors, says Anwar](#) Malaysia has generated new investment interest with a potential value of MYR45.4b following Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim's visit to Germany, which ended on Friday. *(The Edge Markets)*
- [Malaysia central bank says Google misquoted exchange rate a second time](#) Malaysia's central bank said on Saturday that Google had misquoted the ringgit's exchange rate, undervaluing the currency against the dollar, and that it would seek an explanation from the tech giant. *(Reuters)*
- [Time for Malaysia-EU free trade agreement, says Anwar](#) It is about time for Malaysia and the European Union (EU) to rekindle discussions on a free trade agreement (FTA) to further strengthen bilateral relations and regional integration, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim said. *(The Edge Markets)*
- [Mida: Malaysia ranks 27th in Milken Institute's Global Opportunity Index](#) Malaysian Investment Development Authority (Mida) said Malaysia has been ranked 27th place in the recent Global Opportunity Index (GOI) 2024 report by the Milken Institute. *(The Edge Markets)*

### Asia Pacific

- [Exports hit a 4-month low in February due to weak non-oil & gas products](#) Exports declined for the ninth straight month and hit a four-month low (-9.4% YoY; Jan: -8.2%), The YoY contraction was also sharply higher than the consensus (-6.5%).2024 export forecast maintained at 0.8% (2023: -11.3%) on the back of a slight recovery in the external demand. *(See Economic Viewpoint: Indonesia External Trade)*
- [China MOF chief vows to keep 'appropriate' size of spending](#) China's Finance Minister, Lan Fo'an, reaffirmed the need for proactive fiscal policy to help the world's second-largest economy achieve its economic growth goals this year. *(Bloomberg)*
- [China economy likely had muted start as 5.0% GDP goal in focus](#) China's economic activity was likely mixed at the start of the year with property remaining a major drag, raising doubts about the nation's ability to gain momentum and hit an ambitious growth target of around 5.0%. *(Bloomberg)*
- [Japan's USD4.0t offshore funds will ignore first BOJ hike](#) Japanese money is poised to stay offshore as the central bank creeps toward tighter policy, according to the latest Bloomberg Markets Live Pulse survey. *(Bloomberg)*

### Americas

- [US factory production rebounds from weather-induced slump](#) Production at U.S. factories increased more than expected in February amid a rise in temperatures, but data for the prior month was revised sharply down as manufacturing remains hamstrung by high interest rates. *(Reuters)*
- [US Fed to provide fresh clues on rate cuts after uptick in inflation](#) The US Federal Reserve is widely expected to keep its key lending rate unchanged again on Wednesday, as policymakers continue discussions over when to start rate cuts and launch the next phase in their long-running battle against inflation. *(News Straits Times)*

### Europe

- [ECB governing council member sees prerequisites for several rate cuts this year](#) European Central Bank (ECB) Governing Council member Olli Rehn sees conditions emerging that will allow several reductions in borrowing costs this year, with the first such move due "near summer". *(The Edge Markets)*
- [ECB's Lane sees easing labour market stress](#) The euro zone's labour market is finally cooling and firms are becoming less concerned about worker shortages, European Central Bank chief economist Philip Lane told a university lecture on Friday. *(Reuters)*

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## List of Oversold Stocks (14-Day RSI<30-mark)

NAME*	LAST PRICE	RSI 14D	RSI 9D	RSI 3D	LOW 30D
MICROLINK SOLUTIONS BHD	0.420	17.46	17.47	22.50	0.330
PERUSAHAAN SADUR TIMAH MALAY	2.830	23.15	17.25	6.32	2.830
JHM CONSOLIDATION BHD	0.580	26.43	24.17	24.86	0.570
TALIWORKS CORP BHD	0.740	27.00	23.95	23.20	0.740
POWER ROOT BHD	1.560	28.82	25.53	30.44	1.520
CHIN WELL HOLDINGS BHD	1.180	29.59	26.90	14.62	1.170

\*Only for stocks with market cap &gt;RM300m

Source: Bloomberg

## List of Overbought Stocks (14-Day RSI>70-mark)

NAME*	LAST PRICE	RSI 14D	RSI 9D	RSI 3D	HIGH 30D
HONG LEONG INDUSTRIES BHD	10.700	80.48	83.85	97.51	10.800
TANCO HOLDINGS BHD	0.845	77.28	82.51	91.58	0.845
SUNWAY CONSTRUCTION GROUP BH	2.800	77.16	82.89	98.61	2.800
SKP RESOURCES BHD	0.870	76.41	85.38	98.76	0.880
KOBAY TECHNOLOGY BHD	1.540	76.12	83.59	94.35	1.560
MALAYSIA SMELTING CORP BHD	2.290	75.68	79.75	82.59	2.320
GUOCOLAND MALAYSIA BHD	0.775	75.01	81.18	95.15	0.780
POH HUAT RESOURCES HLDGS BHD	1.480	74.16	79.03	90.45	1.490
ABF MALAYSIA BOND INDEX FUND	1.238	74.13	79.90	97.71	1.238
GE-SHEN CORP BHD	3.210	73.96	71.19	54.40	3.560
SUNWAY BHD	3.020	73.78	76.92	92.69	3.040
HARRISONS HOLDINGS MALAYSIA	8.940	73.02	78.23	92.29	8.950
ECONPILE HOLDINGS BHD	0.465	71.97	76.79	92.32	0.470
SARAWAK OIL PALMS BERHAD	3.180	70.36	69.81	49.15	3.250

\*Only for stocks with market cap &gt;RM300m

Source: Bloomberg

## List of Oversold Warrants (14-Day RSI<30-mark)

NAME	LAST PRICE	RSI 14D	RSI 9D	RSI 3D	LOW 30D	EXPIRY DATE
HENGYUAN REFINING CO BHD-C50	0.035	24.26	20.30	5.67	0.030	30/8/2024
BAHVEST RESOURCES BHD-WA	0.040	26.22	21.08	10.10	0.035	20/8/2024
HANG SENG INDEX-UJ	0.215	29.06	30.50	43.69	0.165	30/5/2024

Source: Bloomberg

## List of Overbought Warrants (14-Day RSI>70-mark)

NAME	LAST PRICE	RSI 14D	RSI 9D	RSI 3D	HIGH 30D	EXPIRY DATE
MALAYSIA AIRPORTS HOLDINGS BHD-C64	0.370	84.69	89.67	98.65	0.380	30/10/2024
MALAYSIA AIRPORTS HOLDINGS BHD-C65	0.265	83.89	87.13	97.13	0.280	28/6/2024
MALAYAN BANKING BHD-J	0.175	83.57	86.70	93.24	0.175	31/7/2024
SUNWAY BHD-WB	1.620	79.25	83.16	96.59	1.620	3/10/2024
SP SETIA BHD GROUP-C70	0.130	78.57	86.57	98.50	0.135	26/6/2024
EVERSENDAI CORP BHD-WA	0.115	77.39	79.30	75.72	0.175	18/10/2025
TANCO HOLDINGS BHD-WC	0.500	77.25	78.71	78.88	0.505	25/8/2025
SUNWAY BHD-C20	0.180	75.00	81.28	97.19	0.180	30/8/2024
SUNWAY CONSTRUCTION GROUP BHD-C5	0.420	74.76	81.25	98.63	0.420	29/7/2024
ANEKA JARINGAN HOLDINGS BHD-WA	0.095	74.49	76.36	61.67	0.115	20/6/2025
GDB HOLDINGS BHD-WA	0.075	72.57	77.43	81.62	0.110	24/6/2026
KELINGTON GROUP BHD-WB	1.210	72.00	75.14	90.89	1.210	24/7/2026
SP SETIA BHD GROUP-C72	0.060	71.45	79.90	92.69	0.070	29/3/2024

Source: Bloomberg

**Stock Ratings are defined as follows:****Stock Recommendations**

OUTPERFORM	: A particular stock's Expected Total Return is MORE than 10%
MARKET PERFORM	: A particular stock's Expected Total Return is WITHIN the range of -5% to 10%
UNDERPERFORM	: A particular stock's Expected Total Return is LESS than -5%

**Sector Recommendations\*\*\***

OVERWEIGHT	: A particular sector's Expected Total Return is MORE than 10%
NEUTRAL	: A particular sector's Expected Total Return is WITHIN the range of -5% to 10%
UNDERWEIGHT	: A particular sector's Expected Total Return is LESS than -5%

***\*\*\*Sector recommendations are defined based on market capitalisation weighted average expected total return for stocks under our coverage.***

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