

NEWS UPDATE

2 May 2024

MARKET SUMMARY

- 1 bps = 0.01%
- Increase in Yield = Decrease in the bond price/value

US	Yield	Daily	Yield	Weekly	Yield	YTD	Yield	YTD	Yield
Treasury	1 May 24	Change	30 April 24	Change	24 April 24	Change	1 April 24	Change	29 Dec 23
		bps		bps		bps		bps	
3 YEAR	4.79	-8	4.87	1	4.78	28	4.51	78	4.01
5 YEAR	4.64	-8	4.72	0	4.64	30	4.34	80	3.84
7 YEAR	4.64	-7	4.71	-2	4.66	31	4.33	76	3.88
10 YEAR	4.63	-6	4.69	-2	4.65	30	4.33	75	3.88

MGS	Yield	Daily	Yield	Weekly	Yield	YTD	Yield	YTD	Yield
	30 April 24*	Change	29 April 24	Change	23 April 24	Change	29 March 24	Change	29 Dec 23
		bps		bps		bps		bps	
3 YEAR	3.61	0	3.61	3	3.58	11	3.50	12	3.49
5 YEAR	3.78	0	3.78	2	3.76	19	3.59	20	3.58
7 YEAR	3.89	-2	3.91	1	3.88	12	3.77	18	3.71
10 YEAR	3.97	-1	3.98	1	3.96	12	3.85	23	3.74

*Malaysia Market closed on 1 May in observance of Labour Day Day Holiday

GII	Yield	Daily	Yield	Weekly	Yield	YTD	Yield	YTD	Yield
	30 April 24*	Change	29 April 24	Change	23 April 24	Change	29 March 24	Change	29 Dec 23
		bps		bps		bps		bps	
3 YEAR	3.59	-1	3.60	8	3.51	15	3.44	10	3.49
5 YEAR	3.78	-1	3.79	7	3.71	18	3.60	17	3.61
7 YEAR	3.89	-1	3.90	4	3.85	14	3.75	12	3.77
10 YEAR	3.98	-1	3.99	3	3.95	13	3.85	21	3.77

AAA	Yield	Daily	Yield	Weekly	Yield	YTD	Yield	YTD	Yield
	30 April 24*	Change	29 April 24	Change	23 April 24	Change	29 March 24	Change	29 Dec 23
		bps		bps		bps		bps	
3 YEAR	3.83	0	3.83	4	3.79	11	3.72	0	3.83
5 YEAR	3.97	0	3.97	5	3.92	14	3.83	7	3.90
7 YEAR	4.09	0	4.09	4	4.05	13	3.96	12	3.97
10 YEAR	4.16	-1	4.17	2	4.14	10	4.06	11	4.05

Source: US Treasury, BNM & BIX Malaysia

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Today's headlines of interest and summaries as extracted from the international and local media.

RAM Ratings affirms Sasaran Etika's AA1/Stable issue rating

RAM Ratings has affirmed the AA1/Stable rating of Sasaran Etika Sdn Bhd's (the Company) RM220 mil Fixed-Rate Serial Bonds (2012/2027). The bonds' robust debt coverage and credit metrics are sustained by steady concession-based earnings and cash reserves, as well as the Company's satisfactory performance in maintaining residential hostels and accompanying facilities on the campus of International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM) Kuantan.

Sasaran Etika holds a 221/2-year concession for the construction and maintenance of the campus facilities in exchange for fixed and timely monthly cash flows. The Company achieved a healthy debt coverage for the review period with debt service coverage ratios (DSCRs)1 of above 1.50 times, commensurate with the AA1 rating.

While the transaction's covenants permit distributions to shareholders, sizeable payouts in the past have resulted in lower accumulated cash reserves, putting pressure on its liquidity buffers under our stressed projections. To ensure the transaction continues to perform at current levels, Sasaran Etika has committed to being mindful of its longer-term cashflow profile and debt coverage measures in determining future distributions.

Timely receipt of monthly Availability Charges from IIUM is crucial as they are the sole source of funds for bond repayments. – RAM Ratings

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Pelaburan Hartanah Berhad Attains Gold Sustainability Rating from RAM Sustainability

Pelaburan Hartanah Berhad (PHB), the operational arm of Yayasan Amanah Hartanah Bumiputera (YAHB), today announced its attainment of a Gold3 Sustainability Rating from RAM Sustainability Sdn Bhd (RAM Sustainability) highlighting PHB's exemplary sustainability performance in the property investment sector.

The rating positions PHB among the top half of RAM Sustainability's overall rating portfolio, and demonstrates PHB's commitment to integrating Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) standards into its property investment and operational practices while pursuing financial results for its stakeholders.

"Our strong sustainability performance demonstrates the success of our consistent ESG efforts, laying the groundwork for our real estate portfolio to perform in the long run," said Group Managing Director/Chief Executive Officer of PHB, Mohamad Damshal Awang Damit.

"As ESG becomes more important for managing finances and risks, PHB strives to strike a good balance between ESG adoption and the positive economic values it brings for our tenants and Amanah Hartanah Bumiputera (AHB) investors," he added. – RAM Ratings

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Treasury yields fall as Fed says it will ease back on balance sheet tightening

Treasury yields fell on Wednesday, as investors digested the Federal Reserve's move to ease the pace of balance sheet reduction, and the central bank's chairman Jerome Powell ruled out the possibility of a rate hike next month. The yield on the 10-year Treasury dropped 5 basis points at 4.632%. The 2-year Treasury yield was down nearly 9 basis points at 4.96%.

The central bank said that beginning in June it will slow the pace at which it allows maturing bond proceeds to roll off its balance sheet without reinvesting them, a process known as quantitative tightening. QT was one way the Fed tightened monetary conditions after inflation surged.

"They are not cutting interest rates, but they are cutting QT. What? The bond market oughta love this," Chris Rupkey, chief economist at FWDBONDS, said in a note. "Cutting QT means less new cash that the U.S. Treasury has to raise in the markets ... This sounds to us like a backdoor easing of monetary policy."

The Fed had been allowing up to \$95 billion a month in proceeds from maturing Treasurys and mortgage-backed securities to roll off each month. Under the new plan, the Fed will reduce the monthly cap on Treasurys to \$25 billion from \$60 billion. – CNBC

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