

# **Today's Highlights**

Company Update - ELK-Desa (HOLD, maintain)

- Some room for new growth

**Economic Update – ASEAN Weekly Wrap** 

- BOT likely to keep its policy rate unchanged until end-2018

## **Outside Malaysia**

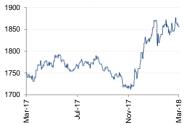
US stocks surge to cap wild quarter, bonds gain US jobless claims decline to lowest level since January 1973 Consumer sentiment in US surges to highest since 2004 German inflation jumps in March as ECB debates stimulus path Strain on UK consumers persists; current-account gap narrows Japan's retail sales rebound to modest gain in February China's cutting taxes for the industries Trump wants to punish Crude rebounds as OPEC hints at longer oil output cuts

## **Other Markets Key Indicators**

COMMODITIES			CURRENCIES		
	Latest	chg (%)		Latest	Ytd chg (%)
CPO (RM/Tonne)			RM/US\$	3.87	4.6
Spot	2,378.0	(0.8)	RM per 100 Yen	3.63	(1.2)
3-mth futures	2,404.0	(0.6)	RM/S\$	2.95	2.8
			Yen/US\$	106.45	5.9
Brent Crude Oil (US\$/brl)			Eur/US\$	0.81	(2.4)
Spot	70.3	1.1	RM/AUD	2.97	6.5
1-mth futures	70.3	1.1	MALAYSIA INTEREST RATES		
				Latest Yto	d chg (bps)
Gold (US\$/oz)			OPR (%)	3.25	25.0
Spot	1322.8	(0.1)	3-mth Klibor (%)	3.69	28.0
1-mth futures	1324.3	(0.2)	Maybank BR (%)	3.00	-

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KLCI 52-wk range	1876.87 - 1713.13
Mkt Cap (RMbn)	1,890.62
Vol (m shrs)	1,886.47
Value (RMm)	2,093.38
KLCI futures (spot)	1,858.00
KLCI futures (1-mth)	1,858.00
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Top 5 Gainers	i				
	Price (RM)	chg (RM)	% chg		
NESTLE	151.00	1.30	0.87		
DLADY	67.00	1.00	1.52		
HEIM	21.00	0.80	3.96		
UTDPLT	28.48	0.38	1.35		
TENAGA	16.16	0.36	2.28		
Top 5 Losers					
	Price (RM)	chg (RM)	% chg		
BAT	26.30	-0.64	-2.38		
APOLLO	3.79	-0.24	-5.96		
PMETAL	4.54	-0.23	-4.82		
MPI	8.63	-0.22	-2.49		
BKAWAN	18.18	-0.20	-1.09		
Top 5 Value Traded					
	Price (RM)	chg (RM)	Val (RMm)		
TENAGA	16.16	0.36	257.53		
PBBANK	24.00	0.04	205.54		
CIMB	7.16	-0.01	97.04		
MAYBANK	10.52	0.02	80.69		
PMETAL	4.54	-0.23	76.34		
Key Equity Inc	lices				
	Close	% chg	Ytd chg (%)		
KLCI	1,856.35	-0.08	3.31		
Dow Jones	24,103.11	1.07	-2.49		
Nasdaq	7,063.45	1.64	2.32		
FTSE100	7,056.61	0.17	-8.21		
East. Europe	2,798.01	0.53	-6.06		
Mexico	46,124.85	-1.43	-6.54		
Shenzen B	1,830.09	0.98	-3.65		
Shanghai B	3,160.53	1.22	-4.43		
Hong Kong	30,093.38	0.24	0.58		
Korea	2,436.37	0.71	-1.26		
Singapore	3,427.97	1.34	0.74		
Indonesia	6,188.99	0.78	-2.62		
Philippines	7,979.83	-0.84	-6.76		

Thailand

Vietnam

India

Taiwan

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1.91



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## **Outside Malaysia**

#### US stocks surge to cap wild quarter, bonds gain

US stocks jumped, with tech shares leading the way, as equity markets ended a tumultuous quarter on a high note. The S&P 500 index rose by 1.4% to 2,640.87. The Dow added 254.69 points (1.1%) to 24,103.11.

### US jobless claims decline to lowest level since January 1973

US filings for unemployment benefits unexpectedly fell last week to the lowest level since January 1973, further evidence that the labor market remains tight, Labor Department figures showed. Jobless claims decreased by 12k to 215k (est. 230k).

#### Consumer sentiment in US surges to highest since 2004

Consumer sentiment in March reached the highest level since 2004 as a solid labor market and growth expectations offset concerns about tariffs and stock-market volatility, a University of Michigan survey showed. Sentiment index rose to 101.4 (est. 102) from 99.7 in Feb.; preliminary March reading was 102.

#### German inflation jumps in March as ECB debates stimulus path

German inflation jumped in March, underpinning European Central Bank (ECB) projections that price growth across the bloc will eventually accelerate. The annual rate rose to 1.5% in the region's largest economy, according to data from the Federal Statistics Office. While that's the highest level since the end of last year, the reading remained below economists' estimates. Prices increased 0.4% on the month.

### Strain on UK consumers persists; current-account gap narrows

UK consumers remained under pressure as 2017 came to an end, data published show. Adjusted for inflation, disposable incomes rose just 0.1% in the fourth quarter and households saved no more of their incomes than they did in the previous three months, the Office for National Statistics said. Consumer spending climbed 0.3%, matching the weakest reading in three years. Economic growth overall grew an unrevised 0.4%. Separate figures show the current-account deficit narrowing to 3.6% of gross domestic product, the least since 2012.

#### Japan's retail sales rebound to modest gain in February

Japan's retail sales rebounded in February following a sharp decline a month earlier, with the increase was driven mostly by higher prices, particularly for energy and vegetables. Retail sales rose 0.4% mom in February (forecast +0.6%) from January, when they declined a revised 1.6%. Sales increased 1.6% yoy (forecast +1.7%).

## China's cutting taxes for the industries Trump wants to punish

China's high-tech industries are among sectors poised to gain from a fresh round of tax cuts, just as US President Donald Trump weighs tariffs to penalize them. The value-added tax on manufacturing will be cut to 16% from 17% starting May 1 while the rate on transportation, construction, and telecommunications services will be lowered to 10% from 11%, the State Council said in a statement. The reductions will directly benefit high-end manufacturing and innovation-driven technology companies that are supported by the state's "Made in China 2025 plan," according to a report.

#### Crude rebounds as OPEC hints at longer oil output cuts

Oil climbed as top crude-exporting countries suggest they may extend output curbs beyond this year, adding momentum to a monthly rebound. Brent for May settlement rose US\$0.74 to US\$70.27 a barrel.

Source: Bloomberg

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# **Market Summary**

Table 1: Off Market transactions

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Shares	Price (RM)	Vol (m)	Val (RMm)	Туре
SUCCESS	0.80	2.30	1.84	D
WEGMANS	0.25	1.35	0.33	D

Source: Bursa Malaysia

Table 2: Shares Buyback/ Resale

Company*	Date	Units	Treasury	Transaction
MALAKOF	29-Mar-18	400,000	55,088,000	Shares Buy Back
SUNWAY	29-Mar-18	138,000	40,211,262	Shares Buy Back
E&O	29-Mar-18	270,000	27,338,747	Shares Buy Back
YINSON	29-Mar-18	245,000	5,847,800	Shares Buy Back

\*Only FBM100 Component Stocks

Source: Bursa Malaysia

Table 3: ESOS

Company*		Date	Units	Transaction
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**Table 4: Entitlements** 

Company	Entitlement	Ex-Date	Lodgement	Payment
PASDEC	Rights Issue, Warrants (2: 5, 1:1)	10-May-18	14-May-18	=
YTLLAND-LA	ICULS Interest Payment	12-Apr-18	16-Apr-18	4.50%

Source: Bursa Malaysia

**Table 5: Bursa Malaysia Trade Statistics** 

Participant	(%)	Bought (RMm)	Sold (RMm)	Net (RMm)
Local Institution	55.8	1053.4	1093.5	-40.1
Local Retail	22.1	412.0	411.1	0.9
Foreign	22.1	628.1	588.9	39.2
Total	100.0	2093.5	2093.5	0.0

Source: Bursa Malaysia



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Fig 6: Shareholdings change

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Substantial shareholder	Date	Transaction	Units	Company
EPF	26-Mar-18	Acquired	2,650,000	AIRASIA
EPF	26-Mar-18	Acquired	1,012,800	AXREIT
EPF	26-Mar-18	Disposed	604,100	BAUTO
EPF	22-Mar-18	Acquired	200,000	CMMT
EPF	23-Mar-18	Disposed	129,700	CMSB
LTH	26-Mar-18	Acquired	86,600	CMSB
EPF	26-Mar-18	Disposed	3,000,000	DIALOG
EPF	26-Mar-18	Acquired	662,700	DIALOG
EPF	23-Mar-18	Acquired	100,000	DIGI
LTH	26-Mar-18	Acquired	50,000	DRBHCOM
EPF	22 to 23-Mar-18	Acquired	2,800,500	DRBHCOM
EPF	26-Mar-18	Acquired	583,200	F&N
EPF	26-Mar-18	Disposed	161,800	GENP
EPF	26-Mar-18	Acquired	45,300	HLBANK
EPF	26-Mar-18	Acquired	2,128,700	IGBREIT
EPF	23 to 26-Mar-18	Disposed	355,600	IHH
EPF	26-Mar-18	Acquired	1,232,910	IHH
KWAP	28-Mar-18	Acquired	319,200	IJM
EPF	26-Mar-18	Acquired	165,500	IJM
EPF	26-Mar-18	Acquired	881,300	INARI
EPF	26-Mar-18	Acquired	159,700	IOICORP
EPF	26-Mar-18	Acquired	234,900	KLK
EPF	21-Mar-18	Acquired	15,200	MALAKOF
EPF	23-Mar-18	Acquired	290,100	MAXIS
EPF	26-Mar-18	Disposed	41,800	MAXIS
Amanahraya Trustees Berhad	26-Mar-18	Disposed	24,000,000	MAYBANK
EPF	23 to 26-Mar-18	Disposed	10,728,000	MAYBANK
EPF	23 to 26-Mar-18	Acquired	4,187,000	MAYBANK
EPF	26-Mar-18	Acquired	89,200	NESTLE
EPF	23-Mar-18	Disposed	59,500	NESTLE
EPF	26-Mar-18	Acquired	1,713,100	PBBANK
EPF	26-Mar-18	Disposed	2,000,000	PCHEM
EPF	26-Mar-18	Acquired	1,470,200	PCHEM
EPF	26-Mar-18	Disposed	315,600	PPB
EPF	26-Mar-18	Acquired	26,800	SERBADK
EPF	26-Mar-18	Acquired	4,046,800	SIME
Amanahraya Trustees Berhad	26-Mar-18	Acquired	3,000,000	SIME
Amanahraya Trustees Berhad	27-Mar-18	Disposed	3,082,600	SIME
EPF	26-Mar-18	Acquired	1,414,200	SIMEPLT
EPF	23-Mar-18	Acquired	8,000,000	SPSETIA
EPF	26-Mar-18	Acquired	256,800	SREIT
Amanahraya Trustees Berhad	27-Mar-18	Acquired	173,900	SREIT
EPF	26-Mar-18	Acquired	137,900	SUNCON
EPF	26-Mar-18	Acquired	412,500	SUNWAY
EPF	26-Mar-18	•	162,000	TAKAFUL
		Acquired	*	TAKAFUL
Amanahraya Trustees Berhad	27-Mar-18	Acquired	1,500,000	
LTH	26 to 27-Mar-18	Acquired	852,600	UEMS
EPF	22-Mar-18	Acquired	220,000	UMW
EPF	26-Mar-18	Acquired	3,600	UOADEV
EPF	23 to 26-Mar-18	Acquired	2,254,700	YINSON

Source: Bursa Malaysia



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Fig 7: Dividend Entitlement

Stocks	Particulars					Payment
COMCORP	Special Dividend	45.00	20-Mar-18	2-Apr-18	4-Apr-18	19-Apr-18
FORMOSA	First Interim Dividend	8.00	28-Feb-18	3-Apr-18	5-Apr-18	18-Apr-18
SKENT	Interim Dividend	5.00	19-Mar-18	3-Apr-18	5-Apr-18	25-Apr-18
PPG	Final Dividend	2.00	25-Jan-18	4-Apr-18	6-Apr-18	26-Apr-18
ERASIA	Interim Dividend	0.50	27-Feb-18	4-Apr-18	6-Apr-18	27-Apr-18
NCKEN	Interim Dividend	1.09	19-Mar-18	4-Apr-18	6-Apr-18	26-Apr-18
ENAGA	Final Dividend	21.41	19-Mar-18	4-Apr-18	6-Apr-18	19-Apr-18
SUPERLN	Interim Dividend	1.00	20-Mar-18	4-Apr-18	6-Apr-18	27-Apr-18
ITPM	Second Interim Dividend	0.80	23-Mar-18	5-Apr-18	9-Apr-18	23-Apr-18
CAB	Final Dividend	0.50	24-Jan-18	6-Apr-18	10-Apr-18	19-Apr-18
OKA	Interim Dividend	2.00	28-Feb-18	6-Apr-18	10-Apr-18	20-Apr-18
SAUTO	Interim Dividend	2.30	12-Mar-18	6-Apr-18	10-Apr-18	26-Apr-18
JFOOD	Interim Dividend	1.00	15-Mar-18	10-Apr-18	12-Apr-18	27-Apr-18
STRO	Fourth Interim Dividend	3.00	28-Mar-18	10-Apr-18	12-Apr-18	27-Apr-18
'S	Second Interim Dividend	1.50	28-Mar-18	10-Apr-18	12-Apr-18	27-Apr-18
MECO	Interim Dividend	1.00	26-Feb-18	11-Apr-18	13-Apr-18	27-Apr-18
SJTOTO	Interim Dividend	4.00	16-Mar-18	11-Apr-18	13-Apr-18	3-May-18
SIMEPROP	Interim Dividend	2.00	26-Feb-18	12-Apr-18	16-Apr-18	26-Apr-18
VONG	Final Dividend	2.00	27-Feb-18	16-Apr-18	18-Apr-18	8-May-18
SIME	Interim Dividend	2.00	22-Feb-18	17-Apr-18	19-Apr-18	4-May-18
UXCHEM	Interim Dividend	1.50	20-Feb-18	18-Apr-18	20-Apr-18	15-May-18
SIMEPLT	Interim Dividend	3.50	22-Feb-18	18-Apr-18	20-Apr-18	4-May-18
NNJOO	Interim Dividend	13.00	23-Feb-18	19-Apr-18	23-Apr-18	21-May-18
/YEG	First Interim Dividend	0.50	27-Feb-18	24-Apr-18	26-Apr-18	25-May-18
HINWEL	Interim Dividend	3.90	27-Feb-18	24-Apr-18	26-Apr-18	24-May-18
CE	Interim Dividend	0.02	26-Feb-18	26-Apr-18	30-Apr-18	25-May-18
OHUAT	Final Dividend	3.00	26-Feb-18	26-Apr-18	30-Apr-18	15-May-18
ITDPLT	Special Dividend	100.00	26-Feb-18	26-Apr-18	30-Apr-18	18-May-18
TDPLT	Final Dividend	20.00	26-Feb-18	26-Apr-18	30-Apr-18	18-May-18
ILICORP	Interim Dividend	0.50	27-Feb-18	26-Apr-18	30-Apr-18	21-May-18
ANCO	Final Dividend	0.75	26-Mar-18	26-Apr-18	30-Apr-18	11-May-18
CARLSBG	Final Dividend	66.00	15-Feb-18	2-May-18	4-May-18	18-May-18
ARLSBG	Special Dividend	11.00	15-Feb-18	2-May-18	4-May-18	18-May-18
LADY	Interim Dividend	110.00	27-Feb-18	2-May-18	4-May-18	25-May-18
DGENTA	Second Interim Dividend	5.00	20-Feb-18	3-May-18	7-May-18	17-May-18
YER	First and Final Dividend	5.00	19-Mar-18	3-May-18	7-May-18	22-May-18
INISEM	Final Dividend	4.00	26-Mar-18	3-May-18	7-May-18	25-May-18
SCENIC	Second Interim Dividend	5.00	23-Feb-18	4-May-18	8-May-18	21-May-18
EPAT	Ordinary Dividend	2.00	26-Feb-18	7-May-18	9-May-18	22-May-18
ENTURY	Final Dividend	1.00	27-Feb-18	8-May-18	10-May-18	31-May-18
ASEK-PA	Ordinary Dividend	20.00	6-Feb-18	9-May-18	11-May-18	25-May-18
ASEK-PA	Preference dividend	6.00	6-Feb-18	9-May-18	11-May-18	25-May-18
IPORT	Final Dividend	6.00	22-Feb-18	9-May-18	11-May-18	24-May-18
MSB	First and Final Dividend	8.00	26-Mar-18	9-May-18	11-May-18	25-May-18
IALAKOF	Final Dividend	3.70	27-Mar-18	9-May-18	11-May-18	1-Jun-18
ESTLE	Final Dividend	135.00	20-Feb-18	11-May-18	15-May-18	31-May-18
PB	Final Dividend	22.00	28-Feb-18	16-May-18	18-May-18	31-May-18
CTITAN	Final Dividend	23.00	8-Mar-18	16-May-18	18-May-18	8-Jun-18
JIYA	Final Dividend	1.00	26-Mar-18	16-May-18	18-May-18	6-Jun-1
INSON	Special Dividend	4.00	29-Mar-18	21-May-18	23-May-18	8-Jun-1
AG	Final Dividend	0.10	1-Mar-18	24-May-18	28-May-18	7-Jun-18
YL	Second Interim Dividend	2.00	19-Mar-18	24-May-18	28-May-18	12-Jun-1
CS	Final Dividend	2.50	28-Feb-18	25-May-18	30-May-18	13-Jun-1
HEALTH	Final Dividend	6.50	22-Feb-18	30-May-18	1-Jun-18	14-Jun-1
HANG	Final Dividend	12.00	27-Feb-18	5-Jun-18	7-Jun-18	2-Jul-1
ENP	Final Dividend	9.50	29-Mar-18	5-Jun-18	7-Jun-18	26-Jun-1
ENWAH	Final Dividend	4.00	26-Feb-18	6-Jun-18	8-Jun-18	29-Jun-1
ENM	Final Dividend	5.00	29-Mar-18	6-Jun-18	8-Jun-18	28-Jun-1
ENTING	Final Dividend	6.00	29-Mar-18	7-Jun-18	11-Jun-18	2-Jul-18
ETROD	Final Dividend	6.00	27-Feb-18	27-Jun-18	29-Jun-18	13-Jul-18
HH	First and Final Dividend	3.00	26-Mar-18	27-Jun-18	29-Jun-18	18-Jul-18
ANONE	First and Final Dividend	4.00	27-Mar-18	6-Jul-18	10-Jul-18	20-Jul-18
	Final Dividend	3.00	28-Mar-18	8-Aug-18	10-Jul-18	20-Jul-18
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Source: Bursa Malaysia



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#### **Equity Rating Structure and Definitions**

BUY Total return is expected to exceed +10% over a 12-month period

HOLD Total return is expected to be between -5% and +10% over a 12-month period

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