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24th March 2017

For the week 18th March – 24th March 2017

STOCK MARKET INDICES

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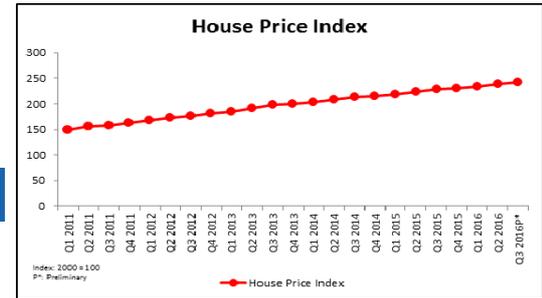
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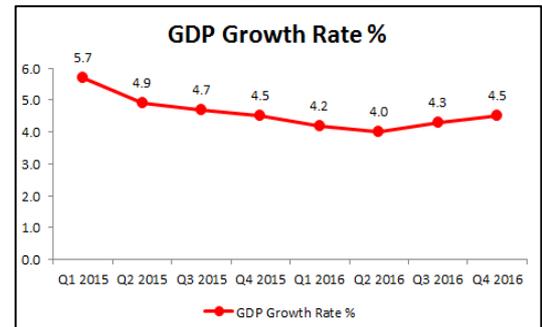
National Economic Indicators

Malaysia House Price Index (updated every quarter)



Source: National Property Information Centre (NAPIC) as of 08/12/2016

GDP Growth Rate % (updated every quarter)



Source: Department of Statistics Malaysia as of 17/2/2017

Consumer Price Index Malaysia (updated every month)



** Index 2010=100

MALAYSIA NEWS

ECONOMY

Tighter lending policies mitigating risks to household debts

Tighter lending policies have played a key role in mitigating risks to household debts, according to Bank Negara's Financial Stability and Payment Systems Report 2016...

| [The Star Online, 24 March 2017, LINK](#)

2017 monetary policies to focus on domestic growth, price stability, says BNM

Bank Negara Malaysia expects monetary policies in 2017 to focus on domestic growth and price stability, on the back of higher inflation, volatile capital flows and lingering constraints in the economic and financial environment...

| [New Straits Times, 16 March 2017, LINK](#)

CONSTRUCTION, HOUSING AND POLICY

Approval rate for housing loans hits high of 73.8% in 2016

The Association of Banks in Malaysia (ABM) said the approval rate for housing loans in 2016 is high at 73.8%. In a press release today, the association clarified that the different statistics on housing loan rejection rates as reported by the banks and developers may be due to differing statistical approaches used by each industry...

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Construction players urged to take part in India rail projects

The Construction Industry Development Board (CIDB) is urging Malaysian construction stakeholders to take advantage of the rapid redevelopment and economic expansion in India, especially infrastructure projects involving rail land and stations...

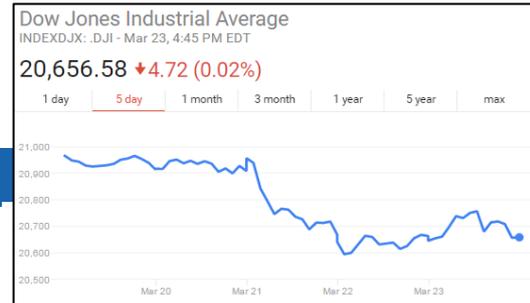
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MODERN CONSTRUCTION TECHNOLOGIES

INDUSTRIALISED BUILDING SYSTEMS (IBS), FUNCTIONAL DESIGNS,
COST SAVINGS, & SUSTAINABLE PRACTICES

COMMODITIES PRICES

Dow Jones Industrial Average

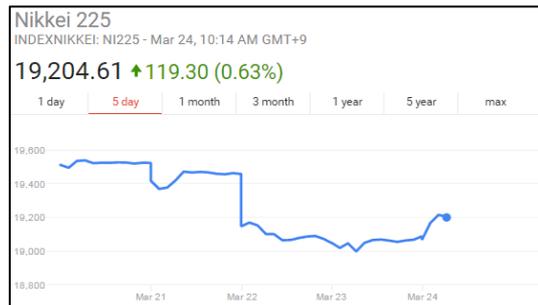


Hang Seng Index



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Nikkei 225



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FTSE Bursa Malaysia Index



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MALAYSIA NEWS

Minister: IBS to be compulsory for construction projects in 2018

Works minister Datuk Fadillah Yusof said the government intends to make the adoption of industrialised building systems (IBS) in construction projects compulsory in 2018. At Parliament today, Fadillah said the government has discussed with various stakeholders of the construction industry, and has committed to greater adoption of IBS going forward...

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Construction sector entering an upcycle

MIDF Research has maintained its positive stance on the construction sector with Muhibbah Engineering (target price: RM2.42) and Malaysian Resources Corp Bhd (target price: RM2.08) as its top picks...

| [The Star Online, 21 March 2017, LINK](#)

SILK Holdings Bhd gets shareholders green light on highway concession sale

SILK Holdings Bhd shareholders today approved the sale of Sistem Lingkaran Lebuhraya Kajang Sdn Bhd (SILK) to Permodalan Nasional Bhd (PNB) for RM380 million. "Our shareholders and bondholders have given the green light to this concession sale to PNB," said SILK Holdings executive chairman Datuk Mohammed Azlan Hashim...

| [New Straits Times, 21 March 2017, LINK](#)

PROPERTY MARKET ACTIVITIES

Maju Holdings obtains approval for new KTM train station at Maju KL

Maju Holdings Sdn Bhd has obtained the green light from the relevant authorities to build a KTM train station which will be connected to its shopping mall at the Maju Kuala Lumpur development in Sungai Besi, KL...

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Brickfields' commercial property shines on

Colourful textile shops, aromatic Indian cuisine and the Indian cultural street decorations along Jalan Tun Sambanthan make Brickfields a vastly different world from its upmarket neighbours, KL Sentral and Bangsar, and just a little bit farther away, Kuala Lumpur City Centre and Bangsar South...

| [The Edge Property, 17 March 2017, LINK](#)

PKNS launches first smart township

The Selangor Economic Development Corp (PKNS) yesterday launched the Selangor Cyber Valley, its first smart township project in Cyberjaya. Sprawled over 526 hectares, the project comprises residence, industrial park, commercial centre and education institutions which will all have access to the high-speed fibre optic network, environment detection device to gauge air quality and an efficient transport system...

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Sime Darby Property’s Harmoni 1 launched with prices from RM170,000

Sime Darby Property, the property arm of Sime Darby Bhd, has unveiled its second Rumah Selangorku project, Harmoni 1, located in Putra Heights, Subang in Selangor. It offers 1,700 units of apartments with prices ranging from RM170,000 to RM270,000...

| [The Edge Property, 21 March 2017, LINK](#)

Undersupply of affordable houses seen to worsen

The undersupply of affordable homes in the local property market is expected to worsen, going forward, due to demographic factors and current income trends...

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Brent Oil



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Crude Oil



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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

China home price gains spread in Feb amid stepped up battle against speculators

China's red-hot property market picked up pace in February after price gains had slowed in the previous four months, with average new home prices in 70 major cities edging up in spite of a raft of new government curbs aimed at tempering speculative demand...

| [The Star Online, 18 March 2017, LINK](#)

‘Bubbly’ Australia Housing Market May Lead to More Lending Curbs

Australia is facing a period of “heightened risk” in the housing market, the nation’s top banking regulator said, amid rising speculation further lending curbs may be imposed to cool runaway housing prices...

| [Bloomberg, 20 March 2017, LINK](#)

Myanmar Luxury Property Hampered by Confusion over Law on Foreign Buyers

Confusion over a law allowing foreigners to buy condominiums in Myanmar is prolonging a slowdown in its residential property sector, highlighting the challenges of regulatory flux in the frontier market...

| [Bloomberg, 23 March 2017, LINK](#)

CURRENCY EXCHANGE

USD/MYR



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