

ECONOMY

[Malaysia's Approved Investments Up 18.7% to RM190.3 Billion in 1H2025](#)

The Edge – 22 August 2025

Malaysia posted RM190.3 billion in approved investments in 1H2025, up by 18.7% year-on-year. The services sector contributed the largest share (RM118.6 billion, 62.3%), followed by the manufacturing sector (RM68.4 billion, 36.0%) and the primary sector (RM3.3 billion, 1.7%).

GOVERNMENT

[Government Achieves 98.8% of Affordable Housing Goal Under 12MP](#)

The Star – 28 August 2025

The Government has achieved 98.8% of its 12th Malaysia Plan (12MP) target of building 500,000 affordable homes, with 493,874 units approved, built or under construction as of 30 June 2025.

[Eight DBKL Land Sites to be Developed for Subsidised Rental Housing](#)

The Edge – 28 August 2025

The Federal Territories Department has earmarked eight Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL)-owned sites for subsidised public rental housing (PASS) to support the B40 group's access to safe and inclusive housing. The projects, spanning areas such as Bandar Baru Sentul, Taman Desa and Salak Selatan, will be developed in phases based on demand.

[Urban Renewal Bill: Government to Raise Consent Threshold to 80% for All Projects](#)

The Edge – 28 August 2025

The Government will increase the consent threshold for urban renewal projects to 80%, regardless of the age of the building, following recommendations from the Parliamentary Select Committee on Infrastructure, Transport and Communications.

[Over RM20 Billion Housing Credit Guarantee Approved Since 2008](#)

The Edge – 26 August 2025

As of 31 May 2025, RM20.9 billion in financing guarantees under the Housing Credit Guarantee Scheme (SJKP) have been approved for 88,507 applications, since its inception in 2018.

[Two Petaling Jaya Draft Local Plans to be Combined](#)

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Petaling Jaya City Council (MBPJ) is drafting the Petaling Jaya Local Plan (RTPJ) 2035 (Replacement), which merges the previous local plans RTPJ 1 and 2 into a single, comprehensive plan to realign the City's development with International, Federal and State policies.

[Moratorium on Housing Projects in Kuala Lumpur would Hurt the City's Economy](#)

The Edge – 26 August 2025

A moratorium on new housing projects in Kuala Lumpur would harm the economy, reduce Kuala Lumpur City Hall's (DBKL) revenue and drive up property prices and rents, potentially forcing B40 and M40 groups to move to the suburbs, says Federal Territories Minister Datuk Seri Dr Zaliha Mustafa.

[PAC Calls for Overhaul of Kuala Lumpur Land Development System](#)

The Edge – 25 August 2025

The Public Accounts Committee (PAC) has urged an overhaul of Kuala Lumpur's land development system after uncovering issues, including the sale of government land below market, ignoring public objections and unchecked approvals.

[Incentives for Developers that Adopt 'Build and Sell' Approach](#)

The Edge – 24 August 2025

The Government will introduce incentives under the 13th Malaysia Plan to encourage developers to adopt the 'build-then-sell' policy, aiming to eliminate abandoned housing projects by 2030.

LEGAL

[Apex Court Rules Government Can Keep Land Taken for Public Use](#)

The Edge – 26 August 2025

The Federal Court dismissed a company permission to appeal to reclaim land acquired by the Government for the Old Klang Road upgrade. The Court ruled that such land cannot be repurchased by the original owner once the Government's purpose is fulfilled.

INFRASTRUCTURE

[West Coast Expressway Targeted to be Completed by FY2027](#)

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WCE Holdings Bhd targets to complete the West Coast Expressway by the financial year ending 31 March 2027 (FY2027), with eight of 11 sections already operational. Remaining works include Sections 3 and 7, plus the construction of Rest and Service Areas.

[ETS3 Service to Johor Bahru Expected to Start in December 2025](#)

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The Electric Train Service 3 (ETS3) to Johor Bahru is set to begin operations in December 2025, with track works completed and only signalling systems pending, says Transport Minister Anthony Loke.

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