

## NEWS UPDATE

20 February 2025

# MARKET SUMMARY

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

US	Yield	Daily	Yield	Weekly	Yield	Monthly	Yield	YTD	Yield
Treasury	19 February 25	Change	18 February 25	Change	12 February 25	Change	17 January 25	Change	31 Dec 24
		bps		bps		bps		bps	
3 YEAR	4.30	-3	4.33	-7	4.37	-3	4.33	3	4.27
5 YEAR	4.37	-3	4.40	-11	4.48	-5	4.42	-1	4.38
7 YEAR	4.46	-2	4.48	-10	4.56	-6	4.52	-2	4.48
10 YEAR	4.53	-2	4.55	-9	4.62	-8	4.61	-5	4.58

MGS	Yield 19 February 25	Daily Change bps	Yield 18 February 25	Weekly Change bps	Yield 12 February 25	Monthly Change bps	Yield 17 January 25	YTD Change bps	Yield 31 Dec 24
3 YEAR	3.45	1	3.44	1	3.44	-1	3.46	-3	3.48
5 YEAR	3.60	-1	3.61	-3	3.63	-2	3.62	-2	3.62
7 YEAR	3.76	-1	3.77	-3	3.79	-3	3.79	-1	3.77
10 YEAR	3.80	2	3.78	-2	3.82	-2	3.82	-2	3.82

GII	Yield 19 February 25	Daily Change bps	Yield 18 February 25	Weekly Change bps	Yield 12 February 25	Monthly Change bps	Yield 17 January 25	YTD Change bps	Yield 31 Dec 24
3 YEAR	3.56	0	3.56	1	3.55	23	3.33	23	3.33
5 YEAR	3.62	0	3.62	-1	3.63	-1	3.63	0	3.62
7 YEAR	3.77	0	3.77	-2	3.79	0	3.77	3	3.74
10 YEAR	3.81	0	3.81	-2	3.83	-3	3.84	-2	3.83

AAA	Yield	Daily	Yield	Weekly	Yield	Monthly	Yield	YTD	Yield
	19 February 25	Change	18 February 25	Change	12 February 25	Change	17 January 25	Change	31 Dec 24
		bps		bps		bps		bps	
3 YEAR	3.80	0	3.80	0	3.80	-1	3.81	-3	3.83
5 YEAR	3.87	0	3.87	-1	3.88	-4	3.91	-8	3.95
7 YEAR	3.92	0	3.92	-2	3.94	-6	3.98	-7	3.99
10 YEAR	3.98	0	3.98	-1	3.99	-6	4.04	-6	4.04

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.

### SC and ICAEW collaborate to enhance sustainability disclosures

The Securities Commission Malaysia (SC) and the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW) have signed a Letter of Intent to collaborate on strengthening expertise in sustainability-related financial disclosures.

The partnership focuses on capacity-building, with ICAEW providing specialised training on climate-related financial disclosures, Sustainability Certifications, and the use of ICAEW training films.

As part of this initiative, ICAEW conducted a workshop on Feb 14, 2025, at the ASEAN Capital Markets Forum (ACMF) Chairs Meeting in Penang. ICAEW Chief Executive Alan Vallance stated, "Sustainability is not just about compliance — it is a business imperative that drives resilience, innovation, and long-term success."

SC Chairman Datuk Mohammad Faiz Azmi emphasized the importance of upskilling regulators, saying, "Our collaboration with ICAEW ensures we stay ahead of global standards while equipping regulators to support market participants." – Business Today

Read full publication at <a href="https://www.businesstoday.com.my/2025/02/19/sc-and-icaew-collaborate-to-enhance-sustainability-disclosures/">https://www.businesstoday.com.my/2025/02/19/sc-and-icaew-collaborate-to-enhance-sustainability-disclosures/</a>

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## Malaysia set for strong economic growth in 2025, with a potential rise of up to 5.5pct

Malaysia is set to sustain its economic momentum in 2025 after recording an impressive 5.1 per cent gross domestic product (GDP) growth in 2024, surpassing the budget projections for the year.

Finance Minister II Datuk Seri Amir Hamzah Azizan said that with strengthening economic indicators, this momentum is expected to continue positively, driving growth in 2025 as projected, despite the challenging global environment.

"We successfully recorded GDP growth of 5.1 per cent in 2024, with second-quarter GDP growth reaching 5.9 per cent, the highest level recorded. In comparison, GDP growth in 2023 was only 3.6 per cent, and this achievement exceeds the initial 2024 budget projection of between four and five per cent.

"With a resilient economic foundation, the growth outlook remains positive, projected to range between 4.5 per cent and 5.5 per cent, demonstrating the economy's resilience despite a challenging global environment," he said during the ministry's winding-up session for the Royal Address debate in the Dewan Rakyat today. – New Straits Times

Read full publication <a href="https://www.nst.com.my/news/nation/2025/02/1177320/malaysia-set-strong-economic-growth-2025-potential-rise-55pct">https://www.nst.com.my/news/nation/2025/02/1177320/malaysia-set-strong-economic-growth-2025-potential-rise-55pct</a>

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### US rate volatility craters as tariff-wary bond traders pull back

Treasury traders are heading to the sidelines amid uncertainty over an expanding global trade war, sending one measure of volatility to its lowest level in three years and leaving yields rangebound.

Neutral positioning in Treasuries among JPMorgan's clients stood at its highest level this year, the bank's survey showed on Wednesday. The shift comes as fluctuating US trade policy leaves little clarity on how proposed tariffs could impact the trajectory of US inflation, raising the risks of traders being wrongfooted on market bets.

In his latest trade salvo, US President Donald Trump said on Tuesday he would likely impose tariffs on automobile, semiconductor and pharmaceutical imports of around 25%, with an announcement coming as soon as April 2. Trump previously threatened tariffs on Canada, Mexico and Colombia, only to pull back, raising the possibility his latest proposal is also a bargaining tool.

"We don't know what tariffs exactly look like and every day changes," said Lindsay Rosner, head of multi-sector fixed income investing at Goldman Sachs Asset Management. – Financial Post

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