

## NEWS UPDATE

31 January 2025

# MARKET SUMMARY

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

US Treasury	Yield 30 January 25	Daily Change bps	Yield 29 January 25	Weekly Change bps	Yield 23 January 25	Monthly Change bps	Yield 30 December 24	YTD Change bps	Yield 31 Dec 24
3 YEAR	4.24	-3	4.27	-11	4.35	-5	4.29	-3	4.27
5 YEAR	4.31	-4	4.35	-14	4.45	-6	4.37	-7	4.38
7 YEAR	4.41	-3	4.44	-14	4.55	-5	4.46	-7	4.48
10 YEAR	4.52	-3	4.55	-13	4.65	-3	4.55	-6	4.58

MGS	Yield 28 January 25*	Daily Change bps	Yield 27 January 25	Weekly Change bps	Yield 21 January 25	Monthly Change bps	Yield 27 December 24	YTD Change bps	Yield 31 Dec 24
3 YEAR	3.44	1	3.43	1	3.43	-6	3.50	-4	3.48
5 YEAR	3.61	1	3.60	0	3.61	-2	3.63	-1	3.62
7 YEAR	3.77	0	3.77	-2	3.79	-1	3.78	0	3.77
10 YEAR	3.80	0	3.80	-2	3.82	-2	3.82	-2	3.82

#### \*Malaysia Market closed on 29 & 30 January in observance of Chinese New Year Day Holiday

GII	Yield 28 January 25*	Daily Change bps	Yield 27 January 25	Weekly Change bps	Yield 21 January 25	Monthly Change bps	Yield 27 December 24	YTD Change bps	Yield 31 Dec 24
3 YEAR	3.55	0	3.55	23	3.32	20	3.35	22	3.33
5 YEAR	3.61	0	3.61	-2	3.63	-1	3.62	-1	3.62
7 YEAR	3.76	0	3.76	-2	3.78	2	3.74	2	3.74
10 YEAR	3.82	0	3.82	-2	3.84	-1	3.83	-1	3.83

ΑΑΑ	Yield 28 January 25*	Daily Change bps	Yield 27 January 25	Weekly Change bps	Yield 21 January 25	Monthly Change bps	Yield 27 December 24	YTD Change bps	Yield 31 Dec 24
3 YEAR	3.82	0	3.82	-1	3.83	-2	3.84	-1	3.83
5 YEAR	3.89	0	3.89	-2	3.91	-5	3.94	-6	3.95
7 YEAR	3.94	0	3.94	-3	3.97	-5	3.99	-5	3.99
10 YEAR	4.00	0	4.00	-3	4.03	-4	4.04	-4	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.

## RAM Ratings affirms MCIS Life's ratings at A1/P1; revises outlook negative

RAM Ratings has revised the outlook on long-term ratings of MCIS Insurance Berhad (MCIS Life or the Insurer) to negative from stable, while reaffirming its A1/P1 insurer financial strength ratings and the A2 rating of its RM200 mil Tier 2 Subordinated Debt (2021/2031).

The outlook revision reflects our concerns over persistent earnings pressures faced by MCIS Life, along with its heightened reliance on single premiums or yearly renewable policies which increases the uncertainty of its longer-term growth trajectory.

In addition to scale limitations and fierce competition, recent performance in FY Dec 2023 and 1H FY Dec 2024 was further dampened by higher medical claims and increased expenses resulting from a change in the treatment of overrun costs.

The revision in treatment led to higher expenses since 2H 2023 and contributed to a 54% y-o-y decline in pre-tax profit in 1H FY Dec 2024. The Insurer's profitability metrics, as measured by its pre-tax return on assets, remained notably lower compared to peers. In the last three financial periods, this averaged at 0.6%. – RAM Ratings

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### Malaysia sees return of producer inflation

After three months of contraction, Malaysia saw a marginal producer inflation last December amid a mixed performance across key sectors. The Statistics Department reported that the producer price index (PPI), which measures price changes at the producer level, rose by 0.5% year-on-year (y-o-y) in December 2024.

In November, the PPI had shrunk by 0.4% y-o-y. The rebound in December took place amid the PPI increase in the United States and Japan. China, however, recorded a decline which is the 27th consecutive month of producer deflation. Elaborating on Malaysia's PPI rebound, chief statistician Datuk Seri Mohd Uzir Mahidin said the agriculture, forestry and fishing sector recorded a significant increase of 23.8% y-o-y in December.

This was due to the growing of perennial crops. Meanwhile, the mining sector contracted by 7% y-o-y, a smaller decline than the previous month's 8.3%. The decline was primarily due to the extraction of crude petroleum index, which fell by 9.7%.

"The manufacturing sector saw a slight decline of 1%, with the key subsectors of the manufacture of coke and refined petroleum products dropping sharply by 15.5% and the manufacture of computer, electronic and optical products decreasing by 1.5%. – The Star

*Read full publication* <u>https://www.thestar.com.my/business/business-news/2025/01/29/malaysia-sees-return-of-producer-inflation</u>

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### 10-year Treasury yield slides after weaker-than-expected GDP

U.S. Treasury yields moved lower on Thursday as economic data showed slower-thanexpected growth for the United States in the fourth quarter. The 10-year Treasury yield was lower by 3 basis points at 4.526%. Meanwhile, the 2-year Treasury yield was down 1 basis point to 4.213%.

The move in yields came as the Commerce Department's gross domestic product report was weaker than expected. The fourth-quarter GDP growth rate was 2.3%. Economists surveyed by Dow Jones had been expecting an increase of 2.5%.

Traders will weigh the economic growth data alongside the latest update from the Federal Reserve. On Wednesday, the central bank's Federal Open Market Committee left its overnight borrowing rate unchanged at a range between 4.25%-4.5%, in a move that investors had been anticipating after three consecutive cuts since September 2024.

Policymakers noted in a post-meeting statement that "inflation remains somewhat elevated" and "the unemployment rate has stabilized at a low level in recent months, and labor market conditions remain solid." – CNBC

*Read full publication at <u>https://www.cnbc.com/2025/01/30/us-treasury-yields-investors-digest-feds-interest-rate-</u> <u>decision-.html</u>* 

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