

IN BRIEF

E&O Q2 net profit up 65.3pc to RM50.24m

KUALA LUMPUR: Eastern & Oriental Bhd's (E&O) net profit rose 65.3 per cent to RM50.24 million in the second quarter ended Sept 30, 2025, from RM30.39 million a year ago. The group recorded a revenue of RM204.4 million, a 19 per cent increase compared with RM171.03 million in the corresponding quarter last year. E&O said the performance was driven by revenue recognition from its Arica, and Senna & Fera developments. As a result, the group registered a higher earnings per share of 2.02 sen compared with 1.46 sen in the second quarter of 2025.

Eden net profit sees 58.1pc jump in Q1

KUALA LUMPUR: Eden Inc Bhd's net profit jumped 58.1 per cent to RM7.51 million in the first quarter ended Sept 30, 2025, from RM4.75 million a year earlier, supported by stronger performance across key business segments. Revenue surged to RM54.59 million, 56 per cent up from RM35 million in the corresponding quarter of the previous financial year, while pre-tax profit rose to RM8.13 million compared with RM6 million in the corresponding quarter of 2024.

Hextar Healthcare Q3 loss widens

KUALA LUMPUR: Hextar Healthcare Bhd's net loss for the third quarter ended Sept 30, 2025 widened to RM5.81 million from RM4.06 million a year ago. In a filing to Bursa Malaysia yesterday, the group attributed the loss to higher production costs and lower plant capacity utilisation during the quarter compared with the same period last year. Revenue for the quarter, however, rose 17.5 per cent to RM35.74 million from RM30.43 million previously. Loss per share increased to 0.53 sen from 0.40 sen in the third quarter of financial year 2024.

Q3 RESULTS

CIMB'S NET PROFIT RISES 2.3pc

Performance due to solid trading and forex income

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CIMB Group Holdings Bhd, Malaysia's second-largest bank by assets, reported a modest rise in net profit for the third quarter ended Sept 30, 2025, driven by solid trading and foreign exchange (forex) income.

The bank's quarterly net profit climbed 2.3 per cent to RM2.08 billion from RM2.03 billion a year ago, while its revenue rose 3.6 per cent to RM5.95 billion during the quarter compared with RM5.74 billion a year ago.

In a bourse filing, it said its improved performance was driven by non-interest income more than offsetting weaker interest income, a compressed net interest margin and higher provisions, coupled with disciplined execution of its Forward30 strategy.

CIMB's net interest income remained stable at RM3.82 billion in the quarter under review, while net interest margin (NIM) stood at 2.08 per cent, driven by strategic repricing and proactive capital management from previous quarters which mitigated the impact of persistent rate cuts.

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Revenue climbed higher to RM17.05 billion from RM16.97 billion in the first nine months of 2024.

Total deposits and current account saving account (CASA) balances grew by 9.1 per cent to RM518.1 billion and 15.3 per cent year-on-year, respectively, increasing the group's CASA ratio to 44.1 per cent up to September.

Gross loans expanded 3.3 per cent year-on-year to RM448.2 billion and assets grew 5.1 per cent year-on-year to RM778.5 billion.

For the first nine months of 2025, operating expenses grew at a disciplined 1.6 per cent year-on-year, which led to a cost-to-in-

come ratio of 46.5 per cent, but not at the expense of investments in technology and operational resilience.

Loan loss charge normalised to 33 basis points, within the group's full-year guidance. The gross impaired loans ratio improved to 1.9 per cent and allowance coverage improved to 102.8 per cent up to September.

"This capital return forms part of our Forward30 strategy to always be disciplined with capital and reflects the group's confidence in the long-term performance trajectory. With this, we are able to return capital to shareholders in a measured and re-

sponsible manner while ensuring we remain well-positioned for future growth," said group chief executive officer Novan Amirudin.

He added that the bank remained optimistic in closing the year on a strong footing with all targets met.

"Our diversified portfolio and disciplined execution will continue to ensure we remain resilient despite the macroeconomic headwinds and challenges.

"While it may take some time for the dust to settle with the new world order, we expect NIMs to stabilise, and we will continue investing for long-term growth," Novan said.

DOWN TO RM129.23 MILLION

Bank Islam posts Q3 profit decline, declares 10 sen dividend

KUALA LUMPUR: Bank Islam Malaysia Bhd reported a marginal decline in net profit to RM129.23 million for the third quarter ended Sept 30, 2025, compared with RM129.63 million in the same period last year.

However, revenue rose 8.5 per cent to RM1.27 billion in the third quarter of 2025 compared with RM1.17 billion in the same quarter of 2024.

For the nine-month period, Bank Islam's net profit slipped 4.1 per cent to RM382.18 million compared with RM398.44 million

last year due to higher overhead costs and increased impairment allowances on financing.

Revenue for the period under review was RM3.78 billion, up from RM3.46 billion a year ago.

Bank Islam declared an interim dividend of 10 sen per share for shareholders registered on the record of depositors on Dec 15, to be paid on Jan 9.

Up to end-September, the bank's total assets had grown 9.6 per cent year-on-year to RM102.7 billion, surpassing a RM100 billion strategic target ahead of its

December schedule.

Meanwhile, the group's total gross financing during the period grew 7.2 per cent year-on-year to RM73.4 billion.

There was a 6.9 per cent year-on-year increase in customer deposits and investment accounts to RM83.8 billion.

Current accounts, savings accounts or transactional investment accounts stood at RM30 billion, representing a composition of 35.8 per cent up to end-September.

Group chief executive officer

Datuk Mohd Muazzam Mohamed said Bank Islam had demonstrated resilience and agility, supported by its operational transformation and steadfast adherence to *syariah* principles.

"The group is resolute in our commitment to creating sustainable value for our customers and shareholders, embedding environmental, social and governance principles into our business model, and advancing Islamic social finance as a catalyst for inclusive growth and socio-economic development."