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#### HIGHLIGHTS

# MALAYSIA RECORDS RM139.3 BILLION OF APPROVED INVESTMENTS FOR JAN-SEP 2018

DRIVEN BY FDI INCREASE OF 249.4% IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR

Malaysia attracted a total of RM139.3 billion worth of investments in the manufacturing, services and primary sectors for the first nine months of 2018. This was an 18% increase from the RM118.1 billion approved in the same period last year. The total investments approved in January-September 2018 were from 3,243 projects and are expected to generate 93,379 job opportunities for Malaysia.

Approved foreign direct investments (FDI) increased by 109.7% to RM64.1 billion in January-September 2018 from RM30.6 billion in the same period last year. This was mainly driven by the manufacturing sector which recorded a strong increase of 249.4%. Approved FDI in the primary sector also rose by 99.3%. This indicates that investors' confidence in Malaysia remain high despite the challenging global economic environment.

**Ouality FDI continues to** assume an important role in the development of Malaysia due to its multiplier impact on the economy. The strong presence of foreign investments in the manufacturing sector, in particular, has helped to enlarge the market through the growth of the local supply chain ecosystem and related services industry. MIDA continues to urge industries to leverage on growing opportunities by



embracing advanced technology to enhance productivity and competitiveness.



In the manufacturing sector. notable investments include a new project from Leaf Malaysia OpCo, a US based company that will be setting up a facility in Johor to convert plant-based biomass into fermentable sugars. "The first plant is expected to begin operations in 2021 and will create 60 job opportunities for highly skilled local workforce. Our second generation (2G) biomass products have a wide range of applications for domestic and export markets.

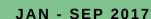
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FDI

26%

RM30.6 BILLION

**JAN - SEP 2018** 



FDI : Foreign Direct Investment

**DDI** 74%

DDI : Domestic Direct Investment



RM139.3 BILLION

TOTAL INVESTMENT

including energy, fuels, bioplastics and high value specialty chemicals. We have also identified a strategic local partner for our Johor BioHub operations," said Leaf Malaysia's Managing Director, Jason Jones.



life.augmented Another quality project is an expansion by STMicroelectronics, a global semiconductor MNC which has been in Malaysia since four decades ago. Its Malaysian plant is a key manufacturing facility for STMicroelectronics' global assembly and test manufacturing. It is also the centre of excellence for development and manufacturing of automotive semiconductors. Approximately 70% of the

semiconductors produced in this plant are dedicated to the automotive sector.

Malaysia has huge potentials to collaborate with these foreign companies and benefit from the transfer of knowledge and expertise across many industries. As the principal investment promotion agency of the country, MIDA continues to encourage local sourcing by foreign companies. Through the outsourcing of manufacturing, FDI has been driving technology by nurturing Malaysian companies to become global champions.

For example, domestic industry players Vitrox, Pentamaster and Walta have established a one-stop metal component supply chain hub initiative known

TOTAL INVESTMENT RM118.1 BILLION

> as the **Penang Automation Cluster (PAC)**. The group leverages on the capabilities of human resources and availability of technical and vocational education in the country, which provides technical skills training to meet the demands of high precision and high quality metal fabrication parts and modules by multinational companies and large local companies.

RM87.6 BILLION



"Our new investment will focus on building and managing the local supply chain ecosystem of advanced and precision engineering of metal fabrication. This will improve cost competitiveness through local sourcing of high precision parts and

#### HIGHLIGHTS



produce competitive products for the international market. Besides, with the adoption of Industrial 4.0 world class smart manufacturing in PAC, we will further attract high impact FDI and create job opportunities in the region. PAC will be the showcase of a successful model in stimulating more SME clustering concepts to support nation building," said Mr Chu Jenn Weng, Director of PAC.



As for the services sector, a notable energy generation project that was approved during this period is an expansion project by **Tadau Energy**. According to its Managing Director, Ms Susanna Lim, "Our base in Kudat, Sabah is an ideal location for a solar power plant as the northern Sabah district has clear and unpolluted skies, and gets a large amount of direct sunlight. The development of this project has the greatest potential for Malaysia especially Sabah to transition to clean energy as it will save the environment from approximately 50.000 metric tonnes of carbon dioxide (CO2) emission and can power more than 30,000 homes annually. Overall, the company has created more than 200 job opportunities for the local community."

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Another notable services project approved between January - September 2018 is a principal hub project by **Jobstreet.com**, a leading online employment marketplace in Asia.

## WHY MALAYSIA

Malaysia was chosen because it is strategically located in the region, enjoys strong government support in the technology industry as well as the availability of incentive to help businesses. - Mr Jakson Peters, Jobstreet's Chief Financial

Officer.

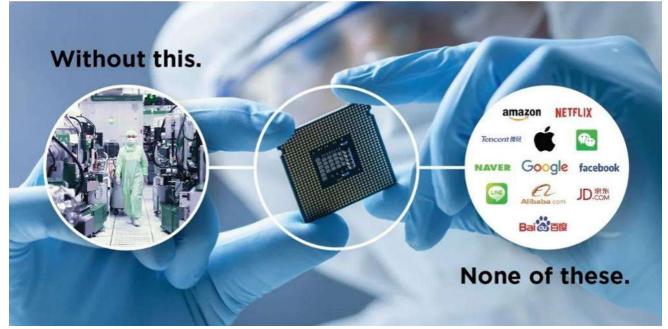
"After having merged with a Hong Kong based company in 2014, Jobstreet had an important task to decide where to locate the Principal Hub of the newly created venture.

Malaysia was chosen because it is strategically located in the region, enjoys strong government support in the technology industry as well as the availability of incentive to help businesses like JobStreet. Our investment in Malaysia will also bring tangible benefits to the country, through the creation of employment especially in high value and managerial positions and, our capital and operational spending will allow us to contribute back to the economy," said Mr Jakson Peters, the company's Chief Financial Officer.

The full media release for the Jan-Sep 2018 investment performance can be found on the MIDA website **here**.

#### INDUSTRY

# THE RETURN OF SEMICONDUCTORS



The semiconductor industry is influenced more and more by Artificial Intelligence (AI). The power of the chip is now embedded into daily lives. With the dawn of AI, the world of semiconductors has been given a new lease of life. Although AI has been around since the 1970s, the world is becoming more and more reliant on AI due to increasing digitalisation.

Those in the digital industry would agree that the main reason for this awakening stems from the semiconductors that are made, as well as the integrated electronics manufacturing supply chain that is rapidly evolving. The Singapore Business Times predicts that the Asia-Pacific GDP could add US\$387 billion by 2021 through the digital transformation of the semiconductor manufacturing industry.

Source: www.semi.org

With the intention to satisfy market demands, the semiconductor industry which has been largely 'invisible', is now forced to look for technology solutions while improving cost as well as performance of this new generation of chips. All this is done while integrating more functionality, and building a new avenue for value-creation.

As the world enters into a new era of Al, semiconductors and new architectures in computing are now the main drivers for Al, where one would not exist without the other.

### QUICK FACT

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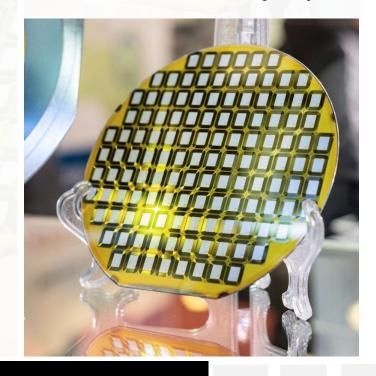
Many within the semiconductor industry would agree that the present age is the most exciting time to be in the semiconductor manufacturing industry. There seems to be a sudden growth and demand for new architectures, materials, equipment, processes and more importantly, a new system-based design approach to enable what industry experts term as the Cognitive Era.

Governments and policy makers across the globe are racing to make their location the most preferred for investments to cater for the dawn of this new era of semiconductors. As Malaysia move head-on in embracing the Fourth Industrial Revolution, the country stands ready to brace the challenges ahead. In efforts to strengthen partnerships between industry players and the Government, MIDA is once again collaborating with SEMI in the organisation of the upcoming SEMICON SEA 2019 in Kuala Lumpur, scheduled from 7 - 9 May 2019 at Malaysia International Trade and Exhibition Centre (MITEC).

Come and be part of the team representing the electrical and electronics ecosystem in Malaysia by participating as a MIDA partner at the Malaysia Pavilion.

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# LOCAL SERVICE PROVIDERS TO REGISTER WITH MIDA i-SERVICES PORTAL



On 30 October, YB Datuk Darell Leiking, our MITI Minister has launched MIDA's i-Services Portal. This is a single market place to link investors and companies interested to source for domestic services with local service providers. By registering on this portal, local service providers can expand their markets and boost business activities in today's globalised and rapidly-changing business environment.

This portal is expected to help reduce the deficit in the country's services trade current account, which stood at RM22.8 billion last year.

A deficit in services trade refers to Malaysia importing more services than it exports, which represents an outflow of domestic currency to foreign markets. Local services providers make up 89% of the business establishments in Malaysia and have been growing from strength to strength in tandem with the development of the industrial landscape in the country. Recognising that there is a variety of excellent local service providers, MIDA seeks to showcase their capabilities through this portal and connect them with investors and companies seeking to leverage on local services. This will contribute in expanding their markets and further boosting their business activities in today's globalised and rapidly changing business environment.

The i-Services Portal is located at http://iservices.mida.gov.my and the range of services available includes accounting, architectural, banking, construction



### http://iservices.mida.gov.my



and related services, distribution and logistics, engineering, education, environmental protection, information & communication technology, insurance, legal, oil & gas, other professional and technical services and real estate.

All foreign and local industry players or business owners as well as anyone seeking to utilise local services are urged to log onto the portal to explore the database on local suppliers available according to their category of services.

This is a gateway to source for local services which more often than not, leads to a cost-efficient way of doing business.



## EVENTS

# MIDA Industrial Park Forum Highlights Investment Potential in Sabah

MIDA collaborated with the Federation of Malaysian Manufacturers (FMM) and Sabah state authorities to organise the fourth and last installation of its industrial park forum series on 17 December 2018 at the Marriott Hotel, Sabah. The event was graced by YB Dr. Ong Kian Ming, Deputy Minister of International Trade and Industry (MITI). Also present was YB Tuan Chong Chen Bin, Assistant Minister of the Ministry of Trade and Industries, Sabah and Senior Executive Director of MIDA, Mr. Zabidi Mahbar.



During his keynote address, the Deputy MITI Minister highlighted that Sabah has many opportunities for investments in new growth areas. "Each region in Malaysia is unique in its comparative and competitive advantages. For Sabah, its abundance of natural and agricultural resources has long made this state a base for industrial development. Building on these strengths, there are many untapped opportunities for resource-based manufacturing facilities, particularly in moving downstream and producing high quality goods and services. Having the upstream and downstream industry players in close proximity improves speed and cost of production," said YB Dr. Ong.



Read More:

http://www.mida.gov.my/home/7742/news/ mida-industrial-park-forum-highlightsinvestment-potential-in-sabah/





On 3 December, the Chief Minister of Penang, Y.A.B. Chow Kon Yeow graced the Groundbreaking Ceremony for the expansion of Island Hospital. This project will provide over 2,000 job opportunities for locals, particularly in Penang.



The Italian delegation led by Mr. Nicola Lener, visited MIDA on 3 December. It is hoped that the courtesy visit will continue to attract more investors from Italy and other countries to explore business opportunities in Malaysia.

YB MITI Minister officiated the opening of Dyson's development centre on 5 December. This follows the completion of the company's R&D campus expansion in Senai, Johor part of its RM3 billion investment in Malaysia for the last decade.





MIDA's Industrial Linkages Programme on aerospace, a supply chain initiative, kick-started on 5 December. This initiative led by Mr Arham, MIDA Deputy CEO, was organised from 5-12 December.



Association of Malaysian Medical Industries (AMMI) announced its Medical Device Industry Status and Outlook Report 2018/2019 on 6 December. Based on AMMI's analysis, the export of medical devices from Malaysia is expected to cross RM23 billion in 2019 with projected 8% year-on-year growth.

A workshop with Turkish Aerospace Industries (TAI) was held on 10 December. The team was led by Mr Arham, Deputy CEO of MIDA to Ankara, Turkey. Being the vital investment promotional agency in the country, MIDA continues to welcome more aerospace companies to soar higher in Malaysia.





On 11 December, MIDA continued its Industrial Linkages Programme in Turkey with the organisation of a workshop between Turkish OSTIM Defence and Aviation Cluster and Malaysian companies. This is to promote strategic linkages to seize market opportunities in the aerospace industry.



Intel together with its strategic partners, MITI and MIDA organised the IoT Seminar 2018 for the second time on 11 December. The collaboration aimed to facilitate the digital transformation of the industries, particularly through Internet of Things (IOT), an important component of Industry 4.0.

The MIDA team led by the Executive Director of Investment Promotion, Mr. S. Siva participated in a briefing session with the American-Malaysian Chamber of Commerce (AMCHAM) members on 13 December.





Following MIDA's Invest Series Sabah held in October, 10 companies visited Sabah to explore various business opportunities. The delegation met with Sabah state government representatives, utility providers, state councils and also Sabah's ports and industrial parks on 18 December.



The MIDA-Rolls Royce Supply Chain Programme, held on 17 December, was officiated by Mr Arham, Deputy CEO of MIDA. MIDA continues to encourage local players to emulate best practices and stay relevant in the global business landscape.

MIDA, led by Mr. Ismail, Director of Industry Talent Management and Expatriate Division organised an information sharing session on Industry Talent Development Facilitation' in Melaka on 20 December.





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#### **MALAYSIA RANKING**

- KL the least expensive city to stay in Asia
- Malaysia 'A3' rating affirmed
- Malaysia ranks fifth in Asia for digital readiness, says UNCTAD

#### **ECONOMY NEWS**

- Growing interest among Polish investors for Malaysia
- 'Increased FDIs with anti-graft drive'
- Negeri Sembilan restructuring Malaysian Vision Valley project
- Oct exports likely to expand 10.8pc
- Qatar keen to expand investments in Malaysia
- Trade hits RM1.558tril
- Exports hit record high in October
- Businesses must move away from capital labour to stay profitable Gobind
- MITI cautiously optimistic of exports surpassing 5% growth target
- Total exports this year may hit RM982b
- Investors should not worry about on-going tension between Malaysia and Singapore
- Malaysia well on track to become high income nation, says World Bank
- Steady 4.9pc growth seen
- Negri Sembilan draws RM2bil investments in first half
- IMF praises Malaysia's resilience
- MVV 2.0 to woo RM294b investments
- MITI to attract investments in strategic sectors from China
- World Bank: Malaysia to post 4.7pc growth in 2018
- Expects more deals next year
- Investments in Malaysia grow 18pc to RM139.3b, says MIDA
- 'All signs show growth from February'
- MVV 2.0 set to drive investments
- Melaka attracts RM1bil investments

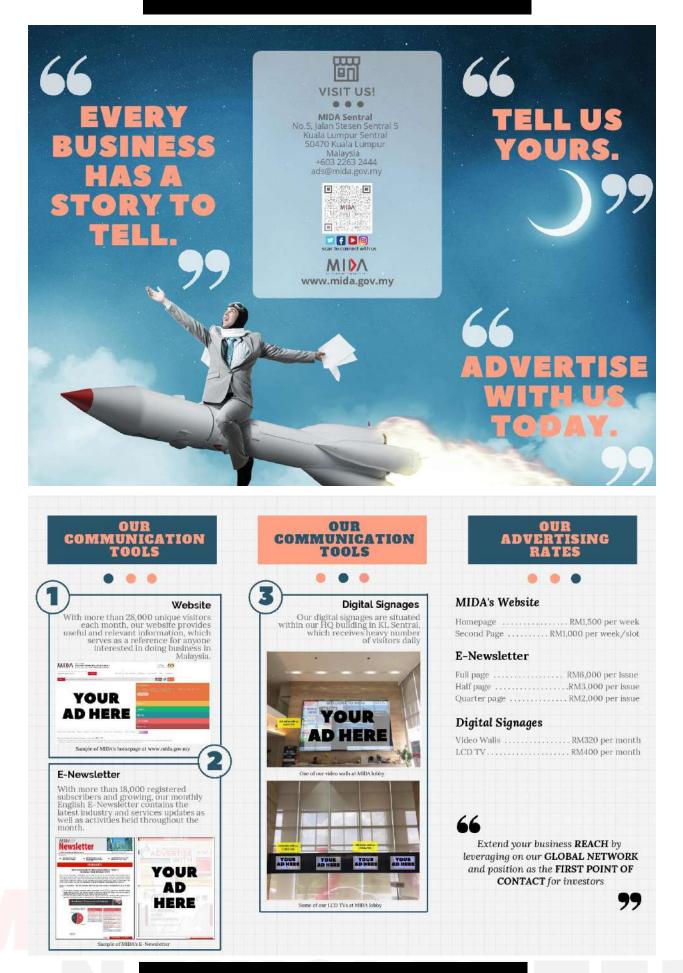
#### **INDUSTRY NEWS**

- Cargill exploring new investment opportunities in Malaysia
- More O&G jobs in the pipeline
- Globetronics stays optimistic in the face of headwinds
- Astana City plans RM100m Port Klang factory
- Hibiscus to invest RM200mil
- Petronas conducting feasibility study on energy supply in Silica Valley
- UMS to conduct research to help Sabah to produce its own tyres
- AMMI members record 52% value-added ratio in medical device industry
- Panasonic to invest RM300 mil in Industry 4.0
- R&D grant for 3rd national car
- Sarawak Energy, Shell MDS ink MoU on green tech
- Pentamaster and Elsoft expect record turnover
- SLP Resources set to increase output
- ACM keen to invest, expand in Kedah
- Tun M hopes Proton-Geely collaboration will produce truly Malaysian car
- Malaysia Oct manufacturing sales up 10.2% y-o-y to RM73.1b
- MVV 2.0 will be rejuvenated to promote hi-tech industries
- New dimension for local automotive sector
- Malaysia's industrial production index rises 4.2pc in October
- Cypark secures RM225mil solar plant project in Kedah
- Towards a new era in innovation
- CEO: Globetronics poised to record double-digit growth
- Sarawak Petchem project to come onstream in 2022
- Malaysia's halal exports to hit RM50b
- FGV, CMEC ink MoU for paper pulp business
- SilTerra, Singapore firm ink partnership deal
- QL buys five land plots for RM48.7m for business expansion
- Innovation, digitalisation key to business survival
- Glove players' profit margin to remain stable, says MIDF Research
- Prestar buys RM14.5m Rawang land for business expansion

#### **SERVICES NEWS**

- Championing renewable energy
- The 'Asean century' for renewable energy
- Malaysia's healthcare market to reach RM127.9b by 2027, says Fitch Research
- New golden era for global tourism
- TNB contributes 73.2MW to national grid
- Gdex to allocate record high capex of RM50m in FY19, says MD
- UEM Sunrise plans 2nd hotel project
- Ekovest signs up Melia Hotels
- Mimos, Microsoft to provide SMEs with access to latest technology
- Worldwide's RM1b investment
- MITI, MIDA, Intel hold IoT Forum to review Progress
- Govt to rejuvenate Cyberjaya as tech hub
- Malaysia should create new waste management invention that generates wealth PM
- Mpire Asia opens Foton 3S centre
- Govt eyes full digitalisation of commerce among SMEs by 2020
- Internet of Things for SMEs friend of foe?
- MAHB eyes RM1bil investments
- SME sector remains robust with strong government support
- Propelling SMEs in the digital world
- Bright spot in renewable energy
- GSK's Business Services Centre expands services
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