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BURSA MALAYSIA ANNOUNCES RM68.4 MILLION PROFIT AFTER TAX, ZAKAT AND MINORITY INTEREST FOR THE FIRST QUARTER OF 2025

Key Financial & Market Highlights (1Q2025 versus 1Q2024)	
•	Profit After Tax, Zakat and Minority Interest at RM68.4 million, decreased by 8.8%
•	Annualised Return on Equity at 34%, decreased by 3 percentage points
•	Basic earnings per share at 8.5 sen, decreased by 0.8 sen
•	Operating revenue at RM177.7 million, decreased by 1.7%
•	Operating expenses at RM92.9 million, increased by 6.7%
•	Cost-to-income ratio at 50%, increased by 3 percentage points
•	Average daily trading value for Securities Market's on-market trades at RM2.6 billion, decreased by 10.2%
•	Market capitalisation as at 31 March 2025 at RM1.9 billion, decreased by 1.9%
•	Securities Market velocity at 33%, decreased by 6 percentage points
•	Average daily contracts traded for Derivatives Market at 102,184 contracts, increased by 21.3%
•	Average daily trading value for Bursa Suq Al-Sila' at RM50.0 billion, increased by 7.9%

Kuala Lumpur, 28 April 2025 – Bursa Malaysia Berhad ("Bursa Malaysia" or the "Exchange") posted a Profit After Tax, Zakat and Minority Interest ("PATAMI") of RM68.4 million for the first quarter ended 31 March 2025 ("1Q2025"), an 8.8% decrease from the RM75.0 million reported in the previous corresponding quarter ended 31 March 2024 ("1Q2024"). The decrease in PATAMI was primarily attributed to a 1.7% decrease in operating revenue to RM177.7 million in 1Q2025 from RM180.7 million in 1Q2024. Concurrently, total operating expenses increased by 6.7% to RM92.9 million in 1Q2025 against RM87.1 million in 1Q2024, due to higher technology expenses and higher subscription costs following the launch of the Centralised Sustainability Intelligence ("CSI") platform in June 2024.

"The first quarter of 2025 proved to be a challenging period for global markets, weighed down by external factors affecting equity market performance. Notwithstanding the headwinds, Malaysia's capital market remains resilient, supported by strong economic fundamentals and the government's clear policy direction, supported by outlined national roadmaps in key growth areas. At Bursa Malaysia, we are encouraged by the strong IPO momentum, with 16 listings recorded to date, keeping the Exchange on track to meet its full-year target of 60 IPOs," said Dato' Fad'l Mohamed, Chief Executive Officer of Bursa Malaysia.

For the current quarter under review, the lower operating revenue in the Securities Market is primarily due to a decrease in trading revenue, with the average daily trading value ("ADV") for On-Market Trades ("OMT") and Direct Business Trades ("DBT") declined by 11.9% to RM2.8 billion in 1Q2025 against RM3.2 billion in 1Q2024. Trading velocity in 1Q2025 dropped by 6 percentage points to 33% from 39% in 1Q2024. The lower number of trading days, by 2 days, in 1Q2025, compared to 1Q2024, also contributed to the decline in operating revenue.

As for the Derivatives Market, the trading revenue saw a notable increase of 13.7% to RM28.9 million in 1Q2025 from RM25.4 million in 1Q2024. This increase was mainly driven by higher Average Daily Contracts ("ADC") traded for Crude Palm Oil Futures ("FCPO"). Revenue from conference fees and exhibition-related income also increased by 12.1% to RM7.1 million in 1Q2025 from RM6.4 million in 1Q2024, supported by higher number of participants at the Palm and Lauric Oils Price Outlook Conference & Exhibition ("POC").

On the Islamic Market front, operating revenue recorded a 23.0% increase to RM5.5 million in 1Q2025 from RM4.5 million in 1Q2024, mainly driven by higher Bursa Suq Al-Sila' ("BSAS") trading revenue of RM4.9 million in 1Q2025 from RM4.3 million in 1Q2024. Revenue from Bursa Gold Dinar also increased to RM0.6 million in 1Q2025 from RM0.2 million in 1Q2024. Meanwhile, the Data Business segment maintained its growth momentum, with operating revenue increased by 2.1% to RM19.4 million in 1Q2025 from RM19.0 million in 1Q2024.

Commenting on the market outlook in the coming months, Dato' Fad'l Mohamed said, "While global market uncertainties, including geopolitical tensions, US trade and monetary policy decisions, and commodity price volatility continue to shape investor sentiment, Bursa Malaysia remains focused on strengthening market resilience through ongoing outreach efforts and enhanced product offerings, to broaden investor participation. We expect these initiatives will help cushion against external headwinds and sustain healthy trading activity across our markets."

Dato' Fad'l Mohamed added. "We will continue to enhance investor accessibility through closer engagement or collaboration with industry partners. We also remain committed to driving sustainability excellence and strengthening our market's competitiveness, particularly by enhancing the attractiveness of listed companies. By designating the CSI Platform as our dedicated sustainability reporting platform, now enhanced with Artificial Intelligence ("AI") capabilities, we are empowering all listed companies to deliver more robust, transparent disclosures. Additionally, we will expand offerings under Bursa Carbon Exchange ("BCX") and Bursa Malaysia RAM Capital Sdn. Bhd. ("BR Capital") to support Malaysia's transition to a low-carbon economy and to provide funding flexibility to companies, respectively."

"Amid ongoing global economic challenges and uncertainties, the Exchange continues to strive meeting all its five headline key performance indicators ("KPIs")¹ for the financial year ending 2025. The Board of Directors also wishes to record its appreciation to the outgoing Chairman, Tan Sri Abdul Wahid Omar for his invaluable contributions over the past five years," Dato' Fad'l Mohamed concluded.

The financial results for 1Q2025 are available on Bursa Malaysia's website at www.bursamalaysia.com.

¹ The headline KPIs are targets or aspirations set by the Company as a transparent performance management practice. These headline KPIs shall not be construed as either forecasts, projections or estimates of the Company or representations of any future performance, occurrence or matter as the headline KPIs are merely a set of targets/aspirations of future performance aligned to the Company's strategy.

Financial results	1Q2025 (RM million)	1Q2024 (RM million)	Percentage change (%)
Operating revenue	177.7	180.7	(1.7)
Other income	6.7	6.5	3.0
Total revenue	184.4	187.2	(1.5)
Staff costs	(46.6)	(45.5)	2.5
Depreciation and amortisation	(9.1)	(8.6)	5.7
Marketing and development expenses	(6.9)	(6.5)	6.6
Information technology maintenance	(11.6)	(9.7)	19.8
Service fees	(6.6)	(6.3)	4.2
Other operating expenses	(12.1)	(10.5)	14.8
Profit from operations	91.5	100.1	(8.6)
Finance costs	(0.1)	(0.1)	-
Profit before tax and zakat	91.4	100.0	(8.6)
Income tax expense and zakat	(23.4)	(25.7)	(8.7)
Profit after tax	68.0	74.3	(8.6)
Minority interest	0.4	0.7	(34.5)
PATAMI	68.4	75.0	(8.8)

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