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After a nearly two-month hiatus, Bursa Malaysia is set to welcome two new listings this week. Generator rental service provider Express Power Solutions (M) Bhd (KL:XPB) and renewable energy solutions provider JS Solar Holding Bhd (KL:JSOLAR) will be listed on the ACE Market on Sept 24 and 23 respectively.

The last listings on Bursa were those of Oxford Innotech Bhd (KL:OXB) on July 29 and UMS Integration Ltd (KL:UMSINT) on Aug 1. Notably, UMS is the first Singapore-listed company to have a secondary listing in Malaysia.

Priced at 20 sen per share, Express Power's initial public offering (IPO) involves a public issue of 180 million new shares, representing 19.26% of its enlarged share base. There is also an offer for sale of 65.4 million existing shares, which make up 7% of its enlarged share base.

The company will have a market capitalisation of RM186.9 million upon listing, valuing it at about 11 times its FY2024 earnings.

According to Express Power's prospectus, RM36 million of the proceeds will be allocated to the company's expansion and RM13.08 million will be paid to the sole selling shareholder and managing director Lim Cheng Ten, who will have a 73.74% stake in the company upon listing.

Founded in 2005, Express Power operates a large fleet of mobile truck-mounted generators and canopy generators for outdoor or noise-sensitive areas, serving sectors such as utilities, oil and gas, construction, manufacturing and government agencies. One of its key clients is Tenaga Nasional Bhd (KL:TENAGA).

TA Securities, which has a target price of 26 sen for Express Power, said there are no direct comparable companies listed on Bursa. Thus, the research house has benchmarked the company against its global peers, including Cummins Inc, Caterpillar Inc and Here

Holdings Inc in the US and Tokyo Century Corp in Japan.

PublicInvest Research has set a lower fair value of 23 sen, based on a price-earnings ratio (PER) of 10 times FY2025 earnings per share. This represents a 30% discount to the power sector value chain supplier's average PER of 15 times. The research house believes that the discount is justified by Express Power's relatively small market capitalisation, although it has decent margins.

"We forecast the group's earnings to grow at a three-year CAGR (compound annual growth rate) of 11.7%, driven by increasing demand from expanding end-user industries and supported by the planned expansion of its generator fleet, customer base and market coverage," it said, noting that key risks include market competition, dependence on major customers as well as fluctuations in the price of industrial diesel.

From FY2021 to FY2024, Express Power's average gross profit and net profit margin

were about 55% and 25% respectively. The largest component of its cost of sales is industrial diesel consumption.

It targets a dividend payout of 30% to 50% of its net profit.

Mercury Securities is the principal adviser, sponsor, sole underwriter and sole placement agent for Express Power's IPO exercise.

Meanwhile, JS Solar's IPO is expected to raise more than RM30 million, based on the listing price of 31 sen per share, of which RM24.18 million will go to the Shah Alam-based compa-

### Express Power Solutions

#### IPO details

|                                      |                                                 |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| Issue price                          | 20 sen                                          |
| Enlarged share base                  | 934.45 million                                  |
| IPO valuation (price-earnings ratio) | 11.26 times                                     |
| Controlling shareholder              | Lim Cheng Ten (73.7%)                           |
| Subscription rate (public portion)   | 13.55                                           |
| Fair value                           | 26 sen (TA Securities)<br>23 sen (PublicInvest) |
| Market                               | ACE                                             |
| Listing date                         | Sept 24                                         |

### Financial highlights

|                           | FY2022 | FY2023 | FY2024 |
|---------------------------|--------|--------|--------|
| Revenue (RM mil)          | 31.41  | 39.42  | 70.17  |
| Net profit (RM mil)       | 7.5    | 9.9    | 16.60  |
| Earnings per share (sen)  | 0.8    | 1.06   | 1.78   |
| Dividend paid (RM mil)    | 2.74   | 4.0    | 1.00   |
| Dividend payout ratio (%) | 36.51  | 40.46  | 48.20  |

### JS Solar Holding

#### IPO details

|                                      |                                                                                   |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Issue price                          | 31 sen                                                                            |
| Enlarged share base                  | 325 million                                                                       |
| IPO valuation (price-earnings ratio) | 12.60 times                                                                       |
| Controlling shareholders             | Rantai Inspirasi (19.6%)<br>Sa Chee Peng (16.9%)<br>Ikwon Hafiz Jamaludin (16.2%) |
| Subscription rate (public portion)   | 48.32                                                                             |
| Fair value                           | 45 sen (Malacca Securities)                                                       |
| Market                               | ACE                                                                               |
| Listing date                         | Sept 23                                                                           |

### Financial highlights

|                           | FY2023 | FY2024  | FY2025 |
|---------------------------|--------|---------|--------|
| Revenue (RM mil)          | 70.27  | 140.4   | 186.5  |
| Net profit (RM mil)       | 0.96   | 6.4     | 8.0    |
| Earnings per share (sen)  | 0.30   | 1.97    | 2.46   |
| Dividend paid (RM)        | -      | 686,000 | -      |
| Dividend payout ratio (%) | -      | 10.7    | -      |

### How 2025's IPOs on Bursa Malaysia performed

| COMPANY                               | LISTING DATE | IPO PRICE (RM) | FIRST-DAY CLOSING PRICE (RM) | FIRST-DAY SHARE PRICE PERFORMANCE (%) | CLOSING PRICE AS AT SEPT 18 (RM) | PRICE CHANGE SINCE IPO (%) | PER AT IPO (TIMES) | MARKET CAP (RM MIL) |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|----------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| MAIN MARKET                           |              |                |                              |                                       |                                  |                            |                    |                     |
| Pantech Global                        | March 3      | 0.68           | 0.575                        | -15.44                                | 0.520                            | -23.53                     | 11.60              | 442.00              |
| Hi Mobility                           | March 28     | 1.22           | 1.330                        | 9.02                                  | 2.360                            | 93.44                      | 18.40              | 1,180.00            |
| Reach Ten Holdings                    | May 2        | 0.52           | 0.540                        | 3.85                                  | 0.505                            | -2.88                      | 10.10              | 505.00              |
| Eco-Shop Marketing                    | May 23       | 1.13           | 1.200                        | 6.19                                  | 1.360                            | 20.35                      | 36.00              | 7,815.92            |
| Paradigm Real Estate Investment Trust | June 10      | 1.00           | 1.000                        | 0.00                                  | 0.985                            | -1.50                      | 16.40              | 1,576.00            |
| Cuckoo International Malaysia         | June 24      | 1.08           | 1.080                        | 0.00                                  | 0.825                            | -23.61                     | 21.20              | 1,182.06            |
| UMS Integration Ltd*                  | Aug 1        | 5.00           | 5.500                        | 10.00                                 | 4.630                            | -7.40                      | 26.40              | 3,289.78            |
| ACE MARKET                            |              |                |                              |                                       |                                  |                            |                    |                     |
| Swift Energy Technology               | Jan 8        | 0.28           | 0.395                        | 41.07                                 | 0.245                            | -12.50                     | 23.53              | 245.20              |
| CBH Engineering Holdings              | Jan 16       | 0.28           | 0.335                        | 19.64                                 | 0.350                            | 25.00                      | 15.91              | 658.31              |
| Oriental Kopi                         | Jan 23       | 0.44           | 0.875                        | 98.86                                 | 1.180                            | 168.18                     | 20.37              | 2,360.00            |
| Northern Solar                        | Feb 6        | 0.63           | 0.790                        | 25.40                                 | 0.720                            | 14.29                      | 24.70              | 284.83              |
| Colform Group                         | Feb 10       | 0.36           | 0.390                        | 8.33                                  | 0.330                            | -8.33                      | 17.48              | 198.00              |
| Richtech Digital                      | Feb 17       | 0.25           | 0.320                        | 28.00                                 | 0.180                            | -28.00                     | 9.43               | 36.44               |
| Techstore                             | Feb 18       | 0.20           | 0.220                        | 10.00                                 | 0.270                            | 35.00                      | 13.00              | 135.00              |
| ES Sunlogy                            | Feb 20       | 0.30           | 0.300                        | 0.00                                  | 0.340                            | 13.33                      | 15.50              | 238.00              |
| Saliran Group                         | March 13     | 0.27           | 0.210                        | -22.22                                | 0.210                            | -22.22                     | 10.42              | 80.41               |
| Lim Seong Hai Capital                 | March 21     | 0.88           | 0.830                        | -5.68                                 | 1.470                            | 67.05                      | 9.92               | 1,232.39            |
| Wawasan Dengkil Holdings              | March 25     | 0.25           | 0.230                        | -8.00                                 | 0.235                            | -6.00                      | 12.38              | 126.93              |
| Chemlite Innovation                   | March 26     | 0.25           | 0.230                        | -8.00                                 | 0.260                            | 4.00                       | 16.23              | 156.00              |
| SumiSajana Group                      | April 9      | 0.24           | 0.180                        | -25.00                                | 0.125                            | -47.92                     | 24.74              | 180.45              |
| MSB Global Group                      | April 15     | 0.20           | 0.170                        | -15.00                                | 0.155                            | -22.50                     | 12.10              | 94.55               |
| WTEC Group                            | April 29     | 0.25           | 0.235                        | -6.00                                 | 0.175                            | -30.00                     | 14.60              | 84.00               |
| West River                            | May 5        | 0.39           | 0.370                        | -5.13                                 | 0.250                            | -35.90                     | 12.19              | 89.43               |
| Fibromat (M)                          | May 8        | 0.55           | 0.495                        | -10.00                                | 0.690                            | 25.45                      | 13.70              | 171.31              |
| Peopology                             | May 20       | 0.25           | 0.265                        | 6.00                                  | 0.220                            | -12.00                     | 18.83              | 90.58               |
| Oasis Home Holding                    | May 28       | 0.28           | 0.280                        | 0.00                                  | 0.300                            | 7.14                       | 17.39              | 150.00              |
| ICT Zone Asia                         | June 3       | 0.20           | 0.200                        | 0.00                                  | 0.175                            | -12.50                     | 21.74              | 139.20              |
| Signature Alliance Group              | June 5       | 0.68           | 0.700                        | 2.94                                  | 0.840                            | 35.48                      | 15.30              | 840.00              |
| Hartanah Kenyalang                    | June 9       | 0.16           | 0.145                        | -9.38                                 | 0.150                            | -6.25                      | 10.81              | 93.00               |
| Pan Merchant                          | June 26      | 0.27           | 0.230                        | -14.81                                | 0.210                            | -22.22                     | 25.23              | 192.36              |
| ASM Automation Group                  | July 2       | 0.17           | 0.165                        | -2.94                                 | 0.175                            | 2.94                       | 12.80              | 93.58               |
| PMCK                                  | July 9       | 0.22           | 0.230                        | 4.55                                  | 0.185                            | -15.91                     | 15.94              | 201.76              |
| A1 A.K. Koh Group                     | July 11      | 0.25           | 0.245                        | -2.00                                 | 0.215                            | -14.00                     | 17.67              | 180.60              |
| Icents Group Holdings                 | July 17      | 0.24           | 0.340                        | 41.67                                 | 0.450                            | 87.50                      | 13.26              | 225.00              |
| Enproserve Group                      | July 18      | 0.24           | 0.265                        | 10.42                                 | 0.245                            | 2.08                       | 12.46              | 257.25              |
| Oxford Innotech                       | July 29      | 0.29           | 0.385                        | 32.76                                 | 0.385                            | 32.76                      | 13.20              | 273.35              |

\*Secondary listing, primary listing on SGX



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ny. The remaining RM6.05 million raised from the sale of existing shares will accrue entirely to managing director Chai Jeun Sian, non-executive director Ikwana Hafiz Jamaludin and his private vehicle Rantai Inspirasi, as well as substantial shareholder Sa Chee Peng. Ikwana Hafiz is the son of the late Umno politician Tan Sri Jamaluddin Mohd Jarjis.

The IPO exercise has a public issue of 78 million new shares, representing 24% of the company's enlarged issued share capital, along with an offer for sale of 19.5 million existing shares, making up 6% of the enlarged issued share capital. Upon listing, the company will have a market capitalisation of RM100.75 million, valuing it at a PER of 12.6 times.

JS Solar provides engineering, procurement, construction and commissioning (EPCC) services and contracting services for solar photovoltaic (PV) systems, along with operations and maintenance (O&M) services.

Incorporated in 2018, the company plans to use more than half of the IPO proceeds to repay bank borrowings. It is also allocating 13% to regulatory fees and renovation costs for a new office and 6% for business expansion and marketing activities.

Malacca Securities assigned a fair value of 45 sen to JS Solar, projecting a three-year earnings CAGR of 10.6%, with core profit after tax anticipated to reach RM9.1 million to RM10.8 million over the next three years, underpinned by the company's introduction of battery energy storage systems, expansion in Sabah for more utility-scale projects, as well as continuous market share expansion by leveraging various government initiatives.

As at end-July this year, JS Solar's order book stood at RM39.7 million, comprising unrecognised revenue from its ongoing EPCC, contracting and O&M projects. The majority of the orders (93.6%) are expected to be realised in FY2026, with the balance flowing into FY2027 and beyond, providing some near-term earnings visibility, Malacca Securities noted.

The research house highlighted that the company is a proxy for Tenaga. "The group has revenue concentration [in] its major customer GSPARX, which is a subsidiary of Tenaga, reflecting JS Solar's role as one of the indirect key partners in the deployment of the country's rooftop solar PV system," it said.

"Given that JS Solar is a registered Strategic Partner as System Installer (SPSI) vendor of GSPARX, it allows JS Solar to tender for any solar PV system projects throughout Peninsular Malaysia to be awarded by GSPARX. Hence, this allows the group to basically ride the country's renewable energy goals. As at FY2025, GSPARX contributed 30.7% to JS Solar's revenue."

JS Solar plans to establish a sales and support office in Kota Kinabalu to strengthen its presence in the growing Sabah renewable energy market, hence being able to capture new business opportunities.

TA Securities is the principal adviser, sponsor, underwriter and placement agent, while Eco Asia Capital Advisory Sdn Bhd is serving as financial adviser for the IPO exercise. ■