

Portfolio Manager's Views

Why we like Innoprise Plantations Berhad?

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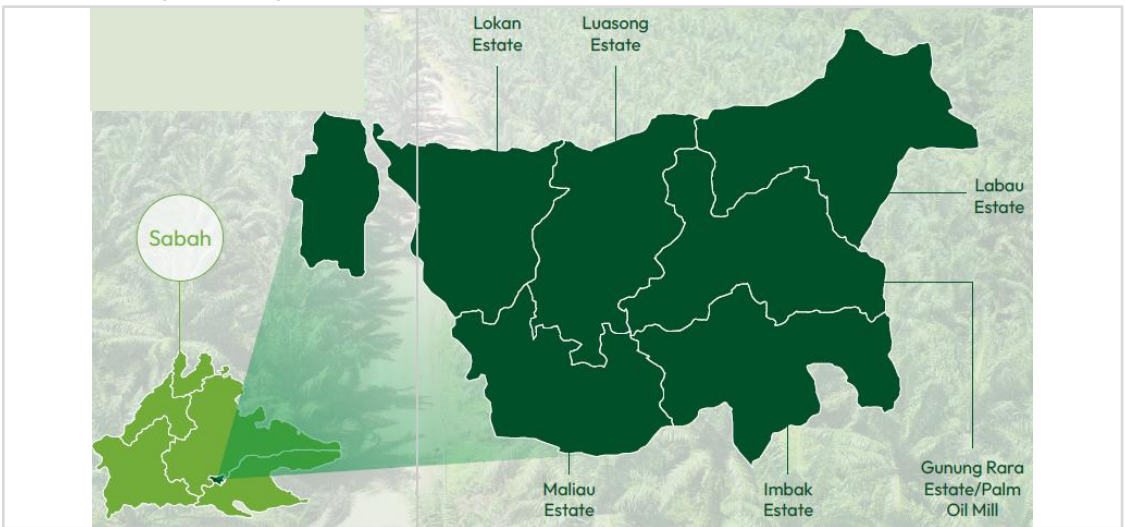
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1. Executive Summary

- 1 **Special Feature: Why do we like Innoprise Plantations?** (Refer to pages 3-5)
- 2 **Global equities edged higher in Aug-26, with the MSCI World returning +2.5% MoM.** The S&P 500 gained +2.6% MoM on a strong 2Q26 earnings season. 2026 MSCI world earnings growth estimates rose to 25.7% from 22.9% in July. This was tempered by rising long-end U.S. Treasury yields. The 30-year hit 5.31%, it's highest level since 2007. U.S. debt topped \$40tn for the first time, driving the surge. This prompted Treasury Secretary Bessent to announce a major bond buyback.
- 3 **The FBM KLCI ended Aug-26 flat at +0.06% MoM as foreign selling and political uncertainty weighed on sentiment.** Foreign outflows hit RM2.0bn in August (RM-4.8bn YTD). This pushed foreign shareholding to a record low of 18.1%. However, earnings and growth trends stayed supportive. CIMB's beat-to-miss ratio recovered to 0.95x in 2Q26 from 0.52x in 1Q26. 2Q26 GDP grew 6.0% YoY on AI-driven E&E exports. Bursa's move to expand the KLCI to 50 constituents adds a positive structural angle. This lifts index coverage to around 70% of market cap.
- 4 **FBM KLCI valuations remain undemanding,** with FY26 PER of 15.2x (5Y range 12.4x-16.7x), PBR of 1.6x (5Y range 1.2x-1.7x), and a forecast DY of 4.2% (5Y range 3.8%-4.5%) [Source: Bloomberg]. We retain a positive market outlook and remain well positioned to deploy capital opportunistically.

Feature: Innoprise Plantations Berhad

Exhibit 1: Map of Innoprise's estates and mill.

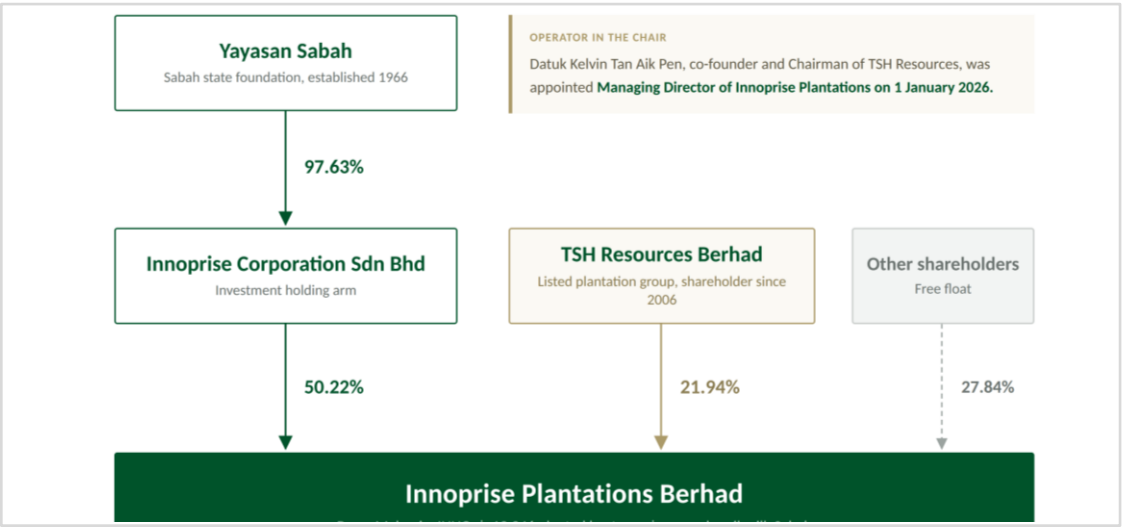


Source: Innoprise Plantations Berhad

1 Innoprise is a Sabah planter that has quietly become a RM1 billion company.

Innoprise cultivates oil palm in Sabah. It holds 22,763 hectares of land, of which 12,246 hectares are planted. The company sells the crude palm oil it produces without refining it further. Its earnings therefore move directly with the palm oil price.

Exhibit 2: Innoprise's ownership structure



Source: Bloomberg

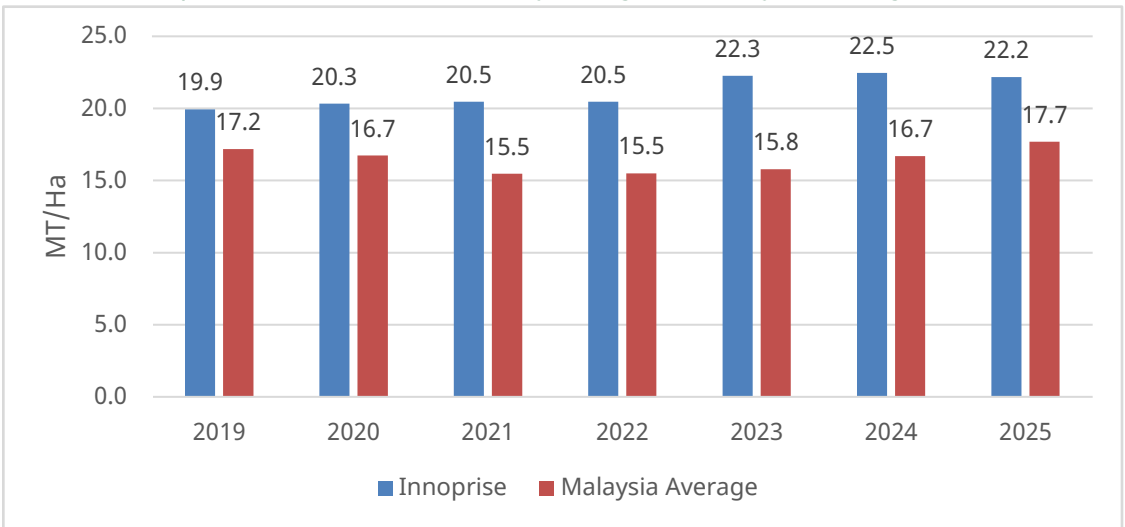
2 The Sabah state and a proven oil operator are key major shareholders.

Innoprise Corp holds 50.2%. Behind it sits Yayasan Sabah, the state foundation. TSH Resources holds 21.9%. The state brings the land and a long horizon. TSH brings the agronomy.

In Jan-2026, TSH's co-founder, Datuk Kelvin Tan Aik Pen, took the Managing Director seat.

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Exhibit 3: Innoprise fresh fruit bunch (FFB) yield against Malaysia average.



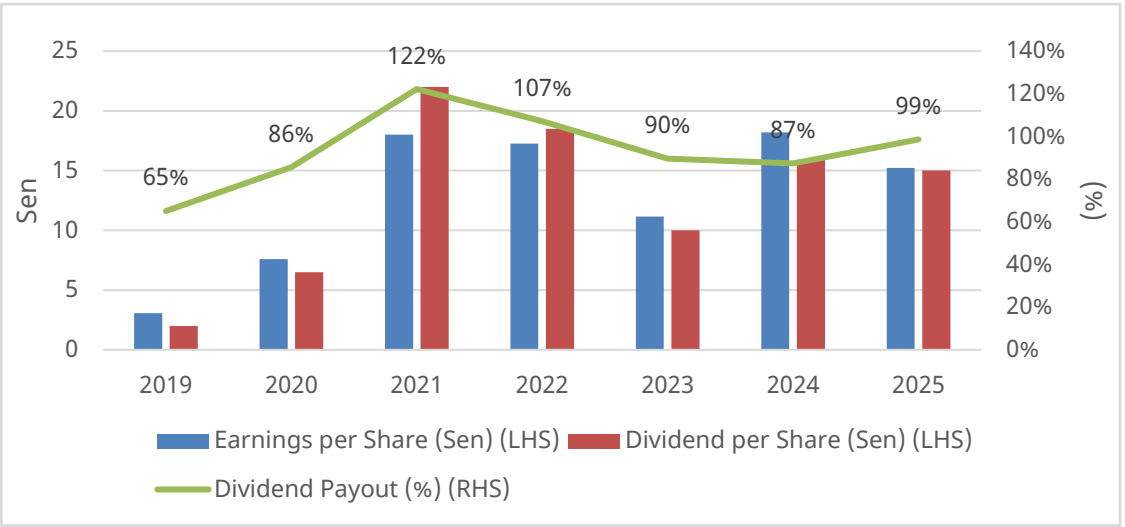
Source: Innoprise Plantations Berhad, Malaysia Palm Oil Board

3 Innoprise's strong and productivity metrics is a huge advantage.

Innoprise produced 22.2 tonnes of fruit per hectare in 2025. The national average was 17.7. The gap has held seven years.

Age and agronomy explain it. Some 95% of its palms are in prime maturity. TSH has supplied the estate expertise since 2006. Better yields mean lower costs.

Exhibit 4: Innoprise's financial performance.



Source: Astute Fund Research

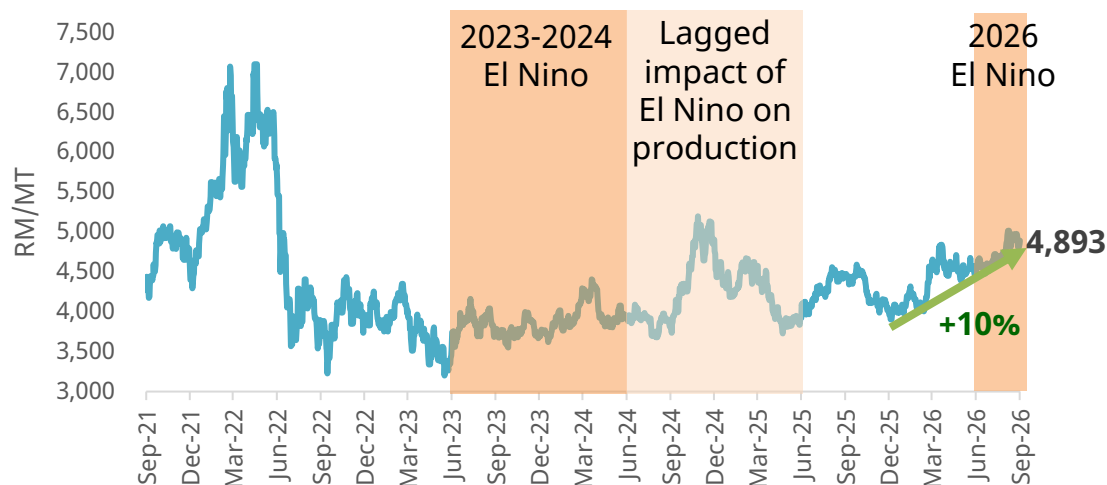
4 No debt and a long record of paying cash out.

Innoprise has no borrowings and is in a net cash position.

It has distributed at least 86% of earnings in every year since 2020. The record held through 2023, when profits fell by a third and the payout was still 90%.

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Exhibit 5: 3-month crude palm oil (CPO) price (RM/MT)



Source: Bloomberg

5 Innoprise is a direct proxy to increasing palm oil price.

The three-month crude palm oil price has risen 10% this year to RM4,893 per tonne.

We expect prices to stay firm into 2027. Drier El Niño weather in the Southeast Asia region, Indonesia's B50 mandate and vegetable oil supply disruptions are all supportive.

Exhibit 6: Innoprise's peer comparison

Company/Index	Mkt Cap (RM Mil)	EPS Growth (%)		P/E (x)		Div Yld (%)		EV/Ha (USD'000)	FFB Yield (MT/Ha)	OER (%)
		1FY	2FY	1FY	2FY	1FY	2FY			
Bursa Plantation (RM)	170	34.0	6.6	16.6	15.6	3.0	3.3			
KLCI	1,224	6.2	6.7	15.0	14.1	4.3	4.6			
United Plant	20,843	6.1	5.7	23.9	22.6	4.1	4.4	117.3	28.1	21.1%
Innoprise	1,010	11.0	2.2	12.8	12.5	7.6	7.8	19.8	22.5	21.4%
Selected Peers										
SD Guthrie Bhd	43,776	82.5	3.5	16.8	16.3	3.2	3.2	26.3	18.3	21.0%
IOI Corp Bhd	30,923	28.0	0.4	18.6	18.5	2.6	2.7	54.2	19.1	21.8%
Kuala Lumpur Kepong	25,280	14.9	25.9	21.7	17.2	2.8	3.1	33.8	20.6	21.4%
Genting Plantations	5,400	43.8	4.8	13.1	12.5	4.5	4.6	14.7	17.0	21.4%
Sarawak Oil Palms	5,810	18.6	4.1	11.7	11.3	2.8	2.9	15.6	16.7	20.0%
Johor Plantations Group	4,844	46.3	22.2	16.6	13.6	3.4	3.8	28.2	22.4	20.0%
Kim Loong Resources	2,759	3.8	5.3	14.7	15.6	5.4	5.0	38.8	21.7	20.6%
AVERAGE		34.0	7.9	16.2	15.0	3.5	3.6	30.2	19.4	20.9%

Source: Astute Fund Research, Bloomberg

6 Innoprise's valuations are undemanding relative to its peers.

Innoprise trades at 12.5x FY27 earnings, against a peer average of 15.0x. Measured against the land itself, each planted hectare is valued at USD19,800, versus USD30,200 for peers.

Its FY27 dividend yield of 7.8% exceeds the index at 3.3%

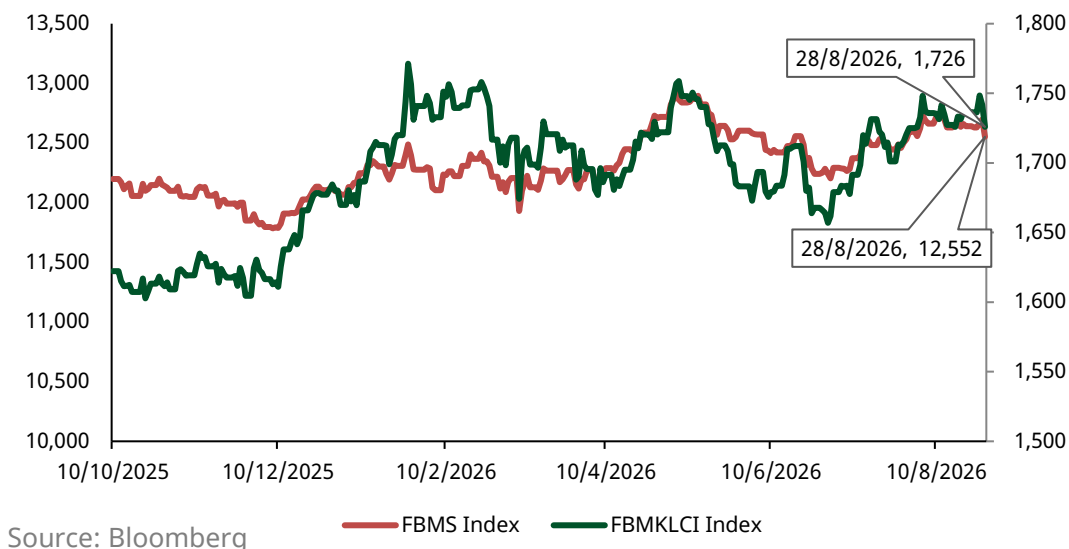
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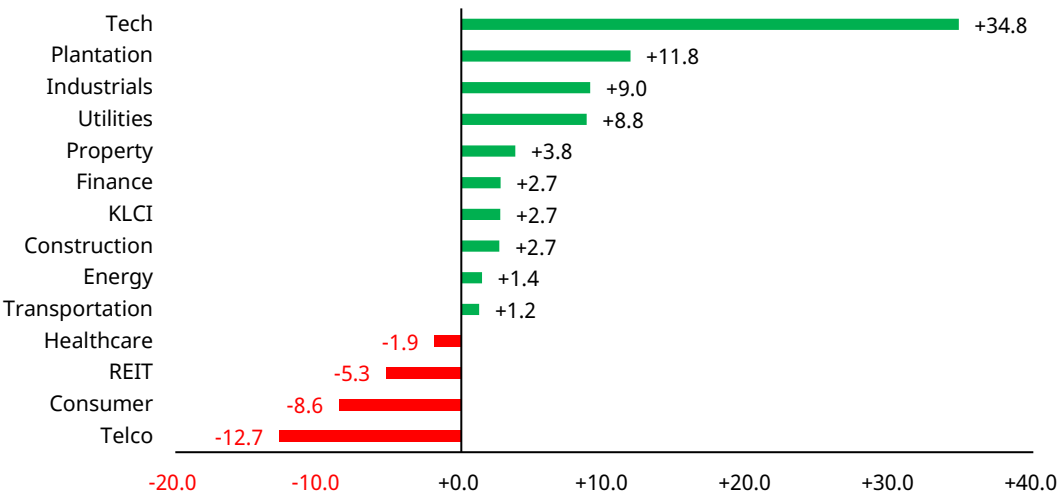
Exhibit 7: KLCI & Shariah Index



1 KLCI rebounded in April as sentiment recovers on stronger Tech stocks performance.

The KLCI and FBM Shariah have stabilised in August 2026 on the back of tech and plantation outperformance.

Exhibit 8: Sector Performances 2026 (%)

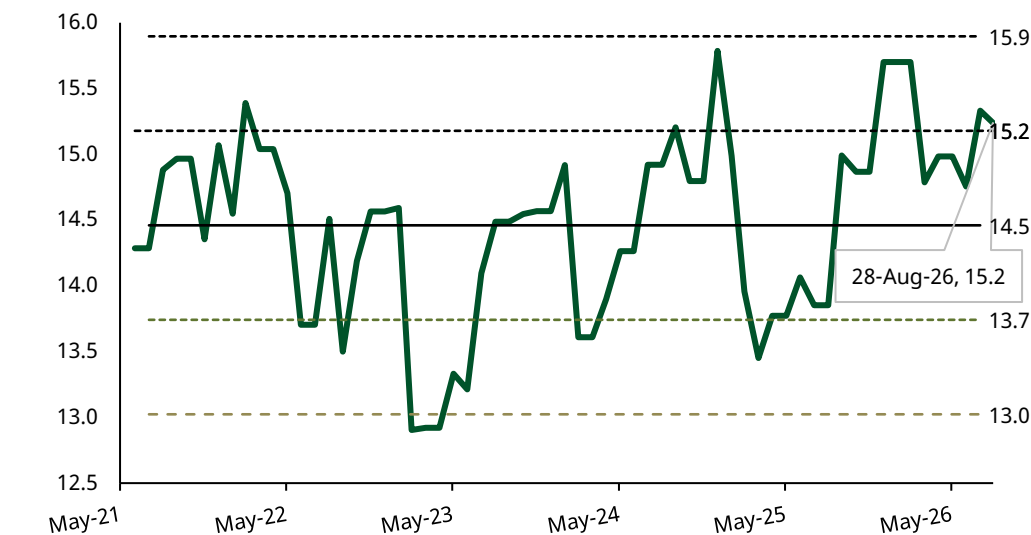


2 Sector Performance YTD-26 – Tech Leads, Telco Lags

Tech (+34.8%) and Plantation (+11.8%) were top performers YTD-26, while Telco (-12.7%) has underperformed the market.

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Exhibit 9: KLCI's FY26 PER (x)

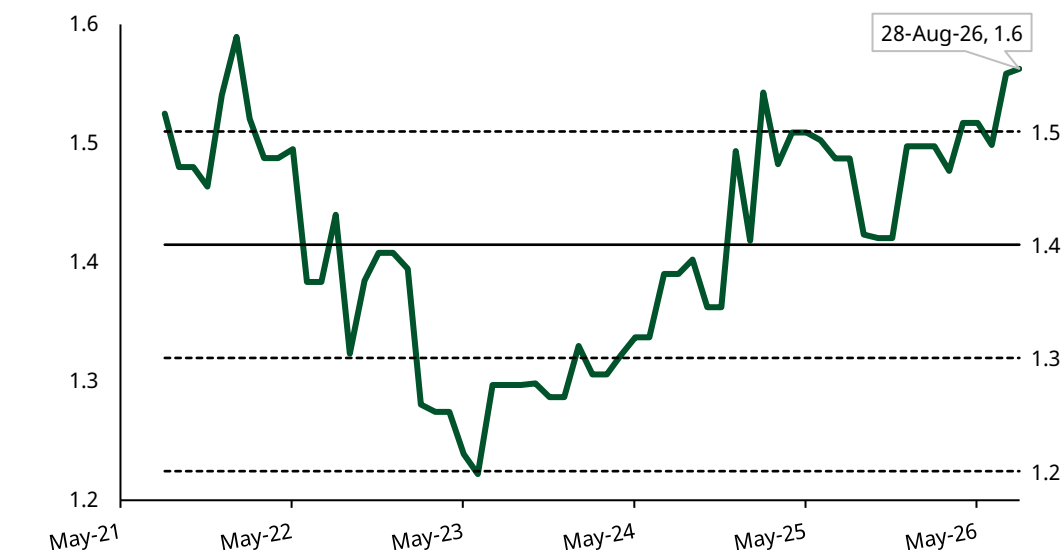


Source: Bloomberg

3 The KLCI's valuation is valued above the 5-year mean.

The KLCI trades at a FY26 PER of 15.2x (5Y range 12.4x to 16.7x, 5Y mean of 14.5x).

Exhibit 10: KLCI's FY26 PBR (x)



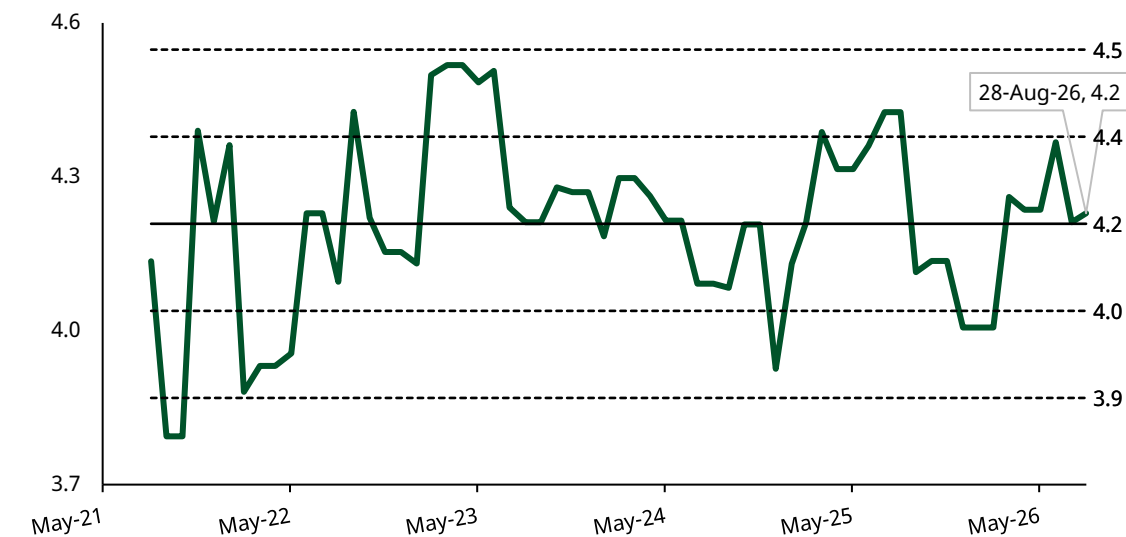
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4 This is the same for KLCI's PBR.

The KLCI trades at a FY26 PBR of 1.6x (5Y range 1.2x to 1.7x, 5Y mean 1.4x).

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Exhibit 11: KLCI's FY26 DY (%)



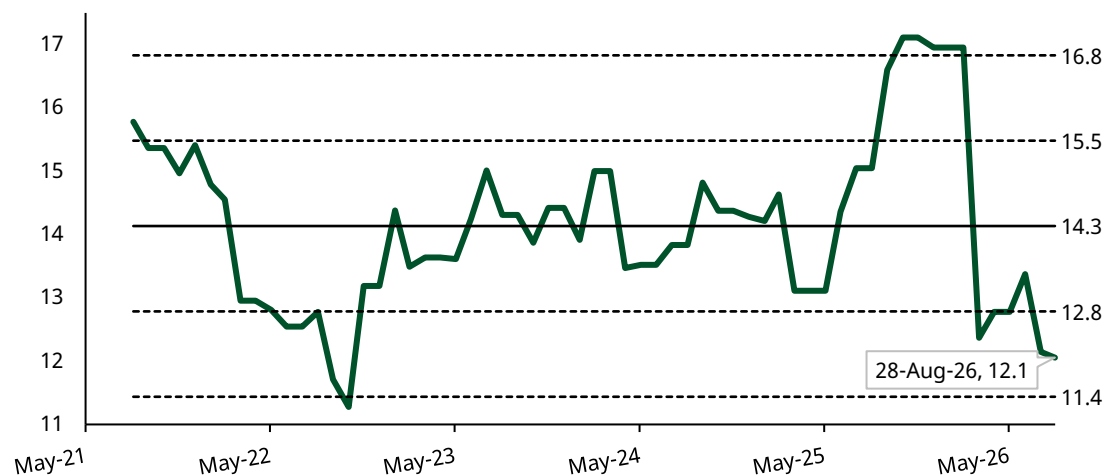
Source: Bloomberg

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The KLCI dividend yield is attractive.

The KLCI trades at a FY26 DY of 4.2% (5Y range 3.8% to 4.5%, mean of 4.2%). The appealing dividend yield is likely to support share prices.

Exhibit 12: MSCI AxJ Index's FY26 PER (x)



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Asia ex Japan has corrected below historical averages.

The MSCI AC Asia ex Japan index trades at a FY26 PE of 12.1x (5Y range 11.1x to 19.5x, mean of 14.3x).

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