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ESG IN REAL ESTATE



Strategic Alliance Enhances Paragon Globe's Green Real Estate Ambitions

Paragon Globe Bhd has formalised a strategic partnership with GreenRE Sdn Bhd to promote sustainability in property development. Under the MoU, both parties aim to integrate green practices throughout the planning, construction, and management of Paragon Globe's real estate projects.

GreenRE will oversee certification efforts using its established green building assessment framework, helping the company align with national and international ESG benchmarks. The collaboration signals a proactive step toward more energy-efficient, environmentally responsible construction.

Additionally, the partnership aims to raise public and industry awareness on sustainable building practices and standards, fostering a greener property landscape in Malaysia. It supports the development of structures that are not only functional but also climate-conscious.

By prioritising sustainability, Paragon Globe strengthens its market position and appeal among environmentally conscious stakeholders, advancing Malaysia's broader green development agenda. [READ MORE](#)



New ESG Platform Set to Elevate Malaysia's Sustainable Capital Market Landscape

The Exchange Asia and ESG Association of Malaysia (ESGAM) have entered a MoU to jointly launch ESG PLUS 2025, a comprehensive digital platform dedicated to improving ESG practices across Malaysia's capital markets. Scheduled for release in Q4 2025, the platform will offer ESG data, analytics, and advisory support.

This initiative is designed to help investors and businesses enhance transparency, strengthen ESG disclosures, and align their operations with international standards. It also aims to bolster responsible investment practices and corporate sustainability.

By serving as a central hub for ESG-related tools and guidance, the platform will increase market efficiency and investor confidence. It reinforces Malaysia's ambition to become a regional leader in sustainable finance.

The collaboration marks a significant step in integrating ESG into financial decision-making and reflects growing demand for data-driven sustainable investing in the country. [READ MORE](#)



UOA and Alliance Bank Unveil Financing Plan for Eco-Friendly Duo Tower Project

UOA Group has partnered with Alliance Bank Malaysia to promote sustainable commercial development through green financing for its Duo Tower project in Bangsar South. The office tower, designed to achieve LEED certification, will incorporate eco-friendly technologies and energy-saving solutions.

Through the Alliance Green Mortgage, eligible buyers and tenants can access preferential financing tailored for green-certified properties. The initiative is meant to attract environmentally responsible investors and occupants.

This collaboration not only accelerates the adoption of green construction but also reinforces demand for ESG-compliant buildings in Malaysia's urban centres. It supports national sustainability goals and fosters low-carbon economic growth.

Duo Tower is positioned to become a flagship project in sustainable development, showing how finance and infrastructure can combine to drive meaningful environmental impact. [READ MORE](#)



Genting Malaysia Strengthens Green Commitments with Energy Efficiency Gains

Genting Malaysia Bhd advanced its sustainability efforts in 2024, strengthening long-term value creation across global markets. The group reported progress in energy reduction, responsible gaming, and community development while reinforcing its ESG commitments through improved FTSE4Good ratings.

A key environmental milestone was an 8.5% drop in electricity use from 2018 levels, cutting 57,400 tonnes of CO₂ emissions. Genting also composted 365 tonnes of food waste—half of the year's total—producing 160 tonnes of fertiliser for mid-hill operations, promoting a circular economy and reducing chemical dependence.

Resorts World Genting recycled 76 out of 172 tonnes of plastic waste in 2024, achieving a 44% recycling rate. These measures reduce landfill impact and support broader sustainability goals.

Additionally, Genting strengthened its responsible gaming framework and community efforts while maintaining a 92% local workforce across 17,200 employees globally. [READ MORE](#)



Shangri-La Rasa Ria Sets Sustainability Benchmark in Eco-Friendly Event Management

Shangri-La Rasa Ria Kota Kinabalu is the first hotel in Malaysia and the Shangri-La group to earn ISO 20121 certification for sustainable event management. The recognition reflects the resort's strong focus on protecting nature and hosting responsible events across its 460-acre site.

Its green journey began in 2012 by cutting single-use plastics and managing glass waste. These early efforts led to ISO 14001:2015 for environmental management and ISO 22000:2018 for food safety, forming a solid base for its sustainability goals.

Achieving ISO 20121 required clear targets, progress tracking, and meeting legal standards. The resort now applies ESG practices in all events to reduce impact and boost community benefits.

By working with local suppliers and Pacos Trust, a group supporting indigenous communities, the resort spreads sustainability beyond its borders. As Visit Malaysia 2026 approaches, Rasa Ria sets the tone for eco-conscious tourism in Sabah and the nation. [READ MORE](#)



Project Oriole to Empower Sabah's Renewable Energy Landscape

Jentayu Sustainables Berhad has launched Project Oriole, a 162MW run-of-river hydroelectric project in Ulu Padas, Sipitang. With an investment nearing RM3 billion, the project is one of Sabah's largest Domestic Direct Investments and is fully funded without public financing.

Construction begins this year, with operations expected by mid-2029. Developed with Yayasan Sabah, the project will supply power at 31.5 sen per kWh—competitive in the regional market. It also strengthens Sabah's grid with reliable, cost-effective clean energy.

Project Oriole is distinct from other hydro projects on the Padas River but shares the same mission: a greener Sabah. Jentayu reaffirms its Sabah roots, with its HQ in Kota Kinabalu, and frames the initiative as “Sabahans for Sabah.”

Jentayu already runs two hydro plants in Tenom, adding 40MW to the grid. With Project Oriole, the company aims to stabilise power supply and inspire clean energy innovation in local communities. [READ MORE](#)



Malaysia Advances Renewable Energy, Inspires Regional Climate Cooperation

Malaysia is advancing rapidly in renewable energy (RE), even as ASEAN falls short of its 2025 target. While the region's RE share is just 15.6%, Malaysia's strong policies and investments are helping it stay on track to meet or exceed expectations.

NRES Minister Nik Nazmi outlined plans to produce one million metric tonnes of sustainable aviation fuel by 2027 and highlighted Malaysia's role in the ASEAN Power Grid, which promotes cross-border clean energy trade and energy security.

As ASEAN chair in 2025, Malaysia will push for stronger cooperation in green energy and sustainable development, supporting inclusive and equitable climate solutions under the ASEAN Economic Community Blueprint.

Malaysia is also a leader in solar energy, employing over 54,000 workers in 2019, with more expected from the LSS5 programme. Its strong infrastructure and global investment make it a key player in the global renewable energy supply chain. [READ MORE](#)



Asia Pacific Emerges as Key Engine of Global Renewable Energy Growth

Malaysia and the Asia Pacific are poised to lead the global clean energy transition, said Deputy Prime Minister Fadillah Yusof at the UN Asia–Pacific Business Forum 2025. Malaysia’s sunlight, location, and political will support its role as a solar energy hub, alongside strong potential in biomass and hydropower.

Fadillah highlighted the Asia Pacific Green Deal as a key regional framework to align economic growth with sustainability. It encourages shared practices, clean tech investment, and carbon market development.

He said countries like Malaysia, Indonesia, and Vietnam can drive cross-border energy trade, while Japan and Australia can aid with capacity-building and technology. Public-private partnerships are vital to speed up progress.

As ASEAN chair, Malaysia is committed to clean energy innovation. Fadillah said the country will lead in creating regional solutions that balance development and environmental goals. [READ MORE](#)



DKSH Malaysia Advances Low-Carbon Goals Through Logistics and Packaging Overhaul

DKSH Malaysia has launched several sustainability initiatives to reduce its environmental impact, boost operational efficiency, and promote long-term change. These efforts include eco-friendly logistics, renewable energy, and advanced technologies.

A standout project is DKSH Healthcare's reverse logistics model, which uses electric vehicles (EVs) and the Light Rail Transit (LRT) network to deliver temperature-sensitive products. This model reduces emissions and road congestion, while ensuring product integrity.

DKSH's consumer goods sector is also adopting EVs in its last-mile delivery fleet, further reducing fossil fuel dependence. Additionally, the company has phased out single-use styrofoam packaging in favor of reusable, temperature-controlled boxes.

With solar panels at key facilities and a commitment to net-zero emissions, DKSH is advancing sustainability across its operations. These efforts are driving environmental responsibility and creating lasting value for clients and communities. [READ MORE](#)

