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ESG IN REAL ESTATE



KLCCP Group Strengthens Sustainability, Governance and Social Impact for Investors

KLCCP Stapled Group, combining KLCC REIT and KLCC, integrates sustainability into its strategy with clear environmental targets and strong governance. In 2024, it cut Scope 1 and 2 emissions by 11% from 2019 levels, staying on track for net zero by 2050. Major listed assets, including PETRONAS Twin Towers and Menara Maxis, retained GBI Gold and LEED Gold certifications, boosting their position in Malaysia's office and retail markets.

On the social front, KLCC advanced workforce development and community engagement. Over 1,100 employees completed health and safety training with zero prosecution cases, while female board representation reached 50%. Employee well-being programmes and ESG training complemented initiatives benefiting more than 800,000 community members, enhancing brand equity and stakeholder relationships.

Governance remains central to ESG. KLCC maintains separation of Chairman and CEO roles, a majority of independent directors with tenure limits, and international certifications covering anti-bribery, environment, and occupational safety. Reporting aligns with Bursa Malaysia, GRI, and TCFD standards, ensuring transparency and accountability. [READ MORE](#)



IJN Leads Healthcare Sustainability Through Energy, Waste and Social Initiatives

The National Heart Institute (IJN) is advancing ESG practices across Malaysia's healthcare sector, integrating environmental responsibility with social impact and strong governance. In 2024, the Institute invested in solar panels powering outdoor lighting, LED lighting upgrades, heat pump systems, and rainwater harvesting, collectively reducing energy costs by RM450,000 annually and supporting Malaysia's net-zero carbon ambitions. Its rooftop solar installation contributes 2% of energy needs while cutting CO2 emissions substantially, setting a benchmark for energy management.

Waste management is rigorously addressed through segregation, recycling, composting, and reduced reliance on disposables, creating sustainable practices that benefit both staff and the community. IJN also promotes eco-friendly accessibility via the IJN Care app, MRT access, electric buggies, and a net-zero zone on adjacent land.

Social and governance initiatives complement environmental efforts. Free health screenings, staff welfare programmes, and energy management certifications—including 3-Star EMGS—demonstrate IJN's leadership, innovation, and commitment to sustainable, responsible healthcare operations.

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Selangor Drives Sustainable Living Through Eco-Friendly Tax Incentives

Selangor is introducing local authority tax rebates to encourage residents to adopt eco-friendly technologies at home, starting next year. Eligible residents can receive up to 100% tax rebate for assessment year 2026 after completing a verification process with their respective city or district councils. The initiative demonstrates the state's commitment to reducing carbon emissions and promoting sustainable living practices among households.

City councils including Petaling Jaya, Shah Alam, Subang Jaya, and Klang will each allocate RM1 million for the rebate scheme, while other municipal councils will provide RM200,000, and Sabak Bernam RM100,000. Residents can apply for rebates for installing solar panels, rainwater harvesting systems, household waste separation, electric vehicle charging units, and food waste composting systems.

The program has shown early success in Petaling Jaya, where 2,313 applicants received rebates totaling RM878,205. Selangor's approach links environmental responsibility with practical incentives, supporting broader climate goals and fostering a sustainable, low-carbon future. [READ MORE](#)



REHDA Strengthens ESG Leadership to Drive Sustainable Property Development

The Real Estate and Housing Developers' Association Malaysia (REHDA) has launched an ESG committee to advance sustainability across the property sector. The committee seeks to raise ESG awareness, apply international standards locally, monitor policy developments, and advise the government, establishing REHDA as a national leader in sustainable and future-ready development.

Sustainability adoption among developers is increasing, reflecting the industry's commitment to environmental protection, long-term business resilience, and public trust. REHDA will also recognise top-performing green-certified projects through the GreenRE Sustainable Development Awards. Since 2013, GreenRE has certified over 800 projects, covering more than 400 million square feet of space across Malaysia and abroad, including homes, malls, data centres, and townships.

Collaboration with the Ministry of Housing and Local Government promotes digitisation, streamlined planning, and alignment with national goals. These initiatives improve transparency, efficiency, and investor confidence, showing how ESG strengthens the property sector's role in GDP, jobs, and social well-being. [READ MORE](#)



SEDA Highlights Malaysia's Energy Transition and Investment Opportunities

Malaysia is positioned to lead Southeast Asia's transition to a secure, affordable, and low-carbon energy system by aligning policy, investment, and human capital. The Sustainable Energy Development Authority (SEDA) highlights that economic growth and sustainability can advance together, anchored by the national goal of net-zero emissions by 2050.

The National Energy Transition Roadmap (NETR) targets 70% renewable energy capacity by 2050, with an interim goal of 31% by 2025. It identifies six key transition levers: renewables, energy efficiency, hydrogen, bioenergy, green mobility, and carbon capture, utilisation, and storage (CCUS). These coordinated efforts aim to ensure a resilient, future-ready energy sector while supporting innovation and private-sector participation.

The roadmap estimates RM 1.2–1.3 trillion in cumulative investment needs, creating opportunities to stimulate economic growth, generate green jobs, attract quality investments, and strengthen Malaysia's energy security and competitiveness, showing how strategic energy planning drives sustainability and long-term economic value. [READ MORE](#)



Tropicana and Partners Strengthen ESG Capacity Across Supply Chains

Tropicana Corporation hosted the Progress Climate Action Workshop with the UN Global Compact Network Malaysia and Brunei and Alliance Bank to advance climate readiness among more than thirty vendors. The programme focused on building resilience, improving competitiveness, and deepening ESG understanding as Malaysia progresses toward net zero. Tropicana reaffirmed its commitment to sustainable development and highlighted that it has achieved twenty GreenRE certified buildings and will continue expanding this number as part of its long-term environmental goals.

The workshop is part of a wider national effort that supports SMEs in turning sustainability commitments into practical business action. Partners shared guidance on strengthening supply chain capabilities, while Alliance Bank emphasized how green financing and advisory services can help vendors meet rising sustainability expectations and improve market competitiveness.

Tropicana continues to strengthen its ESG governance, align policies with global standards, and integrate sustainable planning methods. The group is also conducting climate risk assessments to guide future strategies and support a low carbon future. [READ MORE](#)



Wawasan Dengkil Expands Into Renewable Energy Through Solar Partnership

Wawasan Dengkil Holdings is broadening its business portfolio by moving into renewable energy through a joint venture with Nestcon to develop a 70 megawatt solar plant in Kedah. The project, located in Mukim Ayer Puteh, will operate under the LSS Petra 5+ programme and is supported by a long-term 21-year power purchase agreement with Tenaga Nasional. Under the partnership structure, Wawasan Dengkil will hold a 70 percent stake, while Nestcon will own the remaining 30 percent.

The group views this venture as a strategic step toward becoming a renewable energy asset owner, building on its past experience in solar farm infrastructure. Leadership emphasised that the move supports Malaysia's energy transition and strengthens recurring income prospects. Nestcon also highlighted that the collaboration will deepen its renewable energy involvement and support future growth.

Construction is expected to begin in the third quarter of 2026, with commercial operations targeted for February 2028. The project, estimated at RM187 million, will be funded through a mix of equity, shareholder advances, and bank borrowings. [READ MORE](#)

