Star 50 Inspiring Progress, Shaping Tomorrow →

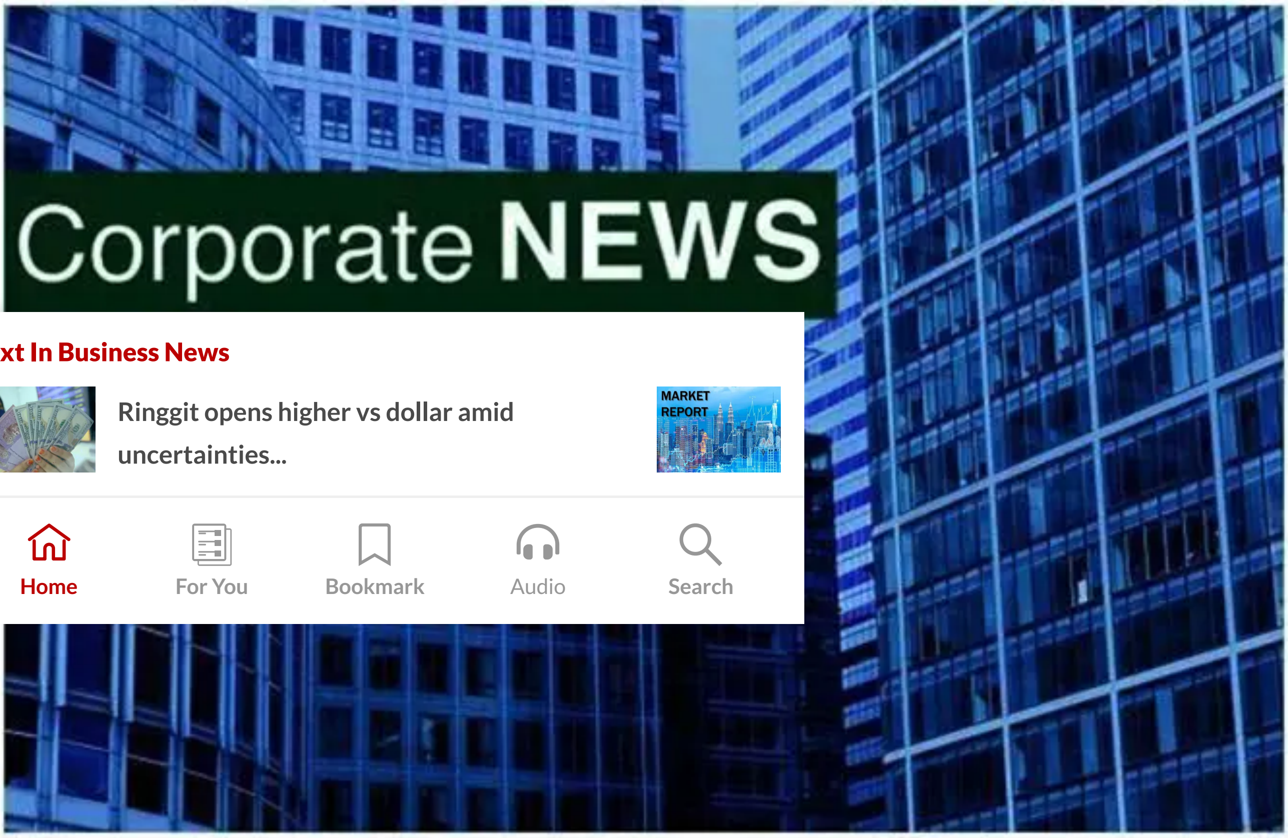
…RDS 2025
Silver Winner, Best Cover Design

nexus 1 pts ›

CORPORATE NEWS

Batu Kawan acquires 47.7% stake in MKH

Thursday, 21 May 2026



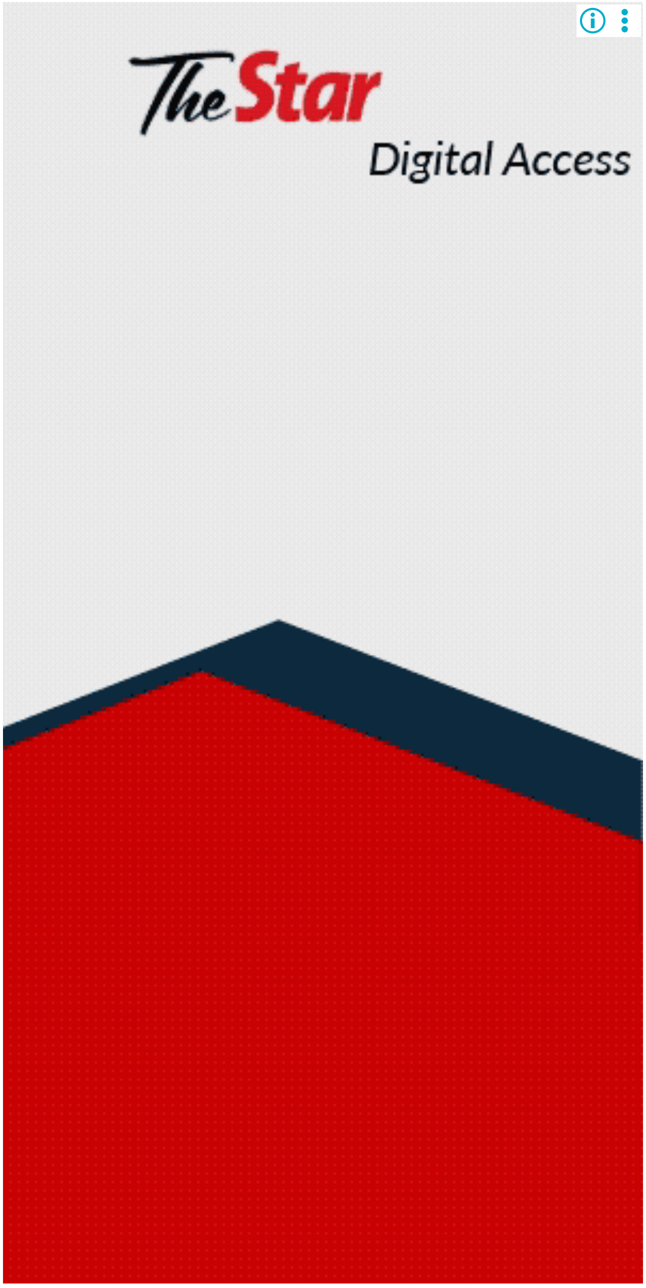
Next In Business News

Ringgit opens higher vs dollar amid uncertainties...

Home For You Bookmark Audio Search

PETALING JAYA: Batu Kawan Bhd is set to emerge as the controlling shareholder of MKH Bhd after agreeing to acquire up to a 47.7% stake in the property and plantation group at RM2 per share, in a deal worth about RM549.8mil, triggering a mandatory general offer (MGO) for the remaining shares.

The acquisition also gives Batu Kawan indirect control over MKH Oil Palm (East Kalimantan) Bhd (MKHOP), in which MKH holds a 65.3% stake, potentially leading to a downstream MGO for MKHOP as well.



In a filing with Bursa Malaysia, Batu Kawan said its wholly-owned subsidiary Whitmore Holdings Sdn Bhd had entered into unconditional share sale agreements with Chen Choy & Sons Realty Sdn Bhd (CCSR) to acquire a 29.6% stake in MKH and a 3.3% stake in MKHOP.

Moreover, Whitmore entered into separate unconditional agreements with Tan Sri Chen Kooi Chiew @ Cheng Ngi Chong, Tan Sri Chen Lok Loi, Datuk Chen Fook Wah, Lotus Way Sdn Bhd, Liberty Alliance (M) Sdn Bhd and Activest Sdn Bhd to acquire an additional 0.5% stake in MKHOP.

Whitmore signed conditional agreements with the same parties to acquire a further 18.1% stake in MKH.

CCSR directly holds a 3% stake in MKHOP.

This privately held Chen family vehicle has direct and indirect interests of 17.8% and 23.2%, respectively, in MKH, while other Chen family members also own stakes in MKH, with indirect interests exceeding 40%.

STARPICKS

LUXURY BEAUTY IS REFILLABLE

The RM2 offer price represents a premium of 20.5% over MKH’s last traded price of RM1.66 prior to the suspension of its shares on May 20.

It also represents premiums of between 37.3% and 57.2% over the stock’s five-day to 12-month volume weighted average prices (VWAP).

The acquisition values MKH at an implied price-to-earnings (PE) multiple of 12.9 times based on its financial year ended Sept 30, 2025 earnings, and a price-to-book (PB) multiple of 0.6 times.

For MKHOP, the RM0.6478 per share acquisition price was at a slight discount of 1.9% to its last traded price of RM0.66, and represents a discount of between 3.53% to its five-day VWAP and a 2.71% premium to its 12-month VWAP.

The deal values MKHOP at an implied PE multiple of 8.2 times and PB multiple of 1.1 times.

Batu Kawan said it does not intend to maintain MKH's listing status if it and its persons acting in concert end up holding 90% or more of the company following the MGO, in which case it will seek to delist MKH from the Main Market of Bursa Malaysia.

Business & Finance newsletter

Catch up on stories you can't afford to miss with our curated weekly newsletter

E-mail Address

By clicking on the Sign Up button, it is deemed that you consent to our terms.

Follow us on our official WhatsApp channel for breaking news alerts and key updates!

TAGS / KEYWORDS:

BatuKawan , MKH , MGO , BursaMalaysia , PropertySector , Plantation , Delisting

TOPIC:

Corporate News

IS THIS ARTICLE USEFUL?

REPORT A MISTAKE

Related News

CORPORATE NEWS 09 Jul 2026

Malaysia Debt Ventures maintains corporate credit ratings

CORPORATE NEWS 08 Jul 2026

Malaysia Debt Ventures maintains 'AA3/Stable/P1' corporate credit ratings

CORPORATE NEWS 3h ago

Aneka Jaringan in RM1mil deal to grow portfolio

Others Also Read

THAILAND 24m ago

‘Heartbroken’ but holding on to hope: Families searching desperately for victims of...

NATION 32m ago

Johor won't allow state to be base for ideologies against the law, says MB

HORMONES AND KIDS 48m ago

When puberty needs to be paused

STARPLUS 12 Jul 2026

INTERACTIVE: Explore the Johor poll results here

LIVING 48m ago

Study: Politics affects our choice of partner

STARPICKS

The right place, the right time

SOCIAL MEDIA 48m ago

Meta appeals landmark jury verdict that found it to blame for social media addiction...

LETTERS 1h ago

Oral health: The missing link in healthcare

TECHNOLOGY 1h ago

Pentagon pauses cyber audit rule blamed for supplier exits

LETTERS 1h ago

Withdraw vastly inadequate Freedom of Information Bill 2026

ENTERTAINMENT 1h ago

Barbie Hsu's ex Wang Xiaofei breaks silence on her inheritance, respects DJ...

FOOTBALL 1h ago

Soccer-Senegal team doctor 'trained as a gynaecologist', federation president says

Subscribe to our FREE newsletter!

Enter Your Email Address Here

Subscribe

Copyright © 1995- 2026 Star Media Group Berhad [197101000523 (10894-D)]
Best viewed on Chrome browsers.