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SECOND MOST ACTIVE STOCK

KHPT ends ACE Market debut day at 21.5 sen

KUALALUMPUR: The shares of KHPT Holdings Bhd jumped to 29 sen from its initial public offering (IPO) price of 20 sen in its debut on the ACE Market yesterday.

The automotive parts and components manufacturer raised RM21.73 million from the public issuance of 108.64 million new ordinary shares.

The stock ended at 21.5 yesterday and was the second most active stock.

KHPT independent non-executive chairman Datuk Noripah Kamso said the listing marked the begin-

ning of the company's expansion drive in Malaysia and potentially into international markets.

She said the company was well positioned to leverage its strong relationships with Proton Holdings Bhd and Perusahaan Otomobil Kedua Sdn Bhd (Perodua).

"Amid the industry's continuous evolution to electric vehicles and green technology, KHPT's in-house engineering capabilities and long-standing expertise will allow us to not only adapt but lead in providing

innovative solutions," said Noripah in a statement.

KHPT has allocated 75 per cent of the gross proceeds for capital expenditure, 2.1 per cent to upgrade the Telok Panglima Garang Factory, and 1.7 per cent to purchase an overhead crane.

Rakuten Trade Research expects KHPT's financial years 2023 to 2026 earnings to grow by 7.0 per cent, underpinned by solid demand, gradual expansion of manufacturing capacity, economic recovery and rising disposable income.

"Its position is fortified by its solid relationships with Malaysia's top two automotive brands, namely Proton and Perodua, that account for 41.3 per cent and 18.9 per cent shares of the total industry volume, respectively.

"We expect KHPT to register core net earnings of RM6.2 million for financial year 2024 and RM7.6 million for financial year 2025.

"We also have a "buy" call on the stock with a 29 sen fair value," it added.



(From left) KAF Investment Bank Bhd corporate finance director Azmi Hariss Ibrahim, corporate finance co-head and director Ahmad Fazlee Aziz, KHPT Holdings Bhd independent non-executive director Datuk Noor Azian Shaari, independent non-executive chairman Datuk Noripah Kamso, group managing director Datin Eloise See, executive director and chief business development officer Hideki Nomura, independent non-executive director Chan Yan San, Bursa Malaysia Securities Bhd chairman Tan Sri Abdul Wahid Omar and KAF Investment Bank chief executive officer Rohaizad Ismail marking KHPT's debut on the ACE Market yesterday.