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HOW ELECTIONS

IN MALAYSIA WILL AFFECT THE ECONOMY AND THE STOCK MARKET



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COURSE OUTLINE

Module 1: Introduction to Political Economy & Capital Markets

- Overview of how macro-political events shape market sentiment, investor confidence, and cost of capital in emerging markets
- The role of licensed capital market intermediaries in managing political risk expectations for clients
- Setting the analytical framework: Distinguishing between short-term sentiment noise and long-term structural policy changes

Module 2: Macroeconomic Transmission Channels of Election Cycles

- Fiscal policy dynamics: Pre-election expansionary budgets, national debt considerations, and post-election consolidation
- Currency and foreign capital flows: Ringgit volatility, foreign direct investment (FDI), and foreign portfolio flows surrounding election windows
- Monetary policy considerations and economic growth trajectory during political transitions
- Case Study / Exercise: Evaluating key macroeconomic indicators across recent Malaysian electoral cycles

Module 3: Policy Shifts, Sector Impacts & Structural Winners/Losers

- Assessing party manifestos, policy continuity risks, and regulatory reforms across major industries
- Sectoral sensitivity analysis: Infrastructure/Construction, Consumer, Banking, Telecommunications, Utilities, and GLC-linked counters
- Government contracts, mega-project rollouts, and public-private partnership outlooks pre- and post-election
- Exercise: Mapping of sector sensitivity against potential policy and electoral outcomes

Module 4: Historical Market Volatility & Empirical Patterns on Bursa Malaysia

- Analyzing historical price-and-volume trends, market index movements, and valuation multiples across past Malaysian General Elections
- Pre-election rally phenomena vs. post-election market adjustments and overhang clearance
- Group Discussion: Reviewing market sentiment shifts during historic election windows

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Module 5: Political Risk Assessment & Scenario Analysis Framework

- Structuring scenario analysis: Baseline, optimistic, and downside political outcomes.
- Quantifying political risk premiums in equity valuation and discount rate adjustments
- Evaluating regional and global macroeconomic background factors alongside domestic election events
- Exercise: Developing a multi-scenario matrix for selected Bursa Malaysia listed sectors ahead of an upcoming election cycle

Module 6: Portfolio Positioning, Asset Allocation & Hedging Strategies

- Strategic vs. tactical asset allocation adjustments ahead of high-uncertainty election events
- Defensive positioning: High dividend yield stocks, non-cyclicals, and cash allocation strategies
- Derivative mechanics: Utilizing index futures (FKLI) and options/structured warrants for portfolio downside protection and risk hedging
- Hands-on Exercise: Formulating a risk-adjusted portfolio rebalancing strategy

Module 7: Communicating Political Risk & Client Advisory in Practice

- Managing client expectations, media narrative noise, and behavioral biases (overreaction, panic selling, herd behavior)
- Maintaining professional standards, objective research, and compliance boundaries when discussing political impacts
- Formulating clear, evidence-based advisory narratives for institutional and retail investment clients
- Case Application: Formulating client communication strategies and advisory frameworks to navigate election uncertainty and market volatility

Conclusion

- Summary of key points
- Facilitated recap against the four learning objectives
- Questions and answers

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Trainer's Profile

The trainer is a CFA Charterholder, an HRD Corp Accredited Trainer, and a Certified Public Accountant (California) who regularly delivers high-impact investment seminars for Malaysia's leading financial institutions and regulatory bodies. He possesses over 30 years of extensive experience in the global and local financial sectors, beginning his career in Washington, D.C., as an auditor and a trained computer system auditor with Ernst & Young.

Backed by extensive practitioner experience as a licensed equity dealer with a major Malaysian stockbroker, he operates with deep expertise in the strict regulatory frameworks of the Capital Markets and Services Act. His frontline tenure provides him with direct, explicit knowledge of market integrity, ethical standards, insider trading prevention, and market manipulation detection, as well as a comprehensive understanding of modern financial scams and digital fraud prevention. Throughout his three decades in the industry, he has accumulated deep practical experience in portfolio management, wealth planning, risk management, and asset allocation across equities, bonds, Exchange-Traded Funds (ETFs), Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs), and alternative investments. His market experience spans multiple economic cycles, giving him deep historical insights into the mechanics of global market downturns, the 1997 Asian Financial Crisis, and the 2008 Global Financial Crisis.

His technical expertise bridges cutting-edge data science with practical capital market applications, fundamental analysis, and technical analysis. He holds a PhD in Finance from Monash University Malaysia, where his doctoral dissertation focused heavily on asset pricing utilizing machine learning algorithms and big data analytics. A recognized researcher in financial technology applications, his work on big data asset pricing was accepted and presented at the prestigious 32nd Australasian Finance & Banking Conference in Sydney, Australia. Furthermore, his academic and practical insights on utilizing Artificial Intelligence (AI) and big data in asset pricing models were formally presented to the Securities Commission Malaysia on 23 August 2019, cementing his credentials in leading courses on blockchain, digital assets, and the future of AI in finance.

His expertise in investment analytics spans the application of advanced equity valuation models, interpretation of market research reports, and complex financial statement analysis. On the technical side, he is an expert chartist specializing in market forecasting, momentum trading, trend-following strategies, and Japanese Candlesticks, combined with a strong grounding in behavioural finance and investor psychology. Demonstrating his pedagogical expertise in this domain, he designed and conducted a specialized elective course on Technical Analysis and Stock Investing for HELP University. Additionally, his expertise encompasses the advanced mechanics of financial derivatives, including futures, options, and structured warrants, focusing on how these instruments are utilized for wealth maximization and portfolio risk hedging.

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