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STRONG MARKET INTEREST

Empire Premium Food closes at RM1.04

KUALA LUMPUR: Empire Premium Food Bhd made a strong debut on the Main Market of Bursa Malaysia on Friday, opening at RM1.10, a 57.1 per cent premium over its retail price of 70 sen, underscoring robust investor demand for one of Malaysia's fastest-growing food service operators.

Early trading remained active, with an opening volume of 26.4 million shares, underscoring strong market appetite and a positive reception to the group's listing. The stock closed at RM1.04.

Through the listing exercise, Empire Premium Food raised RM152.6 million via the issuance of 218 million new shares, providing fresh capital to accelerate expansion and strengthen its balance sheet for its next growth phase.

Empire Premium Food is the parent of Empire Sushi Sdn Bhd and is recognised as Malaysia's



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largest sushi chain operator by revenue and outlet count.

The group said a significant portion of the proceeds, RM79.1 million, has been earmarked for an aggressive expansion plan involving the opening of 56 new outlets over the next three years, aimed at deepening its presence in high-traffic retail locations.

In parallel, RM12.6 million will be allocated to upgrade and refurbish existing outlets to boost customer experience, maintain brand consistency and reinforce its premium-value positioning.

Another RM52.1 million has been set aside as working capital to support daily operations and ensure sufficient liquidity for supply chain and operational needs, while RM8.8 million will go towards initial public offering (IPO)-related expenses.

Chief executive officer Nicole Lim described the listing as a defining milestone for the group, noting that the strong debut reflects investor confidence in the company's resilient business model and growth trajectory.

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mium Food as one of the more closely watched consumer IPOs in recent months.

The strong market interest was in line with the IPO's earlier reception, where the retail tranche was oversubscribed by 23.3 times. More than 35,000 applications were received for 55 million available public shares.

Fundamentally, the listing is backed by solid earnings visibility. The group posted a pre-tax profit of RM35.1 million for the nine months ended Dec 31, 2025, on revenue of RM216.8 million.