Unique Fire Holdings Berhad

Monthly Market Report - July 2026

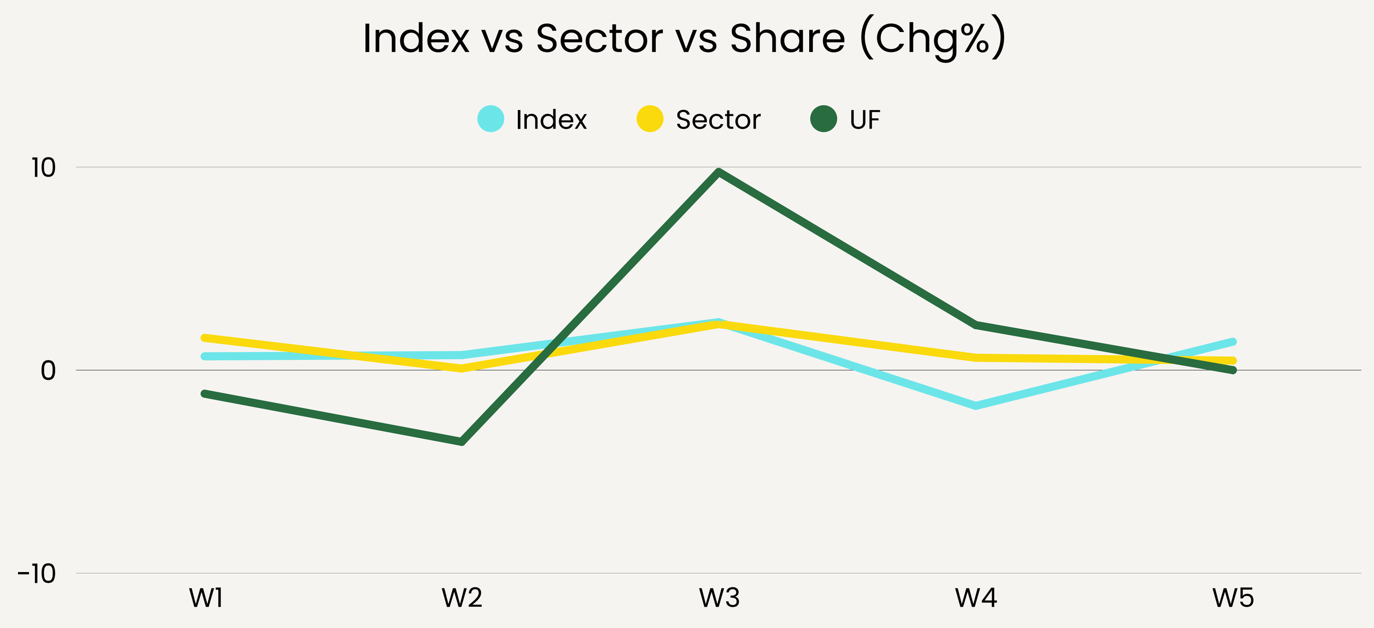
Market Snapshot

FBMKLCI	1724.90	+3.66%
Industrial Products & Services	188.74	+4.49%

Share Performance

Share Price	0.440	+4.76%
Avg. Volume 6M	3.7k	
52W High	0.491	
52W Low	0.336	

Data as of 31 July 2026



Key Drivers of Share Performance

PPI Climbs to a Four-Year High Despite the Ceasefire

DOSM reported on 28 July that Malaysia's PPI rose 9.2% year on year in June, the highest in four years and up from 7.8% in May. Manufacturing PPI more than doubled to 7.2% from 3.5%, while electricity and gas rose 12.7%. CPI moved the other way, easing to 1.9%.

The mid-June ceasefire brought crude down and kept consumer prices contained, but it did not reach producer costs. For Unique Fire, PPI is the more relevant index because it tracks steel, chemicals and imported components rather than household goods. Higher utility rates add to the fixed cost base on top of that. Month-on-month PPI growth did slow to 0.6% from 1.1%, so the climb may be levelling off.

Foreign Funds Returned, But Not to Industrial Products

Foreign investors turned net buyers in July, ending an eight-week selling streak that saw RM6.43 billion leave the market over the previous two months. The sector split matters more than the headline. Financial services drew RM1.11 billion, transportation and logistics RM367.2 million, and utilities RM305.6 million. Technology and industrial products and services remained in net selling.

Analysts described the return as selective reallocation into quality large caps with resilient earnings, not a broad buying cycle. Unique Fire sits in the industrial products and services sector, which means the July recovery in foreign flows did not reach it. Money returning to Bursa is a positive signal for market sentiment overall, but the rotation favoured defensives. For UF, investor visibility still has to be earned on company fundamentals rather than carried by sector momentum.

Investment Community Sentiment Observations

Market Observations: Numbers Improved, Confidence Held Back

- The FBM KLCI closed July at 1,724.90, up 3.7% from June, reversing the previous month's decline. Valuation stayed undemanding at around 14.3 times earnings against a ten-year average of 16.8 times.
- Foreign investors returned with RM300.9 million in net inflows, ending an eight-week selling streak. The buying was narrow: financial services, transport and logistics, and utilities drew the money, while technology and industrial products and services stayed in net selling. Analysts read it as selective reallocation into large caps rather than a broad return of risk appetite.
- Views on the second half diverged. Bursa Malaysia raised its 2026 IPO market capitalisation target to RM34 billion from RM28 billion, while CIMB Research forecast softer trading volumes ahead. Early GE16 speculation adds further near-term uncertainty.

Stock Observations: Waiting for a Reason to Re-Rate

- Sector flows ran against the counter in July. The KLCI gained 3.7%, but foreign buying concentrated in financial services, transport and logistics, and utilities, while industrial products and services remained in net selling. Small cap industrial names had limited support from the month's rotation.
- July was a quiet month for news flow, with no new corporate announcements. Without fresh developments, the market continues to reference the FYE2026 result, where revenue rose 6.2% while PBT eased 16.3%. Visible progress updates on projects would give investors something more current to price against.
- The dividend continues to provide support. The 0.8 sen interim was paid on 17 July, bringing the FYE2026 total to 1.5 sen. This was already evident in June, when the share rallied on the ex-date rather than adjusting down, suggesting the payout is anchoring holder interest through a period without catalysts.

Genexis Markets Observations

Give investors something to follow, Keep the story intact.

With costs moving against the sector and sentiment favouring larger names, market conditions are not where UF's attention is best spent this quarter. The more useful ground is the work already underway. The solar joint venture, the UL certification programme, the capacity ramp-up and the new product ventures are all live, but investors currently have no way to track their progress between reporting periods. Sharing milestones as they are reached, even small ones, gives shareholders a reason to stay engaged through a period when the numbers alone are not yet telling a recovery story. The AGM on 8 September is a natural place to start. Rather than a compliance exercise, it can serve as a first test of how much detail investors want on each initiative and which ones they respond to. What comes out of that room can then shape how UF communicates through the rest of the financial year.

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