

EA Holdings best performing IPO this year

Stock ends maiden trading day at 66 sen, 41 sen or 164% higher than offer price

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KUALA LUMPUR: EA Holdings Bhd, which made its debut on the ACE Market yesterday, was this year's best performing initial public offering (IPO) based on the sharp rise on its maiden trading day.

The stock opened at 45 sen, on an 80% premium or 20 sen over its offer price of 25 sen. Strong buying interest in the company saw its shares closing at 66 sen, which was 41 sen or 164% higher than its offer price. There were 23.52 million shares transacted at prices ranging from 45 sen to 70 sen.

EA Holdings is involved in the information and communications technology (ICT) business and plans

to expand its radio frequency identification (RFID) applications. Its current customers include Bursa Malaysia and Tenaga Nasional Bhd.

EA Holdings chairman Mohamad Sobri Saad was quoted by *Bernama* as saying at the listing ceremony that he was happy with the strong share price performance on its debut as it was a reflection of public confidence in the company.

"We will keep moving forward and work hard to continue achieving our goal of becoming a strong public listed company on the ACE Market," he told reporters after the listing ceremony.

EA Holdings' listing exercise involved the public issue of 40 million new shares of 10 sen each, of which two million shares were offered to the public, seven million to eligible directors and employees, and 31 million placed out to identified investors. There was also an offer for sale of 18 million existing shares to identified investors.

IPOs for 2010	Offer price	Closing price on 1st day	Listing date	%
Homeritz Corporation Bhd	65 sen	65.5 sen	19-02-10	0.77
JCY International Bhd	RM1.60	RM1.46	25-02-10	-8.75
Hock Heng Stone Industries Bhd	55 sen	57.5 sen	26-03-10	4.55
Oversea Enterprise Bhd	23 sen	25 sen	1/4/2010	8.70
ECS ICT Bhd	RM1.46	RM1.42	15-04-10	-2.74
Turbo-Mech Bhd	63 sen	65 sen	30-04-10	3.17
Seremban Engineering Bhd	85 sen	81 sen	10/5/2010	-4.71
Masterskill Education Group Bhd	RM3.50	RM3.96	18-05-10	4.21
Sarawak Cable Bhd	70 sen	67.5 sen	25-05-10	-3.57
K-Star Sports Ltd	RM2.15	RM2.23	4/6/2010	3.72
Shin Yang Shipping Corp Bhd	RM1.10	RM1.11	23-06-10	0.91
Kimlun Corporation Bhd	97 sen	96.5 sen	29-06-10	-0.52
Sunway REIT	90 sen	88.5 sen	8/7/2010	-1.67
Capitamalls Malaysia Trust	RM1.00	98 sen	16-07-10	-2
EA Holdings Bhd	25 sen	66 sen	20-07-10	164

EA Holdings' share price performance is a marked departure from the string of IPOs this year that have failed to provide much capital gains for investors. Of a total of 15 IPOs so far this year, eight stocks, including

EA Holdings, closed above their IPO price on the first day of listing while seven were below.

Of the eight gaining stocks, all except EA Holdings, posted first-day gains of well under 10%. Many of

them subsequently fell below their IPO prices.

Indeed, EA Holdings' performance outshone many of the larger capitalised companies, such as hard disk components manufacturer JCY International Bhd and the two recent real estate investment trusts, Sunway REIT and CapitaMalls Malaysia Trust.

The firmer broader market yesterday had lent support to EA Holdings. The FBM KLCI closed 4.32 points higher at 1,337.67. Turnover surged past the one billion shares mark, with 1.13 billion units done valued at RM1.32 billion.

Time will tell if EA Holdings will continue to buck the trend.

Investors will also keenly await the next two IPOs to see if they fare as well.

Steel products manufacturer Tatt Giap will make its debut today, while eyecare chain Focus Point Holdings will list next week.