

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Investing in Malaysia by Non-Resident (Notice 3)	
Question	Answer
1. Is there any restriction for a non-resident to invest in Malaysia and repatriate any profits and divestment proceeds abroad?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A non-resident is free to invest in any form of ringgit assets in Malaysia; and • A non-resident is also free to repatriate divestment proceeds, profits, dividends or any income arising from these investments in Malaysia, provided it is foreign currency (FC).
2. I am a non-resident and residing overseas. I am interested to buy ringgit assets but having difficulty in accessing the Malaysian financial markets to purchase ringgit due to the time zone differences. Can I purchase ringgit from any financial institution in my home country?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes. A non-resident investor may buy ringgit against FC from an appointed overseas office (AOO) of a licensed onshore bank to facilitate the purchase of ringgit assets. • A list of financial institutions under the AOO framework is available at https://bnm.my/fep.
3. Can a non-resident open a ringgit account in Malaysia? Is there any restriction on the conduct of the ringgit account?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A non-resident is free to open a ringgit account in Malaysia. The ringgit account is known as an “external account”. Funds in the external account can be used among others, to pay for goods or services in Malaysia or to purchase ringgit assets in Malaysia. • There is also no restriction for a non-resident to repatriate funds in the external account upon conversion into FC.
4. What are the ringgit assets that can be settled using funds from an external account of a non-resident?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ringgit assets include: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Ringgit-denominated securities or Islamic securities issued in Malaysia by a resident; (b) Ringgit-denominated securities or Islamic securities issued by a non-resident as approved by BNM; (c) Ringgit-denominated financial instrument or Islamic financial instrument as approved by BNM; or (d) Properties in Malaysia.
5. Can a non-resident invest in Malaysia via an institutional investor?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes. There is no restriction for a non-resident to invest in Malaysia via a non-resident institutional investor. • There are flexibilities accorded to a non-resident institutional investor to manage their

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6. Are there flexibilities given to a non-resident institutional investor arising from investments in Malaysia?	foreign exchange exposure arising from investments in Malaysia. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Further information can be found in the “Buying and Selling of FX” section by Non-Resident below.

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