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Ekuiti Nasional Bhd transitioned its majority shareholding to Permodalan Nasional Bhd following Orkim Bhd's initial public offering. PIC FROM PR AGENCY

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This performance was backed by cumulative gains of RM5.7 billion, alongside a strengthened strategic portfolio — including the healthcare sector, which increased to 29 per cent of Ekuinas' active portfolio in 2025.

Its proportion of Bumiputera employees in management positions within Ekuinas' portfolio companies rose to 36.9 per cent.

Ekuinas has released its 2025 Impact Report, marking a year of transition and positive progress as the government-linked company strengthened its role within Malaysia's investment ecosystem.

It said the year reflects a more integrated approach to delivering both financial performance and socio-economic outcomes.

It added that private equity remains the core of its strategy, focusing on transforming high-potential companies into market leaders through active ownership.

Ekuinas said through an initial public offering (IPO) and share transfer exercise, it realised gross proceeds of RM828 million, RM350 million of which were distributed as dividends to Permodalan Nasional Bhd (PNB) for the benefit of its unit trust holders.

"The transaction also marked the first Bumiputera 'Relay Race', with a 60 per cent stake in Orkim Bhd transitioning into long-term institutional ownership under PNB, to support the company's next phase of growth."

Ekuinas said its RM800 million private credit arm has completed its first two transactions, providing syariah-compliant, bespoke financing solutions tailored to underserved mid-market companies.

Its chief executive officer, Aliff Omar Mohamad Omar, said the company's progress in 2025 reflects its continued evolution as an integrated private capital investor, supporting Malaysian mid-market businesses across various stages of growth.

"We remain aligned with national priorities, such as GEAR-UP, while maintaining our discipline in delivering sustainable long-term returns and impact."

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