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KUALA LUMPUR: Malaysia continues to lead the Southeast Asian region in total initial public offerings (IPOs), said Finance Minister II Datuk Seri Amir Hamzah.

He added that up to yesterday, the country recorded 41 IPOs, raising RM4.36 billion with a total market capitalisation of RM22.31 billion.

This compares with 35 IPOs in the same period last year, putting Bursa Malaysia on track to meet its full-year target of 60 listings.

"Despite global headwinds such as geopolitical tensions, tariff risks and market volatility, Malaysia continues to lead in the region in terms of total IPOs.

"This performance underscores the strength of our public fundraising system," Amir Hamzah said at the launch of the *Corporate Finance Law in Malaysia* book here yesterday.

Malaysia's capital market reached RM4.2 trillion last year, reflecting the role of corporate finance in driving competitiveness and attracting investments.

Amir Hamzah said the government remained committed to strengthening the legal and regulatory framework for corporate finance.

He said reforms to improve oversight, reduce compliance costs and enforce regulations had boosted investor confidence.

He also said aligning Malaysia's corporate finance laws with international standards while working with Bank Negara Malaysia and the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission was key to building trust and ensuring financial integrity.

He also highlighted measures such as the Fiscal Responsibility Act 2023, Medium-Term Fiscal Framework and the Medium-Term Revenue Strategy as important steps to reinforce prudent governance, accountability and fiscal resilience.