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KUALA LUMPUR: KLCC Real Estate Investment Trust's (KLCC REIT) net profit for the fourth quarter ended Dec 31, 2019 rose 33.1% to RM244.41mil from RM183.66mil a year ago, mainly due to property investment in the retail sector and hotel operations segment.

In a filing with Bursa Malaysia, the group said revenue was down by 0.3% to RM364.96mil from RM366.34mil a year ago due to its retail and management services segment.

For its office segment, revenue remained stable due to the triple net-lease agreements and long-term leases.

However, the group said, revenue for the retail segment posted a marginal decrease of 0.3%, dragged by lower advertising income. Its earnings per share for the fourth quarter was 13.54 sen.

The board has also declared an interim dividend of 11.60 sen for the quarter.

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“The directors remain cautious on the hotel segment due to the competitive market and the increasing F&B outlets within the KLCC area.

“However, higher tourist arrival from the Visit Malaysia 2020 campaign is expected to cushion the impact, ” it said.

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