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## Previous Day Highlights

The FBM KLCI lost 7.82 points or 0.48% to 1,634.87 yesterday on the back of trade deal uncertainties. The index hit a low of 1,626.32 and saw 17 losers versus 8 gainers. Market breath was negative with 603 losers outnumbering 259 gainers.

Asian stock market was in red with the Shanghai Composite Index dropped 0.67%, Nikkei 225 Index declined 0.86% and Hong Kong's Hang Seng Index tumbled 1.31%.

US markets continued to fell on Thursday following Fed's comment on no further rate cut to be expected. The Dow tumbled 1.23%, Nasdaq dropped 1.19% and S&P 500 declined 1.09%.



## Our Thoughts

Though the quantum of revision is very much expected, the less than dovish comments from the Feds following a 25bps rate cut may not be too positive for the equity markets. Nonetheless, the markets have already imputed such impact thus may consolidate further in the absence of any fresh catalysts. Yesterday the local bourse saw a net foreign outflow of RM339m.



## News For The Day

### **RHB, Tokio Marine seek merger**

A merger between the insurance arm of RHB Bank Bhd and Tokio Marine Insurans (M) Bhd is set to create the second largest general insurer in the country, with a combined gross written premium of approximately RM1.7bn and a market share of nearly a tenth. RHB Bank also intends to form a long-term exclusive general bancassurance partnership with the proposed enlarged entity as it believes it would be mutually beneficial to both parties. – *The Edge*

### **Advancecon awarded RM84m earthworks job**

Advancecon Holdings Bhd has secured a 34-month contract valued at RM83.8m to carry out earthworks and civil engineering works for Setia Alamsari (South) in Bangi, Selangor, via its subsidiary, Advancecon Infra Sdn Bhd. The group's earthworks and civil engineering works for Setia Alamsari in Bangi will bring its outstanding order book value to over RM790m, with revenue visibility for at least 24 months. – *The Sun Daily*

### **Pintaras Jaya clinches Singapore contracts**

Pintaras Jaya Bhd has secured nine new piling contracts with a total value of S\$51m (about RM156m) in Singapore. The nine new projects will commence in July and August this year, with contract periods varying from two to six months. – *The Sun Daily*

### **Press Metal secures more power for expansion**

Press Metal Aluminium Holdings Bhd, the largest aluminium producer in Southeast Asia has entered into a power purchase agreement with Syarikat SESCO Bhd, a wholly owned subsidiary of Sarawak Energy Bhd, to secure more power for capacity expansion in Sarawak. – *The Sun Daily*

### **Lotte Chemical Titan posts Q2 net profit of RM104.85m**

Lotte Chemical Titan Holding Bhd posted net profit of RM104.85m in the second quarter ended June 31, 2019, which was a sequential improvement from the first quarter due to better overall performance. Its net profit rose by 88.7% from RM55.83m in Q1 ended March 31 also supported by higher foreign exchange gains and other non-operating income recorded for the quarter. Its revenue dipped to RM2.13bn from RM2.17bn on-quarter mainly due to slower sales coinciding with festive season and delayed deliveries. – *The Star*



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