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## Previous Day Highlights

The FBM KLCI ended 0.37% or 5.73 points lower at 1,562.7 yesterday. A total of 2.62bn shares worth RM1.62bn were traded on the local bourse. There were 412 losers against 389 gainers.

Asian stock markets were on mixed note yesterday. Japan's Nikkei 225 Index gained 0.33% while Hang Seng Index closed flat at 26,494.7 and Shanghai Composite Index ended at 2,914.5.

U.S. stock markets retreated overnight with the Dow Jones Industrial Average Index dropped 0.38% to 27,909.6. Nasdaq Composite Index was 0.40% lower, while S&P 500 Index was 0.32% lower.

## Our Thoughts

Regional markets were mixed thus pulling down the FBM KLCI which saw further bouts of selling yesterday. With 2019 almost coming to an end, we reckon the benchmark index may languish at current levels finding it hard to even break the 1,600 mark. The absence of fresh foreign funds into the local bourse will continue to plague any chance of the FBM KLCI making a commendable comeback. Therefore, we believe the index may close the year below the 1,600 level as there are no signs of strong buying catalysts. Meanwhile, we caution on the recent uptrend of the CPO price as the discount against the soy price is narrowing to below its 5-year average.

## News For The Day

### **IHH shareholders approve RM1.02bn Prince Court acquisition from Khazanah**

IHH Healthcare Bhd's non-interested shareholders and proxies have voted 99.99% in favour of the proposed RM1.02bn acquisition of Prince Court Medical Centre from Khazanah Nasional Bhd. IHH expects the acquisition to be completed in the first quarter of 2020. – *The Edge Markets*

### **Perdana Petroleum bags work orders worth RM36m**

Perdana Petroleum Bhd has bagged two work orders from Petronas Carigali Sdn Bhd, Petrolia Nasional Bhd's exploration arm, for the provision of two anchor handling tug and supply vessels for RM36m. Its wholly-owned Perdana Nautika Sdn Bhd received the two one-year work orders, each with an estimated contract value of RM18m, from Petronas Carigali via letters of award. – *The Edge Markets*

### **Malaysia needs to enhance trade diversification, investment competitiveness**

The more challenging external environment has underscored the need for Malaysia to increase trade diversification and strengthen investment competitiveness moving forward, according to the World Bank Group's economic report. – *The Edge Markets*

### **HSSI bags first Johor BRT job**

HSS Integrated Sdn Bhd, an associate company of HSS Engineers Bhd has been awarded a contract by Iskandar Regional Development Authority to provide detailed design and construction supervision services for Johor's first Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project. The project is worth RM71.3m. – *The Star Online*

### **Protasco wins road contract**

Protasco Bhd's 30%-owned associate company, PJP Barisan JV Sdn Bhd, has secured a performance-based contract for the long-term management and maintenance of state roads in Mukah, Sarawak. The contract sum is RM24.6m per annum, subject to review every three years with a maximum increase of 7.2% per revision. – *The Star Online*



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