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Previous Day Highlights

The FBM KLCI lost 11.7 points or 0.75% to 1,542.8 yesterday. Market breadth was negative with 597 losers versus 285 gainers. Volume traded was 2.4bn units of shares valued at RM1.92bn.

Asian stock markets ended mixed with the Shanghai Composite Index gained 0.51% to 2,890.5. Nikkei 225 Index declined 0.60% and Hang Seng Index dropped 0.59%.

U.S. stock ended higher with the technology-led Nasdaq Composite Index rallied to another record high. Nasdaq rose 1.13% to 9,628.4, Dow Jones gained 0.60% while S&P 500 ended 0.73% higher.



News For The Day

AK Nathan to give Eversendai a shot in the arm

Eversendai Corp Bhd founder and major shareholder Tan Sri AK Nathan Elumalay plans to inject his private liftboat company Vahana Offshore Sdn Bhd into the oil and gas and construction group to improve its bottom line. – *The Edge Financial Daily*

MRCB-George Kent aims to finish 40% of LRT3 by end-2020

MRCB-George Kent Sdn Bhd, constructing the Light Rail Transit Line 3, aims to complete more than 40% of the project by end-2020. The project is divided into civil and system works, having achieved 31% and 15% completion respectively. – *The Edge Financial Daily*

Serba Dinamik not in talks with Sarawak government

Serba Dinamik Holdings Bhd has clarified that it is not in talks with the Sarawak government to take over Brooke Dockyard and Engineering Works Corp. – *The Edge Financial Daily*

Hup Seng Q4 earnings slip on poorer margins

Biscuit manufacturer Hup Seng Industries Bhd posted a 2.8% decline in net profit for its fourth quarter ended Dec 31 2019, to RM12.38m, from RM12.74m a year before, mainly due to poorer margins in certain segments. – *Sunbiz*

Rubber products exports growth to rebound in 2020

The growth of rubber products exports is expected to return to positive in 2020, contributed mainly by the increase in capacity and production of major glove players as well as new investments in the dry rubber sector specifically tyres, automotive parts and industrial goods, according to the Malaysian Rubber Export Promotion Council. – *Sunbiz*



Our Thoughts

Notwithstanding the coronavirus death toll that has crossed the 1,000 mark, US markets continue its rise on the back of robust earnings result thus far. However, commodity markets are telling another story as it continues to weaken as demand and outlook seems clouded by the pandemic scare. Regional markets will continue to be cautious with the focus on the coronavirus dampening sentiments. On the local front FBM KLCI may see some bargain hunting with support level at 1,530 level. CPO inventory fell to the lowest level since 2017 and may see trading opportunities in plantation counters today.



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