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Previous Day Highlights

The FBM KLCI closed lower to 1,678.97 level yesterday losing 3.9 points or 0.23%. Market breath was negative with 434 losers versus 329 gainers.

Regional markets continued to close mixed with the Hong Kong's Hang Seng index gained 0.31% but Nikkei 225 index and Shanghai Composite index declined 0.15% and 0.44% respectively.

U.S. stocks ended high on Wednesday after Federal Reserve signals interest rate cut ahead. The S&P 500 index crossed 3,000 level for the first time while The Dow and the S&P 500 hit new intraday records during the trading session. The Dow finished at 26,860.2 points, S&P 500 ended at 2,993.1 and Nasdaq closed at 8,202.5 points.

Our Thoughts

Expectations for a Feds rate cut has yo-yo of late. This has been amplified by the volatile US 10-year Treasury yield which had dipped to a low of 1.94% only last week before climbing to around the 2.05% yesterday. Nonetheless amid the prevailing global economic slowdown we believe the Feds may revise rates possibly sometime later this year when data are less than optimistic. We continue to advocate investors to accumulate on shares now to pre-empt the eventual uptrend when foreign funds inflow picks up momentum.

News For The Day

ARB forays into Cambodia's IoT and IT markets

ARB Bhd has entered into a memorandum of understanding with Chean Chhoeng Thai Group Co Ltd to deploy Internet of Things and information technology to the latter's US\$1.5bn (RM6.2bn) mixed development project in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. The total value for ARB's IoT and IT project is not less than US\$100m (RM417m). – *The Sun Daily*

Eonmetall to buy land from Sime Darby Plantation

Industrial process machinery and equipment maker Eonmetall Group Bhd and its joint venture partners have agreed to acquire 450 acres of land in Klang from Sime Darby Plantation Bhd for RM155.7m. – *The Star Online*

MAHB may face expansion risk

Malaysia Airports Holdings Bhd's exposure to expansion risks could escalate over the next 12 months as it could take on a greater role in future airport expansion, Moody's Investors Service says. – *The Star Online*

Icon bags vessel charter deal worth RM36m

Icon Offshore Bhd's Brunei subsidiary, Icon Bahtera (B) Sdn Bhd, has received an extension on the charter of its vessel, Icon Kayra, with a variation to the initial contract valued at RM36m. - *The Star Online*

Boardroom changes at Boustead Heavy Industries

Boustead Heavy Industries Corporation Bhd has announced massive boardroom changes. The warship builder told Bursa Malaysia that two of its non-executive directors, Datuk Ishak Osman and Datuk Azzat Kamaludin have resigned effective today. Meanwhile, it has appointed six non-executive directors, according to its filing with Bursa Malaysia. – *The Edge Markets*



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