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Previous Day Highlights

The FBM KLCI gained 6.14 points or 0.37% to 1,655.5 yesterday. Market breadth was positive with 613 gainers compared to 276 losers.

Hong Kong markets, Hang Seng Index jumped 2.27% and Shanghai Composite Index gained 0.86% while Japan's Nikkei 225 Index gained 1.2%.

U.S. markets ended higher yesterday with the Dow gained 0.3% to 26,062.7 points. The S&P 500 Index climbed 0.47% while the Nasdaq Composite Index closed 1.05% higher.



News For The Day

FDI approved investments up 3.1% to RM53.9bn on manufacturing boost

Malaysia recorded RM53.9 billion worth of approved investments in the manufacturing, service and primary sector in the first quarter of this year (1Q19) up 3.1% up from RM52.3 billion a year ago, driven mostly by a robust manufacturing sector. The manufacturing sector registered a 126.8% year-on-year jump in approved investments to an "impressive" RM25.4 billion from RM11.2 billion previously, according to Malaysian Investment Development Authority (MIDA) – *The Edge Financial Daily*

Foreign buying on Bursa picks up pace

Foreign funds mopped up RM350 million of local equities last week, seven times more compared with RM48.8 million in the prior week, notwithstanding the short trading week because of Hari Raya Aidilfitri holidays last week, offshore funds continued to scoop up stocks listed on Bursa Malaysia. - *The Edge Financial Daily*

Property market may have finally bottomed out

The market has gained ground with higher levels of activities recorded in 3Q18 and 4Q18. The property market may have finally "bottomed out" and is currently clawing its way up for a slow recovery with various domestic and foreign events amid uncertainties and challenges, as observed by property analyst - *The Malaysian Reserve*

CPO price in 1Q drags plantation segment

Despite the stabilising palm oil demand from the domestic market and recovery in the commodity's price, the plantation segment on the local bourse had reported a lower quarterly results for the first quarter of 2019 (1Q19) In the first three months, the price of crude palm oil (CPO) had ranged between a low of RM1,834 per tonne and a high of RM2,153- *The Malaysian Reserve*



Our Thoughts

Equities may be back in favour judging by the resurgence of major global indices. The Dow Jones Industrial Index have had an impressive rebound from below 25,000 to now 26,062. Similarly, regional markets also staged a rebound of sorts. We believe this uptrend to persists in view of expectations that the Federal Reserves may be looking to reduce interest rates which have already been reflected from the downtrend of the US 10-year Treasury rates now at 2.15% from the high of 2.80% earlier this year.



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