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Previous Day Highlights

The FBM KLCI gained marginally higher to 1,679.26 points (0.29 point or 0.02%) yesterday. The market was positive with 501 gainers outpaced 329 losers, led by the rally of small and mid-cap stocks, lifting total volume traded to 3.18bn units valued at RM2.2bn.

Regional markets closed on positive notes with the Shanghai Composite Index inched up 0.08%, Nikkei 225 Index rose 0.51% and Hang Seng Index gained 0.81%.

The S&P 500 Index and Dow Jones Industrial Average Index both hit record high with the Dow settled at 27,088.1 points and S&P closed at 2,999.9 points. However, the Nasdaq Composite Index dropped 0.08%.



Our Thoughts

A more dovish statement from the Federal Reserves had sent stocks soaring on Wall Street and we expect the same on regional markets today. With expectations of a lower rate in the US, the MYR climbed higher against the greenback to around the 4.11 breaking its consolidation phase of between 4.13-4.15 recently. We maintain our stance that the MYR will appreciate to 4.00 by end of this year.



News For The Day

EPF, Khazanah oppose PLUS acquisition

The ministry of finance has made a preliminary decision to oppose the takeover of highway operator PLUS Malaysia Bhd by Maju Holdings Sdn Bhd after considering the views from PLUS' major shareholders Khazanah Nasional Bhd and the Employees Provident Fund. – *The Edge*

Malakoff pays US\$70m for Desaru Investments

It is acquiring the entire stake in Desaru Investments (Cayman Isl.) Lte) from Khazanah Nasional Bhd for US\$70m (RM289m). - *The Sun Daily*

HSS Engineers to provide consultancy services for ECRL new railway scheme

Its associate company, HSS Integrated Sdn Bhd has accepted a RM4.9m contract from China Communications Construction Sdn Bhd to provide consultancy services for the New Railway Scheme and Scheme Design Study for the East Coast Rail Link (ECRL). – *Bernama*

Mudajaya to raise RM16.6m from private placement

It has proposed to raise up to RM16.6m via a private placement to repay part of its bank borrowings and to fund its working capital. The placement involves the issuance of up to 62.6m shares, representing 10% of the group's total number of issued shares, – *The Edge*

Magna Prima, PowerChina eye EPC works from PNB

It is collaborating with PowerChina Construction Group Ltd to bid for engineering, procurement and construction works from Permodalan Nasional Bhd (PNB). – *The Sun Daily*

Reservoir Link eyes ACE Market listing

Oil and gas well services provider Reservoir Link Energy Bhd is offering up to 57.1m new shares under its initial public offering, as it seeks to fund its growth in operational capacity. The Sarawak-based group, which is seeking to list on the ACE Market of Bursa Malaysia, will also offer for sale 31.0m existing shares via private placement to selected investors. – *The Edge*



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