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Previous Day Highlights

The FBM KLCI ended 4.2 points or 0.26% lower to 1,591.5 last Friday. Market breadth was neutral as there were 401 gainers versus 398 losers. Volume traded was 2.74bn units valued at RM1.60bn.

Asian equities closed on a mixed note last Friday. Hong Kong Hang Seng Index gained 0.27% to 28,638.2, Nikkei 225 Index was 0.47% higher while Shanghai Composite Index edged down 0.09%.

U.S. stock markets closed lower last Friday. The Dow lost 0.46% to 28,823.8, S&P 500 Index declined 0.29% while Nasdaq Composite Index decreased 0.27%.

Our Thoughts

It is going to be a rather bewildering week as we are bombarded by a slew of mixed messages across the region. Over the last few days, we have the middle east tension, the possible US China trade truce, the volcano eruption in the Philippines plus the just concluded election in Taiwan. As such, we reckon regional markets to remain confused and stay flattish today. Locally, the FBM KLCI is expected to trend within a narrow range of between 1,590/95 range until clearer picture arises. Meanwhile, as the US is entering into results season, any below par performance may instigate profit taking activities following the record-breaking uptrend recently on Wall Street.

News For The Day

KPJ Healthcare to allocate RM200m-RM300m for capex

KPJ Healthcare Bhd will be allocating between RM200m and RM300m for capital expenditure this year, to expand its business operations. The capex would be used for the construction of a new hospital and purchase of new equipment. – *The Edge Markets*

Nextgreen extends MoU to explore green tech partnership

Nextgreen Global Bhd said today IHI Corp and Nomura Holdings Inc are still in the midst of carrying out the feasibility study on the development of power generation and other auxiliary facilities for Nextgreen's Green Technology Park in Pahang, as well as projects in Negeri Sembilan and Sarawak. – *The Edge Markets*

Still room for stronger ringgit

Uncertainties in the global environments this year are expected to have an impact on global currencies such as the US dollar, which in turn may be potentially benefit the ringgit and create more room for value. – *The Edge Financial Daily*

A&W Malaysia allocates RM110m capex for next 5 years

A&W Malaysia Sdn Bhd is allocating RM110m of its capital expenditure to expand by up to 124 outlets in the country by 2024. There are currently 49 A&W outlets in Malaysia, and 20 more are in the pipelines this year. – Sunbiz

Minetech Resources bags RM28m

Minetech Resources Bhd has bagged a RM27.69m contract to undertake upgrading works along the Cheras Kajang Expressway for the proposed Emerald 9 Cheras development in Cheras, Selangor. – *The Edge Markets*



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