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Previous Day Highlights

The FBM KLCI gained 2.92 points or 0.17% to 1,672.37 yesterday. Volume traded increased to 3.01bn unit of shares valued at RM1.65bn. However, market breath was negative with 469 losers versus 375 gainers.

Regional markets gained with the upbeat of economic data. The Shanghai Composite Index rose 0.4%, Japan's Nikkei 225 Index increased 0.2% and Hang Seng Index closed up 0.29%.

US stock markets continued to trend higher but at a slower pace as the corporate earnings season kicks in. The Dow gained a marginal point of 27.1 to 27,359.2, the S&P 500 Index rose 0.02% and the Nasdaq Composite Index ended 0.2%.



Our Thoughts

The impending results season in the US may be a crucial one as we understand investors would be highly susceptible by the earnings reported as Wall Street is currently trending at record highs. Therefore we may be entering into a rather volatile period for equities. With the US market now trading at an estimated PER of 17x which is a premium vis a vis its historical of 15x, any shortfall from the corporate results may posed as a reason to take profit by investors. Meanwhile, expectations of lower interest rates may curtail any excessive selling. Interesting times ahead for equities indeed.



News For The Day

George Kent gets Honeywell licence to manufacture water meter components

It has been granted a licence by US technology and manufacturing company Honeywell International Inc to manufacture high-precision water meter measuring components for the V100 and V110 C-Class volumetric water meters. George Kent currently imports Honeywell precision measuring components and registers, which are then assembled with the brass housings manufactured by the group. – *The Edge*

ELK-Desa to raise fund for hire purchase business

ELK-Desa Resources Bhd is establishing a Medium-Term Notes programme of up to RM1bn in nominal value via Premier Auto Assets Bhd. It aims to utilise the fund to grow the hirer base of its used car hire purchase financing business. – *The Sun Daily*

Berjaya Land buying stake in Iceland hotel operator

Berjaya Land Bhd is acquiring a 75% stake in Icelandair Hotels for US\$53.63m (RM220m) cash. Icelandair Hotels currently operates 20 hotels located all around Iceland. Besides increasing Berjaya's presence in the European region, this acquisition also increases the room inventory of the Berjaya group of hotels from about 4,200 to 6,011 rooms, with an additional 1,811 rooms. – *The Sun Daily*

Chin Hin to list associate on ACE Market

Chin Hin Group Bhd announced its plan to list its 45%-owned associate company Atlantic Blue Sdn Bhd on the ACE Market of Bursa Malaysia. This will be done via its special purpose vehicle Solarvest Holdings Bhd. - *The Sun Daily*

Bina Puri accepts RM303m Iraqi govt road project

Bina Puri Holdings Bhd's unit has secured a RM303m contract to build a dual-lane road in Nasirya city, southern Iraq, boosting its order book to RM1.56bn. The contract, which was for 36 months, was expected to contribute positively to the earnings and net assets of the group for the financial year ending June 30, 2020. – *The Star*



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