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Previous Day Highlights

The FBM KLCI closed 1.2 points or 0.08% higher to 1,594.8 last Friday mainly lifted by IHH. However, buying interest was slightly weak as losers stood at 423 against 382 gainers.

Asian stock markets closed mixed last Friday. The Hang Seng Index ended flat at 26,326.7, Nikkei 225 Index rose 0.70% while Shanghai Composite Index dropped 0.64%.

U.S. stock markets notched new record as the Dow Jones Industrial Average broke the 28,000 level to 28,004.9. The S&P 500 Index gained 0.77% to 3,120.5 and Nasdaq Composite Index rose 0.73% to 8,540.8.

Our Thoughts

Despite some positive developments from the US China Tariff discussion, we believe the situation remains fluid and remain unconvinced until more concrete evidence surfaces. With Wall Street charting all time highs, we reckon the US market is running ahead of its fundamentals hence becoming more susceptible to the slightest of negative newsflow. As such, we would maintain our cautious stance and prefer to stay sidelined for the time being. On the local front, there may be some buying activities today but the benchmark FBM KLCI should see some headwinds towards the 1,600 mark.

News For The Day

Press Metal pays RM331.5m for a 25% stake in Bintan alumina producer

Press Metal Aluminium Holdings Bhd has agreed to pay US\$80.2m (RM331.5m) for the subscription of a 25% stake in an alumina producer based in Bintan, Indonesia. PT Bintan Alumina Indonesia is currently in the midst of constructing a one million tonne aluminium oxide refinery project together with necessary facilities in Galang Batang, with expansion for another one million tonne. – *The Star Online*

Willowglen enjoys better margins in Q3

Willowglen MSC Bhd, a developer of computer-based control systems which derives 80% of its revenue from projects in Singapore, said better margins jobs helped offset the lower sales. Net profit rose 30% to RM3.24m in the third quarter ended Sept 30 compared with RM2.48m made a year ago. – *The Star Online*

GDB wins contract for Mercedes-Benz Autohaus building in Setia Alam

GDB Holdings Bhd's wholly owned subsidiary Grand Dynamic Builders Sdn Bhd has accepted a letter of award for the main building works of the proposed seven-storey Hap Seng Star Mercedes-Benz Autohaus building in Setia Alam, Shah Alam. The contract is valued at RM67.9m. – *The Star Online*

UWC announces one-for-two bonus issue, RM11.2m 1Q net profit

Newly listed UWC Bhd announced a bonus issue of one new share for every two existing shares in the company. Separately, the group also reported a net profit of RM11.22m, or 3.06 sen per share, for its first quarter ended Oct 31, 2019. Revenue totalled RM46.91m. – *The Edge Markets*

5G roll out likely to begin middle of next year

Roll out of 5G will most likely begin in the middle of next year for areas and industries that need it, said Communications and Multimedia Minister Gobind Singh Deo. He said the roll out would not be State centred but instead focused on priority areas. – *The Edge Markets*



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