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Previous Day Highlights

The FBM KLCI broke above 1,600 level yesterday adding 6.3 points or 0.39% to 1,602.75. Market breadth was negative with 400 losers over 369 gainers.

Regional markets closed on mixed notes with the Shanghai Composite Index dropped 0.11% and Hang Seng Index declined 0.23%. However, Nikkei 225 Index gained 0.55%.

US stock markets ended lower after three consecutive gain sessions. The Dow dropped 0.66%, Nasdaq lost 0.68% and S&P 500 declined 0.79%.



Our Thoughts

Our recent stronger than expected GDP figures indicate our economic fundamentals remain resilient. Coupled with Bank Negara Malaysia recent announcement of further liberalisation of the foreign exchange administration (FEA) policy and “positive engagements” with global index provider FTSE Russell, this should put our country on a stronger footing in the review by FTSE World Government Bond Index in September. Hence, with our stronger economic fundamentals, we advocate investors to remain invested in the equity markets.



News For The Day

Hibiscus 4Q net profit sharply lower, full-year earnings up 13%

Hibiscus Petroleum Bhd's net profit for the fourth quarter ended June 30, 2019 plunged 75% to RM24.72m, from RM98.75m a year earlier, despite recording a higher revenue. However, ended its financial year with a full-year net profit of RM230.01m, up 13% compared with RM203.71m in the previous year. - *The Edge*

KLK warns of reduced FY19 earnings after 3Q profit slumps

Kuala Lumpur Kepong Bhd has warned of reduced profit for its financial year ending Sept 30, 2019, as the group reports a 65% slump in third quarter net profit to RM48.62m, from RM139.87m in the year-ago quarter. - *The Edge*

Weak oil palm prices drag Batu Kawan net profit

Batu Kawan Bhd's net profit was slashed by more than half to RM50.83m in the third quarter ended June 30, 2019, from RM106.67m a year ago, mainly due to lower earnings from its plantation segment. - *The Edge*

Pos Malaysia slips into the red

Pos Malaysia Bhd slipped into a net loss of RM15.1m for the first quarter ended June 30, 2019, due to weak postal and services results. This compared with a net profit of RM4.98m for the corresponding period last year. - *The Star*

MBM Resources 2Q net profit jumps 114%, declares six sen dividend

Net profit more than doubled to RM74.04m in the second quarter ended June 30, 2019, from RM34.55m a year ago, mainly lifted by a one-off RM24.8m gain on disposals. The higher earnings were also due to a better performance on all fronts. - *The Edge*

Tan Chong 2Q net profit jumps 57% on strong sales

Reported a 57% jump in its second quarter net profit to RM19.43m or 2.98 sen per share, from RM12.36m or 1.89 sen per share a year earlier due to higher automotive sales during the period, and benefited from the better sales products mix arising from new models launched in Malaysia and overseas. - *The Edge*



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