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Previous Day Highlights

The FBM KLCI ended lower along with regional markets to 1,655.4 points. The blue-chip index dropped 2.79 points or 0.17%. Market breath was negative with 508 lowers versus 297 gainers.

Asian stock markets fell with the Shanghai Composite Index lost 1.27%, Nikkei 225 Index dropped 0.23% and Hang Seng Index declined 1.37%.

US markets gained on Monday with the Dow rose marginal points of 17.7 to 27,171.9 points. Nasdaq Composite Index climbed 0.71% and the S&P 500 ended 0.28% higher.



Our Thoughts

High expectations of a rate cut by the Feds soon may spur some buying in equities as investors will be hoping for further rate cuts going forward. Though the quantum of the rate revision may be lower than expected, many are expecting that this will not be the final rate revision by the Feds this year. Consensus is anticipating a 50bps reduction but the Feds may be looking to accede to a 25bps cut.



News For The Day

LTKM MD to take company private at RM1.35

LTKM Bhd has received a notice of conditional voluntary takeover offer from its managing director Datuk Tan Kok and a few others to acquire a 31.74% stake that they don't own in the company for RM1.35 per share. The joint offerors do not intend to maintain the listing status of LTKM on the Main Market of Bursa Malaysia. – *The Sun Daily*

Fitch Ratings affirms Maybank's IDRs at A minus

Fitch Ratings has affirmed the long-term foreign- and local-currency issuer default ratings (IDRs) of Malayan Banking Bhd at "A-". The outlook is stable. Maybank's long-term IDRs and viability rating reflected its dominant franchise in Malaysia and able management team, which help to underpin its stable funding and liquidity position, sound capital buffers and steady earnings performance through business cycles. – *The Star*

MyEG unit acquires stake in Indonesian company

An Indonesian unit of MyEG Services Bhd is purchasing a 40% stake in PT Cartenz Inti Utama (PT CIU) for US\$10m or approximately RM41.10m, as the e-government services provider seeks to further expand its business outside of Malaysia. – *The Edge*

The Body Shop retailer eyes Main Market listing

The Body Shop's retailer InNature Bhd is planning an (IPO) on the Main Market of Bursa Malaysia. InNature is principally involved in the retailing and distribution of The Body Shop products through its subsidiaries in the region. It has 89 points-of-sale in West Malaysia, Sabah and Labuan; 26 points-of sale in Vietnam as well as online platforms. – *The Sun Daily*

SMTrack to raise up to RM3.2m

It has proposed to undertake a private placement to raise up to RM3.22m. The fundraising exercise involves the issuance of up to 14.89m shares. Based on the indicative issue price of 21.6 sen per placement share, the proposed private placement will raise gross proceeds of up to RM3.22m, of which RM2.52m will be used as partial payment for the proposed acquisition of 60% in Citilink Aviation (M) Sdn Bhd. - *The Sun Daily*



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