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Previous Day Highlights

The FBM KLCI gained 1.13 points or 0.07% to 1,597.4 level last Friday. Volume traded was higher at 3.1bn unit of shares valued at RM3.3bn. However, there were 394 losers against 380 gainers.

Asian stock markets ended mostly higher with the Shanghai Composite Index gained 0.24% to 3,006.5 points. Nikkei 225 Index rose 0.16% but Hang Seng Index dropped 0.13%.

US stock markets closed lower last Friday. The Dow Jones Industrial Average Index dropped 0.59% to 26,935.1 points. S&P 500 Index declined 0.49% while Nasdaq Composite Index fell 0.80%.



Our Thoughts

Uncertainties continue to plague the global financial markets as interest rates are expected to be the major determinant over the course of next few months. As many are expecting the Federal Reserves to further cut rates, the ECB is also seen to be biased towards a lower rate regime. Meanwhile, the US 10-year Treasury yield had declined to 1.72% from above the 1.90% level only a week ago as funds returned Treasuries at the expense of equities with the DJI Index closed almost 160 points lower last Friday. All said, we can expect another boring day on the local bourse with the FBM KLCI expected to trend between the 1,595-1,605 range today.



News For The Day

Keeping fingers crossed for measures to spur property market

With the residential property market expected to stay sluggish next year amid the continued supply overhang, industry players are pleading for a further one-year extension of the Home Ownership Campaign. – *The Edge Financial Daily*

Furniture maker Poh Huat is a winner in US-China trade war

Furniture maker Poh Huat Resources Holdings Bhd posted a higher net profit in the third quarter ended July 31, as revenue jumped on rising demand from buyers in the US. Earnings rose 22% to RM11.27m, or five sen a share on the back of a 14% jump in turnover to RM164.8m. – *The Star Online*

Perak Transit to issue RM300m sukuk

Perak Transit Bhd plans to issue RM300m sukuk murabahah next month. The proceeds will be used to refinance existing borrowings, to finance the company's capital expenditure and working capital for existing and new projects. – *The Sun Daily*

Digi.com unit Digital issues RM900m Islamic notes

Digi.com Bhd's unit Digi Telecommunications Sdn Bhd has issued two tranches of Islamic debt noted amounting to RM900m in nominal value. – *The Star Online*

KNM subsidiary gets US\$5.35m contract from Samsung consortium

KNM Group Bhd's indirect wholly-owned subsidiary FBM-KNM FZCO has secured a US\$5.35m (about RM22.363m) contract to supply shell and tube heat exchangers to an oil refinery run by Thai Oil Public Co Ltd in Thailand's Sri Racha district within the province of Chonburi. – *The Edge Markets*

MAA acquires education business for RM27m

Loss-making MAA Group Bhd has proposed to buy a 90% equity interest in Scholastic IB International Sdn Bhd (SIB) for RM27m in cash. SIB's wholly-owned subsidiaries include St John International Edu Group Sdn Bhd which offers lower secondary and upper secondary education, and AlfaAkademik Sdn Bhd which offers tuition classes for Cambridge lower secondary and O-level students. – *The Edge Markets*



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