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## Previous Day Highlights

The FBM KLCI finished 5.7 points or 0.38% lower to end at 1,495.2 level yesterday. Market sentiment was negative with 538 losers against 350 gainers. Value traded was RM3.01bn with 3.87 bn unit of shares exchanged.

Major Asian stock markets ended lower yesterday. Hang Seng Index closed 0.73% to 26,696.5 points, Nikkei 225 Index declined 0.79% while Shanghai Composite Index was 0.83% lower.

US stock markets finished mixed overnight with the Dow Jones and S&P Index continued to trend lower, The Dow dropped 0.46% and S&P 500 declined 0.38%. However, Nasdaq ended 0.17% higher.



## News For The Day

### **Dr M seeks support for non-partisan government**

As the nation waits for the Yang di-Pertuan Agong to determine who commands the numbers to form the new government, Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad said he would be willing to reassume the premiership if he still has the majority support. – *The Edge Financial Daily*

### **Petronas sees a bearish 2020**

Petroleum Nasional Bhd has hinted at a bearish outlook for 2020. The short-term headwind from the Covid-19 outbreak added pressure to the current low energy prices and weak demand. Its quarterly net profit slumped to near four-year low of RM4.11bn for 4QFY19, down 71.3% from a year ago, – *The Edge Financial Daily*

### **Serba Dinamik FY19 earnings at new record high**

Serba Dinamik Holdings Bhd turned in another set of record high earnings in the FY19. Its annual net profit soared to RM496.6m on a revenue of RM4.53bn. – *The Edge Financial Daily*

### **KPJ post 58% jump in 4Q net earnings**

KPJ Healthcare Bhd reported a stronger net profit for 4QFY19 at RM84m, up 57.5% from RM53.3m for the year-ago quarter. The better performance came as growth at its Malaysian hospital operations lifted its quarterly revenue by 7.7%. – *The Edge Financial Daily*

### **PetChem 4Q net profit down 66%**

Petronas Chemicals Group Bhd's net profit fell 66.3% year-on-year to RM340m for the 4QFY19 from RM1.01bn, largely due to a compressed margin. – *The Edge Financial Daily*

### **Favelle Favco's profit improves 28% in FY19**

Crane manufacturer Favelle Favco Bhd's net profit grew by 28.4 percent to RM81.34m in the financial year ended FY19 in tandem with higher sales. It has an outstanding order book of about RM582m from the global oil and gas, shipyard, construction, wind turbine and intelligent automation sectors. – *The Edge Financial Daily*



## Our Thoughts

US markets which have taken a beating for the past week will certainly play a part on the regional markets as sentiments remains jittery as Covid-19 numbers continue to grow outside China. On the local front, the market will largely be focusing on the political updates hence sentiment could be muted hovering around the 1,500 level. Investors should adopt a buy on weakness strategy for trading purposes.



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