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Previous Day Highlights

The FBM KLCI gained 16.96 points or 1.06% to 1,612.14 level last Friday. Market breadth was also positive with 517 gainers over 322 losers.

Asian markets ended mixed yesterday with the Shanghai Composite Index up 1.3%, Japan's Nikkei 225 Index dropped 0.41% and Hong Kong's Hang Seng Index declined 0.38%.

US markets closed on mixed notes yesterday as the Dow gained 1.41% to 26,403.28, S&P 500 Index edged up 0.06% while Nasdaq was 0.13% lower.



News For The Day

S&P maintains stable outlook for Msian banks

S&P Global Ratings is maintaining a stable outlook on all Malaysian banks but flags external challenges and the financial technology (fintech) effect that could radically disrupt their industry. – *The Edge*

Net profit soars 24% for MBSB in Q2

Malaysia Building Society Bhd saw its net profit jump 24% in the second quarter ended June 30, 2019 with RM106.23m against RM85.69m recorded in the same quarter of the previous year due to a lower expected credit losses. – *The Sun*

Guan Chong plans RM278m new cocoa bean processing plant in Africa

Cocoa grinder Guan Chong Bhd, whose share price has jumped over 73% in the past 12 months as it reports stonger earnings, has set aside up to €60m (about RM278m) to build a new cocoa bean processing plant in Africa over the next 18 months. – *The Edge*

Serba Dinamik proposes share split, bonus issue, free warrants

It has proposed three corporate exercises comprising a 2-for-3 share split to further improve trading liquidity, and a 2-for-5 bonus issue and a 2-for-5 free warrants to reward existing shareholders. – *The Edge*

MAHB income soars 86% in second quarter

It recorded a net profit of RM160.08m in the second quarter ended June 30, an 86% jump over the same quarter last year. There was improved revenue across its various operation segments, led by airport operations which expanded 9.6% to RM1.19bn. – *The Star*

TNB Q2 profit down 9.8%

TNB posted a 9.8% year-on-year decline in net profit to RM1.12bn for the second quarter of the financial year ending Dec 31, 2019, bringing its net profit for the first half of the year to RM2.67bn. The lower net profit for the first half of FY19 was due to regulatory adjustments and finance cost arising from Malaysian Financial Reporting Standards 16, which impacted the results by RM112.2m. – *The Star*



Our Thoughts

Crude oil price has been rather volatile of late no thanks to the US trade war with China. In addition, many is expecting demand to weaken following Hurricane Dorian which had bombarded the Bahamas recently. Prices of Brent hit the high of US\$75/barrel this year and a low of US\$56.20 before closing at US\$58.60/barrel currently. Therefore, we expect interests on Oil & Gas stocks to subside as outlook remains murky at the moment.



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