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Previous Day Highlights

The FBM KLCI continue to trend higher as it closed 15.0 points higher or 1.13% to 1,343.1 last Friday. Gainers stood at 711 versus 232 losers. Volume traded was 4.23bn unit of shares valued at RM2.74bn.

Asia stock markets finished higher last Friday. Hang Seng Index rose 0.56% to 23,484.3. Nikkei 225 Index gained 3.88% to 19,389.4 while Shanghai Composite Index was 0.26% higher.

US stock markets retreated last Friday following three consecutive sessions of uptrend. Dow Jones dropped 915.4 points or 4.06% to 21,636.8. S&P 500 Index lost 3.37% while Nasdaq finished 3.79% lower to 7,502.4.

Our Thoughts

Donald Trump finally admitted that Covid-19 is more serious than he first thought as he is extending the US closure from April 12 to April 30 citing US deaths could even touch 100,000. This could have adverse impact on the financial markets and could see sellers overwhelm activities again. We anticipate heighten volatility and envisage the FBM KLCI to be under a bit of selling pressure re-testing the 1,320 support level.

News For The Day

Virus impact to cost MBM Resources up to one-third of revenue

MBM Resources expects its revenue to drop by 25% to 30% this year due to the Covid-19 pandemic, which has forced many nations the world into a lockdown. The motor trading segment will be hit the hardest, not thanks to the extension of the movement control order in Malaysia. – *The Edge Financial Daily*

Kelington confident of FY19 growth despite Covid-19

Kelington Group Bhd remains confident about its growth prospects for the FY10, albeit not as strongly as it has initially targeted. CEO believes the company is “fortunate” to have won big orders from customers before the Covid-19 outbreak. – *The Edge Financial Daily*

Mlabs Systems to collaborate with online pharmaceutical platform provider

Mlabs Systems Bhd is going to provide its video-conferencing products to Ipharmacare Malaysia Sdn Bhd to complement the latter's online pharmaceutical platform. – *Sunbiz*

Xin Hwa secures logistic services subcontract from MMHE

Xin Hwa Holdings Bhd has been appointed as a logistics services panel subcontractor by Malaysia Marine and Heavy Engineering Sdn Bhd (MMHE), for a duration of three years, commencing from April 1, 2020. – *Sunbiz*

Crude oil futures drop at open on grim demand outlook

Crude oil benchmarks slumped at the open of electronic trading on Sunday, extending last week's losses as the global coronavirus pandemic worsened and the Saudi Arabia-Russia price war continued unabated. – *Reuters*



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