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Previous Day Highlights

The FBM KLCI rose 5.06 points to close at 1,615.67 yesterday. There were 460 gainers against 378 losers and 409 unchanged. Total volume stood at 2.34bn valuing at RM1.63bn.

Asia equities markets finished mixed, Shanghai Composite Index rose 1.16% lower to 3,040.02, Nikkei 225 Index was down 0.76% 23,656.62 while Hang Seng Index was up 0.3% to 28,319.39.

U.S. equities took a breather to close lower with the Dow ended 0.64% lower to 28,462.14 while Technology-led Nasdaq Composite Index eased 0.67% to 8,945.99 and S&P 500 Index closed 0.58% lower at 3,221.29 level.



News For The Day

Stronger ringgit seen in 2020

The ringgit's five-week rally against the US dollar recently gas brought the exchange rate close to breaching the RM4.10-maek per US dollar but breaching RM4 level expected to be tough. – *StarBiz*

Cypark Q4 earnings jump 23% on RE projects

Company post best quarterly profit as lucrative margins from the renewable energy business and the adoption of new accounting standard helped Cypark Resources Bhd. – *StarBiz*

Earnings boost seen for plantation sector in 2020

With palm oil currently trading at its highest level in almost three years – with prices above the RM3,000 per tonne mark – analyst see an earnings boost for the plantation industry in 2020. – *TheEdge Financial*

Poh Kong sees higher gold price in 2020

Poh Kong plans to launch new e-commerce platform collaboration in 1Q20. Poh Kong Holdings Bhd which saw a 155% jump in its 1Q net profit, expects to end the financial year ending July 31, 2020 on a strong footing, in anticipation of higher gold prices. - *TheEdge Financial*

Another year of net foreign outflow

Year-to-date selling stood at RM10.99bn compared with RM11.69bn last year. 2019 is set to be another year of foreign net outflow and the month of December has so far seen a foreign net outflow of RM1.06bn. – *SunBiz*



Our Thoughts

Despite Wall Street taking a breather following a record breaking 2019, we expect selective Asian markets to continue with their uptrend amid some foreign buying. The local bourse especially should see its positive performance intact and we expect the FBM KLCI to chart further upside with 1,620/25 as the next target range. Meanwhile the MYR is also performing rather well currently at 4.10 against the USD from around 4.18 only a month ago.



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