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Previous Day Highlights

The FBM KLCI rebounded 11.7 points or 0.80% to 1,478.6 yesterday. There were 456 gainers versus 410 losers. Volume traded was 3.09bn unit of shares with RM2.49bn value of shares traded.

Asian stock markets closed on mixed note yesterday. Hong Kong's Hang Seng Index closed marginally higher (6.7 points or 0.03%) to 26,284.8. Shanghai Composite Index was up 0.74% to 2,992.9 while Nikkei 225 Index lost 1.22% ended at 21,082.7.

Dow Jones dropped nearly 800 points overnight after the Federal Reserve reduced interest rates by a half-point. The Dow ended at 25,917.4, Nasdaq dropped 2.99% and S&P 500 declined 2.81%.



News For The Day

OPR down to 2.5% for first time in a decade

As the Covid-19 outbreak continues to grow, Bank Negara Malaysia yesterday announced another cut of 25 basis points in the overnight policy rate, marking the first time in 10 years that the rate has been reduced to 2.5%. – *The Edge Financial Daily*

Ranhill secures three contracts worth RM110m

Ranhill Holdings Bhd has secured three contracts worth a total of RM110.1m, including a RM87.9m pipe-replacement job in Johor. – *The Edge Financial Daily*

Straits Inter Logistics inks Labuan Liberty Terminal deal

Straits Inter Logistics Bhd has entered into an agreement with Labuan Port Authority in relation to the operation and facility management for the Labuan Liberty Terminal. The contract is for a period of six years starting from April 1, 2020. – *Sunbiz*

Paramount Group targets RM1bn sales this year

Paramount Corporation Bhd is optimistic of achieving its sales target of RM1bn this year despite challenging market conditions with the current glut in the country's property market, said the group's chief executive officer Jeffrey Chew. – *Sunbiz*

TDM to raise up to RM38m from private placement

TDM Bhd has proposed a private placement to raise up to RM38m to fund its ongoing projects. The money raised will be used to finance operational expenses and general working capital expenses of ongoing projects, which include the expansion of the healthcare business and construction of staff quarters, as well as the acquisition of THP-YT Plantation Sdn Bhd. – *The Edge Markets*



Our Thoughts

US FOMC held an emergency meeting yesterday slashing rates by 50 basis point with markets reacting positively initially before falling again as the Covid-19 remains the key drag to the global economic growth. On the bright side, there are concerted efforts by major central banks around the world that working to reassure their commitment to provide stability and cutting rates to bolster the economy. On the local front yesterday BNM have also cut rate by 25 basis point bringing a total 50 basis point cut for the year. We would expect the FBM KLCI to remain volatile with 1,460 being the support level. Investors and traders may look to bargain hunt oversold stocks for rebound play.



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