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Previous Day Highlights

The FBM KLCI finished 11.0 points or 0.83% higher to 1,341.7 points yesterday. Gainers of 738 outnumbered 183 losers. Volume traded was 5.97bn unit of shares worth RM2.61bn.

Asia stock markets closed mainly higher yesterday. Japan's Nikkei 225 Index rose over 700 points or 4.24% to 18,576.3. Hang Seng Index finished 2.21% higher to 23,749.1. Meanwhile, Shanghai Composite Index dropped 0.60% to 2,764.0.

Dow Jones Industrial Average Index surged 1,627.5 points or 7.73% overnight to 22,680.0 points. Nasdaq Composite Index jumped 7.33% to 7,913.2 and S&P 500 Index advanced 175.0 points to 2,663.7



News For The Day

Governments announces RM10bn additional assistance for SMEs

The government announced an additional RM10bn assistance package targeted at helping small and medium enterprises affected by the movement control order and Covid-19 pandemic. – *The Edge Financial Daily*

Petronas makes oil discovery in US Gulf of Mexico

Petronas' subsidiary, Progress Resources USA Ltd, together with its partners have announced an oil discovery in the Monument exploration well, located offshore of the United States Gulf of Mexico. – *The Edge Markets*

Permaju Industries enters deal to make HK firm's sanitiser

Permaju Industries Bhd is looking into bottling and distributing a Hong Kong firm's sanitiser product for the Southeast Asian market. The product is one of the very few solutions in the world that have successfully been tested to work against the Covid-19 virus. – *The Edge Markets*

FMM wants total suspension of foreign worker levy instead of 25% cut

The Federation of Malaysian Manufacturers has hailed the government's additional allocation towards assisting small and medium enterprises but wants a total suspension of the foreign worker levy instead of a 25% cut. – *The Edge Markets*

Creador buys into GHL and Uzma

Private equity firm Creador Sdn Bhd is buying into GHL Systems Bhd and Uzma Bhd. – *The Edge Markets*



Our Thoughts

It is debatable if the Covid-19 situation has improved over in the US and whether it warrants a 1,600 point surge to the DJI Average remains to be seen. Anyhow, there is a high likelihood that regional markets may follow the US positivity today. Locally, although we may see some buying activities today with the FBM KLCI to maybe touch the 1,350 mark, we reckon such uptrend may draw our sellers which will take the opportunity to sell into strength. Therefore, we foresee a rather volatile market today with the immediate support seen at the 1,330 level hence we continue to advise investors to stay cautious.



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