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Previous Day Highlights

The FBM KLCI closed at 1,611.79 yesterday. The index hit a low of 1,588.98 before rebounding by 23 points to current level after the initial heavy sell down. Nonetheless, market breath remained negative with 502 losers versus 436 gainers.

Regional markets continued to drop amid the escalating trade war. The Shanghai Composite Index lost 1.56%, Hang Seng Index dropped 0.67% and Nikkei 225 declined 0.65%.

US stock markets rebounded on Tuesday. The Dow gained 1.21%, S&P 500 advanced 1.30% and Nasdaq Composite Index rose 1.39%.



Our Thoughts

Financial markets look to be stabilising for now. Wall Street rebounded following a bloodbath on Monday. Nonetheless, we reckon investment climate is still volatile and prefer Mr Trump to zip his mouth shut. On the whole, investors remain jittery with many central banks are now looking to revise their respective interest rates lower. On the domestic front, we believe there to be some profit taking activities today as the market is expected to be in a consolidation mode.



News For The Day

Hartalega hit by lower sales, higher cost in Q1

Hartalega Holdings Bhd's net profit for the first quarter ended June 30, 2019 fell 24.67% to RM94.06m from RM124.87m a year ago, due to lower sales volume and higher cost. It incurred higher packaging, electricity, heat and labour costs during the quarter. Revenue for the quarter fell 9.38% to RM640.1m from RM706.35m a year ago, dragged down by lower sales volume during the quarter. – *The Sun Daily*

Mah Sing buys land from JL99

Mah Sing Group Bhd is acquiring an approximately 1.81ha (4.52-acre) land along Jalan Wangsa Melawati 1 here for RM61.97m to develop two blocks of condominiums with an estimated gross development value of RM378m. – *The Edge*

GENM buys stake in Nasdaq listed Empire Resorts

Genting Malaysia Bhd (GENM) is consolidating its gaming business in the US. The wholly owned Genting (USA) Ltd has proposed to acquire 13.2m shares in Empire Resorts Inc from its single largest shareholder Kien Huat Realty III (KH) for US\$128.6m (RM538.8m). The 13.2m shares currently represents approximately 46% of the shares of common stock held by KH. – *The Star*

Barakah seeks RM1.02bn from Petronas

Barakah Offshore Petroleum Bhd is demanding a sum of RM1.02bn from Petronas Nasional Bhd (Petronas) over the suspension of the licence of its wholly-owned subsidiary PBJV Group Sdn Bhd last month. Petronas and its unit Petronas Carigali Sdn Bhd (PCSB) have been given 14 days to comply with the demand. – *The Sun Daily*

DWL enters ICT industry via new unit

DWL Resources Bhd has incorporated a new wholly owned subsidiary, DWL Technologies Sdn Bhd (DTSB) with plans to enter the information and communications technology (ICT) industry. DTSB will mainly be involved in the business of providing ICT solutions including technology-based security, cross-border technology and management system solutions. – *The Sun Daily*



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