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Previous Day Highlights

The FBM KLCI dropped 4.95 points or 0.29% to 1,682.53 level last Friday. The blue chips index was mainly dragged by TENAGA which seen the utility giant dropping 3.8% or 54 sen. Market breath was negative with 480 losers outpaced 350 of gainers and 413 counters unchanged.

Asian markets closed mixed with the Nikkei 225 Index rose 0.2% while the Shanghai Composite Index gained 0.19% and Hang Seng Index dropped 0.07%.

U.S. stock markets dipped last Friday with the Dow Jones Industrial Average fell 0.16, the S&P 500 lost 0.18% and the Nasdaq Composite dropped 0.1%.



Our Thoughts

Talks of another rate cut by Bank Negara resurfaced again but does it really do the business? We doubt a rate cut would be effective in resuscitating the ailing domestic economy amid a dearth of economic activities. What we need now is a swift kickstart of mega infra projects plus a flow of foreign funds into the economy to reignite the confidence of investors. Of late, our status as an investment haven has been battered as our investment ranking within the Southeast Asia region has slipped down to lower ranks.



News For The Day

PN17 firm Seacera defaults again

Practice Note 17 company Seacera Group Bhd has defaulted on another loan, this time to the tune of RM31.82m owed to Small Medium Enterprise Development Bank Malaysia Bhd (SME Bank). - *The Edge Markets*

MMC Corp accepts MOF Inc's offer

MMC Corp Bhd has agreed to accept the RM184.5m offer from the government to take over the SMART tunnel. MMC Corp owns 50% of Syarikat Mengurus Air Banjir & Terowong Sdn Bhd (SMART), the toll concessionaire for the storm water and road tunnel in Kuala Lumpur. – *The Star Online*

AT Systematization signs agreement

Loss-making precision engineering and industrial automation firm AT Systematization Bhd has signed an agreement to manufacture and supply high quality machined components to subsidiaries of Swiss company Rieter Machine Works Ltd. – *The Edge Markets*

Hengyuan's board approves fund release

Hengyuan Refining Co Bhd said its board has approved the full fund release amounting to US\$26.61m (about RM110m) for the Euro 5 gasoil project. – *The Edge Markets*

Oil prices rise on Iran tensions

Oil futures rose on Friday as tensions over Iran and an extension to output cuts by OPEC and its allies boosted prices, but mixed economic data limited the rally. - *Reuters*



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