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## Previous Day Highlights

The FBM KLCI edged down 0.09% or 1.26 points to 1,386.5 yesterday. However, market breadth was positive as there were 624 gainers against 253 losers. Valued traded was RM2.67bn with 4.83bn unit of shares exchanged.

Asia stock markets ended mixed yesterday. Hang Seng Index dropped 0.58% to 24,006.5, Shanghai Composite Index gained 0.31% to 2,819.9 and Nikkei 225 Index dropped 1.33% to 19,290.2.

Dow Jones Industrial Average Index closed 0.14% or 33.3 points higher to 23,537.7. Nasdaq Composite Index gained 1.66% or 139.2 points to 8,532.4 and S&P 500 Index was 0.58% or 16.2 points higher to finish at 2,799.6.

## Our Thoughts

Wall Street recovered on hopes that the US economy will be reopened sooner rather than later. Trump in his usual defiant self, has declared that the pandemic in the US has peaked and may introduce to reopen the US economy in several stages. Meanwhile, US added another 28,000 new cases yesterday pushing Covid-19 cases to 680,000. Anyhow, it is widely anticipated that regional markets to be firmer today following the rebound on Wall Street. Yesterday the FBM KLCI at one point was hovering close to 1,400 but succumbed to some late selling activities pushing the index to close flat hence we believe the downside bias to be greater than otherwise for today. Though there may be a chance for the index to re-test the 1,390 mark we expect selling pressure to emerge with immediate support at the 1,380 level. We advise investors to remain cautious and sell into strength.

## News For The Day

### **SC to suspend PN17, GN3 status of selected counters on Bursa**

The Securities Commission Malaysia will provide temporary relief for selected Practice Note 17 (PN17) and General Note 3 (GN3) counters on Bursa Malaysia's Main and ACE markets by suspending the status. – *Sunbiz*

### **Tropicana to raise RM1.5bn via sukuk to repay borrowings**

Tropicana Corp Bhd has proposed a RM1.5bn Islamic Medium-Term Notes programme (Sukuk Wakalah) to repay borrowings to unencumber secured properties. – *The Edge Markets*

### **XOX in deal to deploy AI vending machines selling consumer goods**

XOX Bhd's wholly owned subsidiary XOX Media Sdn Bhd signed a memorandum of understanding with DGB Networks Sdn Bhd to collaborate in the deployment of up to 1,000 next generation artificial intelligence vending machines to dispense key everyday fast-moving consumer goods. – *Sunbiz*

### **Malaysia may lose RM31bn/year if oil prices remain at US\$30 per barrel**

The Institute for Democracy and Economic Affairs (IDEAS) said that Malaysia may lose RM30.9bn in fiscal revenues per annum if oil prices remain low, which would further strain the nation's finances. – *The Edge Markets*

### **Economy operating at 45% capacity due to MCO**

The Malaysian economy is estimated to operate at 45% of its operating capacity due to non-essential services closing for four weeks during the MCO until April 14, according to the ministry of international traded and industry. – *The Edge Financial Daily*



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