

Daily Market Report



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Previous Day Highlights

The FBM KLCI recovered from new Covid-19 variant sell off and closed 0.23% higher on Tuesday session. The benchmark index gained 3.41 points to close at 1,513.98. The top gainers were PCHEM, MAXIS and PPB. Gainers led losers 576 to 464. The total volume stood at 5.67bn shares valued at RM7.97bn.

Regional indices lagged except for the Shanghai Composite Index which closed 0.03% higher to 3,563.89. The Hang Seng Index declined 1.58% to end at 23,475.26, Japan's Nikkei 225 slid 1.63% to close at 27,821.76 and Straits Times Index lost 1.61% to close at 3,070.44.

Wall Street ended lower after Feds Chairman Jerome Power signalled on the speeding up on bond purchase tapering to cap inflation. The S&P 500 Index was down 1.90% to close at 4,567, the Dow Jones Industrial Average lost 1.86 % to 34,483.72 and Nasdaq Composite dropped 1.55% to close at 15,537.69.

Our Thoughts

Wall Street was spooked by fresh concerns over the Omicron variant coupled with the Federal Reserves statement to speed up its tapering to tackle inflation. As a result, the DJI Average declined by 650 points to end below the 34,500 mark while the Nasdaq lost 245 points to close at 15,538 level. On the home front, the FBM KLCI made some improvements despite market undertone remained jittery. For today, we reckon the index to maintain its consolidation mode and trend within the 1,510-1,520 range though we expect some bargain hunting may return on glove counters following yesterday's selling amid the Omicron panic. Meanwhile, crude oil prices were hammered by the new variant with the Brent now hovering at the US\$70/barrel from its 52-week high of US\$85/barrel.



News For The Day

RHB's 3Q net profit up 2.14% to RM635.6m on higher total income

RHB Bank Bhd's net profit for the 3QFY21 rose 2.14% to RM635.59m from RM622.25m a year ago mainly due to higher total income. Quarterly revenue increased 2.74% to RM3.03bn from RM2.94bn last year. – *The Edge Markets*

Upward trend in property sales lifted Mah Sing's Q3 earnings

Mah Sing Group Bhd's net profit increased 54.7% to RM40.17m in the 3QFY21 from RM25.96m recorded in the same quarter a year ago. Revenue in Q3 eased 6.1% to RM364.57m from RM388.22m. The company also achieved RM1.28bn new property sales for the 9MFY21 a surge of 51.1% compared to RM847.1m in the same period last year. – *NST*

Bintulu Port 3Q net profit falls 19% on lower revenue and higher expenditure, declares three sen dividend

Bintulu Port Holdings Bhd saw its net profit fall 18.72% to RM21.76m or 4.73 sen per share in the 3QFY21, from RM26.77m or 5.82 sen per share a year ago, on lower revenue recorded by its Bintulu Port and bulking facilities, coupled with higher expenditure costs incurred. – *The Edge Markets*

Decline in oilfield services, ICS segments drag Deleum's earnings for Q3

Deleum Bhd registered a net loss of RM639,000 in the 3QFY21 from a net profit of RM8.92m a year ago. The company's revenue also fell 4.5% to RM137.5m in Q3 2021 from RM144.0m last year, due to the Decline in business activities reported by its oilfield services (OS) and Integrated Corrosion Solution (ICS) segments. – *NST*

Johan Holdings' unit Dynacare starts production at newly bought glove plant

Johan Holdings Bhd's subsidiary Dynacare Sdn Bhd has rolled out its first commercial glove production of its first high capacity double-former dipping line at its plant in Perak on Nov 27. Johan Holdings had completed its acquisition of the 71,980 square metres of land in Lumut Port Industrial Park on Nov 26 this year. All approvals for the manufacturing and export of gloves have been obtained. Dynacare is expected to commission subsequent dipping lines in stages with a total of six dipping lines in commercial production by February 2022. – *NST*



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- compare and consider the fees, charges and costs involved; and
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