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Previous Day Highlights

The FBM KLCI fell 4.27 points or 0.26% to 1,651.2 yesterday. Overall market breadth somehow is positive with 455 gainers compared to 348 losers and 401 remain unchanged.

Hong Kong markets, Hang Seng Index rose 0.76% to 27,789.34 and Shanghai Composite Index gained 2.58% to 2,925.72 while Japan's Nikkei 225 Index inched up 0.33% to 21,204.28.

U.S. markets ended marginally lower yesterday with the Dow easing 0.05% to 26,048.5 points. The S&P 500 Index lost 0.03% while the Nasdaq Composite Index closed 0.01% lower.



News For The Day

MBSB bullish on growth prospects

Bank targets 5% loan expansion on new revenue streams. The new bank in town Malaysia Building Society Bhd (MBSB), is more bullish on its growth prospects as compared to its peers. MBSB is the second largest full-fledged Islamic bank with 46 branches nationwide. Going forward, the bank will transform several of its branches into digital outlets. – *The StarBiz*

Bursa to increase retail investor participation

Local bourse sets 30% target over the long run. Bursa Malaysia is working towards increasing the participation of retail investors in the Malaysian equity universe, in tandem with the stock exchange operator's aim to boost market vibrancy over the long run. - *The StarBiz*

The tide appears to be turning for Malaysian stocks

The tide appears to be turning for Malaysian stocks as the biggest exodus of global funds since 2015 dissipates. Overseas investors poured a net US\$84 million into the nation's stocks last week, the most since late January, Bloomberg compiled data show. The FTSE Bursa Malaysia KLCI Index has clawed back about half of this year's more than 5% loss that had made it the world's worst major market. – *TheEdge Financial Daily/Bloomberg*

Japan keen on investing more in Malaysia's transportation and logistics segment

Japan infrastructure investment fund Japan Overseas Infrastructure Investment Corp for Transport and Urban Development is looking forward to investing more in Malaysia, after its maiden investment into the cold chain logistics business here - *The Edge Financial Daily*

BNM's international reserve slip 0.49% to US\$102.3 bn as at end-May

Bank Negara Malaysia's (BNM) international reserves slipped RM50 million or 0.49% to US\$102.3 billion as at 31 May, from US\$102.8 billion as at May 15. The central bank said in a statement yesterday its reserves position is sufficient to finance 7.3 months of retained imports and is 1.1 times the total short-term external debt. *The EdgeFinancial Daily*



Our Thoughts

Oil prices continue to be volatile impacted by both the demand and supply. Despite the move to reduce supply, crude oil price remain off their peak as the ongoing US/China trade spat has had affected demand to decline amid an expected slowing global economy. As a result, Brent has dropped to US\$61.50 a barrel from US\$72.50 in mid-May with the WTI easing to US\$52.50 from US\$63.00 over the same period. There remain a lot of uncertainties thus we anticipate crude price to be volatile over the immediate term.



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