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Previous Day Highlights

The FBM KLCI ended in red territory on Wednesday session due to profit-taking in selected heavyweights after the recent gains. The benchmark index was down 1.09 points to close at 1,563.20. Losers were led by MAYBANK, CIMB, SIMEPLT. Market breadth was negative with 569 gainers against 389 losers. Total volume stood at 3.37bn shares valued at RM1.91bn.

Key regional indices rebounded on Wednesday session. The Nikkei 225 up 1.92% to end at 28,765.66, SHCOMP gained 0.84% to end at 3,597.43, HSI advanced 2.79% to end at 24,402.17 and STI climbed 0.27% to end at 3,254.98.

Wall Street extended gain on Wednesday as latest CPI data announcement met expectation. The Dow Jones Industrial Average up 0.11% to end at 36,290.32, S&P 500 gained 0.28% to end at 4,726.35 and Nasdaq Composite advanced 0.23% to end at 15,188.39.



Our Thoughts

Wall Street ended in positive territory despite December inflation data came in sharply higher. Though the CPI figure was largely within expectations, overall market sentiments remained rather cautious as the DJI Average gained a mere 38 points while the Nasdaq was up 35 points to almost the 15,190 mark. On the home front, last minute buying activities helped pushed the index to close flat having been in the red for most of yesterday's session. Yesterday's intermittent correction amongst Banking stocks suggests that buying interests could return today but market undertone remains cautious amid the higher regional volatility. For today, we would expect the index to trend around the 1,560-1,570 supported by net foreign funds inflow. On the crude price, the Brent crude continued to move higher and is currently hovering almost the US\$85/barrel level.



News For The Day

Nestcon unit bags RM90.4m ECRL deals

Nestcon has accepted two sub-contract awards from China Communications Construction (ECRL) SB involving the East Coast Rail Link project in Kota Bharu, Kelantan worth RM90.4m via wholly owned subsidiary Nestcon Infra SB. The infrastructure works for the construction and completion of subgrade works are for Package S1-1, Section 1, and Package S1-2 Section 1, amounting to RM44.98m and RM45.42m respectively. – NST

HIL Industries obtains nod for JV projects with RM471.1m GDV

HIL Industries is partnering Unik Sejati SB, Pembinaan Kesentosaan SB and Amverton Carey Golf & Island Resort SB on three residential projects with a combined estimated gross development value (GDV) of RM471.1m. The one-stop plastic solution provider and property developer said it had received shareholders' approval for the joint development on five parcels of land in Sungai Buloh, Klang and Jugra, all in Selangor. – NST

MBSB offers repayment relief for flood-stricken customers

MBSB is offering repayment relief for their customers who are affected by the recent floods. The bank said this allowed them to reschedule or refinance their personal as well as home financing, providing them the necessary respite after having to deal with the distress of significant property damage. – NST

Pecca buys industrial land for RM8.45m to expand automotive business

Pecca's wholly-owned subsidiary Pecca Leather SB has entered into a sale and purchase agreement with UMW Development SB in respect of the purchase of a vacant leasehold industrial land measuring 4.31 acres at a purchase consideration of RM8.45m. – The Star

HSS Engineers' water treatment plant job extended

Engineering and project management consultant HSS Engineers has obtained an extended appointment for a water treatment plant upgrade in Kubang Pasu, Kedah. The company said its associate SMHB SB had today obtained the extended appointment by Kedah state government through Syarikat Air Darul Aman SB for the upgrading of the water treatment plant. – NST



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