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Previous Day Highlights

The FBM KLCI inched higher on Thursday session boosted by continuous buying support in selected heavyweight. The benchmark index was up 6.31 points to close at 1,569.51. Gainers were led by PCHEM, MAYBANK and PMETAL. Market breadth was negative with 343 gainers against 642 losers. Total volume stood at 3.46bn shares valued at RM2.14bn.

Key regional indices ended mix on Thursday session. The Nikkei 225 was down 0.96% to end at 28,489.13, SHCOMP lost 1.17% to end at 3,555.26, HSI advanced 0.11% to end at 24,429.77 and STI climbed 0.07% to end at 3,257.30.

Wall Street was down on Federal Reserve's hawkish remarks on readiness to raise interest rate in March. The Dow Jones Industrial Average fell 0.49%, to end at 36,113.62, the S&P 500 lost 1.42% to end at 4,659.03 and the Nasdaq Composite shed 2.51% to end at 14,806.81.



Our Thoughts

US equities tanked as sentiments turned jittery affected by inflationary concerns and the Federal Reserves' tapering policy again. Selling was evident as the Nasdaq lost 381 points to close below the 15,000 mark whilst the DJI Average declined by 177 points. As for the local bourse, the FBM KLCI continued with its uptrend as it rebounded to almost the 1,570 level from some late buying activities. Nonetheless, we believe the local bourse to see some headwinds today amid the heightened regional volatility. Therefore, we expect the index to hover around the 1,560-1,575 range today as market undertone may become cautious.



News For The Day

Scomi Group inks MoA with Xair Pulsecor to supply power generation solutions, hybrid power generation system to domestic, international markets

Scomi Group's subsidiary Scomi Capital SB has signed a memorandum of agreement (MoA) with Xair Pulsecor SB to collaborate on the supply of power generation solutions and hybrid power generation system. The MoA entails a joint development of a hybrid power generation system combining genset, battery and solar, provision of power management services such as leasing, operation and maintenance of power generation. – *NST*

Asia Poly buys Keng Imports & Exports for RM24m

Cast acrylic sheet manufacturer Asia Poly, via its unit Asia Poly Industrial SB, is buying the entire stake or 1.11m shares in investment holding company Keng Imports & Exports SB (KIESB) for RM24.02m. KIESB holds ownership of an industrial land located in Kapar, Klang measuring 18,364 square metres. Asia Poly said the property is strategically located approximately 800 metres from the group's existing acrylic manufacturing plant in Meru, Klang. – *The Edge Markets*

Jentayu Sustainables declares special dividend of 30 sen

Jentayu Sustainables (formerly known as Ipmuda) has declared a special cash dividend of 30 sen per share. The dividend is payable on Feb 10, with Jan 27 as the ex-date. The special cash dividend was one of five proposed corporate exercises its shareholders approved on Nov 12 last year. – *The Edge Markets*

Metronic Global inks 25-year solar PV deal with Technology PP Industries

Metronic Global has signed a solar power purchase agreement with Technology PP Industries (Northern) SB under a solar leasing model in Kedah. – *The Star*

Heng Huat proposes three-for-two bonus issue

Heng Huat has proposed a bonus issue of up to 588.19m shares on the basis of three bonus shares for two shares held. – *The Edge Markets*

Jerasia Capital units default on RM57m loan

Jerasia Capital said its subsidiaries had defaulted in their repayment of principal and interest in two financing facilities worth RM57.05m. – *The Edge Markets*



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