

Daily Market Report



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Previous Day Highlights

The FBM KLCI ended in red on Tuesday with selling pressure could be due to fears of Omicron spread. The benchmark index was down 0.93% or 13.94 points to close at 1,480.92. The top losers were PMETAL, MAYBANK and CIMB. Losers led gainers 609 to 279. Total volume stood at 2.68bn shares valued at RM1.78bn.

Key regional indices were mainly in red following weaker overnight performance on Wall Street, except for STI which added 0.04% to close at 3,121.09. The Japan's Nikkei 225 down 0.73% to close at 28,432.64, SHCOMP dropped 0.53% to close 3,661.53 and HIS lost 1.33% to close at 23,635.95.

Wall Street continued to slide on Tuesday as higher producer prices in November might trigger faster tapering by FED. The DJIA lost 0.30%, to close at 35,544.18, the S&P 500 dropped 0.75%, to close at 4,634.09 and the Nasdaq Composite shed 1.14% to close at 15,237.64.

Our Thoughts

US equities closed lower on expectations that the Federal Reserves will hike rates sooner than later. Meanwhile, the spread of Omicron variant has also raised concerns over the recovery of global economy. As such, the DJI Average lost 107 points in a volatile session whilst the Nasdaq shed 176 points to below the 15,300 mark. Back home, regional volatility saw more selling on the local bourse as the FBM KLCI closed at a 52-week low. Despite the market being ripe for some bargain hunting activities, prevailing weak market undertone may see the local bourse's performance to remain underwhelming. Amid the heightened market volatility, we expect the index to hover within the 1,475-1,485 today.



News For The Day

Bintai Kinden unit enters JV to bid for Petronas LNG Complex project

Bintai Kinden unit Kejuruteraan Bintai Kindenko has entered a joint venture with Kejuruteraan Gemilang Jaya SB to tender for and potentially undertake engineering, procurement, construction and commissioning works for Malaysia LNG SB's power import project. Bintai Kinden said the project in question entails the development of a new extra-high voltage substation at Petronas LNG Complex. – *The Star*

Ireka wins RM58.3m affordable housing project in Terengganu

Ireka's wholly-owned subsidiary Ireka Development (Terengganu) SB received a letter of award from Koperasi Permodalan Sahabat Terengganu Bhd (PSTB) for a RM58.3m development project in Terengganu. The project comprised affordable and mixed housing developments on a 9.75 hectare and in Kampung Baru Kuala Abang, Mukim Kuala Abang, Daerah Dungun in Terengganu. – *NST*

Abdul Karim Abdullah resigns as KPower chairman

Datuk Dr Mohd Abdul Karim Abdullah has resigned from KPower as its non-independent non-executive chairman effective immediately. The deputy chairman Mustakim Mat Nun would assume the chairman's position temporarily. – *NST*

ATA IMS asks govt to drop charges it violated worker accommodation laws

Malaysian parts maker ATA IMS asked for charges that it violated labour laws to be dropped, saying any infractions were caused by challenges presented during the pandemic. ATA was charged with four violations of laws relating to minimum standards for worker accommodation. – *The Edge Markets*

Dataprep's partner gets green light from MoH to begin Covid-19 screening testing

Dataprep Holdings said its collaborative partner Asia Coding Centre SB had received notification from the Ministry of Health (MoH) to commence a trial run and deployment of Covid-19 screening RT-PCR molecular testing at the ministry's existing sites. – *The Edge Markets*



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