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Previous Day Highlights

FBM KLCI closed lower due to profit taking activities. The benchmark index slipped 0.41% or 6.16 points to end at 1,501.55 with losers led by PETDAG, PETGAS and PMETAL. Market breadth was neutral with 399 losers against 376 gainers while 452 were unchanged. Total volume stood at 2.61bn shares valued at RM1.62bn.

Key regional markets closed mostly higher on Friday. Nikkei 225 and STI gained 0.87% and 0.40% to end at 28,175.87 and 3,282.88 respectively. HSI and SHCOMP added 0.14% and 1.19% to close at 20,201.94 and 3,227.03 respectively.

Wall Street ended mixed on Friday. The DJIA gained 0.23% to end at 32,803.47. S&P500 and Nasdaq lost 0.16% and 0.50% to close at 4,145.19 and 12,657.55 respectively.

Our Thoughts

Wall Street closed mixed arising from fears of further possible aggressive rate hikes by the Federal Reserves following a stronger than expected US job data last Friday. Although the DJI Average rose by 77 points, the Nasdaq was down 63 points as the US 10-year yield jumped to 2.83%. On the home front, the FBM KLCI ended lower to just above the 1,500 mark. As uncertainties over the US economy linger, we reckon sentiment to turn cautious hence anticipate the benchmark index to trend within the 1,490-1,505 range today. Meanwhile, crude palm oil staged a minor uptrend to close at RM3,880/tonne attributed to gains by soya oil with the Brent crude also closed higher at almost US\$95/barrel on solid US job data.



News For The Day

IOI Corp sells 10% stake in Bunge Loders Croklaan for RM466m

IOI Corp has disposed of a 10% stake in sustainable plant-based products firm Bunge Loders Croklaan Hogeweg (BLC) for about RM466m. IOI Corp said the estimated loss arising from the share sale is about RM50m, mostly relating to fair value loss from derecognition of the terminated put and call options. – *The Edge Markets*

UEM Sunrise acquires prime freehold land in Jalan Sultan Yahya Petra

UEM Sunrise has acquired 6.39 acres of prime freehold land at the intersection of Jalan Sultan Yahya Petra (formerly known as Jalan Semarak) and Jalan Padang Tembak, Kuala Lumpur for a total consideration of RM384m. The land is planned for a residential development, has an estimated total GDV of RM1.5bn and is slated for a 2024 launch. – *The Edge Markets*

Bursa Malaysia issues UMA query to Teladan Setia

Teladan Setia Group has been issued an unusual market activity (UMA) query by Bursa Malaysia Securities following the sharp rise in the price and volume of its shares recently. Teladan Setia has been asked to disclose any corporate development relating to its business and affairs that has not been previously announced that may account for the trading activity, including those in the stage of negotiations or discussions. – *The Star*

Govt yet to set date to lift ban on chicken exports, says minister

The Government has yet to set a date to lift the ban on chicken exports, according to Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs Minister Datuk Seri Alexander Nanta Linggi. However, he said the matter had been previously discussed by the Cabinet. Nanta said any decision on the matter must take into account the interests of all parties. – *The Edge Markets*

Green Packet to buy 20% stake in eMedAsia for RM20m

Green Packet has entered into a shares sale agreement with HS Bio SB to purchase a 20% equity stake in eMedAsia SB for RM20m. eMedAsia operates a digital healthcare platform that aims to digitalise private healthcare via technology solutions. Thus, the current business of eMedAsia provides an opportunity to the Green Packet to enter the healthcare sector. – *The Edge Markets*



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