

FBM KLCI

Index	Change		Closed
↑ FBM KLCI	2.02	0.14%	1,450.23
↓ FBM ACE	-5.08	-0.10%	5,209.06
↑ FBMT100	16.18	0.16%	10,408.19
↑ FBM70	29.52	0.21%	14,317.08
↑ FBM SCAP	117.59	0.73%	16,331.55

KLCI Top Movers

Leading	Change		Closed
↑ WESTPORTS	0.07	2.16%	3.31
↑ DIALOG	0.04	1.88%	2.17
↑ CDB	0.08	1.81%	4.50
↑ SIME	0.03	1.37%	2.22
↑ AXIATA	0.03	1.23%	2.47

Lagging	Change		Closed
↓ TM	-0.06	-1.19%	4.97
↓ PMETAL	-0.04	-0.82%	4.86
↓ MRDIY	-0.01	-0.66%	1.50
↓ NESTLE	-0.40	-0.31%	129.00
↓ PETDAG	-0.06	-0.26%	22.96

KLCI Top Volume

Stocks	Change		Closed
↑ KNM	0.005	4.17%	0.125
↓ MERSEC	-0.005	-1.67%	0.295
↑ EKOVEST	0.025	4.42%	0.590
↑ HSI-CRT	0.045	31.03%	0.190
↑ UEMS	0.030	3.41%	0.910
↑ E&O	0.065	10.00%	0.715
↑ IWCITY	0.025	3.36%	0.770
↑ TANCO	0.005	0.90%	0.560
↑ ARMADA	0.010	1.80%	0.565
↓ HSI-HNB	-0.160	-46.38%	0.185

U.S. Markets

Index	Change		Closed
↓ DJIA	-106.580	-0.003	33963.84
↓ S&P 500	-9.940	-0.002	4320.06
↓ NASDAQ	-12.180	-0.001	13211.81

Foreign Markets

Index	Change		Closed
↑ FTSE100	5.29	0.07%	7,683.91
↓ NIKKEI 225	-168.620	-0.005	32402.410
↑ FSSTI	2.01	0.06%	3,204.82
↑ HSI	402.040	0.023	18057.450
↑ AS200	3.60	0.05%	7,068.84
↑ SET	8.330	0.006	1522.590
↑ JCI	25.378	0.004	7016.844
↓ Kospi	-6.840	-0.003	2508.130
↑ Shanghai	47.73	1.55%	3,132.43

Foreign Exchange

Currency	Change		Closed
↓ RM-USD	-0.0023	-0.05%	4.69
↓ RM-EUR	-0.0092	-0.18%	4.99
↓ RM-YEN	-0.0149	-0.47%	3.16

Commodity Futures

Comm.	Change		Closed
↑ Brent crude(brl)(US\$)	0.59	0.63%	93.83
↓ CPO(ton)(RM)	-12.00	-0.33%	3,640.00
↑ Soybean(bu)(US\$)	1.500	0.001	1,295.25
↑ Gold(oz)(Us\$)	4.900	0.003	1,926.60

Malaysia News & Highlights

- Malaysia's CPI growth stayed at 2.0% in August, core inflation down to 2.5%
- United Malacca 1Q net profit down 89% on lower contribution from Malaysian ops
- Tanco MD raises stake in group, shares see active trading
- Compugates unit to seek leave to appeal court order requiring return of part of deposit to JV partner
- Symphony Life proposes 1-for-2 rights issue of warrants to repay bank borrowings
- LFE Corp to buy remaining 40% stake in LFE Development for RM3.5 mil
- Chin Hin bumps up stake in Ajiya, triggering MGO at RM1.53 per share
- Petronas, Mitsui, MISC to jointly develop LCO2 carriers for CCS projects in Malaysia
- KLK-Boustead Plantation deal cut-off date postponed again to Oct 6
- CTOS Digital units enter into RM4 mil worth of recurrent related party transactions
- ITMAX System bags RM111m job to provide closed circuit camera system in Johor

Foreign News

- Dow slides 100 points on Friday, S&P 500 and Nasdaq post worst weeks since March after Fed update
- European markets close lower on prospect of higher for longer rates; AstraZeneca up after positive drug trial
- Oil ends week lower as demand concerns face Russia supply ban (Overnight Closing)
- Gold set to snap three-day losing streak despite dollar strength (Overnight Closing)

FBM KLCI Daily Chart

Closing: 1450.23 | Support: 1433 | Resistance: 1509

Market Thoughts

The U.S. stock market extended its slide after the strong labour market data sent 10-year treasury yield to the highest level since 2007. Similarly, European stocks finished mostly negative after the business activity in the Euro zone contracted to 47.1 in September 2023 reading.

On the local market, the FBM KLCI snapped a 4-day losing streak to tick 2.02 points or 0.14% higher at 1450.23 points. The FBM KLCI may drift lower with support at 1433 points.

Among stocks to watch are: **Chin Hin Group Bhd** said it will be making a mandatory general offer for the remaining shares in Ajiya Bhd at RM1.53 per share, but intends to maintain Ajiya's listing status., **ITMAX System Bhd** has bagged a RM111.2 million contract from the Iskandar Puteri City Council to provide video surveillance and smart traffic light system services in Iskandar Puteri, Johor, **United Malacca Bhd** saw its net profit for the first financial quarter ended July 31, 2023 fall 89% to RM2.68 million, cut-off date for the proposed disposal of a 33% stake in **Boustead Plantations Bhd** by the Armed Forces Fund Board (LTAT) has been extended for the second time, **CTOS Digital Bhd** subsidiaries have entered into recurrent related party transactions (RRPTs) of a revenue or trading nature for an aggregated value of RM4.06 million, **LFE Corp Bhd** has entered into a conditional share agreement with Patrick Heng Jin Wei to buy 100,000 shares representing the remaining 40% equity of LFE Development Sdn Bhd (LDSB) for RM3.5 million cash.

Malaysia News & Highlights

Economics

Malaysia's CPI growth stayed at 2.0% in August, core inflation down to 2.5%

Malaysia's headline inflation, as measured by the consumer price index (CPI), grew 2.0% in August, the same growth rate recorded in July, as overall prices for food, restaurants and hotels recorded a slower increase in the month under review. Price increases at restaurants and hotels slowed to 4.7% in August, down slightly from 5.0% last month, while food and non-alcoholic beverages grew 4.1%, a decline from 4.4% in July, according to data from the Department of Statistics Malaysia (DOSM) on Friday.

Quarter Results

United Malacca 1Q net profit down 89% on lower contribution from Malaysian ops

Plantation group United Malacca Bhd saw its net profit for the first financial quarter ended July 31, 2023 (1QFY2024) fall 89% to RM2.68 million from RM24.3 million a year earlier on lower contribution from its Malaysian operations. As a result, its earnings per share for 1QFY2024 came in lower at 1.28 sen compared with 11.59 sen for 1QFY2023.

Company Development and Outlooks

Tanco MD raises stake in group, shares see active trading

Tanco Holdings Bhd's group managing director Datuk Seri Andrew Tan Jun Suan has raised his indirect shareholding in the group to 785.06 million shares or a 39.59% stake after acquiring five million shares on Friday. Tan bought the stake in the open market via TJN Capital Sdn Bhd on Friday at 56 sen per share, according to the group's bourse filing. This values the purchase at RM2.8 million.

Compugates unit to seek leave to appeal court order requiring return of part of deposit to JV partner

Compugates Holdings Bhd said its 70%-owned unit, Compugates Development and Mining Sdn Bhd (CDMSB), will apply for leave to appeal against the Court of Appeal order requiring CDMSB to refund RM3 million from the initial deposit paid by its joint-venture (JV) partner for a proposed mixed development project. The JV partner, Main Uptown Sdn Bhd, had appealed to the Court of Appeal

against the decision made earlier by High Court relating to the proposed project, and the Appeals Court had on Aug 28 allowed the appeal in part.

Symphony Life proposes 1-for-2 rights issue of warrants to repay bank borrowings

Symphony Life Bhd has proposed a renounceable rights issue of warrants for the basis of one warrant for every two existing shares, to raise up to RM35.8 million. The actual amount depends on the final issue price of the warrants, but the company plans to utilise this for its bank borrowing repayments amounting to RM34.97 million in a maximum scenario, according to its filing on Friday (Sept 22).

LFE Corp to buy remaining 40% stake in LFE Development for RM3.5 mil

LFE Corp Bhd has entered into a conditional share agreement with Patrick Heng Jin Wei to buy 100,000 shares representing the remaining 40% equity of LFE Development Sdn Bhd (LDSB) for RM3.5 million cash. In its Bursa filing on Friday (Sept 22), LFE which currently owns a 60% stake in LDSB, said that the purchase consideration was arrived at on a willing-buyer willing-seller basis between the parties, and LDSB will be a wholly-owned subsidiary under LFE after the exercise.

Chin Hin bumps up stake in Ajiya, triggering MGO at RM1.53 per share

Chin Hin Group Bhd said it will be making a mandatory general offer (MGO) for the remaining shares in Ajiya Bhd at RM1.53 per share, but intends to maintain Ajiya's listing status. This comes after the building material specialist on Friday entered into share sale agreements with How Lian Yeong and Ong Hang Ping for the proposed acquisition of a 2.11% stake or 6.22 million shares in Ajiya for RM9.51 million or RM1.53 per share.

Petronas, Mitsui, MISC to jointly develop LCO2 carriers for CCS projects in Malaysia

Petroleum Nasional Bhd's (Petronas) wholly-owned subsidiary Petronas CCS Ventures Sdn Bhd has signed a term sheet with Mitsui OSK Lines Ltd (MOL) and MISC Bhd for the potential incorporation of a joint-venture entity to invest in developing and monetising liquefied carbon dioxide (LCO2) carriers for carbon capture and storage (CCS) projects in Malaysia. The parties have agreed in principle on the key commercial terms to allow progress to the next stage.

KLK-Boustead Plantation deal cut-off date postponed again to Oct 6

The cut-off date for the proposed disposal of a 33% stake in Boustead Plantations Bhd (BPlant) by the Armed Forces Fund Board (LTAT) has been extended for the second time. Kuala Lumpur Kepong Bhd (KLK), which is acquiring the 33% stake from LTAT and Boustead Holdings Bhd, said the three parties have agreed for the cut-off date for the strategic collaboration agreement (SCA) to be extended for another two weeks to Oct 6.

Contract Secured and Awards.

CTOS Digital units enter into RM4 mil worth of recurrent related party transactions

CTOS Digital Bhd's wholly-owned subsidiaries, CTOS Data Systems Sdn Bhd, CTOS Basis Sdn Bhd and CTOS IDS Sdn Bhd, have entered into recurrent related party transactions (RRPTs) of a revenue or trading nature for an aggregated value of RM4.06 million. In a Bursa Malaysia filing on Friday, CTOS Digital said the RRPTs were entered into with CIBI Holdings Pte Ltd, Credisense Ltd, Creador Sdn Bhd and CIBI Information Inc.

ITMAX System bags RM111m job to provide closed circuit camera system in Johor

ITMAX System Bhd, which is primarily involved in the business of supply, installation and provision of public space networked systems, has bagged a RM111.2 million contract from the Iskandar Puteri City Council to provide video surveillance and smart traffic light system services in Iskandar Puteri, Johor. In a filing with Bursa Malaysia on Friday, ITMAX said its 65%-owned subsidiary Southmax Sdn Bhd has secured a letter of award (LOA) for the project.

Source : TheEdgeMalaysia

Foreign News

Dow slides 100 points on Friday, S&P 500 and Nasdaq post worst weeks since March after Fed update

U.S. stocks retreated on Friday, concluding what has been a tough week for the market. The Dow Jones Industrial Average slid 106.58 points, or 0.31%, to close at 33,963.84. The S&P 500 shed 0.23% to 4,320.06. The Nasdaq Composite slipped 0.09% to 13,211.81. Friday's slide marked the fourth straight day of losses for the three major indexes. The losing streak came as investors reacted to a signal from the Federal Reserve that it intended to keep interest rates higher for longer.

European markets close lower on prospect of higher for longer rates; AstraZeneca up after positive drug trial

European markets closed lower on Friday as the prospect of higher for longer interest rates emerged from a slew of central bank decisions this week. index ended the session down 0.3%, taking its losses for the week to 1.57% — its worst performance since mid-August, according to LSEG data. Construction and material stocks dropped 0.9% Friday, while tech stocks added 0.77%.

Oil ends week lower as demand concerns face Russia supply ban (*Overnight Closing*)

Oil prices held steady on Friday but closed the week lower on profit-taking and as markets weighed supply concerns stemming from Russia's fuel export ban against demand woes from future rate hikes. Brent futures settled 3 cents lower at \$93.27 a barrel. It fell 0.3% in the week, breaking a three week streak of gains. U.S. West Texas Intermediate crude (WTI) futures rose 40 cents, or 0.5%, to \$90.03 a barrel, as U.S. oil rig counts fell. The benchmark fell 0.03% for the week, the first decline in four weeks.

Gold set to snap three-day losing streak despite dollar strength (*Overnight Closing*)

Gold prices edged higher on Friday following weak economic data out of Europe and a week of key central banks deciding to stand pat on interest rates, although a stronger dollar kept bullion gains in check. Spot gold XAU= was up 0.3% at \$1,924.70 per ounce, as of 0951 GMT, following three sessions of losses. U.S. gold futures GCcv1 rose 0.3% to \$1,945.40. France's dominant services sector contracted at an even sharper pace in September, a monthly survey showed, as falls in demand and new orders weighed on the euro zone's second-biggest economy.

BOJ keeps ultra-loose policy, dovish guidance, yen skids

The Bank of Japan maintained ultra-low interest rates on Friday and its pledge to keep supporting the economy until inflation sustainably hits its 2% target, suggesting it was in no rush to phase out its massive stimulus programme. The BOJ's decision contrasts with those of U.S. and European central banks, which in recent meetings have signalled their resolve to keep borrowing costs high to rein in inflation. Governor Kazuo Ueda said Japanese companies were hiking prices more than expected, preventing inflation from slowing, suggesting that conditions for dialing back monetary support were gradually falling into place. But he stressed the need to spend more time assessing data, particularly wages and service prices, before raising interest rates.

US weekly jobless claims drop to eight-month low; labor market remains tight

The number of Americans filing new claims for unemployment benefits dropped to an eight-month low last week, pointing to persistent labor market tightness even as job growth is cooling. The report from the Labor Department on Thursday also showed unemployment rolls in early September were the smallest since January. It was published a day after the Federal Reserve held interest rates steady but stiffened its hawkish stance, with a further rate increase projected by the end of the year and monetary policy to be kept significantly tighter through 2024 than previously expected.

Source : CNBC, Reuters

Futures Kuala Lumpur Composite Index

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR
CHANGE	7	7	N/A	7
OPEN	1,442	1,444	N/A	1,443
High	1,450	1,452	N/A	1,452
Low	1,438	1,441	N/A	1,443
Settle	1,449	1,451	N/A	1,452
Volume	5,549	796	N/A	62
O.I.	40,242	1,700	N/A	795

*As at 8.00am

Futures Crude Palm Oil

	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG
CHANGE	-12	-4	3	4
OPEN	3,665	3,653	3,682	3,710
High	3,665	3,679	3,702	3,735
Low	3,610	3,621	3,644	3,684
Settle	3,647	3,659	3,681	3,715
Volume	859	5,037	27,773	11,644
O.I.	7,573	30,724	48,384	30,976

Top 10 Active Stocks by investors

LOCAL			FOREIGN		
Stocks	Value	Price	Stocks	Value	Price
MAYBANK	73,443,322	8.880	CIMB	64,169,553	5.590
UEMS	57,970,279	0.910	MAYBANK	61,583,105	8.880
E&O	56,110,889	0.715	NESTLE	55,674,590	129.000
IWCITY	53,252,334	0.770	TENAGA	40,570,394	10.160
TANCO	50,778,473	0.560	PBBANK	37,228,065	4.200
EKOVEST	48,159,013	0.590	SPSETIA	22,529,510	1.030
YTLPOWR	45,898,741	2.110	PETGAS	21,855,866	17.160
NESTLE	45,144,146	129.000	MYEG	19,076,377	0.820
IHH	41,850,503	5.960	YTLPOWR	18,847,733	2.110
CYPARK	38,297,635	1.090	UEMS	18,011,263	0.910

RETAIL			INSTITUTION		
Stocks	Value	Price	Stocks	Value	Price
UEMS	38,714,308	0.910	MAYBANK	64,169,553	5.590
E&O	35,801,647	0.715	NESTLE	61,583,105	8.880
TANCO	33,944,624	0.560	CIMB	55,674,590	129.000
IWCITY	32,936,847	0.770	TENAGA	40,570,394	10.160
EKOVEST	30,442,724	0.590	IHH	37,228,065	4.200
SCIB	27,085,208	0.450	PBBANK	22,529,510	1.030
WIDAD	25,286,063	0.500	YTLPOWR	21,855,866	17.160
HLCAP	24,331,077	5.410	PETGAS	19,076,377	0.820
CYPARK	22,974,481	1.090	YINSON	18,847,733	2.110
MERSEC	21,610,568	0.295	SPSETIA	18,011,263	0.910

Source : Dibots

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Calendar

Date	Events
September 11, 2023	Index of Industrial Production Malaysia, Performance Wholesale & Retail Trade
September 20, 2023	US FED INTEREST DECISION
September 22, 2023	Consumer Price Index Malaysia
September 26, 2023	Producer Price Index - Local Malaysia
September 27, 2023	Malaysia External Trade Indices

Technical Calls (August)

Stock Name	Stock Code	Buy Price (RM)	Last Price (RM)	R1	R2
GDEX BHD	0078	0.210	0.175	0.220	0.255
SHIN YANG GROUP BHD	5173	0.610	0.645	0.700	0.855
HIAP TECK VENTURE BHD	5072	0.395	0.425	0.430	0.500
KINERGY ADVANCEMENT BHD	0193	0.370	0.345	0.410	0.500
WCE HOLDINGS BHD	3565	0.710	0.790	0.740	0.820

Calls

Company Name	Last Price (RM)	Call	TP
QES GROUP BHD	0.57	BUY	0.73
FRONTKEN CORP BHD	3.19	HOLD	3.32
KRONOLOGI ASIA BHD	0.42	BUY	0.64
AURELIUS TECHNOLOGIES BHD	2.57	BUY	2.90
UMW HOLDINGS BHD	4.78	SELL	5.00
TASCO BHD	0.80	BUY	1.00
SWIFT HAULAGE BHD	0.55	BUY	0.85
AXIATA GROUP BERHAD	2.47	BUY	3.72
TELEKOM MALAYSIA BHD	4.97	BUY	6.31
MAXIS BHD	4.04	BUY	4.44
CELCOMDIGI BHD	4.50	SELL	3.87
BUMI ARMADA BERHAD	0.57	HOLD	0.61
TAMBUN INDAH LAND BHD	0.87	HOLD	0.88
LBS BINA GROUP BHD	0.61	BUY	0.63
AME ELITE CONSORTIUM BHD	1.48	BUY	1.80
MGB BHD	0.70	BUY	0.87
GADANG HOLDINGS BHD	0.34	HOLD	0.27
LAGENDA PROPERTIES BHD	1.29	BUY	1.52
CCK CONSOLIDATED HOLDINGS BH	0.84	BUY	0.96
PADINI HOLDINGS BERHAD	3.90	BUY	4.67
HARTALEGA HOLDINGS BHD	2.07	SELL	1.61
TOP GLOVE CORP BHD	0.81	HOLD	0.89
WELLCALL HOLDINGS BHD	1.44	BUY	1.58
YENHER HOLDINGS BHD	0.85	BUY	1.03
UNITED PLANTATIONS BHD	17.20	BUY	17.40
KUALA LUMPUR KEPONG BHD	21.38	HOLD	19.20
HAP SENG PLANTATIONS HLDGS	1.89	HOLD	1.80
SARAWAK PLANTATION BHD	2.10	SELL	1.80

Daily Technical Outlook

FBM KLCI



Closed: 1450.23
Resistance: (R1) 1481 / (R2) 1509
Support: (S1) 1433 / (S2) 1394

The FBM KLCI added 2.02 points to 1450.23 points. Technical indicators were mixed as the RSI is above the oversold zone while the MACD is trending below its signal line in the positive region.

Recently, the FBM KLCI has been moving in a consolidation pattern after breaking above the previous resistance of 1433 points. Also, the index has breached above the downtrend channel and creating a possible ascending triangle pattern. Going forward, the KLCI could move further to test the resistance of 1481 points, if the index maintains above the moving averages.

Daily Technical Outlook

KLCI Spot Month Futures



Closed: 1448.50
Resistance: (R1) 1464 / (R2) 1490
Support: (S1) 1423 / (S2) 1396

The spot-month KLCI gained 7.00 points to 1448.50 points. The contract's discount to the cash market was 1.73 points compared to a discount of 6.71 points on the previous trading day.

Technical indicators were positive as the RSI is above the oversold region and the MACD is trending below its signal line in the positive region.

Last week, the contract rebounded from the 50-day moving average after creating a gap down and creating a possible bullish flag pattern. The contract could continue to head towards the resistance of 1464 points if the contract price holds above the support of 1423 points.

Daily Technical Outlook FCPO 3rd Month Futures



Closed: RM3719
Resistance: (R1) RM4175 / (R2) RM4766
Support: (S1) RM3588 / (S2) RM3220

The 3rd month CPO down by RM29 to RM3719. Technical indicators are mixed as the MACD is trending below the signal line in the negative region while the RSI is above the oversold region.

Yesterday, the contract rested at the 100-day moving average after rebounding from the support of RM3654. Further, the contract could take a breather below resistance RM4766, if the price is able to break above the rectangle consolidation zone.

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