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Sapped by Renewed Political Uncertainty

Market Review & Outlook

Global Markets	Close	Change	5-Day Trend
Dow Jones	40,415.44	0.32%	
S&P 500	5,564.41	1.08%	
Nasdaq	18,007.57	1.58%	
FTSE 100	8,198.78	0.53%	
Nikkei 225	39,599.00	-1.16%	
Shanghai Composite	2,964.22	-0.61%	
Shenzhen	8,869.82	-0.38%	
Hang Seng	17,635.88	1.25%	
SET	1,317.14	-0.58%	
JCI	7,321.98	0.38%	

Malaysia Markets	Close	Change	5-Day Trend
FBM KLCI	1,622.07	-0.88%	
FBM Top 100	12,127.27	-0.86%	
FBM Small Cap	19,650.45	-1.13%	
FBM ACE	5,890.92	-0.73%	

Market Activities	Value	Change	5-Day Trend
Trading Volume (m)	5,342.61	20.6%	
Trading Value (RM m)	3,420.89	4.6%	

Trading Participants	Change	5-Day Trend	
Local Institution	59.62	45.51%	
Retail	87.67	25.33%	
Foreign	-147.28	29.16%	

Market Breadth	No. of stocks	5-Day Trend
Advancers	288	21.7%
Decliners	1,042	78.3%

Commodities	Close	Change	5-Day Trend
FKLI (Futures)	1622.00	0.09%	
3M CPO (Futures)	3,985.00	0.13%	
Rubber (RM/kg)	785.00	1.68%	
Brent Oil (USD/bbl)	82.40	-0.28%	
Gold (USD/oz)	2,406.93	-0.47%	

Forex	Close	Change	5-Day Trend
USD/MYR	4.6820	0.08%	
SGD/MYR	3.4820	0.08%	
CNY/MYR	0.6437	0.14%	
JPY/MYR	2.9853	0.16%	
EUR/MYR	5.0997	-0.03%	
GBP/MYR	6.0540	-0.10%	

Source: Bloomberg, Apex Securities

- Malaysia Market Review.** The FBM KLCI (-0.9%) started off the week on a dour note alongside with weakness across regional markets as the key index saw more than two third of the key index components finished lower. The lower liners remain downbeat, while all 13 major sectors closed in red with the Construction sector (-2.2%) taking the worst hit.
- Global Markets Review.** Wall Street rebounded from two-day slump as the Dow climbed 0.3% as investors turned their attention towards the corporate earnings releases. European stock markets also rebounded with technology and financial stocks leading the recovery, while Asia stock markets ended mostly in red.
- Market Outlook.** Local markets were dampened by renewed volatility yesterday with the key index languished largely in the red that was impacted by the renewed uncertainty in US Presidential election. Following yesterday's slump, we reckon mild recovery to emerge as investors takes the opportunity to bargain hunt beaten down stocks. Meanwhile, the lower liners may also stage a recovery. Investors will be keeping a close watch onto US corporate earnings with the likes of Alphabet and Tesla reporting their numbers later today. Also, key economic data in focus today would be Malaysia inflation rate as well as US new home sales. We expect the Technology sector may mirror the recovery on Nasdaq overnight, while the Plantation sector may ride onto the six consecutive session of rally with CPO prices inches towards RM4,000/MT.

FBM KLCI Technical Review & Outlook



Source: Bloomberg

- Technical Commentary:** The FBM KLCI formed a bearish candle as the key index erased almost all of last week's gains. Indicators, however, remained positive as the MACD Line trended above the Signal Line, while the RSI hovered above 50. Immediate resistance located at 1,650. Support is envisaged around 1,580.

Company News *(source: various)*

- Passenger traffic across **Malaysia Airports Holdings Bhd's** (MAHB) airport network grew 15.8% in the first half of 2024 (1H24) compared to 2023.
- **YX Precious Metals Bhd** has secured approval from the Securities Commission (SC) for the transfer of its listing to the Main Market of Bursa Malaysia from the ACE Market.
- **RCE Capital Bhd** proposed a one-for-one bonus issue, involving the issuance of 764.9 million new bonus shares.
- **Crescendo Corp Bhd** has proposed the subdivision of every one of its shares into three shares to improve the trading liquidity of the property developer's shares.
- **United U-Li Corp Bhd** has declared a third interim dividend of two sen per share for the financial year ending Dec 31, 2024 (FY2024).
- **Eversendai Corp Bhd** has teamed up with a unit of Abu Dhabi-based Emirates Steel Arkan Group (ESA), for the development of the Trojena Ski Village project in Saudi Arabia.
- **Grand Central Enterprises Bhd** which operates hotels under the Grand Continental brand, has received a takeover offer worth RM90.62 million from its major shareholders as part of a delisting plan at 46 sen per share, which represents a premium of 28% from the last closing price.

Weekly Corporate Actions

Company	Corporate Actions	Entitlement	Ex-Date	Last Price (RM)	Dividend Yield
Carlo Rino Group Bhd	Interim	0.005	23/7/2024	0.28	1.8%
Leader Steel Holdings Bhd	Interim	0.02	24/7/2024	0.60	3.4%
Eurospan Holdings Berhad	Special Cash	0.2	24/7/2024	1.93	10.4%
Atlan Holdings Berhad	Interim	0.01	25/7/2024	2.70	0.4%
Metrod Holdings Bhd	Final	0.06	25/7/2024	1.52	3.9%
Teck Guan Perdana Bhd	Final	0.04	25/7/2024	1.84	2.2%
Cape Ems Bhd	Interim	0.0067	26/7/2024	0.99	0.7%
Advance Synergy Bhd	Final	0.0005	26/7/2024	0.12	0.4%
Jkg Land Bhd	Final	0.001	26/7/2024	0.11	1.0%
Superlon Holdings Bhd	Interim	0.0075	26/7/2024	1.09	0.7%

Source: Bloomberg, Apex Securities

Weekly Economic Highlights

Date	Country	Key Events
Tuesday, 23 July, 2024	US	Existing Home Sales
Wednesday, 24 July, 2024	MY	Inflation Rate
	US	New Home Sales
Thursday, 25 July, 2024	US	2Q24 GDP Growth Rate (Advance Reading)
Friday, 26 July, 2024	MY	Producer Price Index
	US	Core PCE Index
	US	Michigan Consumer Sentiment (Final)

Source: TradingEconomics, Apex Securities

Futures Markets

Futures Kuala Lumpur Composite Index

	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov
CHANGE	-18	-18	-18	-18
OPEN	1,638	1,641	1,623	1,627
High	1,640	1,642	1,625	1,627
Low	1,614	1,619	1,602	1,609
Settle	1,622	1,626	1,609	1,617
Volume	11,898	871	240	112
O.I.	44,226	3,209	2,111	590

Futures Crude Palm Oil

	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov
CHANGE	25	31	28	23
OPEN	4,011	3,964	3,944	3,935
High	4,048	4,021	3,998	3,984
Low	4,011	3,963	3,943	3,932
Settle	4,035	4,009	3,985	3,970
Volume	1,807	10,126	23,895	3,779
O.I.	9,208	40,709	51,248	24,832

Top Market Participants

LOCAL			FOREIGN		
Stocks	Value	Price	Stocks	Value	Price
BWYS	154788055	0.350	CIMB	148202640	7.120
CIMB	132575435	7.120	GAMUDA	71385527	7.950
YTLPOWR	106202619	4.750	MAYBANK	68400422	10.060
PBBANK	99159448	4.190	PBBANK	68057653	4.190
GAMUDA	90023741	7.950	TENAGA	59658780	14.440
TM	86391133	7.030	TM	59121156	7.030
TENAGA	74463354	14.440	PMETAL	57393801	5.470
MAYBANK	68379769	10.060	SUNWAY	53835927	4.120
YTL	61186391	3.480	MYEG	50276991	0.980
MYEG	58378071	0.980	YTLPOWR	49663647	4.750

RETAIL			INSTITUTION		
Stocks	Value	Price	Stocks	Value	Price
BWYS	108491345	0.350	CIMB	274017528	7.120
TANCO	43257542	1.020	PBBANK	143010653	4.190
THETA	38562048	3.060	TM	137661264	7.030
YTLPOWR	30155121	4.750	TENAGA	123812912	14.440
PERTAMA	24648741	2.180	GAMUDA	122192273	7.950
EKOVEST	23111499	0.560	MAYBANK	115358859	10.060
WCT	22599710	1.250	YTLPOWR	88396951	4.750
YTL	21948250	3.480	PMETAL	77813500	5.470
TECHNAX	20189382	0.370	SUNWAY	77270193	4.120
JCY	19429210	0.690	MYEG	77205168	0.980

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RESEARCH RECOMMENDATION FRAMEWORK

STOCK RECOMMENDATIONS

BUY: Total returns* are expected to exceed 10% within the next 12 months.

HOLD: Total returns* are expected to be within +10% to – 10% within the next 12 months.

SELL: Total returns* are expected to be below -10% within the next 12 months.

TRADING BUY: Total returns* are expected to exceed 10% within the next 3 months.

TRADING SELL: Total returns* are expected to be below -10% within the next 3 months.

*Capital gain + dividend yield

SECTOR RECOMMENDATIONS

OVERWEIGHT: The industry defined by the analyst is expected to exceed 10% within the next 12 months.

NEUTRAL: The industry defined by the analyst is expected to be within +10% to – 10% within the next 12 months.

UNDERWEIGHT: The industry defined by the analyst, is expected to be below -10% within the next 12 months.

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