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Global Markets	Close	Change	5-Day Trend
Dow Jones	39,935.07	+0.20%	
S&P 500	5,399.22	-0.51%	
Nasdaq	17,181.72	-0.93%	
FTSE 100	8,186.35	+0.40%	
Nikkei 225	37,869.51	-3.28%	
Shanghai Composite	2,886.74	-0.52%	
Shenzhen	8,474.70	-0.22%	
Hang Seng	17,004.97	-1.77%	
SET	1,291.58	-0.50%	
JCI	7,240.28	-0.31%	

Malaysia Markets	Close	Change	5-Day Trend
FBM KLCI	1,615.18	-0.37%	
FBM Top 100	12,052.64	-0.60%	
FBM Small Cap	19,447.68	-1.20%	
FBM ACE	5,810.86	-0.79%	

Market Activities	Value	Change
Trading Volume (m)	4,554.93	3.7%
Trading Value (RM m)	3,114.84	11.2%

Trading Participants	Value	Change
Local Institution	267.18	45.65%
Retail	103.86	22.21%
Foreign	-37.103	32.45%

Market Breadth	No. of stocks	5-Day Trend
Advancers	260	21.5%
Decliners	950	78.5%

Commodities	Close	Change	5-Day Trend
FKLI (Futures)	1,614.00	+0.37%	
3M CPO (Futures)	3,918.00	+0.71%	
Rubber (RM/kg)	764.50	-1.29%	
Brent Oil (USD/bbl)	82.37	+0.81%	
Gold (USD/oz)	2,381.29	-0.75%	

Forex	Close	Change	5-Day Trend
USD/MYR	4.6613	+0.23%	
SGD/MYR	3.4725	+0.04%	
CNY/MYR	0.6432	+0.00%	
JPY/MYR	3.0620	+1.10%	
EUR/MYR	5.0582	+0.13%	
GBP/MYR	6.0063	+0.42%	

Source: Bloomberg, Apex Securities

Extended Pullback

Market Review & Outlook

- Malaysia Market Review.** The FBM KLCI (-0.4%) marched lower, spooked by the renewed volatility on Wall Street overnight with half of the key index components closed in red with the selected utilities and telco giants underperformed. The lower liners also retreated, while Construction sector (-2.2%) took the worst hit.
- Global Markets Review.** Wall Street turned wobbly downbeat as the Dow (+0.2%) managed to defend its intraday gains, but the S&P 500 (-0.5%) and Nasdaq (-0.9%) faltered on an extended weakness in technology stocks. European stock markets ended mostly lower, while Asia stock markets were splashed in red.
- Market Outlook.** Yesterday's weakness was largely in tandem with the negative performance across regional markets. Looking ahead, we expect the downward bias tone may persist with the 1,600 pts in focus. Cautiousness prevails ahead of the release of US personal consumption expenditure and consumer sentiment data later tonight may provide guidance over the timing of potential interest rate cut. For now, any potential gains are expected to be limited by the absence of fresh catalysts. We remain defensive, favouring the REIT sector amid the unabated volatility. We also uphold our view that the technology sector may underperform, taking cue from the weakness on Nasdaq overnight.

FBM KLCI Technical Review & Outlook



Source: Bloomberg

- Technical Commentary:** The FBM KLCI gapped down and formed a hammer candle above EMA20 yesterday. Indicators have turned negative as the MACD Line crossed below the Signal Line, while the RSI dipped below 50. Immediate resistance located at 1,650. Support is envisaged around 1,580.

Company News *(source: various)*

- **Sarawak Consolidated Industries Bhd** (SCIB) via its wholly-owned SCIB Properties Sdn Bhd has secured a RM162mil contract from Awana JV Suria Sdn Bhd for the development, infrastructure and main building works of the civil servant housing programme (PPAM) in Mualim, Perak.
- **IGB Real Estate Investment Trust's** net property income (NPI) for the second quarter ended June 30, 2024 rose 6.5% to RM109.48 million from RM102.79 million a year ago, due to higher rental income.
- **IGB Commercial Real Estate Investment Trust's** NPI rose 10.8% to RM34.45 million in the second quarter ended June 30, 2024 from RM31.11 million a year earlier, on higher rental income.
- **KIP Real Estate Investment Trust's** NPI surged 62.8% RM26.43 million for the fourth quarter ended June 30, 2024, from RM16.23 million a year earlier, thanks to strong gain of retail properties in Peninsular Malaysia's northern and central regions.
- **UOA REIT** saw its net rental income fall 22.06% to RM16.48 million in its second quarter ended June 30, 2024 (2QFY2024), from RM21.15 million a year ago, dragged by higher property operating expenses.
- **Nestlé (Malaysia) Bhd's** net profit declined 48.27% to RM93.60 million in the second quarter ended June 30, 2024, down from RM180.92 million a year ago, dragged by drop in domestic sales, reflecting subdued consumer sentiment and constrained purchasing power.
- **ViTrox Corp Bhd's** second-quarter net profit fell 25.4% y-o-y to RM28.1 million, down from RM37.66 million, dragged by ongoing research and development investment and unfavourable foreign exchange (forex) losses.
- **Luxchem Corp Bhd's** net profit for the second quarter ended June 30, 2024 (2QFY2024) jumped 30% to RM12.2 million or 1.14 sen per share, compared with RM9.42 million or 0.88 sen per share over the same quarter a year ago, thanks to higher contributions from both trading and manufacturing activities.
- **JAKS Resources Bhd's** unit JAKS Solar Power Holdings Sdn Bhd has signed a memorandum of understanding with **TDM Bhd's** 70%-owned subsidiary subsidiary, TDM-YT Plantation Sdn Bhd, to collaborate on a land lease as part of its bid for the fifth Large Scale Solar (LSS5) programme.
- **Ahmad Zaki Resources Bhd's** wholly-owned subsidiary, Ahmad Zaki Sdn Bhd (AZSB) has secured a contract worth RM151.99 million to design and build the Port Dickson Specialist Hospital in Negeri Sembilan.
- **Iqzan Holdings Bhd** will be delisted from Bursa Malaysia next Tuesday after the regulator dismissed an appeal from the company for a further extension of time to submit its regularisation plan.

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	-10	-9	-10	-11
OPEN	1,623	1,627	1,611	1,618
High	1,624	1,628	1,611	1,618
Low	1,612	1,617	1,600	1,607
Settle	1,614	1,619	1,602	1,610
Volume	10,351	5,878	435	41
O.I.	43,635	7,700	2,115	644

Futures Crude Palm Oil

	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov
CHANGE	12	-2	-8	-11
OPEN	3,991	3,949	3,926	3,905
High	4,012	3,960	3,930	3,914
Low	3,954	3,907	3,878	3,864
Settle	4,008	3,950	3,918	3,902
Volume	2,192	8,137	31,917	8,822
O.I.	10,127	46,133	82,783	34,150

Top Market Participants

LOCAL			FOREIGN		
Stocks	Value	Price	Stocks	Value	Price
CIMB	145377973	7.200	CIMB	97158258	7.200
TM	104879901	6.920	PMETAL	75997708	5.200
YTLPOWR	95045908	4.790	PBBANK	59931851	4.180
GAMUDA	86954822	8.090	IJM	48901685	3.560
MAYBANK	85942391	10.120	RHBBANK	44106374	5.680
YTL	70811613	3.580	YTL	43561096	3.580
IJM	69717564	3.560	MYEG	38677554	1.010
SIME	63166613	2.640	IHH	37481882	6.250
WCT	62730862	1.250	HSI-HWW	32044232	0.240
TENAGA	58870303	14.400	TENAGA	31708558	14.400

RETAIL			INSTITUTION		
Stocks	Value	Price	Stocks	Value	Price
TANCO	40215480	1.040	CIMB	228319214	7.200
JCY	36772755	0.735	TM	130295084	6.920
THETA	30620178	2.530	GAMUDA	110351445	8.090
PERTAMA	28122684	2.180	PMETAL	107523917	5.200
EKOVEST	27724026	0.490	MAYBANK	104754023	10.120
MYEG	21832633	1.010	PBBANK	97631833	4.180
WCT	21147022	1.250	YTL	96077230	3.580
TECHNAX	17156440	0.365	IJM	93227652	3.560
YTLPOWR	14599693	4.790	YTLPOWR	92683874	4.790
NOTION	14466053	2.050	IHH	86213323	6.250

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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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