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Global Markets	Close	Change	5-Day Trend
Dow Jones	40,347.97	-1.21%	
S&P 500	5,446.68	-1.37%	
Nasdaq	17,194.14	-2.30%	
FTSE 100	8,283.36	-1.01%	
Nikkei 225	38,126.33	-2.49%	
Shanghai Composite	2,932.39	-0.22%	
Shenzhen	8,673.58	-0.92%	
Hang Seng	17,304.96	-0.23%	
SET	1,322.75	-0.14%	
JCI	7,325.99	0.97%	

Malaysia Markets	Close	Change	5-Day Trend
FBM KLCI	1,624.25	-0.08%	
FBM Top 100	12,102.65	-0.05%	
FBM Small Cap	19,407.73	-0.02%	
FBM ACE	5,631.62	-0.53%	

Market Activities	Value	Change	5-Day Trend
Trading Volume (m)	3,506.04	-20.7%	
Trading Value (RM m)	2,714.82	-24.9%	

Trading Participants	Value	Change	5-Day Trend
Local Institution	7.29	44.00%	
Retail	-17.63	20.95%	
Foreign	10.35	35.05%	

Market Breadth	No. of stocks	5-Day Trend
Advancers	457	41.6%
Decliners	641	58.4%

Commodities	Close	Change	5-Day Trend
FKLI (Futures)	1,631.00	-0.43%	
3M CPO (Futures)	3,870.00	-0.26%	
Rubber (RM/kg)	767.00	-0.45%	
Brent Oil (USD/bbl)	79.52	-0.63%	
Gold (USD/oz)	2,435.20	0.45%	

Forex	Close	Change	5-Day Trend
USD/MYR	4.5693	0.46%	
SGD/MYR	3.4141	0.44%	
CNY/MYR	0.6307	0.70%	
JPY/MYR	3.0462	-0.67%	
EUR/MYR	4.9250	0.91%	
GBP/MYR	5.8283	1.07%	

Source: Bloomberg, Apex Securities

Setback on US market

Market Review & Outlook

- Malaysia Market Review.** The FBM KLCI (-0.1%) shed some of its previous session gains as profit taking activities emerged yesterday. Similarly, the lower liners also declined, while the energy sector (+0.6%) outperformed among its sectoral peers.
- Global Markets Review.** US stock markets retreated with Intel and Amazon taking a hit after the announcement of disappointing results. The European stock markets closed lower, while Asia stock markets were mixed following comments from Powell, indicating a rate cut in September.
- Market Outlook.** On the global stage, the Fed maintained its key interest rate but signaled lowering it as early as mid-September, due to easing inflation and a cooling job market. Nevertheless, the sell-off in Thursday has shown growing fears of potential recession in the US market amid the softer economic data lately. Back home, we anticipate the local bourse to remained flat due to negative sentiment from the global market. Meanwhile, the lower liners are likely to move similarly to the key index due to tepid trading appetite. Key economic focus later today would be US unemployment rate and factory orders. Given the rise of volatility risk in the market, we advocate investors to turn defensive and focus onto gold related stocks on renewed Fed cut bets.

FBM KLCI Technical Review & Outlook



Source: Bloomberg

- Technical Commentary:** The FBM KLCI formed a hammer candle to edge marginally lower as the key index defended SMA50. Indicators remained mixed as the MACD Line hovered below the Signal Line, while the RSI treaded above 50. Immediate resistance located at 1,650. Support is envisaged around 1,580.

Company News *(source: various)*

- **Capital A Bhd** has submitted its extraordinary general meeting (EGM) circular to Bursa Malaysia for the proposed disposals of its entire equity interest in AirAsia Aviation Group Ltd (AAAGL) and AirAsia Bhd (AAB) to AirAsia X Bhd (AAX).
- **MN Holdings Bhd's** (MNHB) wholly-owned subsidiary, MN Power Transmission Sdn Bhd (MNPTSB) has secured a contract worth RM86mil from **Tenaga Nasional Bhd** (TNB).
- **Fraser & Neave Holdings Bhd's** net profit rose 22.4% to RM121.63 million for the third quarter ended June 30, 2024, from RM99.37 million a year ago, when there were one-off non-operating items.
- **Pentamaster Corp Bhd's** net profit fell 15.87% to RM19.9 million for the second quarter ended June 30, 2024, from RM23.65 million a year ago, as its biggest revenue contributor — the automated test equipment (ATE) segment recorded lower sales volume, higher employee expenses, provisions for slow-moving inventories, and research and development expenditure for certain projects.
- **CTOS Digital Bhd's** net profit gained 20.7% to RM25.5 million for the second quarter ended June 30, 2024, from RM21.13 million a year ago, thanks to higher contribution from all customer groups, namely key accounts, commercial and direct-to-consumer.
- **YTL Hospitality Real Estate Investment Trust** reported a 9.7% increase in net property income (NPI) for its fourth quarter ended June 30, 2024, rising to RM65.8 million from RM59.9 million a year earlier, driven by higher contributions from both the hotel and property rental segments.
- Singapore-based firms Jostar Investment VCC and Mark Investment Group VCC have signed share subscription agreements with **Nova MSC Bhd** for investments in two of the company's subsidiaries totalling RM81.1 million.
- **Pekat Group Bhd** is buying a 60% stake in Apex Power Industry Sdn Bhd for RM96 million.
- **Mitrajaya Holdings Bhd's** wholly-owned subsidiary Pembinaan Mitrajaya Sdn Bhd has clinched a contract worth RM37.91 million for the construction of a four-storey building with one level of sub-basement car park in Kuala Lumpur.
- **Asdion Bhd** has been classified as a Guidance Note 3 (GN3) company after its external auditors, CAS Malaysia PLT, flagged material uncertainty that would affect the company's ability to continue as a going concern.
- After 21 years on Bursa Malaysia, payment service provider **GHL Systems Bhd** is set to be delisted next week, following a successful takeover by NTT Data Japan Corp (NTTD Japan).

Weekly Corporate Actions

Company	Corporate Actions	Entitlement	Ex-Date	Last Price (RM)	Dividend Yield
United Malacca Bhd	Interim	0.07	29/7/2024	5.16	14%
Xox Bhd	Share Consolidation	30:1	29/7/2024	0.01	-
Pavilion Real Estate Invest	Distribution	0.0453	30/7/2024	140	3.2%
Dkls Industries Berhad	Final	0.03	30/7/2024	199	15%
Sapura Industrial Bhd	Final	0.05	30/7/2024	0.93	5.4%
Pgf Capital Bhd	Final	0.015	31/7/2024	2.25	0.7%
Success Transformer Corp Bhd	Special Cash	0.015	31/7/2024	101	15%
Kumpulan Fima Bhd	Special Cash	0.03	18/2024	2.22	14%
Kumpulan Fima Bhd	Interim	0.09	18/2024	2.22	4.1%
Kim Hin Joo Bhd	Final	0.001	18/2024	0.16	0.6%

Source: Bloomberg, Apex Securities

Weekly Economic Highlights

Date	Country	Key Events
Monday, 29 July, 2024	MY	Producer Price Index
Tuesday, 30 July, 2024	JP	Unemployment Rate
	EU	2Q24 GDP Growth Rate (Flash)
	EU	Business Confidence
	EU	Services Sentiment
	EU	Economic Sentiment
	EU	Industrial Sentiment
	EU	Consumer Inflation Expectations
Wednesday, 31 July, 2024	JP	Retail Sales
	CN	NBS Manufacturing PMI
	CN	NBS Non Manufacturing PMI
	JP	Bank of Japan's Interest Rate Decision
	JP	Consumer Confidence
	US	Chicago PMI
	US	Pending Home Sales
Thursday, 1 August, 2024	US	Federal Reserve Interest Rate Decision
	JP	Jibun Bank Manufacturing PMI
	MY	S&P Global Manufacturing PMI
	CN	Caixin Manufacturing PMI
	EU	HCOB Manufacturing PMI
	UK	S&P Global Manufacturing PMI
	EU	Unemployment Rate
	UK	Bank of England's Interest Rate Decision
	US	S&P Global Manufacturing PMI
	US	ISM Manufacturing PMI
Friday, 2 August, 2024	US	Unemployment Rate
	US	Factory Orders

Source: TradingEconomics, Apex Securities

Futures Markets

Futures Kuala Lumpur Composite Index

	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov
CHANGE	6	-18	7	-10
OPEN	1,629	1,612	1,618	1,610
High	1,634	1,617	1,624	1,615
Low	1,626	1,609	1,617	1,608
Settle	1,631	1,612	1,618	1,612
Volume	5,685	628	51	30
O.I.	41,493	2,331	585	30

Futures Crude Palm Oil

	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov
CHANGE	-38	-19	-38	-50
OPEN	3,990	3,958	3,921	3,900
High	4,010	3,980	3,941	3,918
Low	3,970	3,887	3,843	3,820
Settle	3,988	3,926	3,870	3,837
Volume	446	10,745	41,794	20,609
O.I.	3,353	29,345	56,938	27,479

Top Market Participants

LOCAL			FOREIGN		
Stocks	Value	Price	Stocks	Value	Price
TENAGA	148817758	14.100	CIMB	231655629	7.430
CIMB	121394552	7.430	TENAGA	142516490	14.100
MAYBANK	80049857	10.260	MAYBANK	108592623	10.260
YTLPOWR	76818153	4.700	PBBANK	84123368	4.260
YTL	73969637	3.380	SUNWAY	54310797	4.150
TM	55265447	6.970	RHBBANK	49660780	5.720
BURSA	54428151	9.630	GAMUDA	46713496	7.840
PBBANK	53700774	4.260	YTLPOWR	45935374	4.700
PMETAL	50458959	5.300	YTL	38894974	3.380
RHBBANK	46422511	5.720	BURSA	35623815	9.630

RETAIL			INSTITUTION		
Stocks	Value	Price	Stocks	Value	Price
TANCO	39968594	1.020	CIMB	345550954	7.430
PERTAMA	26342289	2.130	TENAGA	287093970	14.100
PBBANK	19042595	4.260	MAYBANK	178285573	10.260
CEB	18114623	0.695	PBBANK	110608212	4.260
YTLPOWR	16595728	4.700	YTL	88198866	3.380
ENGTEX	16573068	1.300	RHBBANK	83127245	5.720
TECHNAX	16468169	0.355	BURSA	82667133	9.630
WCT	15569947	1.270	YTLPOWR	78593337	4.700
SNS	15069191	0.790	SUNWAY	77833115	4.150
JCY	14460925	0.675	PMETAL	76375804	5.300

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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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