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Swinging upward

Market Review & Outlook

Global Markets	Close	Change	5-Day Trend
Dow Jones	40,896.53	0.58%	
S&P 500	5,608.25	0.97%	
Nasdaq	17,876.77	1.39%	
FTSE 100	8,356.94	0.55%	
Nikkei 225	37,388.62	-3.77%	
Shanghai Composite	2,893.67	0.49%	
Shenzhen	8,356.90	0.08%	
Hang Seng	17,569.57	0.80%	
SET	1,323.38	1.56%	
JCI	7,466.83	0.47%	

Malaysia Markets	Close	Change	5-Day Trend
FBM KLCI	1,648.70	1.53%	
FBM Top 100	12,128.37	1.27%	
FBM Small Cap	18,402.46	0.06%	
FBM ACE	5,401.15	0.04%	

Market Activities	Value	Change
Trading Volume (m)	3,896.38	20.7%
Trading Value (RM m)	4,303.70	56.1%

Trading Participants	Change
Local Institution	-377.84 45.82%
Retail	-197.08 23.52%
Foreign	574.93 30.66%

Market Breadth	No. of stocks	5-Day Trend
Advancers	620 53.8%	
Decliners	533 46.2%	

Commodities	Close	Change	5-Day Trend
FKLI (Futures)	1,655.00	0.27%	
3M CPO (Futures)	3,721.00	0.13%	
Rubber (RM/kg)	778.00	-0.95%	
Brent Oil (USD/bbl)	77.66	-2.54%	
Gold (USD/oz)	2,489.94	0.53%	

Forex	Close	Change	5-Day Trend
USD/MYR	4.3828	1.13%	
SGD/MYR	3.3443	0.48%	
CNY/MYR	0.6139	0.79%	
JPY/MYR	2.9953	0.16%	
EUR/MYR	4.8364	0.72%	
GBP/MYR	5.6816	0.68%	

Source: Bloomberg, Apex Securities

- Malaysia Market Review.** The FBM KLCI (+1.5%) marched sharply higher to close at the highest level since December 2022, supported by gains in selected banking heavyweights. Similarly, the lower liners also gained momentum, while the financial sector (+3.7%) outperformed among its sectoral peers.
- Global Markets Review.** US stock markets closed higher overnight, lifted by mounting expectation that the Fed will begin easing monetary policy next month. European stock markets ended higher, while Asian stock markets finished mixed as investors awaited central bank releases on rate decision from South Korea and Australia this week.
- Market Outlook.** The local market remained sturdy as foreign funds continued to flow into the market amidst optimism on Malaysia's economic strength. With the key index breaking through the 1,630 hurdle, we expect the strong momentum to persists. Likewise, we opine that the lower liners to follow a similar pattern but profit taking activities may take place over the near term. For now, investors will be monitoring onto the upcoming barrage of corporate earnings release this week. On the global front, all eyes will focus onto EU inflation rate and US FOMC minutes. We favor the consumer sector in light of the recent salary adjustment for civil servants, which is expected to boost spending activity. Also, we are optimistic on transportation sectors following the release of July export data, which surged by 12.3% mom thanks to improved global demand.

FBM KLCI Technical Review & Outlook



Source: Bloomberg

- Technical Commentary:** The FBM KLCI another bullish candle to record its seventh straight session of gains as the key index retested the upper Bollinger Band. Indicators stayed positive as the MACD Line rose above the zero level, while the RSI hovered above 50. The next resistance is located at 1,680. Support is envisaged around 1,600.

Company News *(source: various)*

- **Sunmow Holding Bhd**'s wholly-owned subsidiary Sunmow Construction Sdn Bhd's joint venture has won the bid for works related to Package 4B (Bukit Pagon to Long Luping) of Phase 2 of the Sarawak-Sabah Link Road project, valued at RM1.02bil.
- **Batu Kawan Bhd** third quarter ended June 30, 2024 net profit increased by 58.2% to RM131 million from RM82.8 million, with revenue growing by 6.2% to RM5.7 billion from RM5.35 billion.
- **Kuala Lumpur Kepong Bhd** third quarter ended June 30, 2024, net profit surged 185.6% year-on-year to RM240.2 million from RM84.1 million, driven by strong performance in the plantation segment.
- **Lagenda Properties Bhd**'s net profit for the second quarter ended June 30, 2024 rose by 45.8% to RM48.4 million from RM33.2 million a year earlier, on higher contributions from property development and construction divisions.
- **Perdana Petroleum Bhd** posted a net profit of RM34.7 million for the second quarter ended June 30, 2024, a fourfold increase from RM8.65 million a year earlier, marking its highest quarterly profit in 16 years.
- **EcoFirst Consolidated Bhd** is acquiring a 4.51-acre piece of freehold land in Kajang for RM35 million to develop a mixed-use project, with an estimated gross development value of RM380.9 million.
- **Kotra Industries Bhd**'s net profit for the fourth quarter ended June 30, 2024 (4QFY2024) declined 4.5% to RM12.49 million from RM13.09 million a year earlier, primarily due to higher tax expenses.
- **Carlsberg Brewery Malaysia Bhd** reported a 10% decline in net profit for the second quarter ended June 30, 2024 to RM79.40 million, compared to RM88.24 million a year earlier.
- **IJM Corp Bhd** has secured two contracts worth a total RM561 million to construct data centres in Johor and an industrial manufacturing facility in Penang.
- **Hextar Global Bhd** reported a net profit of RM19.16 million for 2QFY2024, more than double the RM8.67 million from the same period last year.
- **Kerjaya Prospek Group Bhd** has secured a RM275.29 million contract for a 50-storey building in Bandar Tanjung Pinang, Penang.
- **Malaysia Airports Holdings Bhd** reported a record 12.4 million in passenger movements in July, up 7.3% from the previous month.
- **Prolintas Infra Business Trust** reported a net profit of RM4.03 million for the second quarter ended June 30, 2024, down from RM14.64 million a year earlier due to higher finance costs and tax expenses.

Weekly Corporate Actions

Company	Corporate Actions	Entitlement	Ex-Date	Last Price (RM)	Dividend Yield
Abf Malaysia Bond Index Fund	Income	0.0404	19/8/2024	126	3.2%
Seg International Bhd	Interim	0.01	19/8/2024	0.63	16%
Tambun Indah Land Bhd	Final	0.039	19/8/2024	106	3.7%
Tower Real Estate Investment	Distribution	0.0077	19/8/2024	0.31	2.5%
Ftse Bursa Malaysia Klici Etf	Income	0.028	19/8/2024	172	16%
Yinson Holdings Bhd	Interim	0.01	20/8/2024	2.68	0.4%
Bursa Malaysia Bhd	Interim	0.18	20/8/2024	9.49	19%
Zhulian Corp Bhd	Interim	0.02	20/8/2024	123	16%
Sentral Reit	Distribution	0.0321	21/8/2024	0.82	3.9%

Source: Bloomberg, Apex Securities

Weekly Economic Highlights

Date	Country	Key Events
Monday, 19 August, 2024	JP	Machinery Orders
Tuesday, 20 August, 2024	EU	Inflation Rate
Thursday, 22 August, 2024	US	FOMC Minutes
	MY	Inflation Rate
	US	Existing Home Sales
Friday, 23 August, 2024	JP	Inflation Rate
	US	Fed Chair Powell Speech
	US	New Home Sales

Source: TradingEconomics, Apex Securities

Futures Markets

Futures Kuala Lumpur Composite Index

	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
CHANGE	30	27	27	28
OPEN	1,628	1,609	1,615	1,602
High	1,659	1,639	1,642	1,630
Low	1,626	1,608	1,613	1,599
Settle	1,655	1,634	1,640	1,626
Volume	12,116	2,221	191	131
O.I.	38,819	3,446	725	162

Futures Crude Palm Oil

	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
CHANGE	19	53	41	29
OPEN	3,686	3,776	3,703	3,685
High	3,687	3,816	3,733	3,698
Low	3,631	3,750	3,663	3,635
Settle	3,672	3,804	3,721	3,686
Volume	8,101	11,514	28,611	10,728
O.I.	22,633	44,203	47,555	26,157

Top Market Participants

LOCAL			FOREIGN		
Stocks	Value	Price	Stocks	Value	Price
PBBANK	655162136	4.540	PBBANK	367244719	4.540
RHBBANK	233737057	5.920	CIMB	364297210	7.970
CIMB	218200816	7.970	MAYBANK	244377384	10.600
MAYBANK	193438255	10.600	RHBBANK	138388655	5.920
HLBANK	148125454	20.100	TENAGA	95438946	13.900
GAMUDA	100165826	7.450	TOPGLOV	88758092	0.990
TENAGA	92786682	13.900	AMBANK	86471631	4.890
TOPGLOV	89005028	0.990	MISC	80633595	8.690
AMBANK	84688572	4.890	TM	67263236	6.900
YTLPOWR	79862101	4.200	SUNWAY	58315811	4.190

RETAIL			INSTITUTION		
Stocks	Value	Price	Stocks	Value	Price
PBBANK	199963533	4.540	PBBANK	736705771	4.540
MAYBANK	56648236	10.600	CIMB	529353557	7.970
RHBBANK	53871495	5.920	MAYBANK	352884846	10.600
TOPGLOV	52813060	0.990	RHBBANK	266561789	5.920
TANCO	44578159	1.050	HLBANK	191832946	20.100
MYEG	29508943	0.930	TENAGA	178877229	13.900
CIMB	27439363	7.970	AMBANK	148350673	4.890
SPSETIA	26862376	1.340	GAMUDA	131093071	7.450
GENTING	23962769	4.400	MISC	124149925	8.690
PERTAMA	23931889	2.160	TM	122104030	6.900

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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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