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All eyes on Budget 2025

Market Review & Outlook

Global Markets	Close	Change	5-Day Trend
Dow Jones	43,239.05	+0.37%	
S&P 500	5,841.47	-0.02%	
Nasdaq	18,373.61	+0.04%	
FTSE 100	8,385.13	+0.67%	
Nikkei 225	38,911.19	-0.69%	
Shanghai Composite	3,169.38	-0.05%	
Shenzhen	9,891.76	-0.74%	
Hang Seng	20,079.10	-0.02%	
SET	1,495.02	+0.67%	
JCI	7,735.04	+1.13%	

Malaysia Markets	Close	Change	5-Day Trend
FBM KLCI	1,641.44	+0.54%	
FBM Top 100	12,025.74	+0.45%	
FBM Small Cap	17,319.43	+0.38%	
FBM ACE	5,092.11	+0.62%	

Market Activities	Value	Change
Trading Volume (m)	2,685.23	-3.9%
Trading Value (RM m)	2,454.48	-22.5%

Trading Participants	Change
Local Institution	-187.44 45.82%
Retail	-38.86 23.52%
Foreign	226.30 30.66%

Market Breadth	No. of stocks	5-Day Trend
Advancers	640 62.4%	
Decliners	386 37.6%	

Commodities	Close	Change	5-Day Trend
FKLI (Futures)	1,647.50	+0.12%	
3M CPO (Futures)	4,278.00	+0.33%	
Rubber (RM/kg)	861.00	-0.92%	
Brent Oil (USD/bbl)	74.45	+0.31%	
Gold (USD/oz)	2,687.47	+0.20%	

Forex	Close	Change	5-Day Trend
USD/MYR	4.3090	-0.28%	
SGD/MYR	3.2794	+0.08%	
CNY/MYR	0.6050	-0.22%	
JPY/MYR	2.8801	+0.40%	
EUR/MYR	4.6790	+0.05%	
GBP/MYR	5.5985	-0.09%	

Source: Bloomberg, Apex Securities

- Malaysia Market Review.** The FBM KLCI closed higher (+0.6%) on Thursday, bucking the downtrend seen in regional stock markets ahead of the Budget 2025 announcement today. Sector-wise, the REIT sector (+0.1%) attracted the highest buying interest, while the Telecommunications & Media sector (-0.6%) topped the laggards.
- Global Markets Review.** The US stock markets saw mixed performance, with indices closing near initial positions. Strength among semiconductor stocks supported the markets for much of the session before a late-day pullback. In Europe, the stock market was largely positive. The Asian markets were largely negative, as a housing policy briefing in China underwhelmed investors and property stocks slumped. Japan's Nikkei 225 fell -0.7%, while South Korea's Kospi fell -0.04%. The SSE fell by -1.1% while the HSI dipped -1.0%.
- Market Outlook.** We expect further stock market gains upon tabling of the Budget 2025 announcement scheduled today. We favour the consumer, construction, property and renewable energy sectors ahead of the tabling of Budget 2025. The lower liners are also making some strides as bargain hunting activities emerged, while the renewed buying interest from foreign funds also may continue to support the improved sentiment. Externally, solid macroeconomic indicators (namely, a better-than-expected September retail sales report) released by the US government implies lower possibility of rate cuts, which should bode well for the market as a whole. Still, key focus remains within the on-going flurry of corporate earnings releases as well as on-going developments surrounding the US Presidential election.

FBM KLCI Technical Review & Outlook



Source: Bloomberg

- Technical Commentary:** The FBM KLCI formed a bullish harami candle to recover most of its previous session losses yesterday. Indicators, however, remained negative as MACD hovered below the Signal Line, while the RSI lingered below 50. Immediate resistance is located at 1,675. Support is envisaged around 1,600.

Company News *(source: various)*

- **Genting Malaysia Bhd** said the lawsuit filed by RAV Bahamas Ltd, seeking over US\$600 million (RM2.57 billion) in damages related to Resorts World Bimini's operations, will not materially impact the group's financial results or operations.
- **Varia Bhd** has secured a contract worth RM571.8 million from the Social Security Organisation (Socso) to build a rehabilitation centre in Setiu, Terengganu.
- **Electrical Salcon Bhd's** wholly-owned subsidiary, Salcon Engineering Bhd, has won an external water reticulation work package for RM18.5 million.
- **SC Estate Builder Bhd** and consortium partner JK Spark Sdn Bhd plan to bid for Sabah's large-scale solar power plant projects, initiated by the Energy Commission of Sabah (ECoS).
- **AME Real Estate Investment Trust's** proposed acquisition of four single-storey detached factories in Johor for RM119.45 million has been deemed fair and reasonable, according to independent adviser MainStreet Adviser Sdn Bhd.
- **Malaysia Airports Holdings Bhd (MAHB)** has appointed a team to oversee the Penang International Airport (PIA) expansion project, which comprises three major packages and is scheduled for completion by 2028.
- **Ancom Nylex Bhd** reported a 36.5% decline in its net profit for 1QFY2025, as its agricultural chemicals business was affected by higher freight costs arising from geopolitical conflicts.
- **Malaysia Airports Holdings Bhd** reported passenger growth of 36.1 million for the third quarter of 2024, representing a 10% y-o-y increase and coming close to pre-pandemic levels.
- Medical equipment and furniture manufacturer **LKL International Bhd** has announced a proposed JV with PT Fasilitas Teknologi Nusantara (Fastech) to expand into the Indonesian healthcare market.
- Mechanical and electrical engineering services provider **Bintai Kinden Corp Bhd** has joined forces with a China-based company to bid for construction projects in Malaysia.

Weekly Corporate Actions

Company	Corporate Actions	Entitlement	Ex-Date	Last Price (RM)	Dividend Yield
Ioi Properties Group Bhd	Interim	0.050	14/10/2024	2.28	2.2%
Sime Darby Property Bhd	Interim	0.015	14/10/2024	1.49	10%
Samchem Holdings Bhd	Interim	0.005	14/10/2024	0.53	10%
Lay Hong Bhd	Final	0.005	14/10/2024	0.38	13%
XI Holdings Bhd	Bonus-Options	12	14/10/2024	0.57	-
Ds Sigma Holdings Bhd	Interim	0.010	14/10/2024	0.37	2.7%
Mynews Holdings Bhd	Interim	0.005	15/10/2024	0.62	0.8%
Resources Holdings Bhd Pt	Interim	0.010	15/10/2024	0.52	19%
Mce Holdings Bhd	Interim	0.015	15/10/2024	1.57	10%
Shangri-La Hotels (Mal) Bhd	Interim	0.030	16/10/2024	2.05	15%
Bermaz Auto Bhd	Interim	0.035	17/10/2024	2.23	16%
Southern Acids Malaysia Bhd	Final	0.050	17/10/2024	3.21	16%
Kumpulan H&L High-Tech Bhd	Interim	0.020	17/10/2024	0.77	2.6%
Esthetics Intl Group Bhd	Final	0.005	18/10/2024	0.30	17%
See Hup Consolidated Bhd	Interim	0.027	18/10/2024	0.90	3.0%

Source: Bloomberg, Apex Securities

Weekly Economic Highlights

Date	Country	Key Events
Tuesday, 15 October, 2024	JP	Industrial Production
	UK	Unemployment Rate
	EU	Industrial Production
	EU	ZEW Economic Sentiment Index
	US	Consumer Inflation Expectations
Wednesday, 16 October, 2024	JP	Machinery Orders
	UK	Inflation Rate
Thursday, 17 October, 2024	EU	Inflation Rate
	EU	European Central Bank's Interest Rate Decision
	US	Retail Sales
	US	Industrial Production
	US	Manufacturing Production
Friday, 18 October, 2024	JP	Inflation Rate
	CN	3Q24 GDP Growth Rate
	CN	Industrial Production
	CN	Retail Sales
	CN	Unemployment Rate
	MY	3Q24 GDP Growth Rate (Preliminary)
	UK	Retail Sales

Source: TradingEconomics, Apex Securities

Futures Markets

Futures Kuala Lumpur Composite Index

	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb
CHANGE	15	14	14	15
OPEN	1,633	1,638	1,641	1,633
High	1,648	1,651	1,654	1,642
Low	1,633	1,638	1,641	1,631
Settle	1,648	1,650	1,654	1,642
Volume	6,938	324	40	44
O.I.	38,459	506	979	422

Futures Crude Palm Oil

	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb
CHANGE	-36	-40	-36	-35
OPEN	4,245	4,344	4,319	4,274
High	4,259	4,359	4,335	4,300
Low	4,193	4,274	4,258	4,230
Settle	4,207	4,299	4,278	4,243
Volume	4,969	26,097	47,752	11,137
O.I.	21,881	62,908	77,038	22,753

Top Market Participants

LOCAL			FOREIGN		
Stocks	Value	Price	Stocks	Value	Price
TENAGA	211295718	14.660	CIMB	162479180	8.160
RHBBANK	132967201	6.480	RHBBANK	157894159	6.480
GAMUDA	94789919	8.170	TENAGA	124397404	14.660
IHH	82958454	7.200	PBBANK	99470815	4.540
99SMART	74861091	2.400	HLBANK	53057171	21.060
CIMB	71321025	8.160	MAYBANK	50350355	10.680
HLBANK	70889640	21.060	HSI-CWAO	45347066	0.305
PBBANK	55900514	4.540	MRDIY	40977985	2.200
SPSETIA	55748055	1.390	INARI	39181079	2.810
SIMEPROP	54080112	1.510	GAMUDA	37512597	8.170

RETAIL			INSTITUTION		
Stocks	Value	Price	Stocks	Value	Price
99SMART	36164095	2.400	TENAGA	322910701	14.660
TANCO	30822180	1.420	RHBBANK	232940074	6.480
SPSETIA	22117466	1.390	CIMB	228740290	8.160
RHBBANK	21607175	6.480	PBBANK	122989519	4.540
PBBANK	18986322	4.540	GAMUDA	118696708	8.170
CAPITALA	18709380	0.965	HLBANK	112090797	21.060
TANCO-WC	17389987	1.100	IHH	109498700	7.200
HTPADU	16101989	4.340	MAYBANK	91591113	10.680
YEWLEE	12329782	0.510	SIMEPROP	80456206	1.510
YTL	12302088	2.250	SPSETIA	62458553	1.390

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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

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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