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Subdued sentiment prevails despite key index rebounded

Market Review & Outlook

Global Markets	Close	Change	5-Day Trend
Dow Jones	42,233.05	+0.36%	
S&P 500	5,832.92	+0.16%	
Nasdaq	18,712.75	+0.78%	
FTSE 100	8,219.61	-0.80%	
Nikkei 225	38,903.68	+0.77%	
Shanghai Composite	3,286.41	-0.08%	
Shenzhen	10,543.33	-0.33%	
Hang Seng	20,701.14	-0.49%	
SET	1,451.16	-0.13%	
JCI	7,606.60	-0.37%	

Malaysia Markets	Close	Change	5-Day Trend
FBM KLCI	1,615.08	+0.29%	
FBM Top 100	11,889.33	-0.18%	
FBM Small Cap	17,053.49	+0.05%	
FBM ACE	5,032.28	-0.16%	

Market Activities	Value	Change
Trading Volume (m)	2,484.76	13%
Trading Value (RM m)	2,264.03	2.2%

Trading Participants	Change
Local Institution	362.16 45.82%
Retail	-15.97 23.52%
Foreign	-346.19 30.66%

Market Breadth	No. of stocks	5-Day Trend
Advancers	491 49.6%	
Decliners	498 50.4%	

Commodities	Close	Change	5-Day Trend
FKLI (Futures)	1615.00	+0.06%	
3M CPO (Futures)	4,637.00	-0.35%	
Rubber (RM/kg)	863.50	+0.06%	
Brent Oil (USD/bbl)	71.12	-0.42%	
Gold (USD/oz)	2,750.00	+0.88%	

Forex	Rate	Change	5-Day Trend
USD/MYR	4.3785	-0.37%	
SGD/MYR	3.3064	-0.23%	
CNY/MYR	0.6142	-0.33%	
JPY/MYR	2.8555	-0.16%	
EUR/MYR	4.7369	-0.42%	
GBP/MYR	5.6831	-0.43%	

Source: Bloomberg, Apex Securities

- Malaysia Market Review.** The FBM KLCI rebounded by 0.3%, breaking a six-session losing streak as bargain hunting emerged. Lower liners, however, ended mixed, with losers outnumbering gainers. The Technology sector (+0.6%) led the gains, boosted by the US government finalising restrictions on semiconductor and AI investments in China. Meanwhile, the Property sector (-0.7%) was the day's top loser.

- Global Markets Review.** US stock markets closed mostly higher, with the Nasdaq reaching a record high and the S&P rising on the back of upbeat earnings from Alphabet. In contrast, European markets ended lower as investors continued to digest recent corporate earnings and await upcoming reports. Asian markets were mixed despite Wall Street's positive close, with Japan's Nikkei extending its gains following the post-election boost.

- Market Outlook.** Local sentiment remains subdued despite a rebound in the key index, as losers continued to outnumber gainers on the local bourse. We anticipate the market will stay muted due to global volatility, with the upcoming local earnings season, US employment data, and next week's US presidential election in focus. Also, the recent net selling from foreign funds continues to cap gains over the interim. The Technology sector is expected to outperform today, supported by positive tech earnings reports and a spillover effect from the Nasdaq's gains. Conversely, we advise investors to avoid the Energy sector due to ongoing pressure from declining oil prices.

FBM KLCI Technical Review & Outlook



Source: Bloomberg

- Technical Commentary:** The FBM KLCI staged a mild recovery as the key index formed a bullish candle to snap a six-day losing streak yesterday. Indicators, however, remained negative as MACD Line hovered below the Signal Line, while the RSI traded below 50. Immediate resistance is located at 1,645. Support is envisaged around 1,600.

Company News *(source: various)*

- **Symphony Life Bhd**'s former chief financial officer Ng Ying Yiing and former group adviser Datuk David Goh were charged at the Sessions Court in Shah Alam for using RM2.57 million in company funds to purchase shares in Cycle and Carriage Bintang Bhd (CCB), without board approval.
- **Frontken Corp Bhd** net profit surged 32% in its latest quarter ended September, as strong demand for its products drove revenue and utilisation higher at its Taiwan facility.
- **Unisem (M) Bhd**'s net profit grew 48% year-on-year (y-o-y) and 60% quarter-on-quarter (q-o-q) in the quarter ended Sept 30, 2024 (3QFY2024), which it attributed to higher sales volume and foreign exchange gains.
- General insurer **LPI Capital Bhd**'s net profit rose 27% in the third quarter ended Sept 30, 2024 (3QFY2024) from a year earlier, thanks to higher investment returns and lower reinsurance expenses.
- **Infoline Tec Group Bhd** reported a 54.6% increase in net profit for the third quarter, driven by strong contributions from its managed IT services segment and the successful delivery of key IT infrastructure and cybersecurity projects.
- Integrated logistics solutions provider **Tasco Bhd** flagged a challenging operating environment ahead after its net profit fell 48.7% to RM8.13 million for its second financial quarter ended Sept 30, 2024
- **Telekom Malaysia Bhd** has appointed Ahmad Fairus Rahim as its new group chief financial officer, effective Nov 1.
- **Kumpulan Kitacon Bhd** via its wholly-owned Kitacon Sdn Bhd, has secured a contract worth RM131.9 million to build terraced houses in Bandar Puncak Alam, Ijok, Selangor, for Tropicana Alam Sdn Bhd, a unit of **Tropicana Corp Bhd**.
- **Chin Teck Plantations Bhd** on Tuesday said its fourth quarter net profit surged 64.32% from the year before, thanks to higher sales volume and average selling prices (ASP) of fresh fruit bunches (FFB), crude palm oil (CPO) and palm kernel.
- Technology company **Techna-X Bhd** said it is unable to release its annual report for the financial period ended June 30, 2024 to Bursa Securities and shareholders by Thursday (Oct 31).

Weekly Corporate Actions

Company	Corporate Actions	Entitlement	Ex-Date	Last Price (RM)	Dividend Yield
Hong Leong Bank Berhad	Final	0.430	29/10/2024	21.22	2.0%
Malayan Cement Bhd	Interim	0.060	29/10/2024	4.87	12%
Oriental Holdings Berhad	Interim	0.200	29/10/2024	7.68	2.6%
Velesto Energy Bhd	Interim	0.003	29/10/2024	0.20	13%
Perak Transit Bhd	Interim	0.005	29/10/2024	0.73	0.7%
Hong Leong Financial Group	Final	0.360	30/10/2024	18.94	19%
Hong Leong Capital Bhd	Final	0.220	30/10/2024	4.55	4.8%
Success Transformer Corp Bhd	Interim	0.016	30/10/2024	0.80	2.0%

Source: Bloomberg, Apex Securities

Weekly Economic Highlights

Date	Country	Key Events
Monday, 28 October, 2024	MY	Producer Price Index
Tuesday, 29 October, 2024	JP	Unemployment Rate
	US	Consumer Confidence
Wednesday, 30 October, 2024	JP	Consumer Confidence
	EU	3Q24 GDP Growth Rate (Flash)
	EU	Economic Sentiment
	EU	Industrial Sentiment
	EU	Services Sentiment
	EU	Consumer Confidence
	US	3Q24 GDP Growth Rate (Advance)
	US	Pending Home Sales
Thursday, 31 October, 2024	JP	Industrial Production
	JP	Retail Sales
	CN	NBS Manufacturing PMI
	CN	NBS Non Manufacturing PMI
	JP	Bank of Japan's Interest Rate Decision
	US	Chicago PMI
Friday, 1 November, 2024	JP	Jibun Bank Manufacturing PMI
	MY	S&P Global Manufacturing PMI
	CN	Caixin Manufacturing PMI
	UK	S&P Global Manufacturing PMI
	US	Unemployment Rate
	US	S&P Global Manufacturing PMI
	US	ISM Manufacturing PMI

Source: TradingEconomics, Apex Securities

Futures Markets

Futures Kuala Lumpur Composite Index

	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb
CHANGE	9	9	8	9
OPEN	1,607	1,612	1,618	1,608
High	1,620	1,623	1,626	1,615
Low	1,607	1,612	1,618	1,607
Settle	1,615	1,619	1,622	1,611
Volume	14,987	14,970	122	59
O.I.	10,601	35,592	1,123	475

Futures Crude Palm Oil

	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb
CHANGE	86	107	107	103
OPEN	4,408	4,577	4,529	4,471
High	4,517	4,702	4,659	4,595
Low	4,400	4,569	4,523	4,466
Settle	4,493	4,682	4,637	4,573
Volume	7,238	7,476	43,817	8,583
O.I.	21,881	39,624	86,237	25,417

Top Market Participants

LOCAL			FOREIGN		
Stocks	Value	Price	Stocks	Value	Price
CIMB	150231756	8.090	MAYBANK	193487347	10.460
MAYBANK	142702705	10.460	CIMB	182323249	8.090
TENAGA	96900332	14.060	TENAGA	166940640	14.060
RHBBANK	79822473	6.410	PBBANK	94048212	4.460
GAMUDA	61698263	8.410	YTL	53666586	2.000
YTL	60870065	2.000	MRDIY	49896736	2.200
YTLPOWR	51954956	3.130	IHH	47654310	7.290
IHH	51862249	7.290	GAMUDA	45387641	8.410
TM	49523305	6.510	TM	39648455	6.510
MYEG	44155509	0.865	AMBANK	39539034	5.130

RETAIL			INSTITUTION		
Stocks	Value	Price	Stocks	Value	Price
TANCO	33326372	1.330	CIMB	322678606	8.090
CAPITALA	26936178	0.990	MAYBANK	321532900	10.460
YTL	24549532	2.000	TENAGA	252601096	14.060
YTLPOWR	20678568	3.130	PBBANK	109656498	4.460
HSI-CXY	15963601	0.095	GAMUDA	100971594	8.410
99SMART	15562894	2.330	IHH	95587400	7.290
NE	15186496	0.675	TM	88121543	6.510
MYEG	13562099	0.865	RHBBANK	85777152	6.410
YEWLEE-WA	13273720	0.175	YTL	78795495	2.000
YEWLEE	12887826	0.430	AMBANK	73977758	5.130

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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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