## **Daily Highlights**

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#### **Market Scorecard**

Global Markets	Close	Change	5-Day Trend
Dow Jones	42,677.24	-1.27%	-
S&P 500	5,940.46	0.39%	-
Nasdaq	19,142.71	<u>0</u> .38%	
FTSE 100	8,781.12	0.94%	
Nikkei 225	37,529.49	0.08%	•
Shanghai Composite	3,380.48	0.38%	•
Shenzhen	10,249.17	0.77%	•
Hang Seng	23,681.48	1.49%	
SET	1,189.14	0,18%	-
JCI	7,094.60	-0.65%	
Malaysia Markets			
FBM KLCI	1,548.87		
FBM Top 100	11,316.97	<b>-0</b> .30%	-
FBM Small Cap	15,883.30	0.49%	-
FBM ACE	4,653.54	0.14%	
Bursa Sector Performance			
Consumer	499.80	<b>-0</b> .61%	
Industrial Products	156.46	-0.03%	
Construction	282.23	-0.08%	
Technology	50.25	0.06%	
Finance	18,315.92	-0.23%	
Property	1,030.79	0.27%	
Plantation	7,280.93	<b>-0</b> .62%	
REIT	875.79	0.33%	-
Energy	714.77	1.03%	
Healthcare	1,865.25	0 11%	-
Telecommunications & Media	501.18	1.25%	
Transportation & Logistics	997.17	0.38%	
Utilities	1,632.62	-0.07%	
Trading Activities			
Trading Volume (m)	2,607.61	-29.8%	
Trading Value (RM m)	1,984.03	-12.7%	
Trading Participants	Change		
Local Institution	47.34	40.75%	
Retail	33.19	16.69%	
Foreign	-80.54	42.55%	
Market Breadth	No. of		
Tidiket bieddii	stocks		5-Day Trend
Advancers	479	51.1%	
Decliners	458	48.9%	
Commodities			
FKLI (Futures)	1,547.50	-0.35%	
3M CPO (Futures)	3,908.00	0.67%	
Rubber (RM/kg)	753.00	<b>-1</b> .50%	
Brent Oil (USD/bbl)	65.60	d 18%	<b>\</b>
Gold (USD/oz)	3,235.34	-0.20%	-
Forex			
USD/MYR	4.2980	0.17%	
SGD/MYR	3.3174	0.04%	
CNY/MYR	0.5953	0 04%	-
JPY/MYR	2.9723	0.30%	
EUR/MYR	4.8376	-4.04%	-
GBP/MYR	5.7468	-0.02%	

Source: Bloomberg, Apex Securities

# **Market Ends Mixed Amid Lack of Catalysts**

### **Market Review & Outlook**

Malaysia Market Review: The FBM KLCI (-0.5%) fell for a fourth consecutive session on Tuesday, pressured by continued selling in index heavyweights amid absence of fresh catalysts. In contrast, lower liners closed mixed. Energy (+1.0%) and Transportation & Logistics (+0.4%) sectors led the gainers, while Plantation (-0.6%) and Consumer Products & Services (-0.6%) sectors topped the laggards.

**Global Markets Review:** Wall Street slipped on Tuesday as optimism from the earlier tariff deescalation between US and China began to fade. All three major indices posted modest losses, with growing concerns that investor relief over easing trade tensions and cooling US inflation may be misplaced. In contrast, European markets ended the trading session at near nine-week highs, supported by strength in utilities and telecommunication stocks. The pan-European Stoxx 600 index ended the day 0.7% higher. Asian markets posted gains as China cut its key lending rate by 10 basis points in a move to boost its economy. Hong Kong's Hang Seng Index surged 1.5%, Japan's Nikkei 225 rose 0.1%, while South Korea's Kospi closed the day flat.

Market Outlook: With optimism from the temporary tariff cuts between the world's two largest economy starting to fade, the local bourse has entered a consolidation phase in recent sessions. Despite lingering concerns over long-term fiscal sustainability and the looming US debt timebomb, we anticipate some bargain hunting activities to emerge. Investors will now shift their attention to the upcoming local corporate earnings season, which could offer fresh catalyst. We see more trade deals from the US as key to keeping the stock market comeback going.

**Sector focus.** The Energy sector may see renewed investor interest, supported by the recent rebounds in Brent crude oil prices amid news that Israel is preparing a strike on Iranian nuclear facilities.

### FBMKLCI Technical Outlook



Source: Bloomberg

**Technical Commentary**: The FBM KLCI retreated for the fourth consecutive session as the key index drift further away from the SMA200 level. Indicators, however, remained positive with the MACD Line hovered above the Signal Line, while the RSI steadied above 50. A potential consolidation may take precedence over the interim. Technically, the immediate resistance is located at 1,600. Support is envisaged around 1,530.



### **Company News** (source: various)

**Eversendai Corp Bhd** has won RM1.3 billion in new contracts for projects in the United Arab Emirates (UAE), India and Singapore, including a major renewable energy infrastructure job in Germany through a subcontract.

**Petronas Chemicals Group Bhd** reported a net loss of RM18 million for the first quarter ended March 31, 2025 (1QFY2025) on lower sales margins, supply problems at Pengerang Petrochemicals Company Sdn Bhd (PPC), foreign exchange losses and rising costs.

**Sunway Construction Group Bhd** reported a more than twofold increase in first quarter net profit, driven by strong performance from its construction segment. Meanwhile, the group also announced that it has secured a RM260 million contract for the third and final phase of a data centre development project located in Johor.

**Sports Toto Bhd** posted a 54.3% year-on-year rise in net profit for its third quarter, thanks to the surge of punters that tried their luck for the Supreme 6/58 jackpot.

**MyEG Services Bhd** posted a 16.5% year-on-year rise in net profit for the first quarter, underpinned by contributions from its Zetrix blockchain platform.

**Aeon Co (M) Bhd's** net profit rose 18.7% to RM68.1 million for the first quarter ended March 31, 2025 from RM57.39 million a year earlier, driven by the Aidilfitri and Chinese New Year spending boost.

Sabah-based planter **TSH Resources Bhd's** first-quarter net profit surged 140% from a year earlier, thanks to higher palm product prices and improved segmental contribution, coupled with lower finance costs.

**Pekat Group Bhd's** net profit for the quarter ended March 31, 2025 (1QFY2025) was three times higher at RM12.06 million, versus RM3.78 million a year ago, backed by higher revenue, mainly from its solar division.

**Velesto Energy Bhd** has won a major drilling contract in Vietnam for over 40 wells, with operations to begin in the first half of 2026.

**Samaiden Group Bhd's** wholly-owned subsidiary, Samaiden Sdn Bhd, has secured a RM45 million job from PAXS Renewable Sdn Bhd for works at a 9.99MWac large-scale solar photovoltaic power plant in Kedah.

**Duopharma Biotech Bhd's** wholly-owned subsidiary Duopharma Marketing Sdn Bhd (DMktg) and India Biocon Ltd's local unit Biocon Sdn Bhd have secured a six-month contract extension from the Ministry of Health (MOH) for the supply of insulin to public hospitals.

Trading in the shares of **Sarawak Cable Bhd** will be suspended on May 28, with the stock possibly delisted two days after on May 30, subject to an appeal being filed. This comes after it failed to obtain more time to submit a plan to regularise its Practice Note 17 (PN17) status, said Bursa Securities.

**Annum Bhd's** trading in its shares will be suspended from May 28, after Bursa Securities rejected its extension request to submit a regularisation plan. The PN17 company will also be delisted on May 30, unless an appeal is submitted to the regulator by May 27.



# **Weekly Corporate Actions**

Company	Corporate Actions	Entitlement (RM)	Ex-Date	Last Price (RM)	Dividend Yield
Ppb Group Bhd	Final	0.3	19/5/2025	12.40	2.4%
Osk Holdings Bhd	Final	0.05	19/5/2025	1.80	2.8%
Crest Group Bhd	Interim	0.0038	20/5/2025	0.23	1.7%
Yx Precious Metals Bhd	Final	0.003	23/5/2025	0.22	1.4%

# **Weekly Economic Highlights**

Date	Country	Key Events
Wednesday, 21 May, 2025	UK	Inflation Rate
Thursday, 22 May, 2025	JP	Machinery Orders
	MY	Inflation Rate
	US	Existing Home Sales
Friday, 23 May, 2025	JP	Inflation Rate
	UK	Retail Sales
	US	New Home Sales

Source: TradingEconomics, Apex Securities



## **Futures Markets**

FKLI	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep
Change	-6	-6	-6	-3
Open	1,555	1,554	1,539	1,547
High	1,561	1,560	1,545	1,550
Low	1,545	1,545	1,531	1,539
Settle	1,548	1,547	1,532	1,540
Volume	4,540	250	93	53
Open Interest	31,298	2,595	756	322

Source: Apex Securities, Bloomberg

FCP0	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep
Change	28	25	26	20
Open	3,893	3,890	3,876	3,864
High	3,958	3,952	3,940	3,929
Low	3,876	3,872	3,861	3,853
Settle	3,920	3,922	3,908	3,897
Volume	2,077	13,068	32,570	13,583
Open Interest	11,305	49,839	52,272	33,688

Source: Apex Securities, Bloomberg

## **Top Active Stocks By Market Participants**

LOCAL			FOREIGN		
Stocks	Value (RM)	Price (RM)	Stocks	Value (RM)	Price (RM)
GAMUDA	93478771	4.520	MAYBANK	111913907	10.040
TENAGA	76987186	14.140	CIMB	110804676	7.040
RHBBANK	52123007	6.710	TENAGA	105418340	14.140
TANCO	51307994	0.955	GAMUDA	78078087	4.520
PBBANK	45958395	4.520	PBBANK	74813644	4.520
CIMB	44750403	7.040	RHBBANK	50697187	6.710
MAYBANK	43968550	10.040	IHH	50175922	6.950
NATGATE	43869597	1.610	TM	49882553	6.850
IHH	38522352	6.950	YTLPOWR	37567164	3.530
PCHEM	35745905	3.720	MRDIY	37436573	1.550

RETAIL			INSTITUTION		
Stocks	Value (RM)	Price (RM)	Stocks	Value (RM)	Price (RM)
TANCO	47667957	0.955	TENAGA	177162500	14.140
NATGATE	31000891	1.610	GAMUDA	156576088	4.520
TANCO-WC	13419667	0.820	MAYBANK	142265788	10.040
NEXG	13259804	0.380	CIMB	141299647	7.040
SDCG	12188925	0.525	PBBANK	112732195	4.520
RL	12030454	0.355	RHBBANK	97829602	6.710
YTL	9632136	2.100	IHH	88260577	6.950
PEOPLE	9351978	0.265	TM	82588978	6.850
CIMB	8978163	7.040	SUNWAY	64293832	4.790
GAMUDA	8013660	4.520	MISC	56019176	7.660

Source: DiBots

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#### Recommendation Framework:

 ${\bf BUY:}$  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.

#### **ESG Rating Framework:**

\*\*\*\* : Appraised with 3% premium to fundamental fair value

\*\*\* : Appraised with 1% premium to fundamental fair value

\*\*\*: Appraised with 0% premium/discount to fundamental fair value

\*\* : Appraised with -1% discount to fundamental fair value

★: Appraised with -5% discount to fundamental fair value

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