Daily Highlights

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Market Scorecard

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|----------------------------|-----------|----------------|-------------|--|--|--|
| Global Markets | Close | Change | 5-Day Trend | | | |
| Dow Jones | 45,010.29 | 1.14% | • | | | |
| S&P 500 | 6,358.91 | 0.78% | • | | | |
| Nasdaq | 21,020.02 | 0.61% | • | | | |
| FTSE 100 | 9,061.49 | 0.42% | • | | | |
| Nikkei 225 | 41,171.32 | 3.51% | •••• | | | |
| Shanghai Composite | 3,582.30 | 0.01% | | | | |
| Shenzhen | 11,059.04 | -0.37% | | | | |
| Hang Seng | 25,538.07 | 1.62% | - | | | |
| SET | 1,219.62 | 2.34% | ~~ | | | |
| JCI | 7,469.23 | 1.70% | | | | |
| Malaysia Markets | | | | | | |
| FBM KLCI | 1,529.79 | 0.68% | - | | | |
| FBM Top 100 | 11,254.16 | 0.65% | | | | |
| FBM Small Cap | 15,752.08 | 0.78% | - | | | |
| FBM ACE | 4,665.05 | 0.87% | ~~ | | | |
| Bursa Sector Performance | | | | | | |
| Consumer | 483.58 | 0.71% | - | | | |
| Industrial Products | 155.43 | 0.90% | ~~ | | | |
| Construction | 313.91 | 0.24% | / | | | |
| Technology | 52.34 | 1.51% | - | | | |
| Finance | 17,430.25 | 0.69% | | | | |
| Property | 1,051.24 | -0[19% | / | | | |
| Plantation | 7,411.44 | 0.21% | - | | | |
| REIT | 930.59 | -0.06% | \sim | | | |
| Energy | 743.18 | 0.41% | | | | |
| Healthcare | 1,683.62 | 0.78% | · · · · | | | |
| Telecommunications & Media | 494.79 | 0.21% | - | | | |
| Transportation & Logistics | 979.82 | 0.16% | - | | | |
| Utilities | 1,716.01 | 0.77% | ~ | | | |
| Trading Activities | | | | | | |
| Trading Volume (m) | 3,271.29 | 16.1% | | | | |
| Trading Value (RM m) | 2,248.13 | 9.7% | | | | |
| Trading Participants | Change | | | | | |
| Local Institution | -61.12 | 43.34% | | | | |
| Retail | -36.14 | 17.82% | = | | | |
| Foreign | 97.26 | 38.85% | | | | |
| Market Breadth | No. of | | | | | |
| Market breautii | stocks | | 5-Day Trend | | | |
| Advancers | 633 | 62.5% | - | | | |
| Decliners | 380 | 37.5% | - | | | |
| Commodities | | | | | | |
| FKLI (Futures) | 1,534.00 | 0.95% | | | | |
| 3M CPO (Futures) | 4,315.00 | 1.24% | 1 | | | |
| Rubber (RM/kg) | 730.50 | -1. 68% | | | | |
| Brent Oil (USD/bbl) | 68.36 | - 4 45% | - | | | |
| Gold (USD/oz) | 3,422.78 | 1.05% | | | | |
| Forex | | | | | | |
| USD/MYR | 4.2277 | -0114% | | | | |
| SGD/MYR | 3.3090 | 0.15% | | | | |
| CNY/MYR | 0.5905 | 0.00% | - | | | |
| JPY/MYR | 2.8877 | 0.63% | | | | |
| EUR/MYR | 4.9617 | 0.13% | | | | |
| GBP/MYR | 5.7270 | 0.26% | مسهمه | | | |

Source: Bloomberg, Apex Securities

Spirits Lifted, Investors Rejoice

Market Review & Outlook

Malaysia Market Review: The FBM KLCI snapped a two-days losing streak to end on a strong note. Investors turned optimistic as regional trade deals in the Philippines and Japan raised hopes that Putrajaya will soon be able to reach a constructive agreement with Washington. Market sentiment was also boosted as Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim announced a one-time RM100 National Day cash handout. Gains were broad-based, led by the Technology sector (+1.5%), while small caps rallied on bargain hunting interests. Local institutional investors registered their fourth consecutive net outflows as foreign investors returned.

Global Markets Review: The S&P 500 marked its 3rd straight record close with a stellar +0.8% performance, while the Dow ended the session at a blistering +1.1%, inching closer to its all-time high. Trade deal optimism was further boosted after the Financial Times reported that the US and EU were nearing a 15% tariff agreement, similar to the one struck with Japan. In Europe, major indices reversed their recent declines to close higher in tandem with Wall Street. Asian markets rallied broadly as Japan's 15% tariff agreement sparked confidence of easing trade tensions.

Market Outlook: We expect some short-term positive momentum following the recent announcement of fiscal stimulus measures and positive development on the regional tariff negotiations. While the proposed reduction of subsidised RON95 prices came as a positive surprise, the final details will only be announced in late September. All eyes will be on the progress of ongoing trade talks in hopes that Malaysia is able to secure a favourable deal with Trump ahead of the 1 August deadline. Any positive development could trigger bargain-hunting interest in export-oriented sectors such as rubber gloves and technology.

Sector focus. Consumer sector may see continued interest, supported by government cash handouts and the reduction of RON95 prices, which could boost consumer's disposable income. We also continue to see merit in selectively accumulating domestic-focused power ancillary and renewable energy players, which stand to benefit from structural growth drivers such as data centre expansion and the energy transition—trends we expect to remain resilient despite global trade uncertainties.

FBMKLCI Technical Outlook



Source: Bloomberg

Technical Commentary: The FBM KLCI charged sharply higher and formed a bullish engulfing candle as the key index advanced above the SMA50 level. Indicators remained negative with the MACD Line hovering below the Signal Line, while the RSI stayed below 50. Immediate resistance is located at 1,550, followed by 1,580. Support is envisaged around 1,500.

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Company News (source: various)

Tan Sri Liew Kee Sin, executive chairman of **Eco World Development Group Bhd**, disposed of 100 million shares — representing a 3.36% stake — over two days, for an estimated RM190 million.

CapitaLand Malaysia Trust raised RM250 million via a private placement of 409.8 million new units at 61 sen each, representing a 6.9% discount to the market price.

UOA Real Estate Investment Trust reported an 8.9% increase in net rental income to RM17.96 million in 2QFY2025, driven by improved occupancies. It declared a higher interim distribution of 3.03 sen per unit, up from 2.9 sen.

AME Real Estate Investment Trust posted an 11.5% rise in net property income to RM12.74 million in 1QFY2026, driven by new acquisitions and higher rental renewals.

Infomina Bhd posted its first quarterly loss since listing, with a RM3.14 million net loss in 4QFY2025 due to a one-off RM10 million provision for doubtful debts.

IHH Healthcare Bhd is consolidating its India hospital operations by integrating Fortis Healthcare Ltd and Gleneagles Healthcare India Pvt Ltd.

TT Vision Holdings Bhd signed a 60-year lease agreement with Penang Development Corporation for a 3.6-acre plot in Bayan Lepas Industrial Park, valued at RM25.1 million.

Evergreen Max Cash Capital Bhd secured RM40 million in funding through the issuance of Islamic redeemable convertible preference shares (RCPS-i) to DPK Private Equity Sdn Bhd.

HI Mobility Bhd denied media claims of salary reductions for its cross-border bus drivers, stating all payments were made in full, in line with employment contracts and statutory regulations.

Sentoria Group Bhd has reached a settlement with former CEO Datuk Loh Yuen Tuck in the Industrial Court.



Weekly Corporate Actions

| Company | Corporate Actions | Entitlement (RM) | Ex-Date | Last Price (RM) | Dividend Yield |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|-----------|--------------------|-------------------|
| United Malacca Bhd | Special Cash | 0.06 | 24/7/2025 | 5.32 | 1.1% |
| United Malacca Bhd | Interim | 0.07 | 24/7/2025 | 5.32 | 1.3% |
| Advance Synergy Bhd | Final | 0.0005 | 24/7/2025 | 0.07 | 0.8% |
| Metrod Holdings Bhd | Final | 0.06 | 24/7/2025 | 1.32 | 4.5% |
| Superlon Holdings Bhd | Interim | 0.0075 | 25/7/2025 | 0.81 | 0.9% |
| Source: Bloomberg, Apex Secur | ities | | | | |

Weekly Economic Highlights

| Date | Time | Country | Key Events |
|--------------------------|---------|---------|--|
| Monday, 21 July, 2025 | 9.15AM | CN | Loan Prime Rate |
| Tuesday, 22 July, 2025 | 12.00PM | MY | Inflation Rate |
| | 8.30PM | US | Fed Chair Powell Speech |
| Wednesday, 23 July, 2025 | 1.00AM | EU | ECB President Lagarde Speech |
| | 10.00PM | US | Existing Home Sales |
| Thursday, 24 July, 2025 | 8.15PM | EU | European Central Bank's Interest Rate Decision |
| | 10.00PM | US | New Home Sales |

Source: TradingEconomics, Apex Securities



Futures Markets

| FKLI | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov |
|---------------|--------|-------|-------|-------|
| Change | 15 | 15 | 15 | 14 |
| Open | 1,520 | 1,516 | 1,498 | 1,502 |
| High | 1,534 | 1,531 | 1,512 | 1,514 |
| Low | 1,517 | 1,515 | 1,497 | 1,499 |
| Settle | 1,534 | 1,531 | 1,512 | 1,514 |
| Volume | 3,460 | 277 | 59 | 18 |
| Open Interest | 31,214 | 2,487 | 1,549 | 417 |

Source: Apex Securities, Bloomberg

| FCPO | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov |
|---------------|-------|--------|--------|--------|
| Change | 48 | 54 | 53 | 49 |
| Open | 4,181 | 4,233 | 4,252 | 4,260 |
| High | 4,260 | 4,312 | 4,334 | 4,340 |
| Low | 4,172 | 4,217 | 4,235 | 4,244 |
| Settle | 4,244 | 4,298 | 4,315 | 4,320 |
| Volume | 1,096 | 5,137 | 34,454 | 12,125 |
| Open Interest | 6,400 | 36,482 | 62,700 | 31,187 |

Source: Apex Securities, Bloomberg

Top Active Stocks By Market Participants

| LOCAL | | | FOREIGN | | |
|---------|------------|------------|----------|------------|------------|
| Stocks | Value (RM) | Price (RM) | Stocks | Value (RM) | Price (RM) |
| TANCO | 103606347 | 0.915 | MAYBANK | 164783534 | 9.590 |
| MAYBANK | 80247752 | 9.590 | TENAGA | 150722658 | 13.940 |
| SUNCON | 68528263 | 5.340 | GAMUDA | 80057188 | 5.230 |
| TENAGA | 68195410 | 13.940 | PBBANK | 73051504 | 4.290 |
| IHH | 62358633 | 6.620 | HSI-CWGX | 51869663 | 0.260 |
| 99SMART | 60277732 | 2.340 | CIMB | 49537281 | 6.670 |
| NEXG | 52143313 | 0.520 | RHBBANK | 49118875 | 6.250 |
| MISC | 42709270 | 7.550 | HSI-PWHI | 43525580 | 0.205 |
| CIMB | 41420957 | 6.670 | SUNCON | 35898579 | 5.340 |
| ECOSHOP | 37420890 | 1.350 | AEON | 29598069 | 1.400 |

| | RETAIL | | | INSTITUTION | |
|---------|------------|------------|----------|-------------|------------|
| Stocks | Value (RM) | Price (RM) | Stocks | Value (RM) | Price (RM) |
| TANCO | 94188935 | 0.915 | MAYBANK | 224174109 | 9.590 |
| NEXG | 29758263 | 0.520 | TENAGA | 210232530 | 13.940 |
| 99SMART | 23187878 | 2.340 | GAMUDA | 102195973 | 5.230 |
| ECOSHOP | 19797502 | 1.350 | PBBANK | 89415382 | 4.290 |
| SUNCON | 19083770 | 5.340 | IHH | 85145931 | 6.620 |
| NATGATE | 16356727 | 1.540 | CIMB | 72555579 | 6.670 |
| TCHONG | 15963135 | 0.875 | MISC | 68469346 | 7.550 |
| CGB | 12824841 | 0.900 | SUNCON | 67722427 | 5.340 |
| EKOVEST | 11358192 | 0.395 | RHBBANK | 53570943 | 6.250 |
| MAYBANK | 11270760 | 9.590 | HSI-CWGX | 51869663 | 0.260 |

Source: DiBots

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Recommendation Framework:

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.

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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