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Market Scorecard

Global Markets	Close	Change	5-Day Trend
Dow Jones	48,442.41	0.16%	
S&P 500	6,909.79	0.16%	
Nasdaq	23,561.84	0.37%	
FTSE 100	9,889.22	0.24%	
Nikkei 225	50,412.87	0.02%	
Shanghai Composite	3,919.98	0.07%	
Shenzhen	13,368.99	0.27%	
Hang Seng	25,774.14	-0.11%	
SET	1,271.11	0.11%	
JCI	8,584.78	-0.71%	
Malaysia Markets			
FBM KLCI	1,676.64	0.32%	
FBM Top 100	12,100.48	0.32%	
FBM Small Cap	15,850.80	0.16%	
FBM ACE	4,832.44	0.14%	
Bursa Sector Performance			
Consumer	537.53	0.32%	
Industrial Products	173.34	0.41%	
Construction	299.25	-0.22%	
Technology	56.92	0.30%	
Finance	19,665.52	0.22%	
Property	1,068.45	0.31%	
Plantation	8,234.28	-0.03%	
REIT	941.91	0.20%	
Energy	766.18	0.00%	
Healthcare	1,543.20	-0.17%	
Telecommunications & Media	471.50	0.03%	
Transportation & Logistics	1,009.16	-0.65%	
Utilities	1,648.42	0.56%	
Trading Activities			
Trading Volume (m)	1,966.82	-16.7%	
Trading Value (RM m)	1,811.76	-8.8%	
Trading Participants	Change		
Local Institution	160.03	42.96%	
Retail	-61.48	20.10%	
Foreign	-98.56	36.94%	
Market Breadth	No. of stocks	5-Day Trend	
Advancers	462	48.7%	
Decliners	487	51.3%	
Commodities			
FKLI (Futures)	1,673.50	-0.36%	
3M CPO (Futures)	4,036.00	1.23%	
Brent Oil (USD/bbl)	62.45	0.34%	
Gold (USD/oz)	4,484.38	1.72%	
Forex			
USD/MYR	4.0640	-0.36%	
SGD/MYR	3.1627	0.08%	
CNY/MYR	0.5796	-0.23%	
JPY/MYR	2.6064	0.58%	
EUR/MYR	4.7923	0.17%	
GBP/MYR	5.4885	0.25%	

Source: Bloomberg, Apex Securities

KLCI Advances as Global Markets Stay Firm

Market Review & Outlook

Malaysia Market Review: The FBM KLCI closed 0.3% higher to register a fourth straight day of gains, with lower liners mirroring the performance. Market breadth turned marginally negative with 487 decliners edging out 462 advancers as foreign investors remained net sellers. Sector wise, Property (+0.6%), Utilities (+0.6%) and Industrial Products (+0.4%) led gains, while Transportation and Logistics (-0.7%) and Construction (-0.2%) were the main laggards.

Global Markets Review: Wall Street extended its upward momentum overnight, led by a 0.6% gain in the Nasdaq, while the S&P and Dow Jones rose 0.5% and 0.2% respectively. The rally was underpinned by stronger-than-expected macro data, with the US economy expanding at an annualised 4.3% in 3Q25, its fastest pace in two years, reflecting resilient consumer spending and the rollback of some of the earlier tariffs. That said, sentiment indicators were less supportive, as the Conference Board reported a further decline in US Consumer Confidence in December, signalling rising concerns over employment and income prospects. Meanwhile, European shares gained with the STOXX 600 up 0.3%, lifted largely by the pharmaceuticals sector as Novo Nordisk received FDA approval for its obesity pill. Asian equities were mixed, with the Shenzhen Composite Index rising 0.3%, the SET gaining 0.1% and the Nikkei ending flat, as the US delays the announcement of China chip tariffs until June 2027.

Market Outlook. We expect the local bourse to remain on a positive trajectory, supported by improved global sentiment following strong US GDP data. While the FBM KLCI has shown resilience, the softer performance across the broader market suggests investors remain selective. Investors will keep a keen eye on US initial jobless claims later today for further indications of the Fed's policy direction. Buying interest in Malaysian equities is likely to be supported by year-end institutional rebalancing and selective accumulation in heavyweight and domestically oriented stocks.

Sector focus. We remain positive on selective power-ancillary and renewable energy names, supported by long-term energy transition trends that underpin earnings resilience and continue to attract investor rotation amid heightened global trade uncertainty. In addition, improving global tech sentiment has helped stabilise the AI theme, which could provide a near-term sentiment tailwind for selected local technology and AI related stocks.

FBMKLCI Technical Outlook



Source: Bloomberg

Technical Commentary: The FBM KLCI continued on its uptrend after late session gains, testing its immediate resistance while holding above all major EMAs. Indicators remained positive, with the MACD line trading above the signal line and the RSI remaining above 50. The next resistance is located at 1,680, while support is envisaged around 1,640.

Company News *(source: various)*

PETRONAS Gas Bhd said it will prepay up to US\$173.64 million (RM705.67 million) in cash for jetty usage fees at its Pengerang liquefied natural gas (LNG) terminal, covering the remaining 18 years of the contract period.

Citaglobal Bhd said its consortium has secured **Tenaga Nasional Bhd** as the long-term off-taker for a 200-megawatt solar project at Chereh Dam in Pahang.

Tanco Holdings Bhd has entered into a joint-venture agreement with China-backed construction firm CNECC Engineering (Malaysia) Sdn Bhd (CEMSB) to jointly bid for logistics warehouse and mega-storage construction projects.

Clean energy player **Solarvest Holdings Bhd** is acquiring a 22% stake in ACE Market-listed **Solar District Cooling Group Bhd** from its controlling shareholders, managing director Kong Kam Onn and his wife, executive director Liuk Ing Hong, for RM41.96 million in cash.

Automotive solutions provider **EP Manufacturing Bhd** has cancelled plans to jointly develop a 30-storey commercial project in Kota Kinabalu after the project's turnkey contractor, Bina Puri Properties Sdn Bhd — a wholly-owned subsidiary of **Bina Puri Holdings Bhd** — was wound up.

Jasa Kita Bhd said it has entered into a deal with the spouse of its recently appointed executive chairman, Datuk Yasmin Mahmood, to acquire a 55% stake in a firm that owns a parcel of industrial land in Pahang, in a transaction valued at RM38.34 million.

Agrochemical company **Hextar Global Bhd** is acquiring three fertiliser-related companies in a RM120 million related-party cash transaction to strengthen and expand its agriculture business.

ITMAX System Bhd has won a RM42 million contract from the Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL) to operate and maintain a smart traffic light system in the city for three years.

Johor Plantations Group Bhd is acquiring the remaining 45% stake in JPG Greenergy Ventures from MTC Orec Sdn Bhd, giving it full ownership of the bioenergy company.

CBH Engineering Holding Bhd has secured two contracts worth a total of RM130 million for electrical works to extend a 275-kilovolt consumer landing station at a data centre.

Kedah-based healthcare services provider **PMCK Bhd** reported a net profit of RM5.83 million for its second quarter ended Oct 31, 2025 (2QFY2026), on revenue of RM25.42 million.

Kimlun Corp Bhd has secured three construction contracts in Johor through its wholly-owned subsidiary, Kimlun Sdn Bhd, with a combined value of RM617.73 million.

UOA Real Estate Investment Trust has postponed its unitholders' meeting, which was scheduled for Wednesday, after unitholders passed a motion to adjourn.

Weekly Corporate Actions

Company	Corporate Actions	Entitlement (RM)	Ex-Date	Last Price (RM)	Dividend Yield
Power Root Bhd	Interim	0.012	22/12/2025	125	10%
Mkh Bhd	Interim	0.03	22/12/2025	105	2.9%
Elk-Desa Resources	Interim	0.02	22/12/2025	113	18%
Excel Force Msc Bhd	Final	0.005	22/12/2025	0.21	2.4%
Uoa Real Estate Investment	Distribution	0.0392	23/12/2025	0.86	4.6%
Kuchai Development Bhd	Special Cash	0.448	23/12/2025	0.46	98.5%
Eco World Development Group	Final	0.02	24/12/2025	2.10	10%
Formosa Prosonic Inds Bhd	Special Cash	0.8	24/12/2025	197	40.6%
Hibiscus Petroleum Bhd	Interim	0.02	26/12/2025	149	13%

Source: Bloomberg, Apex Securities

Weekly Economic Highlights

Date	Country	Key Events
Monday, 22 December, 2025	MY	Inflation Rate
	CN	Loan Prime Rate
	UK	Q3 2025 GDP Growth Rate (Final)
Tuesday, 23 December, 2025	US	Durable Goods Orders
	US	Q3 2025 GDP Growth Rate (2nd Estimate)
	US	Industrial Production
	US	CB Consumer Confidence
Wednesday, 24 December, 2025	JP	BOJ Minutes
	US	Initial Jobless Claims
Friday, 26 December, 2025	JP	Unemployment Rate
	JP	Industrial Production (Preliminary)
22 December-26 December 2025	CN	National People's Congress Standing Committee

Source: TradingEconomics, Apex Securities

Top Active Stocks by Market Participants

LOCAL			FOREIGN		
Stocks	Value (RM)	Price (RM)	Stocks	Value (RM)	Price (RM)
TANCO	117044175	1.150	MAYBANK	132276465	10.540
MAYBANK	96890772	10.540	TENAGA	84852960	13.660
TENAGA	69220848	13.660	PMETAL	73500816	7.150
CIMB	66141287	8.180	CIMB	57207164	8.180
GAMUDA	54210043	4.970	TM	46831709	7.950
ZETRIX	54155475	0.815	IHH	40396655	8.620
IHH	47005841	8.620	AMBANK	32867401	6.410
PHARMA	44896438	0.295	PBBANK	32390280	4.520
PMETAL	41558940	7.150	GAMUDA	31652665	4.970
HLBANK	40365925	22.240	MRDIY	27787863	1.510

RETAIL			INSTITUTION		
Stocks	Value (RM)	Price (RM)	Stocks	Value (RM)	Price (RM)
TANCO	114882406	1.150	MAYBANK	184857086	10.540
ZETRIX	40507009	0.815	TENAGA	139018626	13.660
PHARMA	36333662	0.295	PMETAL	108743022	7.150
MAYBANK	23166732	10.540	CIMB	108035247	8.180
MEGAFB	18999638	0.780	IHH	86856552	8.620
CIMB	12245004	8.180	SDG	61846469	5.550
VS	11554883	0.505	GAMUDA	60537717	4.970
YEWLEE	11027076	0.415	TM	58731028	7.950
GAMUDA	10172447	4.970	HLBANK	58628037	22.240
SDCG	10122681	0.585	AMBANK	55553280	6.410

Source: DiBots

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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(a) nil.
