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Market Scorecard

| | Close | Change | 5-Day Trend |
|----------------------------|-----------|--------|-------------|
| Global Markets | | | |
| Dow Jones | 49,015.60 | +0.02% | ↑↑↑↑↑ |
| S&P 500 | 6,978.03 | -0.01% | ↑↑↑↑↑ |
| Nasdaq | 23,857.45 | +0.17% | ↑↑↑↑↑ |
| FTSE 100 | 10,154.43 | -0.52% | ↑↑↑↑↑ |
| Nikkei 225 | 53,358.71 | +0.05% | ↑↑↑↑↑ |
| Shanghai Composite | 4,151.24 | +0.27% | ↑↑↑↑↑ |
| Shenzhen | 14,342.89 | +0.09% | ↑↑↑↑↑ |
| Hang Seng | 27,826.91 | +2.55% | ↑↑↑↑↑ |
| SET | 1,338.90 | +0.33% | ↑↑↑↑↑ |
| JCI | 8,320.56 | -7.85% | ↓↓↓↓↓ |
| Malaysia Markets | | | |
| FBM KLCI | 1,756.49 | +0.83% | ↑↑↑↑↑ |
| FBM Top 100 | 12,657.18 | +0.84% | ↑↑↑↑↑ |
| FBM Small Cap | 16,126.11 | +1.26% | ↑↑↑↑↑ |
| FBM ACE | 4,746.76 | -1.84% | ↓↓↓↓↓ |
| Bursa Sector Performance | | | |
| Consumer | 560.58 | -0.66% | ↓↓↓↓↓ |
| Industrial Products | 178.01 | -1.07% | ↓↓↓↓↓ |
| Construction | 298.53 | +1.47% | ↑↑↑↑↑ |
| Technology | 56.73 | -2.37% | ↓↓↓↓↓ |
| Finance | 21,507.68 | -0.95% | ↑↑↑↑↑ |
| Property | 1,162.28 | -0.94% | ↑↑↑↑↑ |
| Plantation | 8,444.78 | +0.08% | ↑↑↑↑↑ |
| REIT | 986.91 | -0.05% | ↑↑↑↑↑ |
| Energy | 757.43 | -1.44% | ↓↓↓↓↓ |
| Healthcare | 1,528.68 | +1.95% | ↑↑↑↑↑ |
| Telecommunications & Media | 460.27 | -0.48% | ↑↑↑↑↑ |
| Transportation & Logistics | 1,025.30 | +0.33% | ↑↑↑↑↑ |
| Utilities | 1,671.46 | -1.29% | ↓↓↓↓↓ |
| Trading Activities | | | |
| Trading Volume (m) | 3,653.22 | 1.0% | ↑↑↑↑↑ |
| Trading Value (RM m) | 4,413.72 | -1.3% | ↓↓↓↓↓ |
| Trading Participants | | | |
| Local Institution | 66.24 | 45.74% | ↑↑↑↑↑ |
| Retail | 38.93 | 15.73% | ↓↓↓↓↓ |
| Foreign | -105.16 | 38.53% | ↑↑↑↑↑ |
| Market Breadth | | | |
| Advancers | 417 | 33.0% | ↑↑↑↑↑ |
| Decliners | 846 | 67.0% | ↑↑↑↑↑ |
| Commodities | | | |
| FKLI (Futures) | 1,755.50 | -0.93% | ↓↓↓↓↓ |
| 3M CPO (Futures) | 4,272.00 | +0.83% | ↑↑↑↑↑ |
| Brent Oil (USD/bbl) | 68.68 | +1.25% | ↑↑↑↑↑ |
| Gold (USD/oz) | 5,270.14 | +3.61% | ↑↑↑↑↑ |
| Forex | | | |
| USD/MYR | 3.9205 | -0.81% | ↓↓↓↓↓ |
| SGD/MYR | 3.1099 | -0.32% | ↓↓↓↓↓ |
| CNY/MYR | 0.5684 | -0.69% | ↓↓↓↓↓ |
| JPY/MYR | 2.5696 | -0.05% | ↑↑↑↑↑ |
| EUR/MYR | 4.6999 | 0.00% | ↑↑↑↑↑ |
| GBP/MYR | 5.4051 | -0.20% | ↓↓↓↓↓ |

Source: Bloomberg, Apex Securities

Risk Rotation

Market Review & Outlook

Malaysia Market Review: The FBM KLCI retreated on Wednesday, easing 0.83% to close at 1,756.49, as investors engaged in profit-taking following a 4.25% cumulative gain over the past five sessions, ahead of the US Federal Reserve's policy decision. Most sectors closed lower, led by Technology (-2.37%) and Energy (-1.44%), while Healthcare (+1.95%) emerged as the biggest gainer for the day.

Global Markets. Wall Street closed mixed overnight, with the S&P 500 edging lower (-0.01%) from record highs and the Dow Jones flat (+0.02%), as investors digested the Fed's decision to keep rates unchanged and awaited guidance from Chair Jerome Powell. In contrast, the Nasdaq rose 0.17%, supported by AI-led tech strength ahead of key megacap earnings, while gold climbed to fresh record highs amid dollar weakness and expectations of future rate cuts. In Europe, the STOXX Europe 600 fell 0.75%, snapping a two-day winning streak. Asian equities closed mixed, with South Korea hitting a fresh record high on strong gains in chip and battery stocks and improved trade sentiment, while China and Hong Kong advanced on firmer commodity and energy prices. Japan was mixed, weighed by a stronger yen and selective sector selling.

Market Outlook. We expect the FBM KLCI to trade with a positive bias, supported by regional fund rotation as outflows from Indonesia reallocate into alternative ASEAN markets, with Malaysia emerging as a key beneficiary given its clearer regulatory framework. While foreign investors were net sellers in the previous session, selling pressure has moderated, with foreign flows turning positive over the past three weeks, a marked improvement from RM22.3bn net outflows in 2025. We believe this trend is likely to continue, supported by stronger market transparency, earnings growth expectations and valuations below historical levels. That said, sentiment may remain measured as investors await Fed Chair Jerome Powell's guidance on the timing of future rate cuts. While AI-led strength in US technology stocks and record gold prices point to expectations of eventual easing, markets are digesting Apple's earnings released overnight, which may influence broader global risk appetite and spill over into local market direction.

Sector focus. We like MYR-denominated Consumer Products and Services, supported by a strengthening ringgit that boosts domestic purchasing power. We also like utilities and renewable energy, underpinned by the ongoing clean energy transition and structural AI-driven demand for power infrastructure.

FBMKLCI Technical Outlook



Source: Bloomberg

Technical Commentary: The FBM KLCI formed another bullish candle and broke above the 1,770 resistances. Indicators remained positive, with the MACD line trading above the signal line while the RSI remained above 50. The next resistance is located at 1,750, while support is envisaged around 1,685.

Company News *(source: various)*

DXN Holdings Bhd reported a 30.2% YoY decline in 3QFY26 net profit to RM64.8m due to unfavourable currency translation from a stronger ringgit. Revenue fell 4.7% YoY, although underlying local-currency sales remained positive across key markets. A third interim dividend of 0.8 sen was declared.

CapitaLand Malaysia Trust plans acquisitions in Penang, Johor and the Klang Valley to raise its industrial and logistics exposure to 20% of AUM by 2028. Separately, 4QFY25 NPI rose 2.4% YoY to RM81.5m, supported by industrial assets and resilient retail performance, with a DPU of 1.27 sen declared.

IGB REIT posted a strong 4QFY25, with NPI surging 44.3% YoY to RM155.7m on higher rentals and contributions from Mid Valley Southkey Mall. A DPU of 2.97 sen was declared. Meanwhile, **IGB Commercial REIT** saw NPI rise 37.5% YoY to RM38.8m and declared a DPU of 1.10 sen.

Axis REIT recorded a 47% YoY jump in 4QFY25 net profit to RM133.9m, supported by resilient property income, and declared a quarterly DPU of 2.75 sen.

Chin Teck Plantations Bhd saw 1QFY26 net profit edge up 4.7% YoY to RM34.1m on firmer palm product prices, partly offset by higher costs. Total dividends declared for FY2026 to date stand at 20 sen.

GuocoLand (Malaysia) Bhd reported a 9.5% YoY decline in 2QFY26 net profit to RM6.7m, weighed by the absence of profit from completed projects despite stronger revenue.

BM Greentech Bhd secured RM71.8m worth of construction and supply contracts for a 36MWp solar plant with battery energy storage at KLIA Aeropolis.

Powerwell Holdings Bhd received a RM68.5m purchase order from a multinational data centre player for low-voltage switchgears, with delivery expected by 2Q2026.

Geohan Corp Bhd won two piling contracts worth RM32.2m from Sunway group units, marking its first expansion into Johor.

OCK Group Bhd entered a distributorship agreement with Japan's Fujikura Ltd from January 2026 to distribute optical fibre cable solutions.

Kinergy Advancement Bhd is selling a 49% stake in its Perlis gas turbine power project to B.Grimm Power for RM41.5m, subject to regulatory approvals.

Weekly Corporate Actions

| Company | Corporate Actions | Entitlement (RM) | Ex-Date | Last Price (RM) | Div |
|-------------------------|-------------------|------------------|-----------|-----------------|-----|
| Perak Transit Bhd | Interim | 0.0025 | 26/1/2026 | 0.27 | |
| Infomina Bhd | Interim | 0.0135 | 28/1/2026 | 1.45 | |
| Kuala Lumpur Kepong Bhd | Final | 0.4 | 29/1/2026 | 20.04 | |
| Batu Kawan Bhd | Final | 0.5 | 29/1/2026 | 20.20 | |
| Umedic Group Bhd | Interim | 0.003 | 29/1/2026 | 0.32 | |
| Tas Offshore Bhd | Interim | 0.02 | 29/1/2026 | 0.63 | |
| Amlex Holdings Bhd | Interim | 0.0012 | 29/1/2026 | 0.22 | |
| Allianz Malaysia Bhd | Interim | 0.895 | 30/1/2026 | 22.70 | |

Source: Bloomberg, Apex Securities

Weekly Economic Highlights

| Date | Country | Key Events |
|-----------------------------|---------|--|
| Monday, 26 January, 2026 | US | Durable Goods Orders |
| Tuesday, 27 January, 2026 | US | CB Consumer Confidence |
| Wednesday, 28 January, 2026 | EU | ECB President Lagarde Speech |
| | JP | BOJ Minutes |
| Thursday, 29 January, 2026 | US | Federal Reserve Interest Rate Decision |
| | EU | Economic Sentiment |
| | US | Balance of Trade |
| | US | Initial Jobless Claims |
| Friday, 30 January, 2026 | JP | Unemployment Rate |
| | JP | Industrial Production (Preliminary) |
| | EU | 4Q25 GDP Growth Rate (Flash) |
| | EU | Unemployment Rate |

Source: TradingEconomics, Apex Securities

Top Active Stocks by Market Participants

| LOCAL | | | FOREIGN | | |
|---------|------------|------------|---------|------------|------------|
| Stocks | Value (RM) | Price (RM) | Stocks | Value (RM) | Price (RM) |
| MAYBANK | 252517421 | 11.800 | MAYBANK | 509056918 | 11.800 |
| CIMB | 216122251 | 8.650 | CIMB | 261324511 | 8.650 |
| ISF | 206700492 | 0.480 | PMETAL | 176362204 | 7.740 |
| SDG | 189504997 | 5.800 | PBBANK | 166844056 | 4.950 |
| PBBANK | 187320146 | 4.950 | TENAGA | 161164128 | 14.080 |
| TANCO | 155005999 | 1.340 | GAMUDA | 121309018 | 4.600 |
| GAMUDA | 135725956 | 4.600 | HLBANK | 87616489 | 24.840 |
| PMETAL | 125025418 | 7.740 | IHH | 84771331 | 9.020 |
| TENAGA | 123027140 | 14.080 | SDG | 82643337 | 5.800 |
| HLBANK | 96720288 | 24.840 | MISC | 59850258 | 7.990 |

| RETAIL | | | INSTITUTION | | |
|----------|------------|------------|-------------|------------|------------|
| Stocks | Value (RM) | Price (RM) | Stocks | Value (RM) | Price (RM) |
| TANCO | 144279055 | 1.340 | MAYBANK | 700173950 | 11.800 |
| ISF | 105125560 | 0.480 | CIMB | 412369621 | 8.650 |
| AAX | 44760001 | 2.270 | PBBANK | 320097177 | 4.950 |
| MAYBANK | 40893509 | 11.800 | PMETAL | 290495897 | 7.740 |
| ZETRIX | 39223683 | 0.820 | TENAGA | 271192966 | 14.080 |
| CIMB | 350675564 | 8.650 | SDG | 270132505 | 5.800 |
| CAPITALA | 29926259 | 0.585 | GAMUDA | 206843146 | 4.600 |
| IAB | 29911812 | 1.900 | HLBANK | 176102077 | 24.840 |
| MEGAFB | 25779806 | 0.920 | IHH | 116510570 | 9.020 |
| GAMUDA | 25749444 | 4.600 | KPJ | 103510685 | 2.820 |

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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