



Daily Newswatch

Market Review

The FBM KLCI inched 0.1% higher on Tuesday to close at 1,614.2 points despite regional losses as investor remain cautious ahead of the FOMC meeting. Across the broader sector, Healthcare led the bourse gains, rising 1.1%, followed by Plantation and Industrial Products & Services gaining 0.8% and 0.7%. Petronas Chemicals emerged as the top performer adding 2.6%, followed by RHB Bank and 99 Speedmart gaining 2.1% and 1.7% respectively. Overall market breadth showed improvements from yesterday, with losers outnumbering gainers by 576 to 469, with 586 unchanged.

Asian stocks treaded lower on Tuesday, following bearish sentiment across the overnight global markets as investors remained cautious of the FOMC meeting this week. The Shanghai Composite trimmed 0.4% to 3,909.5 points, Taiwan's TAIEX dipped 0.4% to 28,182.6 points, the Hang Seng declined 1.3% to close at 25,434.2 points and the KOSPI inched 0.3% lower to 4,143.6 points. The mainland markets were weighed down from losses in the Materials, Real Estate and Energy sector, with declines by 1.9%, 1.7% and 1.1% respectively. Worst performers were RocKontrol Technology, down 13.4% and Jiangsu Biotechnology dropping 11.6%, with Metallurgical Corp, Anhui Gourgen Traffic Construction and Anhui Genuine New Materials suffering 10.0% losses respectively. Similarly in the Korean markets, defensive investors arose as the Korean Exchanged issued its second "investment caution" warning on SK Hynix, following its immense gains on the back of the AI surge. Losses were notable in SK Hynix (-1.91%), Samsung Electronics (-0.8%), LG Energy Solution (-1.8%), Hyundai Motor (-2.5%), KB Financial Group (-1.4%), and Kia Corporation (-1.4%).

European stocks closed relatively flattish on Tuesday, with the STOXX 50 trimmed 0.1% and the broader STOXX 600 near the flat line, as traders avoided making major swings ahead of the Federal Reserve's monetary policy announcement tomorrow. In the STOXX 50, Financials and Energy gained 0.9% and 0.3% respectively. Meanwhile, the Health Care and Materials suffered losses, declining 1.9% and 1.4% respectively.

US equities closed roughly flat on Tuesday as traders considered new unemployment statistics and business updates ahead of the Federal Reserve's policy announcement. The S&P 500 concluded little changed, the Nasdaq edged higher, while the Dow fell 0.4%. Labor figures added to the cautious tone, with job vacancies rising to around 7.7m in October, supporting the Fed's data-dependent posture even as markets expect a 25 basis point decrease this week. The Dow saw broader sector weakness, with Materials declining 1.8% as the worst performer, followed by Communication Services and Health Care registering losses by 1.2% each respectively. Among top losers were JPMorgan Chase, Boeing and Verizon Communications, going down 4.7%, 2.9% and 2.8% respectively.

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Key Indices	Last Close	Daily chg %	YTD chg %
FBM KLCI	1,614.2	0.1	(1.7)
Dow Jones	47,560.3	(0.4)	11.8
Nasdaq CI	23,576.5	0.1	22.1
S&P 500	6,840.5	(0.1)	16.3
SX5E	5,718.3	(0.1)	16.8
FTSE 100	9,642.0	(0.0)	18.0
Nikkei 225	50,655.1	0.1	27.0
Shanghai CI	3,909.5	(0.4)	16.6
HSI	25,434.2	(1.3)	26.8
STI	4,513.2	0.1	19.2

Market Activities	Last Close	% Chg
Vol traded (m shares)	3,174.4	(5.4)
Value traded (RM m)	2,367.6	10.1
Gainers	469	
Losers	576	
Unchanged	586	

Top 5 Volume	Last Close	Daily chg %	Vol (m)
VEB	0.255	2.0	102.5
TANC	1.140	(3.4)	70.6
ORKIM	0.930	N/A	60.4
BMS	0.180	2.9	54.4
ZETRIX	0.805	0.6	54.1

Top 5 Turnover	Last Close	Daily chg %	Val (RM m)
ZETRIX	0.805	0.6	43.4
IHH	8.530	0.2	41.2
SDG	5.300	1.1	39.4
WPRTS	5.490	0.4	33.9
AMM	6.150	0.8	33.9

Currencies	Last Close	% Chg
USD/MYR	4.114	(0.0)
USD/JPY	156.890	(0.0)
EUR/USD	1.163	0.0
USD/CNY	7.064	0.1
US Dollar Index	99.232	0.1

Commodities	Last Close	% Chg
Brent (USD/barrel)	62.1	(0.6)
Gold (USD/troy oz)	4,208.2	0.4
CPO (MYR/metric t)	4,031.0	(0.6)
Bitcoin (USD/BTC)	92,837.8	0.2

Source: Bloomberg



Macro News

US: Eyes tariffs over Canadian fertiliser, Indian rice

President Donald Trump signalled he could impose fresh tariffs on agricultural products, including Canadian fertiliser and Indian rice, the latest sign that protracted negotiations with two US trading partners could drag on. Trump spoke Monday at a White House event to announce billions in new aid for US farmers, some of whom said cheaper imports were making it difficult for their products to compete in the marketplace. The president said he would "take care" of alleged dumping of Indian rice into the US. Some farmers have blamed imports for falling rice prices, saying countries such as India, Vietnam and Thailand are undercutting their crops. (*Bloomberg*)

US: India seek to reset ties as trade deal remains elusive

Two separate US delegations are in New Delhi this week to hold talks with their Indian counterparts, seeking to repair bilateral ties even as a trade deal remains elusive. Allison Hooker, under-secretary of state for political affairs, will meet senior Indian officials including Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri during her visit from Dec 7-11, the US embassy announced on the weekend. A separate delegation led by Rick Switzer, deputy US trade representative, is expected to arrive Tuesday. Officials in New Delhi familiar with the matter said they don't expect the scheduled talks to result in any immediate announcement of a trade deal. However, the meetings signal that both sides are keeping communication channels open and are willing to keep the broader relationship on track, the people said, asking not to be identified because the discussions are private. (*Bloomberg*)

CN: Urges trade partners against tariffs as record surplus stirs tensions

China's Premier Li Qiang on Tuesday urged trading partners to reject rising protectionism, a day after the world's second-largest economy posted a record USD1.0tn (RM4.1tn) trade surplus driven by a rush of exports to non-US markets. Beijing is now facing broadening tensions with major trading partners beyond the US, which are calling on China to do more to reform its USD19.0tn economy and reduce its dependence on exports to support growth. China's second-ranking official pressed the heads of the IMF, World Bank, World Trade Organization and others to strengthen global governance in response to the growing number of economies imposing levies on imported goods, China included. (*Reuters*)

MY: Govt discussing extension of shipping tax exemption — Amir Hamzah

The government is discussing the extension of the income tax exemption for the marine transportation industry beyond 2026, said Finance Minister II Datuk Seri Amir Hamzah Azizan. Amir Hamzah said the government recognises that Malaysia is a maritime nation and that long-term competitiveness requires a strong base of local vessel operators. Talks are ongoing between the Transport Ministry and Finance Ministry to support the system, he said on Tuesday (Dec 9). "And if tax incentives are required, we will continue to support [them] through tax incentives along the way," he told reporters after the listing ceremony of shipping firm Orkim Bhd. (*The Edge*)

MY: Strengthens green mobility, supports sustainable growth

The Prime Minister's Department on Tuesday received a hydrogen-powered Fuel Cell Electric Vehicle (FCEV), the "Toyota Mirai", from the Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation (Mosti), marking a significant step in strengthening the nation's agenda towards green mobility through low-carbon technology and sustainable economic growth. Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim said the initiative reflects the confidence of both local and international industry partners in Malaysia's policies and direction, particularly in developing the national hydrogen ecosystem. In a Facebook post, he said the vehicle handover will also boost cross-border collaboration and spur automotive innovation across Southeast Asia. (*Bernama*)

MY: South Korea deepen collaboration in intelligent transport systems

Malaysia is strengthening cooperation with South Korea to support talent development, research and innovation in Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS). Works Minister Datuk Seri Alexander Nanta Linggi said South Korea's global leadership in ITS, smart cities and digital technologies provide Malaysia with a strong strategic partner as it implements the Malaysia ITS Roadmap 2030. Nanta said Malaysia and South Korea have built decades of close cooperation, noting that Korean engineering expertise has contributed to several major national infrastructure projects since the 90s. (*Bernama*)

JP: BOJ governor says rises in long-term interest rates 'somewhat rapid'

The Bank of Japan plans to ramp up government bond buying if long-term interest rates rise sharply, Governor Kazuo Ueda said on Tuesday, noting that the recent rate rises have been "somewhat rapid." "Recently, long-term rates have been rising at a somewhat rapid pace," Ueda told parliament, as the benchmark 10-year Japanese government bond yield hit 18-year highs this week. He also said that in exceptional circumstances where long-term interest rates rise sharply in deviation from normal market movements, the BOJ intends to take flexible measures, such as increasing government bond purchases. (*Reuters*)



Corporate News

PTRANS: Gets 30-year deal to manage Tanjong Malim bus terminal

Perak Transit Bhd said the Tanjong Malim District Council (MDTM) has agreed to its proposed collaboration to manage the Tanjong Malim bus terminal under a 30-year arrangement for a specified monthly rental payment. While it did not disclose what the monthly rental will be, Perak Transit said in a statement that the collaboration is in line with its long-term plan to develop and operate integrated public transportation terminals nationwide. It also supports the group's asset-light model and is aligned with its corporate strategy of securing new terminal management contracts from third-party owners. The group had received a letter from MDTM on Tuesday confirming the council's in-principle approval for the partnership, with the final definitive agreement expected to be signed in the near term, according to executive director Datuk Cheong Peak Sooi. (*The Edge*)

ZETRIX: TMJ launches ringgit-backed stablecoin on Zetrix AI blockchain

Johor Regent Tunku Ismail Sultan Ibrahim on Tuesday announced the launch of RMJDT, a ringgit-backed stablecoin issued on Zetrix AI Bhd's layer-1 blockchain, which forms the backbone of the Malaysia Blockchain Infrastructure (MBI). Tunku Ismail's wholly-owned company Bullish Aim Sdn Bhd is rolling out RMJDT under a regulated sandbox framework, said Zetrix in a statement. It said the stablecoin seeks to boost the international use of the ringgit in cross-border trade settlements and attract greater foreign direct investment into Malaysia. The initiative is also aligned with global tokenisation trends and directly supports Malaysia's Digital Asset National Policy. (*The Edge*)

JSB: Flags potential delays to Sabah hydropower project amid EGM legal challenge

Jentayu Sustainables Bhd has cautioned that the legal challenge filed against its Dec 4 extraordinary general meeting (EGM), if prolonged, may result in delays to the implementation and financing timeline of its Project Oriole hydropower development in Sabah. A shareholder, Andy Lai Wee Young, has filed a lawsuit seeking declarations to invalidate the EGM and the resolutions passed, on grounds relating to the company's decision to postpone the initial meeting and the process surrounding its reconvening. In a filing on Tuesday (Dec 9) responding to Bursa Malaysia's queries, Jentayu said any postponement in implementing the proposed private placement, which was approved at the EGM to fund Project Oriole, may affect the timely execution of the project and its broader funding strategy, with opportunity costs arising from the delay. (*The Edge*)

DKSH: Major shareholder offers RM6.15 per share to take company private, a nearly 17% premium

Distributor of Fortune 500 companies' consumer goods, healthcare, materials, and technology DKSH Holdings (Malaysia) Bhd said its controlling shareholder, DKSH Resources (Malaysia) Sdn Bhd, plans to take the company private through a RM249.1m, or RM6.15 a share, selective capital reduction and repayment (SCR) exercise. DKSH Resources currently owns 74.3% of the company. In a filing with Bursa Malaysia on Tuesday, the company said under the plan, shareholders will receive RM6.15 per share, a 16.7% premium to Monday's closing price of RM5.27, and a 24% premium to its prevailing 12-month volume-weighted average price of RM4.96. (*The Edge*)

MATRIX: Sells MVV Techvalley land parcels in related-party deal

Matrix Concepts Holdings Bhd is disposing of two parcels of vacant land in MVV Techvalley industrial park in Negeri Sembilan for a total of RM24.6m in a related-party transaction. The parcels — one measuring 3.92 acres and valued at RM11.6m, and another spanning 4.39 acres valued at RM13m — form part of the group's ongoing MVV Techvalley industrial development, according to the group's filing with Bursa Malaysia on Tuesday (Dec 9). Matrix's 85%-owned subsidiary N9 Matrix Development Sdn Bhd is disposing of the land parcels to Bidara Pesona Sdn Bhd. (*The Edge*)

SSB8: Unit wins RM88m data centre electrical subcontract

Southern Score Builders said on Tuesday that its unit has secured an RM87.8m subcontract to handle electrical works for a data centre project. In a filing with Bursa Malaysia, Southern Score said its 51%-owned subsidiary, SJEE Engineering Sdn Bhd, was awarded the subcontract by a local construction company whose identity was not disclosed. Under the contract, SJEE will undertake the supply, installation and maintenance of electrical and extra-low voltage systems. The project commenced on Dec 3 and is expected to be completed by Dec 7, 2026. (*The Edge*)

DNEX: Appeals against High Court ruling on MyCC abuse-of-dominance fine

Dagang NeXchange Bhd said on Tuesday that it has filed an appeal after the High Court dismissed its unit's judicial review application against the Malaysia Competition Commission (MyCC) over a finding of abuse of dominance. The High Court's decision on Monday reaffirmed MyCC's 2021 ruling, which imposed a RM10.3 million penalty on Dagang Net Technologies Sdn Bhd for allegedly abusing its dominant position by enforcing exclusivity clauses on software providers between October 2015 and November 2017. Dagang Net is the government's sole provider of online trade facilitation services under Sistem Maklumat Kastam in the National Single Window (NSW), an electronic ecosystem that allows customs documents and transactions to be submitted electronically through a single point of entry. (*The Edge*)



AWC: Bags RM52.3m Putra Mosque facilities contract

Engineering services firm AWC Bhd said on Tuesday (Dec 9) that it has won a RM52.3m contract for the facilities management and maintenance of Putra Mosque in Putrajaya. The contract was awarded to AWC's wholly-owned subsidiary, Ambang Wira Facilities Sdn Bhd (AWF), by the Public Works Department, according to a filing with Bursa Malaysia. The contract will run for 5.25 years, commencing on Feb 1, 2026, and ending on April 30, 2031. (*The Edge*)

ORKIM: Signs RM3.5bn agreement framework with China's CCCC unit for smart AI container port in Port Dickson

Orkim Bhd made marginal gains on its debut on the Main Market of Bursa Malaysia on Tuesday, outperforming the nearly flat broader market. Demand was strong during its IPO with applications from public investors coming in nearly 12 times above the number of shares available for subscription. The separate offering for institutional investors was also fully taken up. The IPO raised RM368m, of which RM92m of the proceeds went to the company for new vessel acquisition, including chemical and clean petroleum product tankers, and as working capital. Orkim currently operates 18 vessels with a combined capacity of 239,186 deadweight tonnage — transporting gasoline, diesel, gas oil, jet fuel, naphtha, and kerosene, as well as liquefied petroleum gas such as propane and butane. (*The Edge*)

TENAGA: Khazanah sells 2.3% TNB stake for RM1.7bn; EPF now largest shareholder

Khazanah Nasional Bhd has disposed of a 2.33% stake in utility giant Tenaga Nasional Bhd. In a bourse filing on Tuesday, the sovereign wealth fund said it sold 135.7m TNB shares on Dec 4, reducing its direct shareholding to 15.82% or 922.0m shares. Khazanah also holds an indirect 2.23% stake, equivalent to 130 million shares. In total, its combined interest in TNB now stands at 18.05% or 1.1bn shares. (*The Edge*)

Upcoming key economic data releases	Date
US Initial Jobless Claims	Dec 11
US 30-Year Bond Auction	Dec 11
<i>Source: Bloomberg</i>	



Stock Selection Based on Dividend Yield

	Sector	Price (RM)	Dividend/Share (RM)	Dividend Yield (%)
Bonia Corporation	Consumer	0.80	0.11	14.25
British American Tobacco (M)	Consumer	4.43	0.58	13.16
Taliworks Corporation	Utilities	0.53	0.05	9.52
REXIT	Technology	0.55	0.05	9.09
MBM Resources	Consumer	5.25	0.43	8.21
Ta Ann Holdings	Plantation	4.09	0.33	8.04
Sentral REIT	REIT	0.78	0.06	8.00
KIP REIT	REIT	0.89	0.07	7.80
Paramount Corporation	Property	1.00	0.07	7.54
MAG Holdings	Consumer	1.29	0.09	7.36
Magnum	Consumer	1.29	0.09	7.36
CapitaLand Malaysia Trust	REIT	0.62	0.05	7.26
YTL Hospital REIT	REIT	1.11	0.07	6.67
Bermaz Auto	Consumer	0.72	0.05	6.53
Kim Loong Resources	Plantation	2.38	0.15	6.43

Source: Bloomberg

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Methodology: The list above includes stocks that have a high dividend yield, estimated to be greater than 4% per annum. These stocks also have a history of paying dividends consistently, having paid dividends for the past 3 years.

IPO Tracker

Company	Listing Sought	Issue Price (RM/Share)	No. Of Shares (m)		Closing Date	Listing Date
			Public Issue	Offer for Sale		
Wasco Greenergy Berhad	Main Market	1.00	75.0	75.0	28 Nov	11 Dec

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