

Bursa Malaysia ends higher

BURSA Malaysia ended the week almost flat but managed to outperform most regional peers, which retreated in tandem with the technology stocks sell-off on Wall Street.

At 5pm, the FTSE Bursa Malaysia KLCI (FBM KLCI) inched up 0.19 of-a-point, or 0.01%, to 1,619.13 from Nov 6's close of 1,618.94.

The benchmark index opened 1.31 points lower at 1,617.63 and moved within a narrow range between 1,616.50 and 1,621.19 throughout the trading session.

However, the broader market was negative, with 639 losers beating 402 gainers, while 618 counters were unchanged, 1,002 untraded and 11 suspended.

Turnover fell to 3.53 billion units worth RM2.35 billion compared to 3.96 billion units worth RM2.52 billion on Nov 6.

IPPFA Sdn Bhd director of investment strategy and country economist Mohd Sedek Jantan said Malaysia's relatively lower exposure to technology counters helped cushion the FBM KLCI from broader regional weakness.

He said consumer products and services counters led the gains, supported by Bank Negara Malaysia's (BNM) decision to maintain the Overnight Policy Rate (OPR) at 2.75%, with banking counters also continuing a steady uptrend reflecting investor confidence in stable domestic monetary conditions.

Among heavyweights, Malayan Banking Bhd dipped one sen to RM9.91, while Public Bank Bhd gained one sen to RM4.27, CIMB Group Holdings Bhd added three sen to RM7.53, Tenaga Nasional Bhd perked up two sen to RM13.22 and IHH Healthcare Bhd was six sen higher at RM8.28.

On the most active list, MMAG Holdings Bhd slipped one sen to 8.5 sen, Pharmania Bhd climbed three sen to 26.5 sen, Perak Transit Bhd edged up 2.5 sen to 29 sen, while Pertama Digital Bhd erased six sen to five sen and NexG Bina Bhd eased half-a-sen to 3.5 sen.

Among the top gainers, Kuala Lumpur Kepong Bhd garnered 30 sen to RM21.08, Dutch Lady Milk Industries Bhd bagged 18 sen to RM26.96, FCW Holdings

Bhd rose 15 sen to RM1.90 and both Westports Holdings Bhd and QL Resources Bhd increased 11 sen to RM5.42 and RM4.23 respectively.

As for the top losers, Nestlé (M) Bhd lost 40 sen to RM112.4, MISC Bhd shed 14 sen to RM7.65 and Time Dotcom Bhd sank 13 sen to RM4.87. Kerjaya Prospek Group Bhd and Ajinomoto (M) Bhd dipped 12 sen each to RM2.58 and RM13.60, respectively.

On the index board, the FBMT 100 Index slid 1.72 points to 11,793.48 and the FBM Emas Index slipped 3.82 points to 12,034.07.

The FBM Emas Shariah Index shed 8.87 points to 12,048.33, the FBM ACE Index declined 32.72 points to 5,050.73 and the FBM Mid 70 Index lost 15.9 points to 16,926.84.

Sector-wise, the Plantation Index garnered 45.55 points to 8,103.08, while the Financial Services Index eased 0.63 of-a-point to 18,337.24, the Energy Index slipped 1.4 points to 766.46 and the Industrial Products and Services Index fell 0.56 of-a-point to 168.4.

The Main Market volume

dipped to 1.51 billion units valued at RM1.93 billion from 1.52 billion units valued at RM2.05 billion on Nov 6.

Warrants turnover declined to 1.49 billion units worth RM283.58 million compared to 1.99 billion units worth RM341.15 million previously.

However, the ACE Market volume expanded to 527.09 million units valued at RM135.7 million from 445.35 million units valued at RM129.49 million on Nov 6.

Consumer products and services counters accounted for 412.83 million shares traded on the Main Market, industrial products and services (160.97 million), construction (124.44 million), technology (182.71 million), financial services (52.25 million) and property (176.62 million).

Plantation (35.40 million), real estate investment trusts (22.08 million), closed-end fund (29,400), energy (97.24 million), healthcare (153.46 million), telecommunications and media (28.8 million), transportation and logistics (34.3 million), utilities (27.42 million) and business trusts (9,000). — *Bernama*

BURSA MALAYSIA DERIVATIVES

MONTHS	VOL	OPEN INTEREST	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	LAST PRC	SETTLE
NOV-25	7,880	45,866	1,626.5	1,628.5	1,617.0	1,624.5	1,624.5
DEC-25	1,095	2,038	1,625.0	1,625.0	1,616.5	1,624.0	1,624.0
MAR-26	66	457	1,605.5	1,606.0	1,599.0	1,606.0	1,606.0
JUN-26	1	6	1,603.5	1,603.5	1,603.5	1,603.5	1,609.5

Kerjaya bags RM88m job in Shah Alam

KERJAYA Prospek Group Bhd said it has secured an RM87.7 million contract to undertake building works for a commercial development project in Shah Alam. The contract, bagged by its wholly owned subsidiary Kerjaya Prospek (M) Sdn Bhd, was awarded by Eastern & Oriental Bhd through its indirect subsidiary Eastern & Oriental Express Sdn Bhd. — *TMR*