

MARKET COMMENTARY

Equity market review and outlook

December 2024



Review

- ▶ The Malaysian equity market ended the last month of 2024 on a positive note, and December has been a positive month for the KLCI for the last 10 years in a row. This was despite foreign investors were net sellers in December 2024 for the third consecutive month, bringing YTD cumulative outflows net foreign outflow of RM3.7b, and the second consecutive year of outflows (2023: -RM2.4b). The month of December was a fairly quiet month. The signing of the JSSEZ was delayed from 9 December 2024, as Singapore's Prime Minister was infected with COVID-19. The KLCI saw two new constituents added to the index: Gamuda and 99 Speedmart, replacing Genting Malaysia and Genting Berhad. For 2024 the KLCI gained 12.9%, which is the highest annual gain since 2010.
- ▶ The KLCI closed the month at 1,642.33, up 3.01% mom. The FBM Small Cap index rose 3.88% for the month, outperforming the KLCI. The best performing sectors were Technology (+11.1%) and Health Care (+10.5%). The worst performing sectors were Finance (-0.1%) and Consumer (+0.9%). Average value traded on Bursa in December was RM3023m, lower by 6.5% mom.

Outlook

- ▶ January 2025 could be a month of volatility. We started the year with news that there may have been small, apparent terrorist attack in the US, which may or may not be related to incoming President-Elect Trump. Expect investors to stay on the side lines the closer we get to the 20 Jan 2025, which is the US President inauguration day. On the domestic front, the much-awaited Johor-Singapore Special Economic Zone was supposed to be finalized on 6 January 2025, with the meeting of the two countries' leaders, which had been postponed as Singapore's Prime Minister had contracted Covid in December 2024. Newsflow from that event should be positive for Malaysia. We remain constructive on Malaysia, as the domestic market continues to be supported by the improving economy, strong FDI, corporate earnings growth, flushed liquidity and tourism rebound. In the short term, we may see stronger USD, and this will be positive to Malaysian exporters such as gloves, plantations, technology and selective industrial companies. In the longer term, there could be more market volatility from a Trump presidency.

Index performance & movers

FBM100 INDEX

START DATE	30-Nov-24	END DATE	31-Dec-24
START	11,823.79	END	12,265.96
NET CHG	442.17		3.74%

Name	Price	Net Chg	% Chg	Name	Price	Net Chg	% Chg
1 Supermax Corp Bhd	1.20	0.36	42.86 %	1 Bermaz Auto Bhd	1.60	-0.35	(18.15)%
2 YTL Power International Bhd	4.42	1.02	30.00 %	2 Lotte Chemical Titan Holding E	0.61	-0.08	(11.68)%
3 YTL Corp Bhd	2.67	0.59	28.37 %	3 AEON Credit Service M Bhd	6.26	-0.50	(7.40)%
4 Pentamaster Corp Bhd	4.16	0.81	24.18 %	4 Sarawak Oil Palms Bhd	3.18	-0.22	(6.44)%
5 Guan Chong Bhd	3.95	0.61	18.22 %	5 Velesto Energy Bhd	0.15	-0.01	(6.25)%
6 Sime Darby Property Bhd	1.69	0.26	18.18 %	6 PPB Group Bhd	12.40	-0.72	(5.49)%
7 Kossan Rubber Industries Bhd	2.83	0.43	17.92 %	7 CTOS Digital Bhd	1.20	-0.06	(4.85)%
8 Hartalega Holdings Bhd	3.95	0.52	15.30 %	8 RCE Capital Bhd	1.55	-0.07	(4.25)%
9 Bumi Armada Bhd	0.66	0.09	14.91 %	9 Bank Islam Malaysia Bhd	2.47	-0.11	(4.19)%
10 Top Glove Corp Bhd	1.34	0.17	14.53 %	10 RHB Bank Bhd	6.48	-0.28	(4.14)%

Source: Bloomberg

Indices	Last Price			MoM Changes		YTD Changes	
	31-Dec-23	30-Nov-24	31-Dec-24	+/-	%	+/-	%
FBMVKLCI	1,454.66	1,594.29	1,642.33	48.04	3.01%	187.67	12.90%
FBMMES	5,322.03	5,131.65	5,380.44	248.79	4.85%	58.41	1.10%
FBM100	10,485.72	11,823.79	12,265.96	442.17	3.74%	1,780.24	16.98%
FBM70	14,612.98	17,859.82	18,841.13	981.31	5.49%	4,228.15	28.93%
FBMSCAP	16,353.38	17,292.49	17,963.66	671.17	3.88%	1,610.28	9.85%
FBMEMAS	10,823.70	12,131.13	12,585.51	454.38	3.75%	1,761.81	16.28%
FBMSHA	10,988.71	12,034.69	12,590.57	555.88	4.62%	1,601.86	14.58%
FBMHJRAH	11,783.61	12,767.44	13,409.12	641.68	5.03%	1,625.51	13.79%
FBMSCAPS	15,104.22	16,074.92	16,744.61	669.69	4.17%	1,640.39	10.86%
MSCI APxJ (USD)	528.89	576.47	569.41	-7.06	-1.22%	40.52	7.66%
MSCI ACWI (USD)	727.00	862.49	841.33	-21.16	-2.45%	114.33	15.73%

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