Market commentary

Equity market review and outlook

November 2025

Review

- November was a weak month for Malaysian equities weighed down by some disappointing 3Q25 results reported from selected big cap stocks including Petronas Chemicals, CelcomDigi and QL Resources. Malaysia reported stronger 3Q25 GDP growth of 5.2% and by end November the Malaysian Ringgit was stronger at RM4.13/USD (+1.4% mom). Sentiment was perhaps weak due to the political noise from the Sabah State elections held on 29 Nov 2025. Malaysia continued to see net foreign selling in November of RM1.1 billion, and YTD cumulative net outflow of RM20.3 billion.

- The KLCI closed the month at 1,604.47, down 0.29% mom. The FBM Small Cap index was down 5.73% for the month, underperforming the KLCI. The best performing sectors were Finance (+2.5%) and Property (+2.4%). The worst performing sectors were Technology (-8.9%) and Utilities (-8.3%). Average value traded on Bursa in November was RM2051m down by 44.8% mom.

Outlook

- Post the 3Q25 results reporting in November, consensus seems to have downgraded earnings growth for the FBMKLCI to about 4-5% on the back of analysts revising down their earnings forecasts for Petronas Chemicals and Tenaga. Petronas Chemicals 3Q25 weak earnings were mainly due to lower product spreads and continued losses from Pengerang Petrochemical Complex (PPC), which remains underutilized. Tenaga's 9MFY25 was below consensus expectations on higher depreciation charges and tax expenses. Tenaga has finally settled the tax overhang issue with the IRB and stated that they have been approved to claim ITA YA 2003-2024 under Schedule 7B, to be deducted from future taxable income (details to be finalised), and will continue to claim ITA for future capex spending (which is better than CA under Schedule 7A).

- Domestically, Malaysia is in a favourable position with relatively stable politics compared to some of our other ASEAN peers. However, the results of the Sabah State elections will likely mean that the GE16 will be in 2027, with some speculating that it may be held together with the Johor State Elections. The economy continues to be supported by the FDI being realized, domestic direct investments, strong construction activities, solid consumption growth and robust tourism activities. The domestic equity market remains flush with liquidity and dividend yield is attractive. We see any market weakness as opportunities to accumulate fundamentally strong stocks at attractive valuations.

Index performance & movers

FBM100 INDEX

START DATE	31-Oct-25	END DATE	30-Nov-25
START	11,761.17	END	11,700.97
NET CHG	- 60.20		-0.51%

	Name	Price	Net Chg	% Chg		Name	Price	Net Chg	% Chg
1	IOI Properties Group Bhd	2.59	0.51	24.52 %	1	Petronas Chemicals Group Bhd	3.00	-0.95	(24.05)%
2	Fraser & Neave Holdings Bhd	34.50	6.16	21.74 %	2	Sam Engineering & Equipment M	3.80	-1.19	(23.85)%
3	Tanco Holdings Bhd	1.13	0.20	21.51 %	3	Greatech Technology Bhd	1.59	-0.47	(22.82)%
4	United Plantations BHD	28.22	3.96	16.31 %	4	Malakoff Corp Bhd	0.87	-0.22	(19.91)%
5	Farm Fresh Bhd	2.71	0.30	12.45 %	5	Hartalega Holdings Bhd	1.00	-0.24	(19.35)%
6	Syarikat Takaful Malaysia Kelu	3.38	0.29	9.39 %	6	YTL Power International Bhd	3.26	-0.69	(17.47)%
7	TIME dotCom Bhd	5.25	0.45	9.38 %	7	YTL Corp Bhd	2.13	-0.43	(16.80)%
8	Sarawak Oil Palms Bhd	3.84	0.32	9.09 %	8	Inari Amertron Bhd	2.19	-0.42	(16.09)%
9	Eco World Development Group Bh	2.20	0.15	7.32 %	9	UWC BHD	3.55	-0.66	(15.68)%
10	Sime Darby Property Bhd	1.39	0.09	6.92 %	10	Nationgate Holdings Bhd	1.01	-0.17	(14.41)%

Source: Bloomberg

	Last Price			MoM Changes		YTD Changes	
Indices	31-Dec-24	31-Oct-25	30-Nov-25	+/-	%	+/-	%
FBMKLCI	1,642.33	1,609.15	1,604.47	-4.68	-0.29%	(37.86)	-2.31%
FBMMES	5,380.44	5,221.39	4,824.62	-396.77	-7.60%	(555.82)	-10.33%
FBM100	12,265.96	11,761.17	11,700.97	-60.20	-0.51%	(564.99)	-4.61%
FBM70	18,841.13	17,056.07	16,856.08	-199.99	-1.17%	(1,985.05)	-10.54%
FBMSCAP	17,963.66	16,670.29	15,715.31	-954.98	-5.73%	(2,248.35)	-12.52%
FBMEMAS	12,585.51	12,023.36	11,915.97	-107.39	-0.89%	(669.54)	-5.32%
FBMSHA	12,590.57	12,098.11	11,850.90	-247.21	-2.04%	(739.67)	-5.87%
FBMHIJRAH	13,409.12	13,109.19	12,925.53	-183.66	-1.40%	(483.59)	-3.61%
FBMSCAPS	16,744.61	15,884.80	14,900.20	-984.60	-6.20%	(1,844.41)	-11.01%
MSCI APxJ (USD)	569.41	725.31	703.38	-21.94	-3.02%	133.97	23.53%
MSCI ACWI (USD)	841.33	1,006.23	1,005.14	-1.09	-0.11%	163.81	19.47%

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