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Bursa Malaysia

	Close	Chg +/-	Chg %	YTD Chg (%)
FBMKLCI	1,737.49	-4.79	-0.27	5.83
FBMEMAS	12,557.11	-24.38	-0.19	9.51
FBM100	12,192.30	-26.39	-0.22	8.97
FBMEMAS Shariah	13,012.89	-16.83	-0.13	8.31
FBM Hijrah Shariah	14,134.46	-13.82	-0.10	5.26
Volume (m)	2,893.64	-214.98	-6.92	
Value (MYR m)	2,239.49	103.32	4.84	

Source: Bloomberg, BIMB Securities Research

Regional Indices

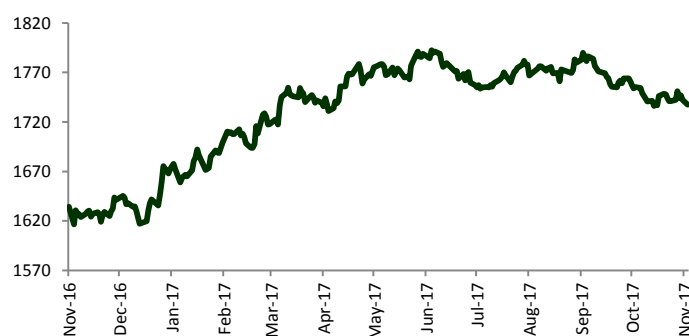
	Close	Chg +/-	Chg %	YTD Chg (%)
DJIA	23,439.70	17.49	0.07	18.61
NASDAQ	6,757.60	6.66	0.10	25.53
S&P 500	2,584.84	2.54	0.10	15.45
FTSE 100	7,415.18	-17.81	-0.24	3.81
Nikkei 225	22,380.99	-300.43	-1.32	17.09
HSI	29,182.18	61.26	0.21	32.64
SHCOMP	3,447.84	15.16	0.44	11.09
KOSPI	2,530.35	-12.60	-0.50	24.87
TWSE	10,683.92	-48.75	-0.45	15.46
STI	3,419.13	-0.97	-0.03	18.69
JCI	6,021.46	-0.37	-0.01	13.68
SET	1,687.05	-2.23	-0.13	9.34
PSEi	8,330.02	-103.46	-1.23	21.77

Source: Bloomberg, BIMB Securities Research

Economic News

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- Denmark revamps tax system to boost investment
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KLCI Performance



KLCI Year-End Target: 1,790 points

Source: Bloomberg, BIMB Securities Research

Commodities (Last Close)

	Close	Chg +/-	Chg %
Brent Crude (USD/bbl)	63.16	-0.36	-0.57
WTI Crude (USD/bbl)	56.76	0.02	0.04
CPO (RM/MT)	2,761.00	-36.00	-1.29
Gold (USD/ounce)	1,277.99	-0.38	-0.03
Latex (sen/kg)	473.50	-3.50	-0.73
Soybean Oil	34.48	-0.48	-1.37

Source: Bloomberg, BIMB Securities Research

Forex

(per USD)	BIMB (YE Forecast)	Close	Chg +/-	Chg %
MYR	4.20	4.192	-0.0150	-0.36
JPY	110.0	113.62	0.0900	0.08
EUR	0.93	0.86	-0.0002	-0.02
SGD	1.45	1.36	0.0016	0.12

Source: Bloomberg, BIMB Securities Research

Major Rates

	%
KLIBOR 3-mth	3.43
KLIBOR 6-mth	3.56
KLIBOR 12-mth	3.63
5-yr MGS	3.83
10-yr MGS	4.08

Source: Bank Negara Malaysia

Daily Participation

	Participation (%)	Bought (MYR m)	Sold (MYR m)	Net (MYR m)
Local Insti	53.7	1,192.6	1,214.1	-21.5
Local Retail	24.5	558.5	537.0	21.5
Foreign	21.8	488.4	488.4	0.0
Total	100.0	2,239.5	2,239.5	0.0

Source: The Sun, BIMB Securities Research

Performance of BIMB Stock Coverage

Top Gainers

	Close	Chg +/-	Chg %
Petronas Dagangan	23.70	2.10	9.7%
Westports	3.75	0.08	2.2%
Econpile	3.09	0.06	2.0%
Hartalega	8.85	0.15	1.7%
Padini	5.37	0.07	1.3%

Source: Bloomberg, BIMB Securities Research

Top Losers

	Close	Chg +/-	Chg %
Petronas Gas	17.44	-0.36	-2.0%
Tambun Indah Land	1.06	-0.02	-1.9%
Amway Malaysia	7.17	-0.13	-1.8%
IOI Corp	4.42	-0.08	-1.8%
Genting Plantations	10.58	-0.16	-1.5%

Source: Bloomberg, BIMB Securities Research

CORPORATE NEWS

MYEG MD Wong Thean Soon says 'NOT looking to acquire MUI

MYEG group managing director Wong Thean Soon said he is not planning to acquire diversified entity Malayan United Industries (MUI), because he had earlier bought MUI shares as a passive investment. Wong said this in a statement today in response to news reports which insinuated he is planning to acquire MUI. Wong also said he had earlier bought shares in Internet-based services provider Palette Multimedia Bhd as passive investment. He wish to clarify that he have disposed all of his shareholdings in MUI and Palette, and will refrain from making any passive investments in listed equities in the future. (Source: The Edge)

Dutch Lady appoints Tarang Gupta as new MD

Dutch Lady has appointed Tarang Gupta as its new MD with effect from Jan 1, 2018. Gupta succeeds Saw Chooi Lee, who has helmed the company for the last 3 years, which is owned by its parent company Royal FrieslandVampina. Gupta has been with FrieslandCampina Nigeria since July 2014, and prior to that served as the international marketing director for infant nutrition at FrieslandCampina AMEA, Singapore. A graduate of the Institute for Technology & Management in Bangalore, Gupta has 16 years of commercial experience, including his tenure with Sara Lee International, Kuala Lumpur. Meanwhile, Saw will remain on Dutch Lady's board, serving as its non-independent non-executive director. (Source: The Edge)

Guan Chong's 3Q net profit almost doubles

Cocoa manufacturer Guan Chong continues to perform as its net profit for the 3QFY17 leaped 92% to RM29.7m from the RM15.48m recorded in the same quarter last year, mainly due to lower bean prices. However, quarterly revenue slipped 9.1% to RM542.86m compared to RM597.51m in 3QFY16. The decline in revenue was mainly due to decrease in sales volume of cocoa cake and overall selling price of cocoa products. Guan Chong's board of directors declared a second interim single-tier dividend of 1 sen per ordinary share to be paid on Dec 27, 2017. For the cumulative 9MFY17, net profit rose by 46% to RM58.33m from RM39.84m in the same period a year ago. In contrast, revenue fell 6.5% to RM1.66bn from RM1.77bn in 9MFY16. (Source: The Edge)

United Plantations 3Q profit up 18.8%, declares dividends

United Plantations Bhd's net profit for its 3QFY17 rose 18.8% to RM98.76m, from RM83.14m a year ago, thanks to higher revenue incurred in the quarter by both its plantations and refinery segments. Concurrently, earnings per share rose to 47.53 sen, from 40.01 sen in 3QFY16. Quarterly revenue rose 26.27% to RM370.82m, from RM293.67m previously. The company has announced an interim dividend of 20% per share, added with a special dividend of 10% per share, both with ex-date on Nov 24, and payable on Dec 14. Revenue in the period rose 33.01% to RM1.11bn, from RM830.99m in 9MFY16. For its plantations segment, the group said the increase in revenue and profit before tax was mainly due to higher production and higher overall CPO and PK prices in the current period. (Source: The Edge)

Kuantan Port to house RM5.1bn oil refinery complex

Kuantan Port, a subsidiary of IJM Corp and NewOcean Energy (Malaysia) SB, a unit of energy supplier Hong Kong-listed NewOcean Energy Holdings Ltd, have signed land sublease and terminalling agreements for the development of NewOcean's oil refinery complex in Kuantan Port. The project, estimated to cost approximately RM5.1bn, comprises an oil refinery with an annual production capacity of 3.5m tonnes, a tank farm serving as a storage depot for entreport trade purposes and a blending plant for various grade of petroleum products. The agreement is pursuant to a MoU signed by Kuantan Port, NewOcean and the East Coast Economic Region Development Council (ECERDC) in August 2017. (Source: The Edge)

IJM bags RM378m contract to build office tower in Damansara Uptown

IJM Corp has won a RM378m design-and-build contract for a corporate office tower in Damansara Uptown. Its wholly-owned unit, IJM Construction SB, was awarded the contract by property developer See Hoy Chan SB Group's subsidiary Damansara Uptown Retail Centre SB. The Uptown 8 corporate office tower will feature 31 storeys with a net floor area of about 480,000 sq ft. The building will also have 2 levels of commercial space and 1,387 parking bays, besides landscaped open space and walkways. The work for the project will commence this month and it is slated for completion in 39 months. (Source: The Edge)

ECONOMIC NEWS**Matrade expects strong export performance to continue**

Matrade expects the country's strong export performance to be maintained moving forward, driven by the global economic recovery and improving domestic economic fundamentals. More local businesses should embark on expanding the reach of their products abroad to benefit from Malaysia's export growth. In the last 8 months, Malaysia's trade performance has been phenomenal and they saw double-digit growth during that period. They hope to maintain this commendable export trend. The stellar performance in overall trade was driven by the strengthening global economy and the ability of their industries to grow beyond their borders. Going forward, Matrade aims to increase the competitiveness of homegrown businesses so that they can penetrate into foreign markets and stimulate exports at the same time. (Source: Starbiz)

China aims to stop renewable energy being wasted by 2020

China aims to prevent power generated by its renewable energy sector being wasted by 2020. Power from wind, solar and hydro plants is often wasted as there is not enough transmission capacity to absorb it, leading to high curtailment rates, especially in northwestern China. The utilisation rate of hydro-power plants in the southwestern provinces of Yunnan and Sichuan should reach around 90% by 2017. It expects the wind power curtailment rate to drop to about 30% in the northwestern provinces of Gansu and Xinjiang and to around 20% in the northeastern region of Jilin, Heilongjiang and Inner Mongolia in 2017. Solar power waste in Gansu and Xinjiang provinces should be controlled below around 20% and in Shaanxi and Qinghai to below 10% this year. Power generated from wind and solar power plants in other regions across the country will have to meet the 2017 targets set by the NEA last year. (Source: Reuters)

Denmark revamps tax system to boost investment

Denmark's government has reached agreement with other parties to simplify one of the world's most complex tax systems including phasing out a 100-year old tax on nuts. The country's right-leaning government wants to cut taxes and trim bureaucracy to encourage Danes to work more and spend some of their large savings to support businesses, while also discouraging them from buying groceries in neighbouring Germany. Danes hand over close to half of their salary to the state each month, and must also navigate complex systems of duties, tolls and excise taxes. The tax on nuts was introduced in 1922 as part of new levies on luxury goods such as chocolate to discourage people from making homemade marzipan. Removing the tax, which was last increased in 2009, will cost the government around 175m Danish crowns (USD27m) each year. (Source: Reuters)

OPEC head says oil cuts 'only viable option' to stabilize market

The oil market is re-balancing at a quickening pace and production cuts are the only viable option to restore market stability. OPEC in its monthly market report will raise its estimate of oil demand growth to above 1.5m barrels a day for both 2017 and next year. Stockpiles have declined by more than 180m barrels this year alone. Output cuts by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries and other producers since January have started to pay off, with Brent crude prices trading close to 2 year high. OPEC will meet in Vienna on Nov 30 to review the pact, and possibly extend it. Russia, Saudi Arabia and Iraq have signaled they would be open to extending the measure. They are seeing clear indications that the market is re-balancing at an accelerating pace and stability is steadily returning. (Source: Bloomberg)

Oil markets cautious on Middle East tensions, increased US drilling

Oil trading was cautious amid ongoing tensions in the Middle East and after a rising rig count in the US suggested producers there are preparing to increase output. Brent crude futures were at USD63.55 per barrel at 0614 GMT, up 3 cents from their last close. US WTI crude was at USD56.79/barrel, up 5 cents. Crude prices were generally well supported as ongoing output cuts led by the OPEC and Russia have contributed to a significant reduction in excess supplies that have been dogging markets since 2014. The excess of OECD oil inventories over their 5-year average levels has fallen by more than 50% in 2017, with inventories currently at around 160m barrels. If current trends continue, inventories are likely to return to the 5 year average at some stage in 2018. On the supply side, tensions in the Middle East raised the prospects of disruptions. (Source: Reuters)

ECONOMIC CALENDAR

Date Time	Country	Event	Period	Survey	Actual	Prior	Revised
11/14/2017 10:00	CH	Industrial Production YoY	Oct	6.30%	--	6.60%	--
11/14/2017 10:00	CH	Industrial Production YTD YoY	Oct	6.70%	--	6.70%	--
11/14/2017 13:30	NE	Trade Balance	Sep	--	--	4.1b	--
11/14/2017 18:00	EC	Industrial Production SA MoM	Sep	-0.60%	--	1.40%	--
11/14/2017 18:00	EC	Industrial Production WDA YoY	Sep	3.20%	--	3.80%	--
11/14/2017 21:30	US	PPI Final Demand MoM	Oct	0.10%	--	0.40%	--
11/14/2017 21:30	US	PPI Ex Food and Energy MoM	Oct	0.20%	--	0.40%	--
11/14/2017 21:30	US	PPI Final Demand YoY	Oct	2.40%	--	2.60%	--
11/14/2017 21:30	US	PPI Ex Food and Energy YoY	Oct	2.20%	--	2.20%	--
11/15/2017 07:50	JN	GDP SA QoQ	3Q P	0.40%	--	0.60%	--
11/15/2017 07:50	JN	GDP Annualized SA QoQ	3Q P	1.50%	--	2.50%	--
11/15/2017 07:50	JN	GDP Nominal SA QoQ	3Q P	0.60%	--	0.70%	--
11/15/2017 07:50	JN	GDP Deflator YoY	3Q P	0.10%	--	-0.40%	--
11/15/2017 07:50	JN	GDP Private Consumption QoQ	3Q P	-0.40%	--	0.80%	--
11/15/2017 07:50	JN	GDP Business Spending QoQ	3Q P	0.30%	--	0.50%	--
11/15/2017 12:30	JN	Industrial Production MoM	Sep F	--	--	-1.10%	--
11/15/2017 12:30	JN	Industrial Production YoY	Sep F	--	--	2.50%	--
11/15/2017 12:30	JN	Capacity Utilization MoM	Sep	--	--	3.30%	--
11/15/2017 15:00	FI	Current Account Balance	Sep	--	--	0.23b	--
11/15/2017 16:30	SW	Industry Capacity	3Q	--	--	90.70%	90.70%
11/15/2017 18:00	EC	Trade Balance SA	Sep	21.0b	--	21.6b	--
11/15/2017 18:00	EC	Trade Balance NSA	Sep	--	--	16.1b	--
11/15/2017 19:00	IR	Trade Balance	Sep	--	--	3599m	--
11/15/2017 21:30	US	CPI MoM	Oct	0.10%	--	0.50%	--
11/15/2017 21:30	US	CPI Ex Food and Energy MoM	Oct	0.20%	--	0.10%	--
11/15/2017 21:30	US	CPI YoY	Oct	2.00%	--	2.20%	--
11/15/2017 21:30	US	CPI Ex Food and Energy YoY	Oct	1.70%	--	1.70%	--
11/15/2017 21:30	US	CPI Core Index SA	Oct	253.252	--	252.86	--
11/15/2017 21:30	US	CPI Index NSA	Oct	246.612	--	246.819	--
11/15/2017 21:30	US	Real Avg Weekly Earnings YoY	Oct	--	--	0.60%	--
11/15/2017 21:30	US	Real Avg Hourly Earning YoY	Oct	--	--	0.70%	0.60%
11/15/2017 22:00	BE	Trade Balance	Sep	--	--	-2322.4m	--
11/16/2017 16:00	CZ	Export Price Index YoY	Sep	--	--	-1.20%	--
11/16/2017 16:00	CZ	Import Price Index YoY	Sep	--	--	-1.10%	--
11/16/2017 17:00	IT	Trade Balance EU	Sep	--	--	242m	--
11/16/2017 17:00	IT	Trade Balance Total	Sep	--	--	2769m	--
11/16/2017 21:30	US	Import Price Index MoM	Oct	0.40%	--	0.70%	--
11/16/2017 21:30	US	Import Price Index ex Petroleum MoM	Oct	0.20%	--	0.30%	--
11/16/2017 21:30	US	Import Price Index YoY	Oct	2.50%	--	2.70%	--
11/16/2017 21:30	US	Export Price Index MoM	Oct	0.40%	--	0.80%	--
11/16/2017 21:30	US	Export Price Index YoY	Oct	--	--	2.90%	--
11/16/2017	CH	FX Net Settlement - Clients CNY	Oct	--	--	21.8b	--
11/17/2017 17:00	EC	ECB Current Account SA	Sep	--	--	33.3b	--
11/17/2017 17:00	EC	Current Account NSA	Sep	--	--	29.6b	--
11/17/2017 17:00	IT	Current Account Balance	Sep	--	--	3679m	--
11/20/2017 07:50	JN	Trade Balance	Oct	--	--	¥670.2b	¥667.7b
11/20/2017 07:50	JN	Trade Balance Adjusted	Oct	--	--	¥240.3b	--
11/20/2017 07:50	JN	Exports YoY	Oct	--	--	14.10%	--
11/20/2017 07:50	JN	Imports YoY	Oct	--	--	12.00%	12.10%
11/20/2017 21:00	PD	Sold Industrial Output MoM	Oct	3.10%	--	6.00%	--

Source: Bloomberg, BIMB Securities Research

DEFINITION OF RATINGS

BIMB Securities uses the following rating system:

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BUY	Total return (price appreciation plus dividend yield) is expected to exceed 10 in the next 12 months.
TRADING BUY	Share price may exceed 15 over the next 3 months, however longer-term outlook remains uncertain.
HOLD	Share price may fall within the range of +/- 10 over the next 12 months
TAKE PROFIT	Target price has been attained. Fundamentals remain intact. Look to accumulate at lower levels.
TRADING SELL	Share price may fall by more than 15 in the next 3 months.
SELL	Share price may fall by more than 10 over the next 12 months.
NOT RATED	Stock is not within regular research coverage.

SECTOR RECOMMENDATION

OVERWEIGHT	The Industry as defined by the analyst's coverage universe, is expected to outperform the relevant primary market index over the next 12 months
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UNDERWEIGHT	The Industry as defined by the analyst's coverage universe, is expected to underperform the relevant primary market index over the next 12 months

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