Markets Turn Defensive as Oil Breaches US$100

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Market Review

MY: Amid escalating geopolitical tensions, Brent crude oil surged above US$100/bbl, with heightened uncertainty contributing to a muted session on the local bourse. Sector-wise, Construction (+1.59%) outperformed, led by GAMUDA and KERJAYA, while Financials (-0.50%) was the weakest performer.

US: Wall Street closed lower on Wednesday as disappointment over the U.S. Treasury's bond buyback plan triggered a sell-off in Treasuries, while escalating Middle East tensions pushed Brent crude above US$100/bbl. The Dow, S&P 500 and Nasdaq retreated by 0.8%, 0.5% and 0.6%, respectively.

The Day Ahead

US: Given the ongoing U.S.–Iran military escalation that pushed oil prices above US$100/bbl, Wall Street is expected to remain in a risk-off environment. Nevertheless, we believe investors could position in fabless semiconductor player Marvell Technology, supported by management's upgraded multi-year guidance of c.US$12bn revenue in FY27 and c.US$18bn in FY28, underscoring rapidly expanding demand for custom ASIC accelerators and high-speed optical interconnects. Meanwhile, with markets pricing in a 62.2% chance of a 25bps rate hike this month, which could favour banking stocks such as Morgan Stanley and Citigroup.

MY: Tracking Wall Street's overnight weakness, we expect the local bourse to remain soft, although the data centre theme remains intact, with Construction and selected Technology stocks likely to stay in focus. Meanwhile, GTA saw a knee-jerk sell-off following news of a Sarawak helicopter crash, which is unrelated to its operations. We believe GTA's investment thesis remains intact, supported by recurring sovereign defence contracts, upcoming budget catalysts and backing from cornerstone investor LTAT. Hence, we view the weakness as an accumulation opportunity, with our fair value unchanged at RM0.58. Similarly, investors could accumulate KPJ following its technical selldown since late August, presenting a value-picking opportunity in a fundamentally solid company.

Market Scorecard

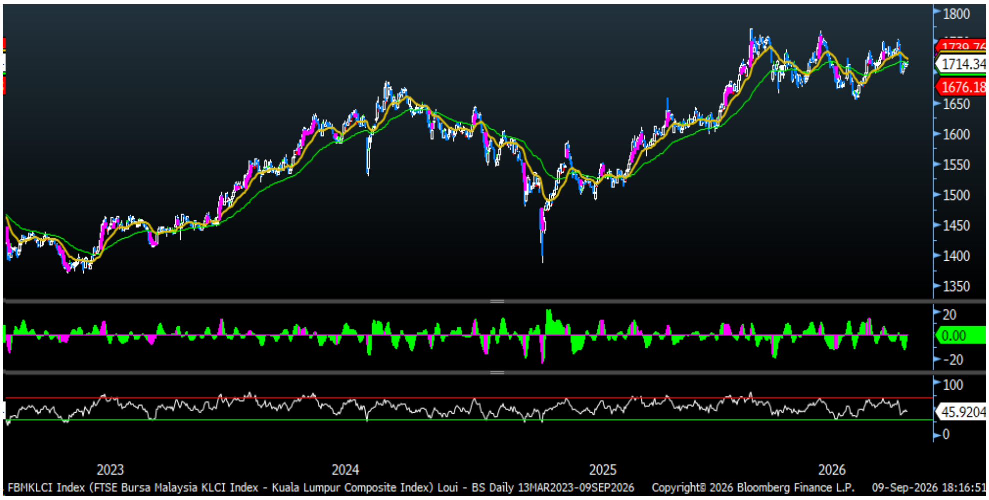
Key Indices	Last price	Change (%)
Dow Jones	52,380.66	-0.77
S&P 500	7,636.36	-0.48
NASDAQ	26,253.34	-0.64
FBM KLCI	1,714.34	0.00
FBM Small Cap	16,228.37	0.46
FBM ACE	5,297.66	0.48
Construction	320.10	1.59
Consumer	480.87	-0.14
Energy	818.53	-0.03
Financial Services	20,047.55	-0.50
Healthcare	1,480.32	-0.14
Ind Products	188.06	0.34
Plantation	9,449.97	-0.28
Property	1,074.15	-0.23
REITs	885.87	-0.38
Technology	74.70	0.85
Telco & Media	400.37	0.08
Transport & Logist	1,027.25	0.70
Utilities	1,825.55	1.39
Trading Vol (m)	3,668.08	-11.28
Trading Val (RM m	3,500.19	11.30
Gainers/ Losers rat	106%	
FKLI	1,689.50	-0.12
FCPO (RM)	4,928.00	-0.77
Brent oil (USD)	101.21	3.36
Gold (USD)	4,398.83	0.09
USD	4.0695	-0.18
GBP	5.5078	-0.20
EURO	4.7303	-0.26
SGD	3.2169	-0.24

Trading participation 5-day trend and value ('m)

Institution	Retail	Foreign
-233.2	269.0	-35.8

Source: Bloomberg, Bursa Market Place

FBMKLCI Technical Outlook



Bloomberg

The FBM KLCI traded marginally lower with the technical indicators showing weakening momentum, as the MACD histogram continue to trade in its negative territory while RSI hovering below 50. Resistance sits at 1,729–1,734, while support is established at 1,694–1,699.

Company Briefs

Alam Maritim Resources Bhd (ALAM) group managing director and chief executive officer Datuk Azmi Ahmad will be charged at the Kuala Lumpur Sessions Court on Thursday. The company previously said Azmi had been remanded to assist in an investigation by the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission. (The Edge)

Scientex Bhd (SCIENTX) posted a 29.54% year-on-year rise in 4QFY2026 net profit to RM199.92m from RM154.33m, driven by stronger contributions from its packaging and property divisions. Revenue rose 17.75% to RM1.4bn from RM1.19bn, while operating profit increased 32.7% to RM281.78m. The group proposed a six sen final dividend for FY2026, payable on Jan 21, 2027, subject to shareholders' approval. (The Edge)

Kuala Lumpur Kepong Bhd (KLK) has redesignated its chief operating officer Lee Jia Zhang as chief executive officer, effective Oct 1. Jia Zhang will fill the vacancy left by his father, Tan Sri Lee Oi Hian, who was redesignated as group executive chairman in 2024. (The Edge)

Bursa Malaysia has sought further clarification from **Zetrix AI Bhd** (ZETRIX) on its RM130m valuation for the proposed acquisition of a 50% stake in MYEG Ventures Inc. The latest queries, the third set raised on the deal, focus on the valuation and the use of IPVG Employees Inc as the acquisition vehicle, including whether IPVG has agreements to acquire the remaining 40.6% stake and when that prerequisite acquisition will be completed.

Separately, Zetrix AI co-founder and largest shareholder Wong Thean Soon's selldown continues, with his stake falling to 13.14% after he and his investment vehicle Asia Internet Holdings sold 1.245bn shares or a 16.35% stake for RM321.34m. His stake has fallen from 29.49%, comprising a 15.19% direct and 14.30% indirect interest. (The Edge)

Home furniture retailer **SSF Home Group Bhd** (SSF) said Low Kok Yew has emerged as a substantial shareholder after raising his stake to above 5%. Low acquired 13.55m shares or a 1.69% stake directly from executive director and deputy CEO Lok Kok Khong on Sept 7, with the transaction valued at RM4.88m. (The Edge)

LFE Corp Bhd (LFECORP) has secured three contracts worth RM23.87m for electrical, mechanical and plumbing works at an Ara Damansara redevelopment project. The contracts, secured by wholly-owned LFE Engineering, cover electrical and extra-low-voltage services, air-conditioning and mechanical ventilation, and plumbing works, with a 27-month duration ending March 21, 2028. (The Edge)

Power engineering solutions provider **EI Power Bhd** (EIPOWER) is acquiring a freehold property in Bandar Glenmarie, Shah Alam for RM17.2m as its new headquarters. The property comprises 1,495.09 sq m of land with a 2½-storey semi-detached factory. The acquisition will be funded via RM15m from its IPO proceeds and RM2.2m from internally generated funds. (The Edge)

Enra Group Bhd (ENRA) has partnered with China Offshore Engineering & Technology Co Ltd to jointly bid for an upcoming Southeast Asian FPSO tender. The parties will negotiate the scope, pricing and responsibilities if they receive the official tender documents, before formalising the arrangement in a definitive agreement. (The Edge)

Ahmad Zaki Resources Bhd (AZRB) has appointed Datuk Seri Wan Zakariah Wan Muda as chairman, succeeding Tan Sri Madinah Mohamad, who has resigned to pursue personal interests. Madinah was also a former auditor general of Malaysia.

Wan Zakariah currently holds a 0.8% direct stake in the company and is the elder brother of executive director Datuk Wan Zulkifli Wan Muda. (The Edge)

Pimpinan Ehsan Bhd (PEB) will be delisted on Sept 14 after failing to submit a plan to revive the company by the deadline. Trading in its shares has been suspended since Aug 21, following the collapse of its proposed acquisition of renewable energy firm reNIKOLA Holdings Sdn Bhd and a decision to return cash to shareholders. (The Edge)

Apple (AAPL) on Wednesday officially unveiled its long-awaited foldable iPhone, introducing the USD1,999 iPhone Duo as the centerpiece of its annual September product event and pushing its flagship smartphone lineup further upmarket. The passport-style device, Apple's first foldable smartphone, features a 7.6-inch inner display and a 5.4-inch outer screen. Pre-orders begin Oct. 16, with availability starting Oct. 23 in more than 70 countries and regions. (Investing.com)

Salesforce Inc (CRM) is reportedly in preliminary discussions to acquire Listen Labs, an AI-driven customer research platform, in a deal valued at approximately $2 billion. The potential transaction highlights the software giant's persistent appetite for strategic assets that can bolster its enterprise artificial intelligence suite, according to reporting initially published by Business Insider citing sources familiar with the matter. (Investing.com)

Technical Focus Tracker

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No.	Companies	Report Date	Report Date Share Price (RM)	Resistance 1 (RM)	Resistance 2 (RM)	Long Term Target (RM)	Support (RM)	Cut Loss (RM)	Last Price (RM)	Change in Share Price (%)	Comments
1	GOOGL	30-May	170.5	187.5	190.0	190.0	170.0	167.5	338.4	98.4%	Initiated on 30/5/2025
2	PWRWELL	25-Sep	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.5	1.1	93.7%	Initiated on 25/9/2025
3	PEKAT	3-Oct	1.8	2.0	2.1	2.1	1.7	1.7	2.1	13.7%	Initiated on 3/10/2025
4	MU	24-Oct	212.2	229.2	233.4	227.3	194.0	192.0	1000.3	371.4%	Initiated on 24/10/2025
5	CCJ	4-Dec	89.3	110.2	138.4	138.4	86.1	79.3	102.0	14.2%	Initiated on 4/12/2025
6	TIGO	19-Dec	50.6	58.4	59.4	59.4	49.8	49.8	96.0	89.7%	Initiated on 19/12/2025
7	SNDK	13-Feb	610.5	693.0	700.0	700.0	542.0	536.0	1738.0	184.7%	Initiated on 13/2/2026
8	HKB	11-Mar	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.6	217.9%	Initiated on 9/4/2026
9	CORAZA	10-Apr	0.6	0.7	0.9	0.9	0.6	0.6	1.1	77.8%	Initiated on 10/4/2026
10	MSC	16-Apr	2.0	2.2	2.7	2.7	2.0	2.0	2.2	9.9%	Initiated on 16/4/2026
11	MCLEAN	23-Apr	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.8	30.1%	Initiated on 23/4/2026
12	SUNCON	14-May	7.0	7.6	7.7	7.7	7.0	6.9	8.0	14.5%	Initiated on 14/5/2026
13	DUFU	29-May	1.8	2.2	2.7	2.7	1.8	1.7	2.9	54.4%	Initiated on 29/5/2026
14	NTAP	16-Jun	161.6	192.8	230.4	230.4	159.3	154.9	189.1	17.1%	Initiated on 16/6/2026
15	ANET	1-Jul	165.6	179.6	195.7	195.7	157.3	154.0	195.0	17.8%	Initiated on 1/7/2026
16	99SMART	8-Jul	3.6	4.0	4.2	4.2	3.6	3.5	3.6	-0.8%	Cut loss on 28/7/2026
17	JTGROUP	22-Jul	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.6	1.0	45.1%	Initiated on 22/7/2026
18	MSC	3-Aug	2.0	2.2	2.3	2.3	1.9	1.8	2.2	11.1%	Take profit on 12/8/2026
19	NATGATE	4-Aug	1.3	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.1	1.1	1.7	38.4%	Initiated on 4/8/2026
20	LOGI	5-Aug	107.1	121.0	129.5	129.5	105.3	103.3	99.0	-7.6%	Cut loss on 18/8/2026
21	DE	13-Aug	619.6	639.1	674.4	674.4	608.1	596.8	680.7	9.9%	Initiated on 13/8/2026
22	AUMAS	26-Aug	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.4	0.4	0.4	-7.4%	Initiated on 26/8/2026

Market Chat Tracker – 3Q26 Stock Picks

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1	99SMART	7/4/2026	3.357	4.000	4.130	3.380	3.250	3.190	3.470	3.4%	Initiated on 7-Apr-2026
2	CBHB	7/4/2026	0.495	0.760	0.795	0.630	0.605	0.590	1.010	104.0%	Initiated on 7-Apr-2026
3	KGB	7/4/2026	4.872	9.000	9.500	7.780	7.420	7.270	8.650	77.5%	Initiated on 7-Apr-2026
4	MNHLDG	7/4/2026	1.800	3.400	3.500	2.740	2.590	2.540	3.860	114.4%	Initiated on 7-Apr-2026
5	NE	7/4/2026	0.740	1.300	1.400	1.020	0.940	0.920	1.060	43.2%	Initiated on 7-Apr-2026
6	OSK	7/4/2026	1.586	2.200	2.300	1.870	1.800	1.760	1.920	21.1%	Initiated on 7-Apr-2026
7	SCGBHD	7/4/2026	1.865	2.600	2.700	2.230	2.130	2.090	2.730	46.4%	Initiated on 7-Apr-2026
8	SLVEST	1/7/2026	2.990	3.380	3.500	2.950	2.880	2.820	3.500	17.1%	Initiated on 7-Apr-2026
9	BMGREEN	1/7/2026	1.870	2.150	2.280	1.670	1.540	1.510	1.700	-9.1%	Initiated on 1-Jul-2026
10	EG	1/7/2026	1.830	2.200	2.310	1.720	1.600	1.570	1.770	-3.3%	Initiated on 1-Jul-2026
11	KOBAY	1/7/2026	2.570	3.200	3.500	2.330	2.160	2.120	2.290	-10.9%	Initiated on 1-Jul-2026
12	SPRITZER	1/7/2026	2.920	3.300	3.500	2.700	2.500	2.450	3.830	31.2%	Initiated on 1-Jul-2026
13	TIMECOM	1/7/2026	6.170	6.800	7.000	6.000	5.860	5.740	5.850	-5.2%	Initiated on 1-Jul-2026
	Average Return									33.1%	

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