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Wall Street Muted Ahead of FOMC Meeting

Market Review

MY: Tracking Wall Street's rebound last week, the FBM KLCI kickstarted the shortened trading week on a positive note, with gains in key heavyweights such as CIMB and PCHEM leading the key index higher. IPO UNIPAC debuted on the ACE Market yesterday, closing at RM0.31 compared to its IPO price of RM0.35.

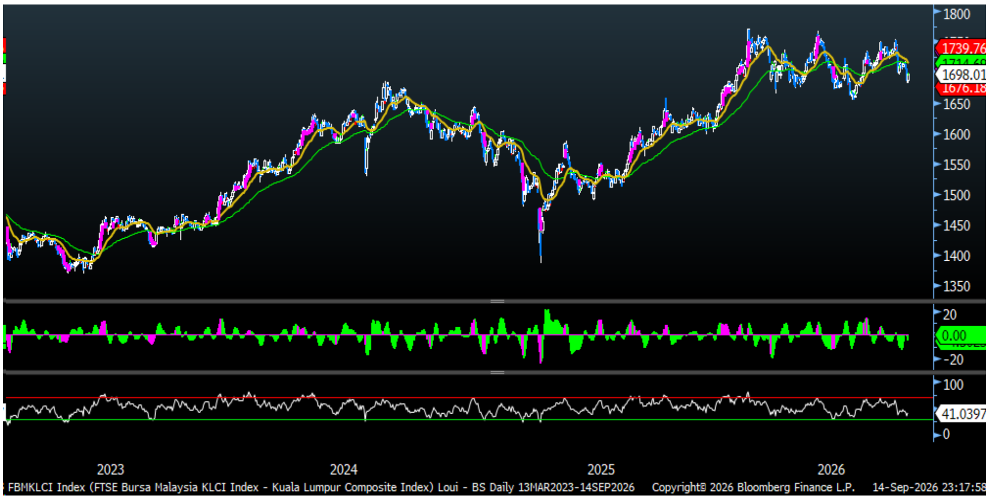
US: Wall Street closed lower on Monday as tech sector weakness, triggered by calls to slow AI development and elevated oil prices weighed on sentiment, though potential US–Iran diplomatic talks helped pare session losses. The Dow, S&P 500, and Nasdaq retreated by 0.3%, 0.5%, and 0.6%, respectively.

The Day Ahead

US: With Wall Street entering the first day of the September FOMC meeting, coupled with oil prices staying elevated above the USD107/barrel mark, we expect Wall Street to extend its cautious trading sentiment. While Anthropic CEO Dario Amodei and OpenAI leadership called for a deliberate slowdown in frontier LLM development over safety concerns, we view this as a temporary knee-jerk market reaction, creating buy-on-dip opportunities in the tech sector. We continue to favour Marvell Technology (MRVL) despite its pullback, supported by its combined FY27 and FY28 revenue outlook of USD30bn and its custom silicon partnership with Alphabet (GOOGL), while the latter is also favoured due to its Google Cloud acceleration.

MY: Given that the local bourse will be closed tomorrow while the US enters its FOMC meeting later today, we anticipate a softer tone for the FBM KLCI today. Meanwhile, the elevated oil price environment should bode well for chemical-related companies such as LCTITAN and SAMCHEM. While the AI slowdown commentary in the US might temporarily affect sentiment for local technology counters, we continue to favour factory automation solutions provider GREATEC, supported by its RM1.8bn order book, with DC-related jobs now accounting for more than half of its outstanding contracts. The RM1.8bn order book translates into 2.4x FY25 revenue, with management expecting RM2.0bn by year-end.

FBMKLCI Technical Outlook



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While the FBM KLCI experienced a rebound, it is still trading below the MA200, with technical indicators showing weakening signals, as the MACD histogram is still trading at its negative territory, while the RSI is hovering below 50. Key resistance lies within 1,713–1,718, with support expected around 1,678–1,683.

Market Scorecard

Key Indices	Last price	Change (%)
Dow Jones	52,421.20	-0.29
S&P 500	7,619.98	-0.48
NASDAQ	26,186.41	-0.56
FBM KLCI	1,698.01	0.67
FBM Small Cap	16,080.94	-0.22
FBM ACE	5,215.63	-0.85
Construction	311.48	-0.98
Consumer	472.91	-0.63
Energy	814.92	0.06
Financial Services	19,791.57	0.86
Healthcare	1,604.62	0.79
Ind Products	189.20	0.22
Plantation	9,536.29	1.06
Property	1,060.15	-0.20
REITs	883.50	0.44
Technology	72.39	-1.86
Telco & Media	407.35	1.24
Transport & Logist	1,008.33	-0.20
Utilities	1,792.68	-0.35
Trading Vol (m)	3,185.12	-11.00
Trading Val (RM m	2,795.66	-14.97
Gainers/ Losers rat		
FKLI	1,671.50	0.15
FCPO (RM)	4,850.00	0.95
Brent oil (USD)	105.68	1.02
Gold (USD)	4,299.64	-0.26
USD	4.0753	-0.12
GBP	5.4975	0.03
EURO	4.7036	0.35
SGD	3.2073	0.11

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

Institution	Retail	Foreign
-82.9	252.4	-169.5

Source: Bloomberg, Bursa Market Place

Company Briefs

Kelington Group Bhd (KGB) has secured a contract worth a provisional RM1.83bn that marks the largest ever job for the engineering services firm. The contract will see Kelington building a turnkey total facility tool hookup services for a semiconductor wafer fabrication facility in Gujarat, India, the company said in an exchange filing. Works are expected to begin this month and be completed by February 2029. (The Edge)

NuEnergy Holdings Bhd (NHB) said it is investing in solar photovoltaic (PV) facilities worth RM48.8m across 49 rooftop sites at the premises of a government agency. NuEnergy said its wholly-owned unit, IL Energy Sdn Bhd, will acquire and retain ownership of the solar PV systems, which will form part of the renewable energy group's portfolio of owned renewable energy assets. The development of the facilities with an aggregate capacity of 21 megawatt-peak will be undertaken by the subsidiary of the government agency as the main engineering, procurement, construction and commissioning contractor. (The Edge)

GFM Services Bhd (GFM) said on Monday it has received an additional release order worth RM37.4m for major turnaround works at the Pengerang Integrated Complex in Johor. In a bourse filing, GFM said the additional works, awarded to its 60%-owned subsidiary Shapadu CR Asia Sdn Bhd by Pengerang Refining Company Sdn Bhd, raises the contract value to RM104.16m from RM66.77m. (The Edge)

Exsim Hospitality Bhd (EXSIMHB) has secured RM42.48m worth of subcontract works to supply, install, test and commission building services and carry out general building works. The group said its subsidiary Exsim Concepto Sdn Bhd, which specialises in specialised fit-out services for hospitality property assets, was awarded the contract by Taghill Projects Sdn Bhd. The group said that works will begin on Sept 15 and run for a duration of 24 months. (The Edge)

Kerjaya Prospek (M) Sdn Bhd, a wholly owned subsidiary of **Kerjaya Prospek Group Bhd** (KERJAYA), has been awarded a RM37.82m contract from Persada Mentari Sdn Bhd related to an affordable housing project in Penang. The group said the contract is for piling and substructure works for a 38-storey block of apartments at Bandar Tanjung Pinang in George Town, Penang. Work is scheduled to begin on Oct 1 and is estimated to be completed within 24 months. (The Edge)

PETRONAS Chemicals Group Bhd (PCHEM) rose to a three-month high amid a rally in petrochemical refiners as oil prices surged amid renewed conflict in the Middle East. Brent, the global benchmark for crude oil, extended its gains above US$100 while West Texas Intermediate, which guides US markets, rose to US$103 per barrel, boosting hopes for higher petrochemical prices and spreads. (The Edge)

Tan Chong Motor Holdings Bhd (TCHONG) has signed a three-year agreement with Perodua to support its battery electric vehicle project in Serendah. Under the agreement, Tan Chong's subsidiary Tan Chong Motor Assemblies Sdn Bhd will provide electro-deposition coating and painting services, as well as assembly line rental and related services, to Perodua Sales Sdn Bhd. The master agreement, which sets out the general terms of the partnership, is effective from June 1, 2026 to May 31, 2029. (The Edge)

United Asiapac Energy Bhd (UNIPAC) ended its first trading day on the ACE Market 11.4% lower than its opening price on Monday. The counter opened at its initial public offering price of 35 sen and dipped soon after. It hit an intraday low of 29.5 sen before closing at 31 sen with about 40.8m shares changing hands. United Asiapac Energy delayed its listing by about a month than the originally planned Aug 19 after it announced it would issue a supplementary prospectus with clarifications and details on a new contract secured by the group. (The Edge)

Pinterest Inc (PINS) shares climbed 1.8% on Monday following the company's announcement of a new AI infrastructure layer built with **NVIDIA** (NVDA) using Blackwell GPUs. The social media platform built the new foundation to support multimodal AI products that rely on both images and language, including visual search, content understanding and safety systems. The infrastructure combines NVIDIA Blackwell GPUs, NVIDIA Dynamo and Pinterest's visual embeddings. (Investing.com)

Elon Musk's xAI and X Corp. reached a settlement with **Apple Inc** (AAPL) in an antitrust lawsuit and filed to dismiss the case on Monday, according to a report from Bloomberg. The two companies asked a federal judge in Texas to approve the voluntary dismissal. The lawsuit, originally filed in August, accused Apple of favouring OpenAI's ChatGPT over competing chatbot makers. Musk's companies sought billions of dollars in damages, claiming Apple's integration of OpenAI technology into the iPhone operating system limited competition and innovation in the artificial intelligence industry while reducing consumer choice. (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	171.4	187.5	190.0	190.0	170.0	167.5	345.4	101.6%	Initiated on 30/5/2025
2	PWRWELL	25-Sep	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.5	1.1	82.9%	Initiated on 25/9/2025
3	PEKAT	3-Oct	1.8	2.0	2.1	2.1	1.7	1.7	2.1	12.0%	Initiated on 3/10/2025
4	MU	24-Oct	212.4	229.4	233.6	227.3	194.0	192.0	912.9	329.8%	Initiated on 24/10/2025
5	CCJ	4-Dec	89.3	110.2	138.4	138.4	86.1	79.3	92.8	4.0%	Initiated on 4/12/2025
6	TIGO	19-Dec	53.1	58.4	59.4	59.4	49.8	49.8	94.6	78.3%	Initiated on 19/12/2025
7	SNDK	13-Feb	610.5	693.0	700.0	700.0	542.0	536.0	1531.0	150.8%	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	66.7%	Initiated on 10/4/2026
10	MSC	16-Apr	2.1	2.2	2.7	2.7	2.0	2.0	2.2	5.8%	Initiated on 16/4/2026
11	MCLEAN	23-Apr	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.7	24.4%	Initiated on 23/4/2026
12	SUNCON	14-May	7.2	7.6	7.7	7.7	7.0	6.9	7.2	-0.4%	Initiated on 14/5/2026
13	DUFU	29-May	1.9	2.2	2.7	2.7	1.8	1.7	2.6	39.2%	Initiated on 29/5/2026
14	NTAP	16-Jun	162.1	192.8	230.4	230.4	159.3	154.9	189.7	17.0%	Initiated on 16/6/2026
15	ANET	1-Jul	165.6	179.6	195.7	195.7	157.3	154.0	187.0	12.9%	Initiated on 1/7/2026
16	JTGROUP	22-Jul	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.9	40.6%	Initiated on 22/7/2026
17	NATGATE	4-Aug	1.3	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.1	1.1	1.7	32.8%	Initiated on 4/8/2026
18	DE	13-Aug	619.6	639.1	674.4	674.4	608.1	596.8	685.7	10.7%	Initiated on 13/8/2026
19	AUMAS	26-Aug	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.4	0.4	0.4	-7.4%	Initiated on 26/8/2026
20	MRVL	11-Sep	234.6	316.9	329.9	329.9	223.4	205.2	218.1	-7.1%	Initiated on 11/9/2026
21	C	14-Sep	137.4	146.8	184.4	184.4	134.5	131.4	134.9	-1.8%	Initiated on 14/9/2026
22	SNX	14-Sep	261.8	286.4	302.1	302.1	267.0	252.9	260.7	-0.4%	Initiated on 14/9/2028

Market Chat Tracker – 3Q26 Stock Picks

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1	99SMART	7/4/2026	3.380	4.000	4.130	3.380	3.250	3.190	3.220	-4.7%	Initiated on 7-Apr-2026
2	CBHB	7/4/2026	0.495	0.760	0.795	0.630	0.605	0.590	1.020	106.1%	Initiated on 7-Apr-2026
3	KGB	7/4/2026	4.930	9.000	9.500	7.780	7.420	7.270	8.620	74.8%	Initiated on 7-Apr-2026
4	MNHLDG	7/4/2026	1.800	3.400	3.500	2.740	2.590	2.540	3.710	106.1%	Initiated on 7-Apr-2026
5	NE	7/4/2026	0.740	1.300	1.400	1.020	0.940	0.920	1.040	40.5%	Initiated on 7-Apr-2026
6	OSK	7/4/2026	1.640	2.200	2.300	1.870	1.800	1.760	1.920	17.1%	Initiated on 7-Apr-2026
7	SCGBHD	7/4/2026	1.880	2.600	2.700	2.230	2.130	2.090	2.620	39.4%	Initiated on 7-Apr-2026
8	SLVEST	1/7/2026	2.990	3.380	3.500	2.950	2.880	2.820	3.200	7.0%	Initiated on 7-Apr-2026
9	BMGREEN	1/7/2026	1.870	2.150	2.280	1.670	1.540	1.510	1.600	-14.4%	Initiated on 1-Jul-2026
10	EG	1/7/2026	1.830	2.200	2.310	1.720	1.600	1.570	1.710	-6.6%	Initiated on 1-Jul-2026
11	KOBAY	1/7/2026	2.570	3.200	3.500	2.330	2.160	2.120	2.190	-14.8%	Initiated on 1-Jul-2026
12	SPRITZER	1/7/2026	2.920	3.300	3.500	2.700	2.500	2.450	3.750	28.4%	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									28.7%	

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