

Wall Street Turns To Big-Bank Earnings

Market Review

MY: Despite heightened concerns over the escalating Middle East conflict, the local index remained resilient following Budget 2027, supported by gains in MISC and PBBANK. Sector-wise, Financials (+0.9%) outperformed, led by PBBANK and MAYBANK, while Health Care (-2.4%) lagged the most.

US: Wall Street closed mixed on Monday as rising oil prices following a deadly Houthi attack on a Saudi airport and weakness in semiconductor stocks offset gains in Meta and Salesforce ahead of 3Q26 bank earnings and key inflation data. The Dow advanced 0.4%, while the S&P 500 and Nasdaq declined 0.1% and 0.4%, respectively.

The Day Ahead

US: With 10-year Treasury yields elevated near 5.25% and Brent crude above USD106/bbl amid Middle East tensions, we expect Wall Street to trade cautiously as JPMorgan (JPM), Goldman Sachs (GS) and Citigroup (C) kick off 3Q26 earnings season today. We favour Alphabet (GOOG), backed by positive analyst views following its Gemini Agent enterprise launch and a 98% reduction in token costs since 2024. Arista Networks (ANET) could benefit from AI networking demand following its open Ethernet rack-scale launch with major tech players. Lastly, traders could consider TD SYNEX (SNX) following its 3QFY26 EPS beat and stronger guidance.

MY: Given ongoing geopolitical uncertainty and rebounding oil prices, we expect cautious sentiment to spill over into the local bourse, with investors remaining selective towards post-Budget 2027 beneficiaries. Meanwhile, we are positive on IJM securing a RM1.23bn contract to build a high-tech microchip manufacturing facility for AT&S in Kulim Hi-Tech Park, lifting its outstanding order book to RM10.6bn, equivalent to approximately 1.5x FY26 revenue. Lastly, we also favour MNHLDG following its RM293.9m contract win to develop data centre power facilities, while TNB's RM15bn grid investment should continue to benefit companies involved in transmission and distribution infrastructure.

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Market Scorecard

Key Indices	Last price	Change (%)
Dow Jones	51850.55	0.38
S&P 500	7,807.24	-0.06
NASDAQ	27,245.90	-0.44
FBM KLCI	1618.01	0.59
FBM Small Cap	15,924.73	-1.11
FBM ACE	5,560.70	-1.66
Construction	320.42	-1.15
Consumer	447.21	-2.04
Energy	834.16	-0.53
Financial Services	18,594.13	0.92
Healthcare	1498.06	-2.40
Ind Products	180.77	0.01
Plantation	8,811.90	-0.88
Property	995.40	-0.93
REITs	868.48	-1.16
Technology	79.55	0.04
Telco & Media	385.74	-0.35
Transport & Logisti	1014.29	0.49
Utilities	1793.10	-1.18
Trading Vol (m)	3,363.40	0.99
Trading Val (RM m)	2,914.71	0.36
Gainers/ Losers rat	44%	
FKLI	1612.00	0.09
FCPO (RM)	4,629.00	-0.17
Brent oil (USD)	106.65	1.84
Gold (USD)	4,172.23	-0.07
USD	4.0842	0.02
GBP	5.4055	0.04
EURO	4.5666	0.35
SGD	3.1892	0.06
Trading participant	3,1928	0.1441
Institution Retail Foreign		
	-52.9	437.0 -384.2

Source: Bloomberg, Bursa Market Place

FBMKLCI Technical Outlook



Bloomberg

Despite the rebound yesterday, the FBM KLCI stayed below the MA lines, with technical indicators remain negative as the MACD continued to trade in the negative territory while RSI hovering at the oversold territory. Key resistance lies at 1,633–1,638, while near-term support is expected around 1,598–1,603.



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Company Briefs

AirAsia Group Bhd (AAGB) co-founder Tan Sri Tony Fernandes met with officials from Malaysia's Finance Ministry two weeks ago to discuss potential government support for Southeast Asia's largest low-cost airline, *Reuters* reported, citing sources. Discussions centred on the prospect of the government backing AirAsia's fundraising efforts provided the airline agreed to proposed conditions, which remain under discussion. Reuters could not immediately determine details of the proposed conditions. Fernandes told Reuters on Friday that he had met with officials from Malaysia's finance and transport ministries during the week starting Sept 28 at his request. He said the discussions focused on aviation-related costs such as airport charges and fuel, not financial assistance. (The Edge)

IJM Corporation Bhd (IJM) has secured a RM1.23bn contract from AT&S Austria Technologie & Systemtechnik (Malaysia) Sdn Bhd to construct semiconductor manufacturing facilities at the Kulim Hi-Tech Park in Kedah. The project involves the construction of a four-storey production building, a three-storey central utility building and a single-storey wastewater treatment facility. AT&S Malaysia is a subsidiary of Vienna-listed Austria Technologie & Systemtechnik AG (AT&S), an Austrian manufacturer of high-end printed circuit boards (PCBs) and integrated circuit substrates, which are used to connect semiconductor chips to circuit boards. (The Edge)

Zetrix AI Bhd's (ZETRIX) managing director Wong Thean Soon, better known as TS Wong, has continued to sell down his shareholding, further reducing his stake in the company. With a 3.091% direct interest and a 3.347% indirect stake, he remains the company's sole substantial shareholder. About 142m shares directly held by Wong were sold at prices ranging from 7 sen to 11.2 sen apiece, for a total of RM11.6m. Wong's total shareholding has fallen by 78% to 508.41m shares from 2.33bn before the sell-off began in late August. Separately, the company said its independent director Datuk Seri Mohd Mokhtar Mohd Shariff resigned on Monday, citing personal commitments. The filing showed that there were no disagreements between him and the board and that there are no matters that need to be brought to the attention of shareholders. (The Edge)

IOI Properties Group Bhd (IOIPG) is eyeing a 50% stake in One Raffles Place, an integrated commercial development in Singapore's central business district. The group said it had jointly submitted an expression of interest with an investment entity managed by CapitaLand Investment Ltd to acquire a 100% interest in One Raffles Place on a 50:50 basis. OUE REIT, backed by Indonesia's Riady family, which controls the Lippo Group, owns an 81.54% stake in the property through a subsidiary, while United Overseas Bank holds the remaining 18.46% and occupies part of the complex. The parties are working towards finalising the definitive agreements and related transaction documents, subject to the satisfactory completion of due diligence during the exclusivity period. (The Edge)

MN Holdings Bhd (MNHLDG) has secured a RM293.88m contract to build two high-voltage power facilities for a data centre development in the central region of Peninsular Malaysia. Its wholly-owned MN Power Transmission Sdn Bhd had accepted a letter of award from an undisclosed Malaysian company involved in providing infrastructure for hosting, data processing and related services. The exact location of the project was also not disclosed. (The Edge)

Swift Energy Technology Bhd (SET) said it has secured a contract to engineer and supply a 11kV substation for a gas compression plant in Johor, marking its first engineering, procurement, construction, and commissioning (EPCC) project. The contract, secured by subsidiary Swift Energy Sdn Bhd from an undisclosed integrated oil and gas company, is part of a series of purchase orders with a cumulative value of RM59.07m. (The Edge)



Kinergy Advancement Bhd (KINERGY) has secured a RM47.5m subcontract from Gamuda Bhd's (GAMUDA) unit for electrical works at a hyperscale data centre in Bandar Spring Hill, Port Dickson. The data centre is for a multi-national technology company headquartered in the US, which was not named in the filing. Under the contract, Kinergy will design, supply, install, test and commission the electrical infrastructure, including substations, transformers, power distribution systems, cabling, lighting, backup power systems and EV charging facilities. (The Edge)

iCents Group Holdings Bhd (ICENTS) said it has secured a contract worth RM36.15m to undertake engineering, procurement, construction and commissioning (EPCC) works for the turnkey development of a semiconductor wafer processing facility in Selangor. The contract was awarded by a Malaysian subsidiary of a US-based company, iCents said, without identifying the company. (The Edge)

Infomina Bhd (INFOM)'s wholly-owned subsidiary, Infomina Jalan KK, has renewed its five-year software subscription and maintenance contract worth ¥855m (about RM22.1m) with Panasonic Digital Co Ltd. Under the contract, Infomina Japan will be responsible for procuring and administering software licence subscriptions; managing billing arrangements; coordinating support and licence changes; and overseeing licence usage reporting and compliance. Infomina said the contract serves as the backbone for Panasonic Digital's operations, allowing the company to process massive amounts of data while automating analysis and reporting for the company to make informed decisions at scale. (The Edge)

LAC Med Bhd (LACMED) has secured a seven-year contract worth up to RM20m to supply medical imaging equipment and related services to an upcoming specialist healthcare centre in Petaling Jaya, Selangor. The contract was awarded by Health Capitol Specialist Centre Sdn Bhd to LAC Med's wholly-owned subsidiary LAC Medical Supplies Sdn Bhd (LMS) under a master services agreement. Under the agreement, LMS will supply, install, test and commission medical equipment, alongside providing maintenance, technical support and other related services throughout the contract period. (The Edge)

Starbucks (SBUX) is not buying **Chipotle Mexican Grill** (CMG), the coffee chain said on Monday, quashing talk of a deal that could have been the largest-ever involving restaurants but was doubted by both investors and analysts. "As a matter of policy, we don't comment on rumors and speculation, but we want to be clear we are not buying Chipotle," a Starbucks spokesperson said. (Investing.com)

Microsoft (MSFT) announced the next generation of its custom AI chip on Monday and said it plans to deploy potentially more than a million of them next year to back its internal AI services. The Maia 300, as the chip is called, is the third generation of the company's custom chips designed to handle AI data crunching such as coding and carrying out complex business tasks on a user's behalf. (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	351.7	106.2%	Initiated on 30/5/2025
2	PWRWELL	25-Sep	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.5	1.2	109.4%	Initiated on 25/9/2025
3	PEKAT	3-Oct	1.8	2.0	2.1	2.1	1.7	1.7	2.8	56.0%	Initiated on 3/10/2025
4	MU	24-Oct	212.2	229.2	233.4	227.3	194.0	192.0	1029.0	385.0%	Initiated on 24/10/2025
5	TIGO	19-Dec	50.6	58.4	59.4	59.4	49.8	49.8	79.5	57.1%	Initiated on 19/12/2025
6	SNDK	13-Feb	610.5	693.0	700.0	700.0	542.0	536.0	1581.8	159.1%	Initiated on 13/2/2026
7	HKB	11-Mar	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.8	310.3%	Initiated on 9/4/2026
8	CORAZA	10-Apr	0.6	0.7	0.9	0.9	0.6	0.6	1.4	114.3%	Initiated on 10/4/2026
9	MCLEAN	23-Apr	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.7	21.6%	Initiated on 23/4/2026
10	SUNCON	14-May	6.9	7.6	7.7	7.7	7.0	6.9	7.6	9.9%	Initiated on 14/5/2026
11	DUFU	29-May	1.8	2.2	2.7	2.7	1.8	1.7	3.2	72.3%	Initiated on 29/5/2026
12	NTAP	16-Jun	161.6	192.8	230.4	230.4	159.3	154.9	237.2	46.8%	Initiated on 16/6/2026
13	ANET	1-Jul	165.6	179.6	195.7	195.7	157.3	154.0	216.7	30.9%	Initiated on 1/7/2026
14	JTGROUP	22-Jul	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.6	1.4	110.5%	Initiated on 22/7/2026
15	NATGATE	4-Aug	1.2	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.1	1.1	2.3	81.9%	Initiated on 4/8/2026
16	DE	13-Aug	618.1	639.1	674.4	674.4	608.1	596.8	620.9	0.5%	Initiated on 13/8/2026
17	AUMAS	26-Aug	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.4	0.4	0.3	-14.8%	Cut loss on 18/9/2026
18	MRVL	11-Sep	234.6	316.9	329.9	329.9	223.4	205.2	275.3	17.3%	Initiated on 11/9/2026
19	C	14-Sep	137.4	146.8	184.4	184.4	134.5	131.4	129.6	-5.6%	Initiated on 14/9/2026
20	SNX	14-Sep	261.8	286.4	302.1	302.1	267.0	252.9	273.4	4.4%	Initiated on 14/9/2026
21	VERDANT	22-Sep	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.3	13.3%	Reached TP 2 on 29/9/2026
22	NOW	22-Sep	141.8	162.5	192.4	192.4	135.2	130.9	140.9	-0.7%	Initiated on 22/9/2026
23	FLEX	7-Oct	118.4	142.6	166.4	166.4	114.9	104.0	119.8	1.3%	Initiated on 7/10/2026
24	IAB	9-Oct	1.4	1.6	1.9	1.9	1.2	1.2	1.2	-11.7%	Initiated on 9/10/2026

Market Chat Tracker – 4Q26 Stock Picks

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1	CBHB	7/4/2026	0.494	1.200	1.240	1.030	1.000	0.980	1.11	124.7%	Initiated on 7-Apr-2026
2	CHEEDING	2/10/2026	0.630	0.730	0.750	0.585	0.565	0.554	0.590	-6.3%	Initiated on 2-Oct-2026
3	HKB	2/10/2026	0.660	0.715	0.750	0.625	0.595	0.578	0.800	21.2%	Initiated on 2-Oct-2026
4	KOSSAN	2/10/2026	1.140	1.330	1.370	1.130	1.080	1.060	1.140	0.0%	Initiated on 2-Oct-2026
5	CLOUDPT	2/10/2026	0.500	0.600	0.635	0.470	0.450	0.441	0.515	3.0%	Initiated on 2-Oct-2026
6	INFOM	2/10/2026	1.790	1.980	2.050	1.550	1.470	1.440	1.800	0.6%	Initiated on 2-Oct-2026
7	OGX	2/10/2026	0.435	0.600	0.625	0.405	0.380	0.372	0.455	4.6%	Initiated on 2-Oct-2026
8	QES	2/10/2026	0.590	0.655	0.675	0.555	0.540	0.529	0.630	6.8%	Initiated on 2-Oct-2026
9	SCICOM	2/10/2026	2.330	2.540	2.590	2.170	2.110	2.070	2.160	-7.3%	Initiated on 2-Oct-2026
10	THMY	2/10/2026	2.170	2.400	2.500	1.970	1.880	1.840	2.180	0.5%	Initiated on 2-Oct-2026
11	UMSINT	2/10/2026	8.770	9.750	10.000	2.330	2.160	7.980	8.900	1.5%	Initiated on 2-Oct-2026
12	UWC	2/10/2026	7.090	7.760	8.000	6.560	6.320	6.190	7.970	12.4%	Initiated on 2-Oct-2026
13	VITROX	2/10/2026	10.000	11.240	11.500	9.570	9.260	9.070	11.240	12.4%	Initiated on 2-Oct-2026
Average Return										13.4%	

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