

Fed Hold Bets Build as Earnings Loom

Market Review

MY: The local bourse traded on a softer note, with the FBMKLCI dragged down by CIMB and PMETAL. However, broader sentiment remained resilient, as 597 gainers outpaced 471 losers. Sector-wise, Technology (+1.59%) outperformed, while Plantation (-2.39%) lagged the most.

US: Wall Street ended lower on Friday as technology stocks remained under pressure amid concerns over AI-related valuations and spending. Rising oil prices and persistent inflation fears also weighed on sentiment, with the S&P 500 and Dow declining 1.1% and 0.3%, respectively, while the Nasdaq slumped 2.2%.

The Day Ahead

US: Warsh's latest comments reinforced expectations of a Fed rate hold at its 27–28 October meeting, with market-implied odds of a hike falling to around 15% after he refrained from signalling the next policy move. Meanwhile, US industrial production rose 0.7% MoM in September, while manufacturing output increased 0.3%, suggesting resilient but uneven industrial activity. Stock-wise, Cleveland-Cliffs (CLF) and Steel Dynamics (STLD) are scheduled to report 3Q26 results before the open and after the close, respectively. STLD has guided for EPS of USD5.34–5.38, up from USD3.69 in 2Q26, supported by wider steel margins and record shipments, with investors watching for sustained margin expansion.

MY: Locally, investors may remain selective, with interest potentially extending towards engineering services, semiconductor recovery and water-efficiency themes. PIONEER offers revenue visibility from its reported RM50.43m unbilled order book as it pursues larger engineering projects and expansion in Sarawak. CPETECH could attract attention following a recovery in 4QFY26 earnings, supported by stronger semiconductor demand and higher production volumes, although full-year profit remained lower YoY. Meanwhile, ISF is worth watching for potential partnerships with state water authorities to reduce non-revenue water, which could open up recurring income opportunities.

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Market Scorecard

Key Indices	Last price	Change (%)
Dow Jones	52,002.41	-0.34
S&P 500	7,659.44	-1.09
NASDAQ	26,400.03	-2.15
FBM KLCI	1607.76	-0.98
FBM Small Cap	15,613.81	0.36
FBM ACE	5,431.05	2.26
Construction	308.78	-0.64
Consumer	444.52	0.10
Energy	821.00	-0.23
Financial Services	1,751.82	-0.40
Healthcare	1,534.51	-0.30
Ind Products	172.79	-2.33
Plantation	8,632.88	-2.39
Property	982.54	-0.52
REITs	885.43	1.36
Technology	75.34	1.59
Telco & Media	383.81	1.54
Transport & Logistics	1,025.91	1.20
Utilities	1,749.25	-0.29
Trading Vol (m)	3,132.30	2.35
Trading Val (RM m)	3,271.29	7.84
Gainers/Losers rat	44%	
FKLI	1,599.50	-1.14
FCPO (RM)	4,769.00	0.93
Brent oil (USD)	109.86	3.72
Gold (USD)	4,165.58	-0.14
USD	4.0815	0.00
GBP	5.4416	-0.53
EURO	4.5936	-0.33
SGD	3.1905	-0.22
Trading participant	3,192.8	0.1441
Institution Retail Foreign		
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Source: Bloomberg, Bursa Market Place

FBMKLCI Technical Outlook



Bloomberg

The FBM KLCI could attempt a technical rebound amid improving momentum indicators. Backed by the MACD histogram turning positive and an RSI lingering near the oversold territory above 30, overhead resistance sits at 1,622–1,637, with support established at 1,577–1,592.



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Company Briefs

Zetrix AI Bhd (ZETRIX) faces potential sukuk payment obligations of RM2.16bn if it fails to resolve a covenant breach by Oct 22, which could trigger a payment default. The company said the breach arose after managing director Wong Thean Soon ceased to be its largest shareholder following forced share sales. If the breach is not resolved by Oct 22, Zetrix said it will seek sukuk holders' approval to waive the covenant or provide further instructions on how to proceed. (The Edge)

Genting Bhd (GENTING) executive chairman Tan Sri Lim Kok Thay's private investment vehicle, Kien Huat Realty Sdn Bhd, has acquired additional shares in the group as its stock hovers near its two-decade lows. The latest acquisitions bring Lim's deemed interest in Genting to 45.24% or 1.74bn shares. Lim has raised his deemed interest in Genting by about 6.42m shares amid the stock's sell-off in the wake of its proposed RM1.25bn rights issue announcement last week. (The Edge)

Genting Property Sdn Bhd, the property division of **Genting Plantations Bhd** (GENP), has entered into a strategic partnership with Huawei Technologies (Malaysia) Sdn Bhd to master-plan Johor Tech Smart City (JTSC), including its flagship 430-acre smart campus within the Knowledge AI Campus. The agreement marks Huawei's first international smart campus partnership and the overseas deployment of its AI-enabled master-planning capability. Under the partnership, Huawei will integrate its global smart campus expertise and advanced AI capabilities into JTSC's foundational design, drawing from its smart campus deployments in Shanghai and Dongguan. (The Edge)

IOI Properties Group Bhd (IOIPG) said its board has yet to deliberate on the potential acquisition of Singapore properties mentioned by its chief executive officer in a media report. The group said this in a bourse filing on Friday after CEO Datuk Lee Yeow Seng was quoted in a *Bloomberg* report the previous day as saying that IOI Properties was in exclusive talks to buy retail venue Chijmes and the Capitol Kempinski hotel. (The Edge)

Public Bank Bhd (PBBANK) could see its consolidated net assets and earnings per share reduced by 4 sen, following an expected HK\$1.964bn – or about RM1.1bn – goodwill impairment at its Hong Kong-listed subsidiary, Public Financial Holdings Ltd (PFHL). The impairment is expected to contribute to a loss after tax of between HK\$1.9bn and HK\$2bn for the financial year ending Dec 31, 2026, compared with a net profit of HK\$80m in 2025. It is proposing to privatise its 73.23%-owned PFHL for HK\$2.50 per share or HK\$734.75m, to acquire the remaining 26.77% stake held by minority shareholders. (The Edge)

RHB Bank Bhd (RHBBANK) said it has applied to Bank Negara Malaysia for more time to conclude negotiations with Tokio Marine Asia Pte Ltd on the proposed merger of their insurance business in the country. RHB said the two sides have made meaningful progress in the talks, including ongoing due diligence reviews and discussions on key commercial terms and transaction documentation. The extension request follows BNM's approval in May for RHB to make a second attempt at negotiations with Tokio Marine Asia for the merger of their respective subsidiaries, Tokio Marine Insurans (Malaysia) Bhd and RHB Insurance Bhd, to form an enlarged entity. (The Edge)

Cape EMS Bhd (CEB) is collaborating with Taiwan-listed FIC Global Inc (FICG) to serve as its strategic partner in the latter's optical transceivers manufacturing expansion in Johor. It entered into a memorandum of agreement with FICG's unit Pro3C (Malaysia) Sdn Bhd which has a targeted US\$2bn (RM8.16bn) manufacturing revenue, to support the latter's manufacturing operations in Senai. As part of the deal, Pro3C will subscribe to 50m redeemable convertible preference shares (RCPS) of Cape EMS at RM1 a piece for RM50m. (The Edge)



Datuk Vijayasundaram Jeyabalan has emerged as a substantial shareholder in **Turiya Bhd** (TURIYA) after acquiring 22.872m shares, representing a 9.091% stake in the company, through a private placement. The stake makes him the company's second largest shareholder. He subscribed for the entire placement at 40 sen per share, amounting to RM9.15m. The acquisition was made on Oct 14, 2026. Vijayasundaram is the chief executive officer of LSP Sdn Bhd, which specialises in lighting projects and interior contracting, with a focus on the hospitality sector, royal institutions and government buildings. (The Edge)

EGH International Bhd (ECOGRP) fell in its ACE Market trading debut on Friday amid relatively weak demand for the interior fit-out firm's shares. The stock opened at 14.5 sen compared to its initial public offering price (IPO) of 16 sen per share. The counter tested intraday low of 12 sen before closing at 13.5 sen, down about 16%, after more than 71m shares exchanged hands. Market capitalisation was RM135m based on the last price. (The Edge)

Westport Holdings Bhd's (WPRTS) earnings are likely to beat consensus in the third quarter, underpinned by stronger throughput and value-added services, Maybank Investment Bank said in a note on Friday. The house said the first six months' core earnings came in at RM682m, accounting for 52% and 54% of its own and consensus for financial year ending Dec 31, 2026 (FY2026) estimates, respectively, leaving room for potential earnings upgrades for the second half. Westports 3QFY2026 results are scheduled to be released on Oct 21, 2026. (The Edge)

Cosmos Technology International Bhd (COSMOS) has secured a contract worth RM3.93m to supply and deliver data loggers and advance pressure management control equipment to Kedah's water supply operator. The group said its wholly owned unit received the contract from Syarikat Air Darul Aman Sdn Bhd (SADA) with the contract due to run for four months. This is the third contract it has received in a year. (The Edge)

Anthropic-backed AI infrastructure debt financing headlines emerged after reports surfaced that the AI startup offered **Blackstone** (BX) a double-digit return on debt financing for a \$60 billion AI chip deal. Under the proposed \$18 billion junior financing package known as Project North Star, Blackstone-managed funds are slated to invest \$9 billion at a 10% coupon—yielding total returns well above public bond market averages—to support Anthropic's acquisition of \$60 billion in Google tensor processing units (TPUs), according to a report from the Financial Times. (Financial Times)

Rubico Inc. (RUBI) entered into a securities purchase agreement with an institutional investor to issue up to \$9.44 million in senior convertible notes and accompanying warrants, according to a company press release. The shipping operator expects to close the first tranche shortly for \$8.5 million in gross proceeds, issuing notes with an 8% cash / 10% share interest rate convertible at \$0.3646 per share, alongside warrants for 25.9 million common shares. (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	170.55	187.50	190.00	190.00	170.00	167.50	349.22	104.8%	Initiated on 30/5/2025
2	PWRWELL	25-Sep	0.57	0.61	0.71	0.71	0.57	0.52	1.16	102.4%	Initiated on 25/9/2025
3	PEKAT	3-Oct	1.82	2.00	2.05	2.05	1.70	1.66	2.76	51.6%	Initiated on 3/10/2025
4	MU	24-Oct	212.18	229.16	233.40	227.31	194.00	192.00	931.24	338.9%	Initiated on 24/10/2025
5	TIGO	19-Dec	50.58	58.40	59.40	59.40	49.80	49.80	82.07	62.2%	Initiated on 19/12/2025
6	SNDK	13-Feb	610.53	693.00	700.00	700.00	542.00	536.00	1394.83	128.5%	Initiated on 13/2/2026
7	HKB	11-Mar	0.20	0.29	0.35	0.35	0.24	0.23	0.79	302.6%	Initiated on 9/4/2026
8	CORAZA	10-Apr	0.63	0.69	0.85	0.85	0.60	0.59	1.33	111.1%	Initiated on 10/4/2026
9	MCLEAN	23-Apr	0.59	0.70	0.72	0.72	0.57	0.54	0.67	13.2%	Initiated on 23/4/2026
10	SUNCON	14-May	6.93	7.60	7.70	7.70	6.97	6.85	7.50	8.2%	Initiated on 14/5/2026
11	DUFU	29-May	1.85	2.20	2.73	2.73	1.77	1.72	3.07	66.3%	Initiated on 29/5/2026
12	NTAP	16-Jun	161.57	192.83	230.40	230.40	159.31	154.87	214.70	32.9%	Initiated on 16/6/2026
13	ANET	1-Jul	165.56	179.64	195.70	195.70	157.31	153.96	185.58	12.1%	Initiated on 1/7/2026
14	JTGROUP	22-Jul	0.67	0.75	0.77	0.77	0.65	0.63	1.19	78.9%	Initiated on 22/7/2026
15	NATGATE	4-Aug	1.25	1.37	1.40	1.40	1.14	1.10	2.02	61.9%	Initiated on 4/8/2026
16	DE	13-Aug	618.07	639.08	674.35	674.35	608.11	596.75	650.67	5.3%	Initiated on 13/8/2026
17	AUMAS	26-Aug	0.41	0.52	0.59	0.59	0.38	0.37	0.35	-14.8%	Cut loss on 18/9/2026
18	MRVL	11-Sep	234.63	316.92	329.88	329.88	223.40	205.22	241.24	2.8%	Initiated on 11/9/2026
19	C	14-Sep	137.36	146.80	184.43	184.43	134.52	131.39	123.21	-10.3%	Initiated on 14/9/2026
20	SNX	14-Sep	261.83	286.44	302.13	302.13	267.02	252.85	255.14	-2.6%	Initiated on 14/9/2026
21	VERDANT	22-Sep	0.23	0.25	0.29	0.29	0.21	0.20	0.24	4.4%	Reached TP 2 on 29/9/2026
22	NOW	22-Sep	141.83	162.50	192.40	192.40	135.20	130.90	148.57	4.8%	Initiated on 22/9/2026
23	FLEX	7-Oct	118.35	142.55	166.35	166.35	114.85	104.00	98.50	-16.8%	Initiated on 7/10/2026
24	IAB	9-Oct	1.37	1.64	1.93	1.93	1.21	1.19	1.07	-21.9%	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	1.01	104.5%	Initiated on 7-Apr-2026
2	CHEEDING	2/10/2026	0.630	0.730	0.750	0.585	0.565	0.554	0.515	-18.3%	Initiated on 2-Oct-2026
3	HKB	2/10/2026	0.660	0.715	0.750	0.625	0.595	0.578	0.785	18.9%	Initiated on 2-Oct-2026
4	KOSSAN	2/10/2026	1.140	1.330	1.370	1.130	1.080	1.060	1.180	3.5%	Initiated on 2-Oct-2026
5	CLOUDPT	2/10/2026	0.500	0.600	0.635	0.470	0.450	0.441	0.495	-1.0%	Initiated on 2-Oct-2026
6	INFOM	2/10/2026	1.790	1.980	2.050	1.550	1.470	1.440	1.830	2.2%	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	0.590	0.0%	Initiated on 2-Oct-2026
9	SCICOM	2/10/2026	2.330	2.540	2.590	2.170	2.110	2.070	2.090	-10.3%	Initiated on 2-Oct-2026
10	THMY	2/10/2026	2.170	2.400	2.500	1.970	1.880	1.840	2.130	-1.8%	Initiated on 2-Oct-2026
11	UMSINT	2/10/2026	8.770	9.750	10.000	2.330	2.160	7.980	7.640	-12.9%	Initiated on 2-Oct-2026
12	UWC	2/10/2026	7.090	7.760	8.000	6.560	6.320	6.190	7.300	3.0%	Initiated on 2-Oct-2026
13	VITROX	2/10/2026	10.000	11.240	11.500	9.570	9.260	9.070	10.600	6.0%	Initiated on 2-Oct-2026
Average Return										7.6%	



Stock	Entitlement	Description	Declare Date (DD)	Ex-Date	DD Price (RM)	Last Price (RM)	DY (%)	Price Chg Since DD (%)
BAUTO (5248)	Interim	RM0.02	10/9/2026	19/10/2026	RM0.93	RM0.90	2.2	-3.2
VELESTO (5243)	Interim	RM0.00	21/8/2026	19/10/2026	RM0.25	RM0.21	1.2	-18.0
SDG (5285)	Interim	RM0.11	11/8/2026	20/10/2026	RM6.91	RM5.69	2.0	-17.7
AJIYA (7609)	Interim	RM0.03	6/10/2026	20/10/2026	RM1.02	RM1.00	3.0	-2.0
MEGAFB (5327)	Final	RM0.00	6/10/2026	20/10/2026	RM2.74	RM3.09	0.1	12.8
ZETRIX (0138)	Interim	RM0.00	24/8/2026	22/10/2026	RM0.66	RM0.06	4.5	-91.6
SAMCHEM (5147)	Interim	RM0.02	7/10/2026	22/10/2026	RM0.50	RM0.48	4.6	-5.0
GASMSIA (5209)	Interim	RM0.05	19/8/2026	22/10/2026	RM5.13	RM5.18	1.0	1.0
KMLOONG (5027)	Interim	RM0.05	29/9/2026	22/10/2026	RM2.73	RM2.59	1.9	-5.1
CRESNDO (6718)	Interim	RM0.02	29/9/2026	22/10/2026	RM1.26	RM1.22	1.6	-3.2
CHINWEL (5007)	Interim	RM0.01	27/8/2026	22/10/2026	RM0.79	RM0.76	1.4	-4.4
SRKKA (0466)	Special Cash	RM0.01	24/8/2026	22/10/2026	RM0.54	RM0.44	1.6	-18.5
SRKKA (0466)	Interim	RM0.00	24/8/2026	22/10/2026	RM0.54	RM0.44	0.7	-18.5
GLOTEC (5220)	Final	RM0.01	28/8/2026	26/10/2026	RM0.96	RM0.87	0.8	-8.9
SUCCESS (7207)	Interim	RM0.02	13/10/2026	27/10/2026	RM0.59	RM0.61	2.5	3.4
SUCCESS (7207)	Stock Dividend	1:50	13/10/2026	27/10/2026	RM0.59	RM0.61	12.5	3.4
LFG (5255)	Interim	RM0.01	27/8/2026	27/10/2026	RM1.45	RM1.56	0.6	7.6
CHB (0291)	Interim	RM0.01	13/10/2026	27/10/2026	RM2.82	RM2.51	0.5	-11.0
LBS (5789)	Interim	RM0.01	20/8/2026	29/10/2026	RM0.44	RM0.37	2.3	-14.9
MCEHLDG (7004)	Interim	RM0.05	30/9/2026	29/10/2026	RM1.47	RM1.44	3.5	-2.0
CBIP (7076)	Interim	RM0.02	27/8/2026	29/10/2026	RM1.21	RM1.06	1.9	-12.4
ATLAN (7048)	Interim	RM0.05	14/10/2026	29/10/2026	RM2.65	RM2.65	1.9	0.0
KEINHIN (7199)	Final	RM0.03	25/6/2026	4/11/2026	RM1.09	RM1.07	2.3	-1.8
SNS (0259)	Interim	RM0.00	29/9/2026	4/11/2026	RM0.56	RM0.48	0.5	-14.4
PTRANS (0186)	Interim	RM0.00	26/8/2026	5/11/2026	RM0.22	RM0.17	0.8	-25.0
PLENITU (5075)	Final	RM0.06	30/9/2026	5/11/2026	RM1.57	RM1.52	3.9	-3.2
OKA (7140)	Final	RM0.02	25/5/2026	11/11/2026	RM0.43	RM0.52	2.9	20.9

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