Nvidia Turmoil Tests AI Optimism

Market Review

MY: The local bourse ended lower amid a broad market correction sparked by Nvidia's leadership uncertainty, weighed down by GAMUDA and YTLPOWR, with 799 losers outpacing 318 gainers. Sector-wise, Plantation (+2.19%) outperformed, led by SDG and UTDPLT, while Construction (-3.55%) was the worst-performing sector.

US: Wall Street ended lower on Thursday, with the Nasdaq down 0.39%, Dow 0.36% and S&P 500 0.35%, weighed down by materials, industrials and healthcare stocks. Nvidia fell 4.34% amid concerns over CEO Jensen Huang's resignation, while gains in AMD, Broadcom, Chevron and Cisco helped limit losses.

The Day Ahead

US: Despite Nvidia's 4.3% decline following CEO Jensen Huang's resignation, upbeat after-hours guidance from Cisco (CSCO) and Applied Materials (AMAT), driven by strong AI demand, could cushion market sentiment. Investors will track Friday's PPI data as the US 10-year Treasury yield rises to 5.13%. Stock-wise, we see long-term value in Nvidia (NVDA), as Huang's departure poses leadership risks rather than signalling weaker AI demand, presenting gradual accumulation opportunities. Meanwhile, ATI (ATI) could extend gains after targeting 10–12% revenue CAGR through 2029 and adjusted free cash flow of US$1.25bn, more than double 2026 levels. Lastly, Applied Materials' upbeat outlook could benefit Lam Research (LRCX) and KLA (KLAC), while Cisco's AI networking strength could support Arista Networks (ANET).

MY: Tracking Wall Street's overnight sell-off, we expect the local bourse to remain under pressure today. Nevertheless, ahead of year-end festivities and Chinese New Year, buying interest could emerge in brewery stocks HEIM and CARLSBG amid stronger seasonal beer demand. Meanwhile, rebounding CPO prices could present trading opportunities in plantation counters KLK, SDG and JPG. Lastly, we favour 5E Resources (5ER), supported by its newly operational Pasir Gudang facility, which has expanded annual treatment and recycling capacity from 282k tonnes to over 500k tonnes.

FBMKLCI Technical Outlook



Bloomberg

While the local bourse extended its losses yesterday, its technical indicators suggest mixed signals, with the MACD histogram started to expand toward the negative territory while the RSI holding above 30. Immediate resistance is seen at 1,600–1,605, while support is established at 1,565–1,570.

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Market Scorecard

Key Indices	Last price	Change (%)
Dow Jones	52,302.24	-0.36
S&P 500	7,592.40	-0.35
NASDAQ	25,366.09	-0.39
FBM KLCI	1,585.96	-0.58
FBM Small Cap	14,768.83	-1.71
FBM ACE	5,186.91	-2.25
Construction	305.33	-3.55
Consumer	440.38	-0.56
Energy	781.82	-0.91
Financial Services	18,456.79	-0.19
Healthcare	1,528.05	-2.77
Ind Products	171.02	-0.82
Plantation	8,919.27	2.19
Property	941.20	-1.14
REITs	856.07	0.25
Technology	68.83	-1.73
Telco & Media	371.91	-1.48
Transport & Logistics	1,015.20	-0.21
Utilities	1,686.94	-2.72
Trading Vol (m)	3,062.00	5.47
Trading Val (RM m)	2,561.00	9.70
Gainers/ Losers ratio	43%	
FKLI	1,581.50	-0.09
FCPO (RM)	4,426.00	-0.32
Brent oil (USD)	95.95	3.79
Gold (USD)	3,877.59	-2.76
USD	4.0760	0.15
GBP	5.3979	0.00
EURO	4.5079	-0.01
SGD	3.1695	0.03

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



Source: TradingView, Bursa Malaysia

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Company Briefs

Pharmaniaga Bhd's (PHARMA) net profit for the three months ended Sept 30, 2026 (3QFY2026) jumped three-fold year-on-year (y-o-y) to RM26.27m, supported by a tax credit and lower finance costs. Quarterly revenue edged up 0.72% to RM1.014bn. It declared a third interim dividend of 0.32 sen per share. For the first nine months ended Sept 30, 2026 (9MFY2026), Pharmaniaga's net profit grew 72.07% y-o-y to RM70.23m, while revenue rose 8.18% to RM3.23bn. (The Edge)

Hartalega Holdings Bhd's (HARTA) net profit for the second quarter ended Sept 30, 2026 (2QFY2027) jumped by nearly 80% y-o-y to RM32.8m as better average selling prices more than offset pricier raw material costs. Quarterly revenue rose to RM644.74m from RM539.66m. It did not declare any dividend for the quarter. For the six-month period (1HFY2027), net profit more than tripled to RM102.83m from RM30.91m, while revenue climbed to RM1.25bn. (The Edge)

Johor Plantations Group Bhd's (JPG) net profit for 3QFY2026 slipped 5.4% y-o-y to RM100.26m on the back of lower palm product delivery volumes, but was supported by firmer prices. Quarterly revenue dropped 9.2% to RM450.72m. It declared an interim dividend of 1.5 sen per share. For 9MFY2026, net profit declined 21.5% y-o-y to RM201.76m, while revenue edged down 0.9% to RM1.22bn. (The Edge)

Keyfield International Bhd's (KEYFIELD) net profit for 3QFY2026 was flat y-o-y at RM41.4m, as lower charter rates offset improved vessel utilisation. Flat earnings were despite a 30.3% increase in revenue to RM172.47m. It declared a third interim dividend of two sen per share. For 9MFY2026, net profit dropped 6% y-o-y to RM120.61m, while revenue dropped 5.1% to RM333.17m. (The Edge)

PIE Industrial Bhd's (PIE) net profit for 3QFY2026 rose 156.5% y-o-y to RM11.53m on improved factory utilisation and cost controls within its electronics manufacturing services (EMS) segment. Quarterly revenue increased 3.7% to RM212.48m. No dividend was declared during the quarter. For 9MFY2026, net profit was down 64.73% y-o-y to RM9.13m, while revenue fell 24.39% to RM535.11m. (The Edge)

Hektar Real Estate Investment Trust's (HEKTAR) net property income for 3QFY2026 rose 3.5% y-o-y to RM15.44m, supported by improved property-level operating performance and continued cost optimisation. Quarterly revenue increased 3.17% to RM32.04m. No income distribution was proposed for the latest quarter. For 9MFY2026, NPI grew 5% y-o-y to RM48.08m, while revenue edged up 1.1% to RM94.99m. (The Edge)

Eco World Development Group Bhd (ECOWLD) is exploring industrial water supply in Negeri Sembilan with state agency, NS Corporation. Parties will jointly study the feasibility of developing a desalination water treatment plant as an alternative and supplementary source of industrial water for Eco World's industrial parks. (The Edge)

Rimbunan Sawit Bhd (RSAWIT) is planning to sell 613 hectares of oil palm plantation land in Sarawak for RM18.39m cash to charitable trust, Lembaga Amanah Kebajikan Masjid Negeri Sarawak (LAKMNS), chaired by state Premier Tan Sri Abang Johari Tun Openg. Rimbunan Sawit said the disposal would streamline its plantation portfolio, unlock the value of its investment and generate cash for working capital. The consideration is about 2.17% above the RM18m market value assessed by independent valuer Henry Butcher Malaysia (Miri) Sdn Bhd on Sept 15. (The Edge)

Alphabet Inc. (GOOGL) raised approximately $3.8 billion through its debut multi-currency bond offerings in Hong Kong and Singapore dollars, expanding its geographic debt footprint to fund accelerated investments in artificial intelligence infrastructure, according to term sheets reviewed by Reuters. Driven by robust institutional demand exceeding $7 billion in combined orders, the seven-part transaction surpassed initial targets of $3 billion, comprising HK$16 billion ($2 billion) and S$2.28 billion ($1.8 billion) across multi-year maturities arranged by global coordinators HSBC and JPMorgan alongside regional bookrunners. (Reuters)

Ardent Health (ARDT) announced a definitive agreement to acquire Boone Health, a Columbia, Missouri-based not-for-profit health system, for $47 million in cash, according to a company press release. The transaction encompasses the 392-bed Boone Hospital Center, Boone Health Medical Group, 19 sites of care, and associated real estate, expanding Ardent's footprint across Mid-Missouri's 26-county patient service region. Ardent has committed $200 million in capital investments over 10 years for facility modernizations, equipment, and physician recruitment, alongside integration synergies projected at $30 million by year three. (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	171.35	187.50	190.00	190.00	170.00	167.50	293.45	71.3%	Initiated on 30/5/2025
2	PWRWELL	25-Sep	0.59	0.61	0.71	0.71	0.57	0.52	1.04	77.8%	Initiated on 25/9/2025
3	PEKAT	3-Oct	1.83	2.00	2.05	2.05	1.70	1.66	2.86	56.3%	Initiated on 3/10/2025
4	MU	24-Oct	212.39	229.38	233.63	227.31	194.00	192.00	811.30	282.0%	Initiated on 24/10/2025
5	TIGO	19-Dec	53.06	58.40	59.40	59.40	49.80	49.80	89.43	68.5%	Initiated on 19/12/2025
6	SNDK	13-Feb	610.53	693.00	700.00	700.00	542.00	536.00	977.69	60.1%	Initiated on 13/2/2026
7	HKB	11-Mar	0.20	0.29	0.35	0.35	0.24	0.23	0.79	305.1%	Initiated on 9/4/2026
8	CORAZA	10-Apr	0.63	0.69	0.85	0.85	0.60	0.59	1.18	87.3%	Initiated on 10/4/2026
9	MCLEAN	23-Apr	0.60	0.70	0.72	0.72	0.57	0.54	0.66	10.1%	Initiated on 23/4/2026
10	SUNCON	14-May	7.20	7.60	7.70	7.70	6.97	6.85	8.07	12.1%	Initiated on 14/5/2026
11	DUFU	29-May	1.86	2.20	2.73	2.73	1.77	1.72	2.48	33.3%	Initiated on 29/5/2026
12	NTAP	16-Jun	162.07	192.83	230.40	230.40	159.31	154.87	183.12	13.0%	Initiated on 16/6/2026
13	ANET	1-Jul	165.56	179.64	195.70	195.70	157.31	153.96	196.68	18.8%	Initiated on 1/7/2026
14	JTGROUP	22-Jul	0.67	0.75	0.77	0.77	0.65	0.63	1.07	60.9%	Initiated on 22/7/2026
15	NATGATE	4-Aug	1.25	1.37	1.40	1.40	1.14	1.10	1.75	40.0%	Initiated on 4/8/2026
16	DE	13-Aug	619.55	639.08	674.35	674.35	608.11	596.75	691.75	11.7%	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	168.80	-28.1%	Cut loss on 2/11/2026
19	C	14-Sep	137.36	146.80	184.43	184.43	134.52	131.39	124.21	-9.6%	Initiated on 14/9/2026
20	SNX	14-Sep	261.83	286.44	302.13	302.13	267.02	252.85	240.86	-8.0%	Cut loss on 15/10/2026
21	VERDANT	22-Sep	0.23	0.25	0.29	0.29	0.21	0.20	0.21	-6.7%	Reached TP 2 on 29/9/2026
22	NOW	22-Sep	141.83	162.50	192.40	192.40	135.20	130.90	102.76	-27.5%	Cut loss on 29/10/2026
23	FLEX	7-Oct	118.35	142.55	166.35	166.35	114.85	104.00	78.97	-33.3%	Cut loss on 14/10/2026
24	IAB	9-Oct	1.37	1.64	1.93	1.93	1.21	1.19	0.89	-35.0%	Cut loss on 13/10/2026
25	PESONA	13-Oct	0.47	0.50	0.55	0.55	0.47	0.45	0.48	1.1%	Initiated on 13/10/2026
26	EIPOWER	16-Oct	0.85	1.07	1.09	1.09	0.85	0.83	0.76	-11.2%	Initiated on 16/10/2026
27	OGX	23-Oct	0.46	0.53	0.55	0.55	0.44	0.43	0.41	-9.9%	Initiated on 23/10/2026
28	DELL	28-Oct	501.96	537.27	602.18	602.18	488.30	450.70	373.68	-25.6%	Cut loss on 30/10/2026

Market Chat Tracker – 4Q26 Stock Picks

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1	CBHB	7/4/2026	0.495	1.200	1.240	1.030	1.000	0.980	0.82	65.7%	Initiated on 7-Apr-2026
2	CHEEDING	2/10/2026	0.630	0.730	0.750	0.585	0.565	0.554	0.500	-20.6%	Initiated on 2-Oct-2026
3	HKB	2/10/2026	0.660	0.715	0.750	0.625	0.595	0.578	0.790	19.7%	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	0.435	-13.0%	Initiated on 2-Oct-2026
6	INFOM	2/10/2026	1.790	1.980	2.050	1.550	1.470	1.440	1.850	3.4%	Initiated on 2-Oct-2026
7	OGX	2/10/2026	0.435	0.600	0.625	0.405	0.380	0.372	0.410	-5.7%	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	2.230	-4.3%	Initiated on 2-Oct-2026
10	THMY	2/10/2026	2.170	2.400	2.500	1.970	1.880	1.840	1.940	-10.6%	Initiated on 2-Oct-2026
11	UMSINT	2/10/2026	8.770	9.750	10.000	2.330	2.160	7.980	7.200	-17.9%	Initiated on 2-Oct-2026
12	UWC	2/10/2026	7.090	7.760	8.000	6.560	6.320	6.190	6.370	-10.2%	Initiated on 2-Oct-2026
13	VITROX	2/10/2026	10.000	11.240	11.500	9.570	9.260	9.070	10.100	1.0%	Initiated on 2-Oct-2026
	Average Return									1.4%	

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