

Key Metrics FBMKLCI Index 1,550 1,500 1,400 1.350 Jan-23 Mar-23 May-23 Jul-23 Sep-23 Nov-23 Jan-24 **FBMKLCI** 1.496.11 4.92pts 0.33% JAN Future **FEB Future** 1500 - (0.40%) 1500.5 - (0.33%) Gainers Losers Unchanged 515 465 466 Turnover 5161.02m shares / RM3334.486m 3m avg volume traded 3949.97m shares 3m avg value traded RM2464.86m

	Market Indices		
	Close	% chg	YTD % chg
FBMKLCI	1,496.11	0.3	2.8
FBM100	10,802.04	0.2	3.0
FBMSC	16,704.22	0.1	2.1
FBMMES	4,853.88	0.4	(8.8)
Dow Jones	37,905.45	(0.3)	0.6
NASDAQ	15,425.94	0.4	2.8
FSSTI	3,135.25	(0.4)	(3.2)
FTSE-100	7,485.73	(0.0)	(3.2)
SENSEX	70,370.55	(1.8)	(2.6)
Hang Seng	15,353.98	2.6	(9.9)
JCI	7,256.23	0.1	(0.2)
KOSPI	2,478.61	0.6	(6.7)
Nikkei 225	36,517.57	(0.1)	9.1
PCOMP	6,621.88	0.6	2.7
SET	1,356.54	(1.0)	(4.2)
Shanghai	2,770.98	0.5	(6.9)
Taiwan	17,874.59	0.3	(0.3)

Regional Indices

JCI

7,256

SET

1,357

HSI

15,354

FBMKLCI

1,496

FSSTI

3,135

	Top Actives		
	Close	% chg	Vol. (m)
Widad Group	0.185	37.0	645.6
Sarawak Consolidated	0.435	0.0	308.4
YNH Property	0.610	9.9	300.2
Leform	0.195	8.3	230.0
Rapid Synergy	1.950	0.0	122.9
Minetech Resources	0.155	0.0	115.9
Artroniq	0.360	10.8	90.5
Sarawak Cable	0.255	15.9	76.9

Economic	Statistics	
	Close	% chg
US\$/Euro	1.0854	(0.27)
RM/US\$ (Spot)	4.7277	(0.07)
RM/US\$ (12-mth NDF)	4.6477	0.16
OPR (%)	3.00	0.00
GOLD (US\$/oz)	2,029.28	0.37
WTI crude oil US spot (US\$/barrel)	74.77	(0.56)
CPO spot price (RM/tonne)	3,948.00	(80.0)

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What's on the Table...

Berjaya Food Berhad - Consumer boycott impacts priced in

Our three-month long ground checks at Starbucks outlets found that boycotts continue to weigh on BFD's sales; hence we reduce our FY24-25F EPS. BFD's sales trajectory could rebound strongly in FY25F, assuming IsraelHamas hostility comes to an end; this could be as a major re-rating catalyst. Reiterate Add. We believe BFD's near-term weakness in FY24F has been priced in, given its undemanding 10.2x CY25F P/E valuation.

VS Industry Bhd - Lacking near-term catalysts

Management recently revised its FY24F revenue guidance downwards by more than 10% on order cuts amid inventory buildup and weak spending. We cut our FY24-26F EPS by 18.4-24.1% as we now assume lower revenue from VSI's key customers involved in homecare products. Maintain Hold with a lower TP of RM0.82. We see lack of near-term catalysts, even as its 12-month forward P/E of 15.3x is below its 8-year mean of 16.3x.

Kotra Industries - Long-term ROEs to normalise post Covid-19

In our view, weak demand for OTC supplements post-Covid-19 could lead to Kotra's core profit declining in FY6/24F before rebounding in FY25F/FY26F. After declining in FY22-23F, we expect long-term ROE to hold steady at c.18% in FY25F-26F due to better economies of scale. Reiterate Hold, with a lower GGM-based (previously P/E-based) TP of RM5.19. This note marks the transfer of coverage to Lew Cheng Wei.

<u>Trendspotter</u> – MY- LBS Bina Group (5789) (Technical Buy, 0.645): Flag breakout

The stock rose and broke out of the bullish flag pattern from the 52-week high yesterday. Prices also moved away from the 20-day EMA with its third consecutive white candle – three white soldiers pattern. The higher lows sequence from the RM0.38 low, and coupled with a higher trading volume, augur well for new highs in the near term.

News of the Day...

- M'sia gov. extends concession period with ERL to 2059 with new fare structure
- 5G network coverage in Selangor reached 95.9% as of Dec-23
- Petronas awards 7 new production-sharing contracts to Malaysian O&G players
- Mah Sing to carry out plastic products business with Indonesian JV partner
- TNB to broaden plant maintenance business in Kuwait in multi-year agreement



Global Economic News

Consumer goods companies are likely to post stronger fourth-quarter sales growth in Europe than in the US, monthly data indicates, boosted by persistently higher prices in countries like Britain, France and Germany even as Americans paid less. (Reuters)

Australian business conditions continued to soften in December as manufacturing and construction lost ground, a survey showed, while price pressures eased markedly in a promising sign for slower inflation. The survey from National Australia Bank (NAB) showed its index of business conditions dipped two points to +7 in December, though that was still just above its long run average. (Reuters)

The Bank of Japan maintained ultra-easy monetary settings in a widely expected move, as policymakers allow more time to determine whether wage increases will broaden enough to keep inflation sustainably at its 2% target. (Reuters)

Thailand's economic recovery lost momentum last year and missed official forecasts, according to a government spokesman Chai Wacharonke, potentially piling pressure on the central bank to pivot to early easing. Southeast Asia's second-largest economy grew 1.8% last year, down from 2.6% in 2022, Chai said, citing estimates from Finance Ministry's Fiscal Policy Office. (Bloomberg)

China will grow rapeseed on more land and stabilise soybean acreage this coming year, extending a policy drive to boost oilseed harvests and cut reliance on overseas supplies in the top consumer. (Bloomberg)

Singapore's key consumer price gauge rose 3.3% in December on a yearly basis, official data showed. The Monetary Authority of Singapore will likely keep settings unchanged to contain inflation pressures. (Reuters)



Malaysia Economic News

The Malaysian government and Express Rail Link Sdn Bhd (ERL) have entered into a new supplementary concession agreement that enables the KLIA Ekspres operator to implement a "market-driven" fare structure. Under the new agreement, the government will stop paying ERL fees or charges from the collection of passenger service charges (PSCs) starting from 2029, said ERL in a statement on Tuesday. (The Edge Malaysia)

The government has extended the concession period with Express Rail Link Sdn Bhd by another 30 years to 2059, after seven years of negotiations since 2017, according to Transport Minister Anthony Loke Siew Fook. The agreement, apart from extending the concession period, also comes with a profit-sharing mechanism, whereby according to ERL chief executive officer Noormah Mohd Noor, the government will be entitled to 30% of the company's earnings once the shareholders' internal rate of return (IRR) crosses the 10% threshold. (The Edge Malaysia)

The government has agreed to allow the hiring of foreign workers specifically for the plantation sector under the Ministry of Plantation and Commodities, said its Minister Datuk Seri Johari Abdul Ghani. He also stressed that plantation companies wanting to apply for foreign workers must ensure the requirement for employment is in the plantation sector specifically and not in other sectors. (Bernama)

The 5G network coverage in Selangor has reached 95.9% as of last December, according to the Minister of Communications Fahmi Fadzil. However, he said that feedback from telecommunications companies indicated that many players in the industry and SMEs have not fully utilised the advantages of the 5G network. (Bernama)

The Royal Malaysian Customs Department has exceeded its revenue target for 2023, collecting RM55.1bn, surpassing the set goal of RM53.5bn by a surplus of RM1.6bn or 3%, according to its Director General Datuk Anis Rizana. For 2024, the Finance Ministry has set a collection target of RM56bn. (The Edge Malaysia)

The Ministry of Investment, Trade and Industry (Miti) has set up an independent and special committee for Malaysia's iron and steel industry to review and realign its direction towards achieving the objectives of the New Industrial Master Plan (NIMP) 2030. In a statement, Miti said the committee will, among others, assess the short and medium-term outlook for the iron and steel industry and address issues of overcapacity. (Bernama)

The Ministry of Investment, Trade and Industry (Miti) will review the target of 10,000 electric vehicle (EV) charging stations operating in the country by 2025 as previously set, said its minister Tengku Datuk Seri Zafrul Abdul Aziz. He noted that until now there are almost 1,500 EV charging stations in operation but the number is far from the initial target outlined under the Low Carbon Mobility Development Plan 2021-2030.(Bernama)

The construction and the upgrading of ports in Thailand will not impact the Kuala Linggi International Port (KLIP), which is set to be completed in 2027, Melaka Chief Minister Datuk Seri Ab Rauf Yusoh said. He said KLIP would rather complement other existing ports, and was chosen based on suitability and the needs of investors due to its strategic location between Penang and Singapore. (Bernama)

The government will create a single body for rating Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) programmes to standardise the quality of courses offered, said Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi. (Bernama)



Political News

The irresponsible act of some parties who persistently "play politics" for their interests will only harm the people and the country, Sabah Chief Minister Datuk Seri Hajiji Noor said. Hajiji said he does not want the Sabah government to be dragged into such "games", but instead, the focus should remain on realising and fulfilling the aspirations of the people who desire progress, development, and well-being. (Bernama)

Corporate News

Under the Malaysia Bid Round (MBR) 2023, **Petroliam Nasional Bhd** (Petronas) has awarded seven new production-sharing contracts (PSCs) to various oil and gas (O&G) players for exploration blocks offshore Peninsular Malaysia and Sarawak, and a discovery resource opportunities (DRO) cluster off the coast of Sabah. (The Edge Malaysia)

Mah Sing Group Bhd has entered into an agreement with PT Gaya Sukses Mandiri Kaseindo to jointly carry out business relating to manufacturing and trading of plastic pallets, containers and related material handling and storing products in Indonesia. (The Edge Malaysia)

Tenaga Nasional Bhd (TNB), via its subsidiary **TNB Repair and Maintenance Sdn Bhd** (TNB Remaco), is broadening its power plant maintenance business in Kuwait, with a multi-year maintenance programme agreement for the Shuaiba North Power Generation and Water Distillation Plant in Ahmadi. (The Edge Malaysia)

Property developer **YNH Property Bhd** said it has received offers to buy its Mont Kiara retail shopping mall, which sits on a six-acre land, and is expected to finalise the selection of the buyer in a month. (The Edge Malaysia)

AirAsia X Bhd's (AAX) passenger load factor (PLF) continued to climb to 80% for the financial year ended 31 Dec 2023 (FY2023), versus 78% a year earlier, even as seat capacity jumped 6.6 times year-on-year (y-o-y) to 3.55m. (The Edge Malaysia)

Hextar Capital Bhd's (HexCap) plans to dispose of its 40% stakes in **Unigel (UK) Ltd** and **Unigel IP Ltd** as the group is looking to refocus its resources on its fibre optic cables and cable-related products manufacturing activities, while diversifying into the power generation and transmission businesses. (The Edge Malaysia)

Ni Hsin Group Bhd's wholly owned subsidiary **Ni Hsin EV Mobility Sdn Bhd** on Tuesday signed a master dealer agreement with **MYUS Autotech Sdn Bhd**, to promote and market EBIXON motorcycles in Perlis and Langkawi. (The Edge Malaysia)

LBS Bina Group Bhd has issued the first tranche of sustainability sukuk, amounting to RM200m, under its RM750m Sukuk Wakalah Programme. (The Edge Malaysia)

The High Court here has ruled that **Bank Pembangunan Malaysia Bhd**'s lawsuit alleging fraud and bribery against 30 individuals and entities in connection with a RM400m loan it granted to **Aries Telecoms (M) Bhd** in 2012 should proceed to trial. (The Edge Malaysia)

Star Media Group Bhd has appointed Chan Seng Fatt as its new group chief executive officer, effective 1 Mar 2024. Following the appointment, Chan resigned from the group's boardroom as an independent non-executive director effective 29 Feb 2024. (The Edge Malaysia)

Former chief executive officer (CEO) of **IOI Properties Group Bhd** Datuk Voon Tin Yow is set to come out of retirement and assume the role of CEO at **Mah Sing Group Bhd**, effective 2 Feb 2024. (The Edge Malaysia)



		Type of	No of		Ave Price
23-Jan-24	Date	transaction	securities	Company	(RM
EPF	18/1	Disposed	17,309,800	Public Bank	
EPF	18/1	Disposed	11,905,600	Malayan Banking	
EPF	18/1	Disposed	7,179,600	Gamuda	
EPF	18/1	Acquired	6,900,300	CIMB Group	
EPF	18/1	Acquired	4,846,200	Malaysia Airports Holdings	
EPF	18/1	Acquired	3,215,500	Telekom Malaysia	
EPF	18/1	Acquired	3,112,000	IHH Healthcare	
EPF	18/1	Acquired	2,722,900	Tenaga Nasional	
EPF	18/1	Acquired	1,994,100	Inari Amertron	
EPF	18/1	Acquired	1,725,400	Celcom Digi	
Kumpulan Wang Persaraan	22/1	Disposed	1,650,800	KPJ Healthcare	
EPF	18/1	Acquired	1,507,800	RHB Bank	
Amanah Saham Bumiputera	19/1	Disposed	1,501,300	SP Setia	
EPF .	18/1	Disposed	1,500,000	IJM Corporation	
EPF	18/1	Acquired	1,180,700	Westports Holdings	
EPF	18/1	Acquired	1,027,400	AMMB Holdings	
EPF	18/1	Acquired	817,900	Yinson Holdings	
EPF	18/1	Acquired	770,600	Petronas Gas	
EPF	18/1	Disposed	759,900	MISC	
EPF	18/1	Acquired	703,000	Bermaz Auto	
Urusharta Jamaah Sdn Bhd	18/1	Acquired	564,600	IJM corporation	
EPF	18/1	Acquired	562,100	Gas Malaysia	
EPF	18/1	Acquired	560,800	Bank Islam Malaysia	
Sime Darby Enterprise Sdn Bhd	22/1	Acquired	503,948	UMW Holdings Berhad	
EPF	18/1	Acquired	458,100	Syarikat Takaful Malaysia	
EPF	18/1	Acquired	454,500	Farm Fresh Berhad	
EPF	18/1	Acquired	436,200	Sunway Construction	
EPF	18/1	Acquired	433,700	Hong Leong Bank	
EPF	18/1	Acquired	288,700	Genting Plantations	
EPF	18/1	Disposed	224,200	IGB REIT	
EPF	18/1	Acquired	150,000	Duopharma Biotech	
EPF	18/1	Acquired	60,000	Petronas Chemicals Group	
EPF	18/1	Acquired	37,700	SKP Resources	
EPF	18/1	Disposed	17,800	KL Kepong	
EPF	18/1	Acquired	10,600	Nestle (Malaysia)	
EPF	18/1	Disposed	10,000	Bursa Malaysia	
EPF	18/1	Disposed	4,000	Panasonic Manufacturing M'sia	1

Company	Particulars	Gross DPS	Ann Date	Ex-Date	Lodgement	Payment
		(Sen)				
NTPM	First Interim Dividend - single tier	0.80	18-Dec-23	3-Jan-24	4-Jan-24	26-Jan-24
Fraser & Neave	Final Dividend - single tier	33.00	18-Dec-23	18-Jan-24	19-Jan-24	6-Feb-24
Fraser & Neave	Special dividend	17.00	18-Dec-23	18-Jan-24	19-Jan-24	6-Feb-24
Kuala Lumpur Kepong	Final Dividend - single tier	40.00	5-Jan-24	30-Jan-24	31-Jan-24	28-Feb-24
Gamuda	First Interim Dividend - single tier	6.00	16-Jan-24	30-Jan-24	31-Jan-24	28-Feb-24
Axis REIT	Final Income Distribution	2.40	23-Jan-24	7-Feb-24	8-Feb-24	29-Feb-24



Corporate Actions January 2024 SUN MON TUE WED THU FRI SAT 2 3 4 5 6 New Year 11 12 10 13 ΙΡΙ Foreign Reserves 16 18 14 15 17 External Trade 21 23 24 25 26 CPI; Foreign Reserves (mid-data) Thaipusam 28 31 29 30

SOURCE: Company, BNM, DOSM, CGS-CIMB estimates



Corporate Actions FEBRUARY 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 Federal Territory Day	2	3
4	5	6	7 IPI; Manufacturing	8 Wholesale & Retail Trade; Foreign Reserves	9 Chinese New Year Eve	10 Chinese New Year
11 Chinese New Year	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20 External Trade	21	Foreign Reserves (mid-data);	23	24
25	26	27	28 PPI	29		

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