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Morning Pole Position

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All market data as at previous trading day

Market indices

Indices	Last	Daily chg	YTD chg%
Local			
FBM KLCI	1,413.04	-11.94	-9.86
FBM Emas	10,093.70	-103.68	-10.74
FBM Syariah	10,151.96	-86.24	-17.22
FBM Small Cap	13,938.26	-270.12	-11.56
FBM ACE	4,661.12	-105.51	-27.39
F4G BM	818.27	-8.30	-7.05
F4G BMS	837.72	-6.50	-14.74

Funds Flows		Net Buy	(MYR'm)
Local Institution	S		224.1
Local Retails			-15.3
Foreign			-208.7
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Dow Jones	29,260.81	-329.6	-19.48
S&P 500	3,655.04	-38.19	-23.31
Nasdaq	10,802.92	-65	-30.95
FTSE	7,020.95	2.35	-4.92
Hang Seng	17,855.14	-78.13	-23.69
Nikkei	26,431.55	-722.28	-8.20
Shanghai CI	3,051.23	-37.14	-16.17
Strait Times	3,181.97	-45.13	1.87

Currencies

BNM Middle Rate	Last	Daily chg	YTD %
(5pm)			
USD / MYR	4.6010	0.0235	10.47
GBP / MYR	4.9477	-0.1677	-12.13
JPY100 / MYR	3.1988	-0.0052	-11.61
EUR/MYR	4.4561	-0.0083	-5.47
SGD / MYR	3.2095	-0.0045	4.03
CNY / MYR	0.6432	0.0001	-1.76
AUD / MYR	3.0003	-0.0131	-0.87
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Bond Yield Movements

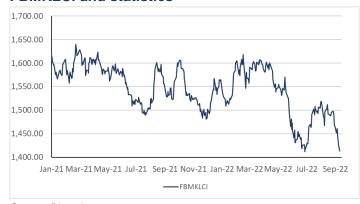
'		Yield	Daily Change (bps)
MGS	3- year	3.74	8
	10- year	4.34	7
GII	3- year	3.76	-1
	10- year	4.38	0
UST	2- year	4.27	7
	10- year	3.88	19

Commodities

	Last	Daily chg	Daily chg %
CPO (3 rd month)	3,541.00	-195	-5.22
Brent (1st month)	83.94	-2.95	-3.40
Gold (spot)	1,622.53	-21.62	-1.31

Source: Treasury.gov, Bursa and BNM

FBMKLCI and statistics



Source: Bloomberg

Market Turnover

Vol (m shrs)	2,120	
Value (MYR m)	1,848	

Top 5 Value	Last	Daily chg %	Value (MYR m)
PBBANK	4.280	-1.38	185.544
CIMB	5.300	-1.67	98.965
PCHEM	8.320	-0.36	88.457
MAYBANK	8.590	-1.15	69.603
PMETAL	3.990	-0.50	55.741

Top 5 Gainers	Last	Daily chg %	Value (MYR m)
VSOLAR	0.010	100.00	0.009
FINTEC	0.010	100.00	0.006
PHB	0.010	100.00	0.004
SCOMIES	0.035	40.00	0.029
FAST	0.030	20.00	0.082

Last	Daily chg %	Value (MYR m)
0.020	-60.00	0.000
0.005	-50.00	0.007
0.005	-50.00	0.002
0.010	-33.33	0.027
0.010	-33.33	0.023
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Value (MYR m)	Volume (m shares)	Price (MYR)
225.000	150.000	1.01
1.215	55.000	0.025
20.000	50.000	0.365
2.000	50.000	0.04
8.058	32.233	0.29
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Market Pulse

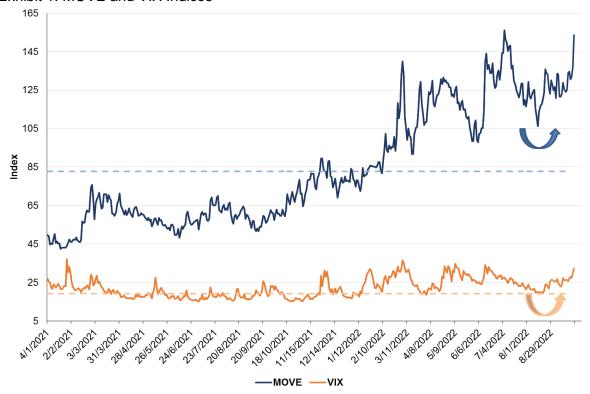


Source: Chart created using tradingview.com's tools, PRSB

The FBMKLCI extended the losses, closing at 1,413.04 pts with -11.94 pts (-0.84%) compared to the previous day's session. It was a sea of red with KLCI saw 21 losers of its 30 constituents. Only a mere 6 gainers with 3 remained unchanged yesterday. The worst losers of the day were Kuala Lumpur Kepong Bhd and Maxis Bhd shredding 5.36% and 2.50%, respectively.

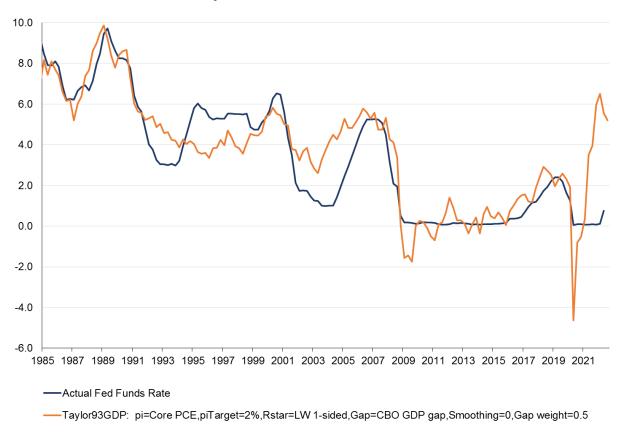
The instability in US equity markets has worsened since last week's FOMC (Exhibit 1) and this "pandemic" has spread across the world. It is primarily because there is no consensus view on the Fed's terminal rate (Exhibit 2) as indicated in Taylor's rule, which theoretically is 5.3%. The Taylor rule is an equation for the federal funds rate based on the values of inflation and economic slack such as the output gap or unemployment gap.

Exhibit 1: MOVE and VIX Indices



Source: Bloomberg, compiled by PRSB

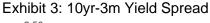
Exhibit 2: Actual FF Rate vs Taylor Rule Forecast

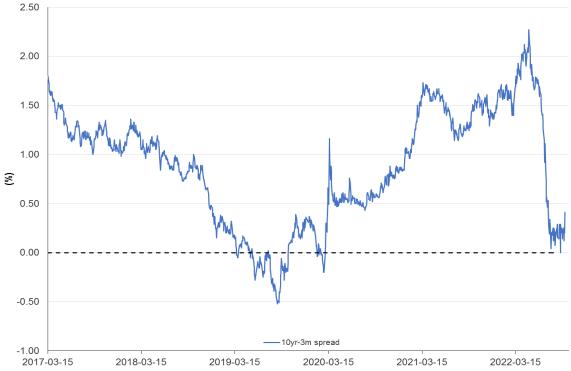


Source: Fed, compiled by PRSB

In fact, guiding policy rates to 4.75% (225bp higher than the neutral rate) is unprecedented, and thus near impossible to predict how much the economy will slow. It should be noted that policy rates and economic activity do not have a linear relationship such as that predicated in Taylor's Rule, but rather,

economic activity tends to be surprisingly resilient to rate hikes until a certain absolute threshold has been reached (a level that is hard to predict in advance), but once this level has been surpassed, conditions worsen in a clear shift. We believe that the 3m-10yr US yield curve (Exhibit 3) to invert as the market prices in rate hikes at the November FOMC, and around this time, economic sentiment could shift sharply downward, so that as a result, the market's inflation expectations and Fed rate hike forecasts reach their peaks.





Source: Fed, compiled by PRSB

Today's market sentiment will be weak and volatile, and thus we anticipate the Index to decline today as confirmed by the downtick of the Momentum oscillator. Technically, the Index may test the immediate support at 1,408.83 pts and may fall lower to 1,388.80 pts. We set the resistance level at 1,434.30 pts. Exhibit 4 shows our current picks.

Exhibit 4: Our Picks

Company	Ticker	Rating	Price (MYR	TP (MYR) l	Jpside (%)
Fundamental			·	`	•
Bermaz Auto	BAUTO MK	Buy	1.84	2.45	33.15
Guan Chong	GUAN MK	Outperform	2.31	2.78	20.35
Technical		•			
Telekom	T MK	Outperform	5.60	6.28	12.14
QL Resources	QLG MK	Outperform	5.01	5.77	15.17
CB Industrial Product Holding	CB MK	Buy	1.24	1.76	41.94
Opcom Holdings	OHB MK	Buy	0.800	1.24	55.00
KSL Holdings	KSL MK	Buy	0.780	0.96	23.08
Gamuda	GAM MK	Outperform	3.96	4.30	8.59
Chin Well Holdings	CWHMK	Outperform	1.64	2.00	21.95
Supercomnet Technologies	SCT MK	Outperform	1.62	1.73	6.79
Kelington Group	KGRB MK	Buy	1.35	1.71	26.67
Pentamaster Corporation	PENT MK	Buy	4.09	5.26	28.61
AME Elite Consortium	AME MK	Buy	1.45	2.03	40.00
Formosa Prosonic Industries	FOR MK	Buy	2.97	3.92	31.99
Kerjaya Prospek Group	KPG MK	Outperform	1.15	1.39	20.87
MMS Ventures	MMSV MK	Buy	0.720	1.20	66.67
Dialog Group	DLG MK	Buy	2.15	2.95	37.21
FM Global Logistics Holdings	FMH MK	Buy	0.600	0.82	36.67
Solarvest Holdings	SOLAR MK	Buy	0.76	1.12	47.37
Hibiscus Petroleum	HIBI MK	Buy	0.86	1.32	53.49
OSK Holdings	OSK MK	Buy	0.88	1.12	27.27
Malakoff Corporation	MLK MK	Buy	0.66	0.86	30.30
UWC	UWC MK	Buy	3.89	5.03	29.31
Dayang Enterprise	DEHB MK	Buy	1.08	1.44	33.33
Deleum	DLUM MK	Outperform	0.71	0.84	18.31
CTOS Digital	CTOS MK	Buy	1.34	1.78	32.84
Ancom Nylex	ANC MK	Buy	0.97	1.24	27.84
BP Plastics Holdings	BPP MK	Buy	1.42	1.80	26.76
CCK Consolidated Holdings	CCK MK	Outperform	0.60	0.71	18.33
ETF					
MyETF Dow Jones U.S. Titans 50	METFUS50 MK	Buy	USD 1.77	USD 1.93	9.18
MyETF MSCI SEA Islamic Dividend	MEMSID MK	Buy	0.81	0.92	14.11
Principal FTSE ASEAN 40 Malaysia ETF	CIMBA40 MK	Buy	1.64	1.80	9.73
Principal FTSE China 50 ETF	CIMBC25 MK	Buy	1.23	1.39	13.29
TradePlus DWA Malaysia Momentum Tra	c MOMETF MK	Sell	0.91	0.86	-5.96
TradePlus HSCEI Daily (-1x) Inverse Trac	k HSCEI1XI MK	Sell	2.55	2.18	-14.34
TradePlus HSCEI Daily (2x) Leveraged Tr	a HSCEI2XL MK	Strong Buy	0.52	0.85	63.13
TradePlus NYSE FANG+ Daily (-1x) Invers	s:FANG1XI MK	Buy	1.77	1.86	5.08
TradePlus NYSE FANG+ Daily (2x) Levera	a,FANG2XL MK	Sell	5.95	5.49	-7.73
TradePlus Shariah Gold Tracker	GOLDETF MK	Sell	2.40	2.17	-9.58

Source: Bloomberg, PRSB, compiled by PRSB

• Malaysia bags RM67.05 mil sales from trade mission to Manila — Matrade.

Malaysia bagged RM67.05 million worth of export sales from its Export Acceleration Mission (EAM) to Manila, the Philippines from Aug 22 to 26. The EAM was organised by Malaysia External Trade Development Corp (Matrade) together with the Ministry of Entrepreneur and Cooperatives Development and SME Bank. In a statement on Monday (Sept 26), Matrade said more than 140 business meetings had been arranged between 12 Malaysian companies with potential partners from the Philippines. (Source: TheEdgeMarkets)

• China, Malaysia economic and trade cooperation reach new highs.

Economic and trade cooperation between China and Malaysia have hit new highs, with bilateral trade volume for the first eight months of this year reaching US\$131.2 billion (RM603.9 billion). China's Ambassador to Malaysia Ouyang Yujing said this constituted an increase of 21.2% year-on-year. Speaking at China's 73rd National Day celebration on Monday, he said that of the RM87.4 billion foreign direct investment (FDI) approved by Malaysia in the first half of this year, China's share amounted to RM48.6 billion or 55.6% of the total FDI. (Source: TheEdgeMarkets)

Global news highlights

US Would Trade Reserve Oil for Profit, Invest in EVs Under Democrats' Bill.

The measure would give the Energy Department the power to purchase oil for the economic reserve when prices dip below \$60 a barrel and sell when prices climb above \$90. Proceeds would be steered to electric vehicle initiatives and a new technical assistance program designed to increase crude throughput at foreign allies' refineries. (Source: Bloomberg)

• Fed's Collins Says Further Tightening Needed to Cool Inflation.

Federal Reserve Bank of Boston President Susan Collins, in her first public speech since taking office, said additional tightening is needed to rein in stubbornly high inflation and cautioned the process will require some job losses. (Source: <u>Bloomberg</u>)

Consumer Debt Hits Record for Most Americans, Except the Wealthy.

Consumer debt, including credit cards, rose to an all-time high for the 118 million US households among the bottom 90%, according to the Federal Reserve's latest data on the distribution of household wealth. The group's debt soared by \$300 billion over the last year -- the largest annual gain on record -- as households deal with higher prices for everything from food to clothing and rents. (Source: Bloomberg)

• EU to Discuss Feasibility of Gas Price Caps Before Energy Talks.

The European Union's executive arm plans to discuss the feasibility of imposing a price cap on natural gas in a document to be presented to member states Wednesday, postponing the publication of a broader action plan on how to deal with soaring costs of the fuel. (Source: Bloomberg)

BOE's Limited Options as Pound Caught in Crisis of Confidence.

With the UK having gone from an economy with a massive inflation problem to one facing a huge crisis of confidence, policy makers face a narrow set of options to dig themselves out of the morass they are in. (Source: <u>Bloomberg</u>)

• RBNZ's Tightening Cycle Is 'Well Advanced,' Governor Orr Says.

New Zealand's central bank still has some work to do to tame inflation but the bulk of the heavy lifting is behind it, Governor Adrian Orr said. The Reserve Bank has "a little bit more to do before we can drop to our normal happy place, which is to watch, worry and wait for signs of inflation up or down," he said. (Source: Bloomberg)

Yuan Plunge Nears 14-Year Low Inviting Aggressive PBOC Pushback.

Traders are embracing more pushback from China's central bank as the yuan approaches the lowest level in 14 years. The yuan has lost about 4% over the past month, trading within 1% from 7.2 per dollar, a level it hasn't reached since 2008. The People's Bank of China has already stepped up its currency defense, but it did little to stop the depreciation. (Source: Bloomberg)

Weaker Demand for Chinese Goods Spells End of Shipping Boom.

While the value of Chinese exports was still rising through August, it's expected to continue to slow down. That's a symptom of multiple headwinds hitting developed and developing economies alike, from soaring inflation and a surging dollar to central bank interest-rate hikes and trade disruptions blamed on Russia's war in Ukraine. (Source: Bloomberg)

• Bank India Used for Iran Payments Plans Rupee Trade With Russia.

India's state-run UCO Bank will soon open a special rupee account with Russia's Gazprombank to facilitate growing trade between the two countries, a top official said. The bank has received the necessary approval from the regulator-- the Reserve Bank of India -- to open a special rupee vostro account, Soma Sankara Prasad, managing director and chief executive officer at UCO Bank, told Bloomberg News in a phone interview. (Source: Bloomberg)

Corporate news

Pharmaniaga launches EVs to deliver medicine.

Pharmaniaga Bhd, through its wholly owned subsidiary Pharmaniaga Logistics Sdn Bhd (PLSB), has launched the use of electric vehicles (EVs) for the delivery of medicine in several areas around the Klang Valley. The launch ceremony was officiated by Chief of Defence Force Gen Tan Sri Affendi Buang in conjunction with the 50th anniversary celebration of the Armed Forces Fund Board at the Air Base on Monday, with the delivery of medicine to health clinics and government hospitals via two EVs scheduled to begin in October. (Source: <a href="https://doi.org/10.1001/jhear.

Sapura Energy 2Q loss narrows amid sustained activities, progress in claims and settlements.

Sapura Energy Bhd's net loss narrowed by 99.8% to RM2.59 million for the second quarter ended July 31, 2022 (2QFY23) from RM1.52 billion a year ago, thanks to progress in its claims and settlements coupled with higher rig utilisation and construction project completions. Loss per share declined to 0.02 sen in 2QFY23 from 9.5 sen last year, Sapura Energy said in its results filing. (Source: <a href="https://doi.org/10.108/jhtm2.108/j

Omesti bags RM20 mil mobile services contract from TM.

Omesti Bhd has bagged a one-year contract from Telekom Malaysia Bhd (TM) relating to mobile services valued at RM20 million. In a Bursa Malaysia filing on Monday (Sept 26), Omesti said it accepted a letter of award (LOA) on Sept 23 from TM. (Source: TheEdgeMarkets)

• CTOS raises stake in RAM to 57.7% via purchase of MUFG Bank's 2.1% stake.

CTOS Digital Bhd further raised its equip interest in RAM Holdings Bhd to 57.68% after buying out MUFG Bank (Malaysia) Bhd's 2.1% stake in the credit reporting firm for RM5.99 million. The increse in CTOS's stake in RAM "will allow both companies to leverage each company's expertise in credit assessment, data and analytics to further extend their product offering and value proposition to their existing customer base", CTOS said in a bourse filing. The acquisition will be fully funded by bank financing, the group said. (Source: <a href="https://dx.doi.org/10.108/jnancing-nt-10.1081/jnancing-nt-10.108

Perak Transit signs 20-year deal with TNB, GSPARX to source solar energy.

Public transportation terminals operator Perak Transit Bhd has entered into 20-year agreements with Tenaga Nasional Bhd (TNB) and GSPARX Sdn Bhd to source solar energy. Under the deal, GSPARX will install solar photovoltaic (PV) energy generating systems with a total installed capacity of 422kWp at Perak Transit's Terminal Meru Raya in Ipoh, Kampar Putra Sentral in Kampar, and at three petrol stations. Perak Transit, which also provides public bus services, said its subsidiaries — namely CKS Bumi Sdn Bhd, CKS Labur Sdn Bhd, Star Kensington Sdn Bhd and The Combined Bus Services Sdn Bhd — will make payments based on monthly billings issued by TNB, the group said in a bourse filing. (Source: TheEdgeMarkets)

• Bursa Malaysia adds climate change reporting to sustainability reporting framework for companies on Main, ACE Markets.

Bursa Malaysia Securities Bhd has enhanced sustainability reporting requirements in the listing requirements on the Main Market and ACE Market to elevate the sustainability practices and disclosures of listed issuers. In a statement on Monday (Sept 26), the exchange holding company said this will propel listed issuers to adopt international best practices, as there have been recent significant developments in the sustainability landscape, particularly on the climate change front. (Source: <a href="https://doi.org/10.1001/jhep.2011

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