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Traders Brief

Set for a bullish triangle breakout amid Dec seasonality and Fed-cut optimism

MARKET REVIEW

Asia. Asian of Friday's PCE print and the 10 Dec FOMC meeting, most Asian markets ended mixed as investors took profits after recent Fed-cut-driven rallies. The Nikkei 225 (+2.33%) outperformed, lifted by technology names. Fanuc jumped 13% after announcing a partnership with Nvidia to develop industrial robots, overshadowing lingering concerns of a potential rate hike at the 19 Dec BOJ meeting.

US. Ahead of a delayed PCE print tonight, Wall St ended mixed (S&P 500: +0.11%, Nasdaq: +0.22%, Dow: -0.07%) as investors looked toward the 10 Dec FOMC meeting and parsed mixed labour data that kept markets heavily pricing a 25 bps cut. ADP reported a surprise 32,000 drop in private payrolls and Challenger announced 71,321 layoffs in November, while the 4-week average of initial jobless claims fell to 214k, a 10-month low. Meanwhile, the 10-year UST yield rose 3 bps to 4.1% as markets reassessed the Fed's longer-term rate path amid lingering concerns that sticky inflation could limit the scope for cuts into 2026.

Malaysia. Tracking the region's cautious tone, the KLCI slipped 1.8 pts to 1,621.1, dragged by profit taking in utilities and banking heavyweights. Market breadth was negative, with decliners outpacing advancers 463 to 458, while turnover jumped to 4.48bn shares (+36.5%) worth RM2.75bn (+19.5%). Foreign investors returned as net sellers after net buying RM263m over the previous three consecutive session (-RM80m; Dec MTD: +RM183m; YTD: -RM20.1bn). In contrast, local institutions (+RM59m; Dec MTD: -RM47m; YTD: +RM19.66bn) and retailers (+RM21m; Dec MTD: -RM136m; YTD: +RM440m) emerged as the major net buyers.

OUTLOOK

In the near term, the KLCI is likely to drift sideways as investors await the upcoming Fed and BOJ meetings while digesting the lingering China–Japan diplomatic tensions and the potential cabinet reshuffle after the 29 Nov Sabah polls.

Overall, any dips should find solid support at 1,591–1,600, backed by firm fundamentals, undemanding valuations and favourable December seasonality. This keeps the door open for a potential retest of the 1,643–1,659 resistance zone after consecutive monthly declines in Oct (-2.7 pts) and Nov (-4.7 pts).

Key catalysts include:

- **Stronger macro momentum.** Jan–Sep approved investments rose 12% YoY to RM285.2bn, while GDP growth of 4.5–4.1% projected for 2025–26 is backed by major drivers: VMY 2026, the New Industrial Master Plan 2030, the National Energy Transition Roadmap, the National Semiconductor Strategy, and regional EV-hub ambitions.
- **Room for catch-up.** A firmer ringgit (+8% YTD) and an undemanding CY2026 KLCI P/E of 14.0x (vs. the 5-year average of 17.2x) support laggard upside, alongside CY2025/26 earnings growth of +2.6%/+7.6%.
- **Light foreign positioning.** Foreign shareholding remains near historical low at 19% in Nov (vs Sep/Oct: 18.7%/18.8%), with YTD outflows of -RM20.1bn but steady institutional (+RM19.6bn) and retail (+RM440m) inflows continue to anchor the market.
- **December seasonality.** Historically supportive, with average returns of 2.1%/2.0% over the past 10/20 years, aided by window-dressing flows.

Daily trade stats (net trades, RM'm)			
	Local insti	Retail	Foreign
27-Nov	(187)	29	158
28-Nov	372	112	(484)
1-Dec	12	(70)	58
2-Dec	(94)	(61)	155
3-Dec	(24)	(26)	50
4-Dec	59	21	(80)
Week ended 14 Nov	(318)	(158)	476
Week ended 21 Nov	1,005	29	(1,034)
Week ended 28 Nov	357	128	(485)
WTD ending 5 Dec	(47)	(136)	183
Jan 25	1,922	1,213	(3,135)
Feb 25	1,407	794	(2,201)
Mar 25	4,394	234	(4,628)
Apr 25	1,937	(50)	(1,887)
May 25	(883)	(144)	1,027
June 25	1,691	(394)	(1,297)
July 25	705	238	(943)
Aug 25	3,401	33	(3,434)
Sep 25	378	(454)	76
Oct 25	3,426	(697)	(2,729)
Nov 25	1,325	(197)	(1,128)
Dec MTD	(47)	(136)	183
2025 YTD	19,656	440	(20,096)

Market snapshot					
	Dow	chg	KLCI	chg	G/L
27-Nov	47427	-	1617.5	(7.0)	0.69
28-Nov	47716	289	1604.5	(13.0)	0.43
1-Dec	47289	(427)	1624.6	20.1	0.77
2-Dec	47474	185	1630.6	6.0	0.81
3-Dec	47883	409	1622.8	(7.8)	1.12
4-Dec	47851	(32)	1621.1	(1.8)	0.99

Market breadth: Gainers (G)/Losers (L)

Average daily trading (ADT)		
	ADT Vol (bn shrs)	ADT Value (RM'bn)
27-Nov	4.21	2.83
28-Nov	4.09	3.36
1-Dec	3.99	2.79
2-Dec	3.94	3.33
3-Dec	3.28	2.30
4-Dec	4.48	2.75
Sep 25	3.02	2.67
Oct 25	3.59	2.88
Nov 25	4.09	2.89
Dec MTD	3.74	2.81
2025 YTD	3.17	2.58

Sources: HLIB, Bursa

Technical view: Pending a triangle breakout

Despite near-term volatility, we stay constructive on the KLCI, which is nearing a bullish triangle breakout backed by strong December seasonality and rising Fed-cut optimism. A sustained close above 1,643 would pave the way for a retest of 1,659 and 1,686 (110% FE). Failure to break this threshold may keep the index in consolidation, with supports at 1,600 and 1,591 (100-day MA).

Daily KLCI: Pending a triangle breakout



Source: Investing.com

Figure #1 Virtual portfolio (Bullish Trackers: Maximum Holding Period is 1-3 Weeks)

No	Stocks	Report date	Entry Price (RM)	S1	S2	R1	R2	LT Target Price	Stop loss	Highest price since report	Lowest price since report	Last price ⁶ RM	Gains/Loss since report ⁷	Remarks
1	AFFIN	20-Nov	2.290	2.250	2.210	2.390	2.540	2.680	2.180	2.320	2.210	2.260	-1.3%	
2	WUXI XDC	20-Nov	67.700	67.700	65.200	71.700	74.500	78.800	64.400	71.400	62.300	65.200	-3.7%	Closed on 3 Dec amid weakening technicals
3	SSB8	21-Nov	0.570	0.560	0.540	0.605	0.620	0.670	0.535	0.590	0.565	0.580	1.8%	
4	KUAISHOU	24-Nov	64.000	64.000	62.000	69.000	72.000	74.100	59.700	71.750	65.000	70.650	10.4%	Took profit on 25 Nov
5	SIMEPROP	25-Nov	1.360	1.340	1.310	1.400	1.450	1.510	1.290	1.450	1.330	1.390	2.2%	
6	NetEase	26-Nov	216.00	213.00	210.00	223.00	233.00	248.00	205.00	226.80	211.00	223.00	3.2%	Took profit on 2 Dec
7	YTLPOWR	27-Nov	3.580	3.580	3.510	3.820	3.930	4.120	3.450	3.660	3.230	3.450	-3.6%	Cut loss on 28 Nov
8	MEITU	28-Nov	8.600	8.680	8.500	9.310	9.600	9.930	8.100	8.700	8.100	8.500	-1.2%	Closed on 1 Dec amid weakening technicals
9	QCOM	28-Nov	163.0	163.0	158.0	176.0	182.0	187.7	155.0	174.9	164.1	174.4	7.0%	
10	OSK	2-Dec	1.36	1.34	1.31	1.45	1.49	1.54	1.29	1.42	1.37	1.40	2.9%	
11	SUNNY OPTICAL	3-Dec	66.80	65.70	63.00	71.20	74.70	78.90	62.70	68.50	66.20	67.80	1.5%	

Figure #2 Virtual portfolio performance

	2024													
	Cumulative Return	Jan 2025	Feb 2025	Mar 2025	Apr 2025	May 2025	June 2025	July 2025	Aug 2025	Sep 2025	Oct 2025	Nov 2025	Dec 2025	YTD 2025
Total calls made	95	4	6	6	4	8	8	33	25	21	27	20	2	164
Total winners	64	1	2	6	4	7	6	21	16	18	14	11	2	108
Total losers	31	3	4	-	-	1	2	12	9	3	13	9	-	56
Successful hit rates	67%	25%	33%	100%	100%	88%	75%	64%	64%	86%	52%	55%	100%	66%
Average return	44.2%	-2.6%	-4.0%	4.0%	7.6%	6.2%	4.9%	2.0%	3.5%	4.8%	1.2%	0.3%	2.2%	30.1%
Relative against CI	55.2%	-0.3%	-2.2%	4.1%	5.7%	7.0%	3.8%	1.9%	2.3%	8.0%	1.4%	0.4%	2.6%	34.4%

Note:

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