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Traders Brief

May revisit 1,650-1,660 after a brief pause amid Dec seasonality, RM strength and Fed-driven optimism

MARKET REVIEW

Asia. Asian markets mostly advanced, tracking record Dow and S&P 500 closings, as a tech rebound eased AI-related jitters sparked by Oracle and Broadcom. Sentiment was further supported by a dovish Fed and China's pledge at the Central Economic Work Conference to maintain a proactive fiscal stance in 2026 to bolster consumption, investment, and growth, with policymakers reaffirming confidence in long-term fundamentals. Still, caution lingered ahead of next week's expected BOJ rate hike.

US. The Dow fell 246 points after a two-day 1,144-point surge, as a Broadcom-led tech selloff drove rotation into cyclicals and defensives. Despite the pullback, the index still jumped 1% WoW and 1.6% MTD, with markets pricing in at least 50 bps of easing for 2026 amid expectations that Trump's pick for Fed Chair will be dovish. Focus this week turns to delayed U.S. payrolls, the November jobless rate, retail sales, inflation data, December PMIs, and key central bank decisions from the Fed, ECB, BOE, and BOJ.

Malaysia. In sync with Wall St and regional markets rallies, the KLCI jumped 12.4 pts to 1,637.8 (WoW: +1.3%, MTD: +2.1%), driven by bargain hunting in IHH, YTL, YTLPOWER, PBBANK, PETGAS and PCHEM. Gainers edged losers by 744 vs 389, with turnover stood at 3.09bn shares valued at RM2.46bn, lifted by broad-base sectors' rally except the construction indices (-0.14%). Foreign investors net bought RM47m, snapping its six-day losing streak (Weekly: -RM472m; Dec MTD -RM461m, YTD -RM20.74bn), alongside net purchases by local institutions (+RM56m; weekly: RM534m, MTD: +RM618m; YTD +RM20.32bn). In contrast, retailers (-RM103m; Weekly: -RM62m, MTD -RM157m; YTD +RM0.42bn) emerged as the key net sellers.

OUTLOOK

In anticipation of Wall Street's year-end Santa Claus rally, the KLCI is poised to grind higher by end Dec, despite lingering risks from a potential BOJ hike on 19 Dec, China-Japan tensions, and possible cabinet shifts following the 29 Nov Sabah polls.

Still, solid fundamentals (2025/26 GDP: 4.5/4.1%), undemanding valuation (2026F P/E: 14.2x vs 5Y mean 17.2x), strengthening RM vs USD (8.4% YTD) and supportive Dec seasonality (average returns 10Y/20Y: +2.1%/2.0%) would keep the backdrop constructive, setting the stage for a stronger end-Dec closing toward the 1,650-1,660 zones.

KLCI Technical view: Eyeing LT downtrend line breakout

We remain sanguine of a potential LT downtrend line breakout (from all-time high 1,897 in Apr 2018) on the KLCI, which continues to ride above its support trendline and above 20D MA/ 1,619, amid expectations of strong December seasonality and continued Fed-cut optimism coupled with RM strength. A decisive breakout above 1,641 (downtrend line) would open the door for a further advance toward 1,659 (52-week high) and 1,686 (110% FE) levels. Failure to clear this hurdle may keep the index in consolidation, with support seen at 1,600 (trendline).

Daily trade stats (net trades, RM'm)			
	Local insti	Retail	Foreign
5 Dec (RM'm)	131	41	(172)
8 Dec (RM'm)	156	39	(195)
9 Dec (RM'm)	131	15	(146)
10 Dec (RM'm)	138	(38)	(100)
11 Dec (RM'm)	53	25	(78)
12 Dec (RM'm)	56	(103)	47
Week ended 21 Nov (RM'm)	1,005	29	(1,034)
Week ended 28 Nov (RM'm)	357	128	(485)
Week ended 5 Dec (RM'm)	84	(95)	11
Week ended 12 Dec (RM'm)	534	(62)	(472)
1Q25 (RM'bn)	7.72	2.24	(9.96)
2Q25 (RM'bn)	2.75	(0.59)	(2.16)
3Q25 (RM'bn)	4.48	(0.18)	(4.30)
4QTD (RM'bn)	5.37	(1.05)	(4.32)
Dec MTD (RM'bn)	0.62	(0.16)	(0.46)
YTD 25 (RM'bn)	20.32	0.42	(20.74)

Market snapshot					
	Dow	chg	KLCI	chg	G/L
5-Dec	47955	104	1616.5	(4.6)	0.73
8-Dec	47739	(216)	1612.8	(3.7)	0.44
9-Dec	47560	(179)	1614.2	1.4	0.81
10-Dec	48057	497	1611.0	(3.2)	1.09
11-Dec	48704	647	1625.4	14.4	0.82
12-Dec	48458	(246)	1637.8	12.4	1.92

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

Average daily trading (ADT)		
	ADT Vol (bn shrs)	ADT Value (RM'bn)
5-Dec	3.17	2.24
8-Dec	3.36	2.15
9-Dec	3.17	2.37
10-Dec	3.86	2.21
11-Dec	3.11	2.38
12-Dec	3.09	2.46
Sep 25	3.02	2.67
Oct 25	3.59	2.88
Nov 25	4.09	2.89
Dec MTD	3.55	2.50
2025 YTD	3.17	2.57

Sources: HLIB, Bursa

Daily KLCI: Eyeing LT downtrend line 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	OSK	2-Dec	1.36	1.34	1.31	1.45	1.49	1.54	1.29	1.45	1.36	1.44	5.9%	Took profit on 11 Dec Closed on 11 Dec amid weakening technicals
2	SUNNY OPTICAL	3-Dec	66.80	65.70	63.00	71.20	74.70	78.90	62.70	69.75	66.20	68.90	3.1%	
3	GAMUDA	5-Dec	5.15	5.00	4.88	5.37	5.50	5.80	4.86	5.25	4.78	5.00	-2.9%	
4	MCEHLDG	5-Dec	1.63	1.56	1.50	1.68	1.78	1.93	1.49	1.65	1.59	1.65	1.2%	
5	SUNWAY	8-Dec	5.43	5.33	5.25	5.72	5.93	6.07	1.49	5.65	5.46	5.63	3.7%	
6	MNHLDG	11-Dec	1.58	1.60	1.55	1.83	1.88	2.00	1.53	1.65	1.56	1.58	0.0%	

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	6	168
Total winners	64	1	2	6	4	7	6	21	16	18	14	11	5	111
Total losers	31	3	4	-	-	1	2	12	9	3	13	9	1	57
Successful hit rates	67%	25%	33%	100%	100%	88%	75%	64%	64%	86%	52%	55%	83%	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%	0.5%	1.8%	29.9%
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%	0.7%	1.5%	33.5%

Note:

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