

Preview

Fundamental

Expect futures to trade range bound with downward bias today following U.S. equities market sharp decline as participants price in higher interest rates and crude oil losses as well as ahead of Malaysia Budget 2023 re-tabling this Friday. Overnight leads, U.S. stocks plunged Tuesday as the prospect of higherfor-longer interest rates and let-downs from big-box retailers dampened the mood on Wall Street to start a busy holiday-shortened week. On the external front, Asian bourses were mixed yesterday in a quiet trading after U.S. markets closed for Presidents Day, as the prospect of the U.S. central bank having to stay on its hawkish stance weighed on sentiment, with participants positioning for the U.S. Federal Open Market Committee minutes on Wednesday and earnings result from China's major technology companies. Domestically, the FBM KLCI consolidated in a tight range and ended slightly higher on Tuesday, as bargain buying emerged in selected index heavyweights on cheap stocks valuation while mixed regional peers and ahead of the re-tabling of Budget 2023 this Friday capped gains. The index closed at 1,474.01, rose 0.55 points, led by the gains in CIMB, IOI, RHB, AXIATA, GENT and INRI shares. Futures to cash basis strengthened to 3.5 points premium from 3 points premium.

Technical

The February futures contract opened lower and swung between gains and losses mirroring regional peers' mixed performance before closed marginally higher, tracking underlying cash market resilient tone. The February futures contract settled 1-point higher at 1,477.5, forming a short black bodied candlestick with extended upper and bottom shadow, indicating an indecisiveness in direction. On the technical perspective, MACD remained issue a sell signal while RSI indicator lingered at neutral region. Therefore, expect futures to trade on a cautious note today after tracking the Wall Street tumbled and crude oil decline on concerns about higher interest rates along with Malaysia Budget 2023 re-tabling this Friday for clear market direction. Hence, the support and resistance for today can be eyed at 1,460.0 and 1,482.0 respectively.

Source: Bloomberg							O/I chg	Open Interest		Previous Week		
Contract	Sett	Change	High	Low	Volume	Open Int	O/I chg	Value USD	3mth avg	Value USD	High	Low
FBMKLCI	1474.01	0.55	1477.36	1471.85	160 Mn						1494.54	1469.26
FEB 23	1477.50	1.00	1478.50	1471.00	5713	28,765	701	11.69 Mn	25,394	423.33 Mn	0.00	0.00
MAR 23	1466.00	0.00	1467.00	1460.50	854	2,921	440	7.28 Mn	5,497	90.93 Mn	0.00	0.00
APR 23	1463.00	-1.00	1464.00	1459.00	23	419	2	.03 Mn	660	10.90 Mn	0.00	0.00
JUN 23	1455.00	2.00	1455.00	1450.50	3	104	1	.02 Mn	502	8.24 Mn	0.00	0.00
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Futures Fair Value		KLIBOR			KF E	st
Contract	Exp. Date	Index Pt	Div Idx Pt (0	Gross) FV	Div ldx pt (Net) FV
FEB 23	28/02/2023	0.72	0.66	0.06	0.66	0.06
MAR 23	31/03/2023	4.42	15.87	-11.45	15.87	-11.45
Roll FV				-11.51		-11.51
Benchmark	Indices				Relative to F	BMKLCI
Source: Bloc	mberg	Last	1d Chg	6m Chg	3m Chg	6m Chg
FBMKLCI		1474.01	0.04%	-0.90%	8.60%	12.39%
FBM100		10385.51	-0.07%	0.80%	1.79%	1.71%
FBMEMAS		10711.63	-0.12%	1.47%	2.21%	2.39%
Local Secto	r Performano	ce againts Fl	BMKLCI			
Sector				1d Chg	3m Chg	6m Chg
Financial				-0.19%	-3.01%	-2.58%
Plantation				0.53%	-2.06%	-3.57%
Utilities				0.00%		0.00%
Currencies			Last	1d Chg	3m Chg	6m Chg
USDMYR			4.4315	-0.03%	-3.23%	-1.22%
CNYMYR			0.6443	-0.30%	0.78%	-1.64%
Dollar Index			104.176	0.30%	-3.39%	-3.69%
MYR to DXY	,			0.33%	-0.17%	-2.50%
World Equit	y Indices				Relative to F	BMKLCI
Source: Bloc	omberg	Last	1d Chg	6m Chg	3m Chg	6m Chg
USA						
Dow Jones		33129.59	-2.06%	-1.71%	-4.00%	-0.82%
S&P 500		3997.34	-2.00%	-5.47%	-1.43%	-4.61%
NASDAQ		11492.30	-2.50%	-9.55%	0.82%	-8.73%
Europe						
DAX		15397.62	-0.52%	16.38%	4.39%	17.43%
CAC		7308.65	-0.37%	14.58%	7.34%	15.62%
FTSE100		7977.75	-0.46%	5.89%	4.67%	6.85%
EURO Stoxx		463.77	-0.19%	7.06%	3.96%	8.03%
Asia Pacific						
Nikkei 225		27473.10	-0.21%	-4.59%	-4.45%	-3.72%
Hang Seng		20529.49	-1.71%	4.44%	15.20%	5.39%
Straits Times	S	3306.86	-0.06%	1.36%	-0.80%	2.28%
KOSPI		2435.20	-0.97%	-1.11%	-1.00%	-0.21%
TAIEX		15563.00	0.08%	2.08%	4.64%	3.01%
S&P/ASX20	0	7285.30	-0.70%	3.38%	-0.80%	4.32%

U.S. markets The S&P 500 and Nasdaq ended down for the third straight session as Wall Street slumped on Tuesday, with investors interpreting a rebound in U.S. business activity in February to mean interest rates will need to stay higher for longer to control inflation. -Reuters





