

Preview **Fundamental**

Expect futures to trade on a supportive note today reacting to overnight Wall Street extended gains and rebound in crude oil prices while a potential of intermittent profit taking activities ahead of the weekend and in the absence of fresh local catalyst might limit advance. Stateside, major U.S. stock indexes moved higher Thursday, extending gains from the prior session, notable in technology-related stocks as Wall Street looked to round out the end of the year's first quarter on a high note amid quarter-end window dressing, while regional U.S. bank shares fell as the Biden administration proposed stronger measures to help reduce risk. Regionally, Asian shares eked out small gains on Thursday after a rally in US shares overnight, as participants adjusted their positions ahead of quarter-end and markets continued to digest Chinese e-commerce giant Alibaba's break-up plans. Locally, the FBM KLCI continue its upward trust to end firmer, extending its winning streak to third consecutive session, buoyed by continuous buying activities in selected index heavyweight driven by the improving global sentiment and regional peers upbeat performance. At the closed, the index settled at 1,424.61, rose 4.26 points, with top gainers were MAXIS, MAY, IOI, PMAH and CIMB shares. Futures to cash basis strengthened to par from 2 points discounts.

Technical

Futures contract opened gapped up and traded steadier throughout the trading session on renewed buying interest along with short covering activities, bolstered by firmer underlying cash market and regional peers gains. The March futures contract ended 6.5 points firmer at 1,425.0, forming a white bodied candlestick pattern with short upper and short bottom shadow, indicating buyers overcome sellers to pull the prices higher. Technical wise, MACD remained issue a buying signal while RSI indicator at neutral region. Thus, expect futures to trade range bound with slight upward bias today following overnight sterling performance in major U.S. indexes and crude oil gains while upside might be limited on intermittent profit taking activities ahead of the weekend and lack of fresh buying 50.8955 catalyst. Therefore, the support and resistance can be eyed at 1,418.0 and 1,435.0 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	1424.61	4.26	1425.37	1415.10	99 Mn						1413.52	1399.70
MAR 23	1425.00	6.50	1427.50	1416.00	4518	4,289	-12,703	-204.75 Mn	24,816	399.99 Mn	0.00	0.00
APR 23	1427.00	9.50	1429.00	1416.00	6854	31,293	-850	-13.72 Mn	6,647	107.28 Mn	0.00	0.00
JUN 23	1428.50	10.00	1430.00	1417.00	94	686	-22	36 Mn	907	14.66 Mn	0.00	0.00
SEP 23	1418.50	10.00	1419.00	1409.00	88	349	18	.29 Mn	626	10.04 Mn	0.00	0.00
					11,554	36,617	-13,557	-218.53 Mn	32,996	531.97 Mn		

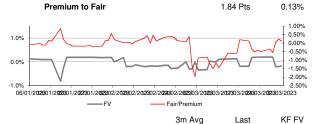
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Futures Fair Value		KLIBOR			KF Est			
Contract	Exp. Date	Index Pt	Div Idx Pt (Gross) FV	Div ldx pt (N	let) FV		
MAR 23	31/03/2023	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		
APR 23	28/04/2023	3.23	0.91	2.32	0.91	2.32		
Roll FV				2.32		2.32		
Benchmark	Indices				Relative to FE	BMKLCI		
Source: Bloc	omberg	Last	1d Chg	6m Chg	3m Chg	6m Chg		
FBMKLCI		1424.61	0.30%	2.15%	7.28%	8.84%		
FBM100		10119.28	0.36%	4.01%	1.95%	1.83%		
FBMEMAS		10424.41	0.35%	4.49%	2.26%	2.29%		
Local Secto	or Performano	ce againts Fl	BMKLCI					
Sector				1d Chg	3m Chg	6m Chg		
Financial				0.19%	0.30%	-3.06%		
Plantation				0.45%	-0.27%	1.78%		
Utilities				0.00%		0.00%		
Currencies			Last	1d Chg	3m Chg	6m Chg		
USDMYR			4.4205	0.05%	0.36%	-4.68%		
CNYMYR			0.6434	0.33%	0.77%	-1.30%		
Dollar Index			102.144	-0.48%	-1.33%	-8.90%		
MYR to DXY	<i>(</i>			-0.53%	-1.69%	-4.42%		
World Equi	ty Indices				Relative to FE	BMKLCI		
Source: Bloo	omberg	Last	1d Chg	6m Chg	3m Chg	6m Chg		
USA								
Dow Jones		32859.03	0.43%	14.39%	4.06%	11.98%		
S&P 500		4050.83	0.57%	12.97%	10.75%	10.60%		
NASDAQ		12013.47	0.73%	13.60%	20.49%	11.21%		
Europe								
DAX		15522.40	1.26%	28.13%	17.03%	25.44%		
CAC		7263.37	1.06%	26.05%	17.78%	23.40%		
FTSE100		7620.43	0.74%	10.54%	7.35%	8.21%		
EURO Stox		454.84	1.03%	17.27%	12.37%	14.80%		
Asia Pacific	;							
Nikkei 225		27782.93	-0.36%	7.12%	11.77%	4.86%		
Hang Seng		20309.13	0.58%	17.92%	7.78%	15.44%		
Straits Time	S	3257.18	-0.16%	4.06%	5.16%	1.87%		
KOSPI		2453.16	0.38%	13.81%	15.15%	11.41%		
TAIEX		15849.43	0.51%	18.06%	17.69%	15.58%		

0.67%

U.S. stocks rose on Thursday as technology-related shares extended their recent strong run, while regional U.S. bank shares fell as the Biden administration proposed stronger measures

10.75%

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11.58%

FBMKLCI Volatility

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9/03/2022	09/05/2022	09/07/2022	09/09/2022	09/11/2022	09/01/2023	09/03/2023

to help reduce risk.-Reuters

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U.S. markets

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