

Preview **Fundamental**

Expect futures to trade on a cautious note today on a potential of profit taking activities ahead of weekend and mirroring overnight mixed session on Wall Street, with traders awaiting Friday's job data to gauge the outlook for Federal Reserve some policy while strengthening crude oil prices might cushion the selling pressure.

Hoss Regionally, most Asian equity markets were edging downwards on Thursday, hampered by dampened by slower-than-expected manufacturing activity in China, contracted for a fifth straight month in August, mounting pressure on Beijing to of U.S. data for clues on the Federal Reserve's future rate hike path. Locally, the FBM KLCI backpedaled from earlier gains to end lower on Wednesday, pounded by eleventh-hour profit bookings in selected index heavyweight ahead of the Malaysia Merdeka Day holiday on Thursday and after the latest round of price data suggested inflation may not yet be fully on the retreat along with Fed interest rates path. The index closed at 1,451.94, dropped 2.50 points, led by the losses in AXIATA, RHBBANK, TNB, PCHEM and MAXIS shares. Futures to cash basis strengthened to 6 points premium from Par.

Technical

Futures contract opened steady during early morning trading session and traded above its overnight level throughout the trading session on continued buying interest amid spilled over strength in the overnight Wall Street and mirroring regional peers' bullish momentum overshadowed softer underlying cash market. The August futures contract settled 3.5 points higher at 1,457.5, but accumulated losses of 0.38% m-o-m. Meanwhile, the September futures contract ended 4.5 points lower at 1,431.5, forming a short black-bodied candlestick pattern with long upper and short bottom shadow as bears managed to seize control of the session. On the technical perspective, MACD indicator issue a selling signal while RSI indicator lingered at neutral region. Thus, expect futures to trade on a cautious note today following the mixed overnight U.S. stocks market along with a potential of profit taking activities ahead of the weekend and U.S. job report while losses could be limited by strength over crude oil prices. Therefore, the support and resistance can be eyed at 1,422.0 and 1,440.0 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	1451.94	-2.50	1462.80	1451.94	125 Mn						1456.40	1438.51
SEP 23	1431.50	-4.50	1446.50	1428.00	12374	33,682	4,041	62.36 Mn	35,528	548.22 Mn	0.00	0.00
OCT 23	1431.50					-	0	. Mn	8,206	126.63 Mn	0.00	0.00
DEC 23	1432.00	-6.50	1448.50	1430.50	211	519	88	1.36 Mn	931	14.38 Mn	0.00	0.00
MAR 24	1423.00	-6.50	1439.00	1422.00	86	297	3	.05 Mn	724	11.10 Mn	0.00	0.00
					12,671	34,498	4,132	63.76 Mn	45,390	700.33 Mn		

Futures Fa	ir Value	KLIBOR			KF Est	
Contract	Exp. Date	Index Pt	Div Idx Pt (G	ross) FV	Div Idx pt (Net)	FV
SEP 23	29/9/2023	3.64	23.85	-20.21	23.85	-20.21
OCT 23	31/10/2023	7.80	23.85	-16.05	23.85	-16.05
Roll FV				4.16		4.16

Benchmark Indices				Relative to FI	BMKLCI		
Source: Bloomberg	Last	1d Chg	6m Chg	3m Chg	6m Chg		
FBMKLCI	1451.94	-0.17%	-0.15%	3.49%	4.29%		
FBM100	10412.03	-0.10%	1.37%	-0.02%	1.53%		
FBMEMAS	10740.7	-0.07%	1.53%	0.18%	1.68%		
Local Sector Performance againts FBMKLCI							

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	1d Chg	3m Chg	6m Chg				
	0.52%	2.94%	1.33%				
	0.00%	0.29%	2.57%				
	0.00%		0.00%				
Last	1d Chg	3m Chg	6m Chg				
4.6385	-0.16%	0.78%	3.37%				
0.6390	0.35%	-1.53%	-1.23%				
103.619	0.45%	-0.68%	-1.19%				
	0.61%	-1.45%	-4.41%				
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	Dollar Index (DXY)		103.619	0.45% 0.61%	-0.68%	-1.23% -1.19% -4.41%
MYR to DXY World Equity Indices Source: Bloomberg				0.01%	-1.45% Relative to F	
		Last	1d Chg	6m Chg	3m Chg	6m Chg
	USA				• • <u>g</u>	
	Dow Jones	34721.91	-0.48%	6.32%	0.80%	6.49%
	S&P 500	4507.66	-0.16%	13.54%	3.03%	13.71%
	NASDAQ	14034.97	0.11%	22.52%	3.66%	22.71%
	Europe					
	DAX	15947.08	0.35%	4.20%	-3.90%	4.36%
	CAC	7316.70	-0.65%	1.14%	-2.06%	1.30%
	FTSE100	7439.13	-0.46%	-6.01%	-5.12%	-5.87%
	EURO Stoxx	458.19	-0.20%	0.11%	-3.85%	0.27%
	Asia Pacific					
	Nikkei 225	32619.34	0.88%	18.54%	0.05%	18.73%
	Hang Seng	18382.06	-0.55%	-10.85%	-3.60%	-10.71%
	Straits Times	3233.30	0.41%	-0.90%	-2.21%	-0.75%
	KOSPI	2556.27	-0.19%	5.94%	-4.94%	6.11%
	TAIEX	16634.51	-0.51%	6.64%	-3.76%	6.81%
	S&P/ASX200	7305.27	0.10%	0.74%	-1.85%	0.90%

U.S. markets The S&P 500 ended lower and the Nasdaq higher on Thursday after U.S. inflation data matched estimates, underscoring expectations the Federal Reserve could pause its monetary tightening, while Salesforce climbed following an up upbeat forecast.- Reuters





