

Preview **Fundamental**

Expect futures to open softer today following the retreat in overnight Wall Street on anticipation that interest rates will be higher for longer to curb inflation while support from domestic institutional investors and a renewed influx of foreign capital could limit the downside. In the U.S. stock market, a pullback was seen on Tuesday as participants braced for the upcoming Federal Reserve meeting this week and concern revolved around rising oil prices added to the complexity of the central bank's policy outlook along with bond yields reaching levels not seen since 2007 further putting pressure on stocks. Regionally, Asian stocks market extended its downward slide on Tuesday, as traders awaited a slew of major central bank decisions, with rising inflationary pressure from higher oil prices keeping the door open for hawkish messages, while Japanese participants sold technology stocks on their return from a holiday-extended weekend and ahead of the Bank of Japan interest rate policy. Domestically, the FBM KLCI inched lower, extending their losses for second consecutive trading session on continued profit taking activities in selected index heavyweights due to lack of buying catalyst and mostly softer regional market trend. The index closed at 1,457.66, dropped 0.33 points, with top losers HLBK, SDPL, MAXIS, MAY and CIMB shares, while bargain buying in Petronas linked and plantations stocks capped losses. Futures to cash basis weakened to 2.5 points discounts from 1-point discount.

Futures contract opened on a back foot and spent most part of the trading session below its overnight level as profit taking activities intensified on spilled over weakness in the underlying cash market and in tandem with the negative regional peers' undertone. The September futures contract settled 2 points lower at 1,455.0, forming a short black bodied candlestick with short upper and long bottom shadow, indicating selling activity has seized control over the trading session. On the technical perspective, MACD remained issue a buying signal while RSI indicator lingered at neutral region. Expect futures to trade range bound

with slight downward bias today tracking the slump in overnight Wall Street and the retreat in crude oil prices while losses could be limited by a potential of bargain hunting, primarily due to the compellingly low valuations observed in the local stock market. Hence, the support and resistance can be eyed at 1,448.0 and 1,460.0 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	1457.66	-0.33	1459.00	1454.61	83 Mn						1459.03	1444.81
SEP 23	1455.00	-3.00	1456.50	1451.00	4996	40,975	935	14.48 Mn	35,226	545.71 Mn	0.00	0.00
OCT 23	1455.00	-3.00	1457.50	1454.00	43	737	14	.22 Mn	7,721	119.61 Mn	0.00	0.00
DEC 23	1456.00	-2.00	1458.50	1454.50	11	791	4	.06 Mn	958	14.86 Mn	0.00	0.00
MAR 24	1447.50	-0.50	1447.50	1443.50	24	374	15	.23 Mn	950	14.65 Mn	0.00	0.00
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Futures Fa	ir Value	KLIBOR			KF Est	
Contract	Exp. Date	Index Pt	Div Idx Pt (Gross) FV	Div ldx pt (Net)	F۷
SEP 23	29/9/2023	1.18	3.82	-2.64	3.82	-2.64
OCT 23	31/10/2023	5.37	3.82	1.55	3.82	1.55
Roll FV				4.19		4.19

Benchmark Indices				Relative to FI	BMKLCI		
Source: Bloomberg	Last	1d Chg	6m Chg	3m Chg	6m Chg		
FBMKLCI	1457.66	-0.02%	3.98%	2.68%	3.03%		
FBM100	10436.76	0.02%	4.92%	0.34%	0.90%		
FBMEMAS	10766	0.03%	5.04%	0.47%	1.02%		
Local Sector Performance againts FBMKLCI							

Sector		1d Chg	3m Chg	6m Chg
Financial		-0.11%	1.50%	1.56%
Plantation		-0.28%	-1.70%	-1.33%
Utilities		0.00%		0.00%
Currencies	Last	1d Chg	3m Chg	6m Chg
USDMYR	4.6960	0.15%	1.41%	4.69%
CNYMYR	0.6435	0.06%	-0.45%	-1.34%
Dollar Index (DXY)	105.122	-0.01%	2.52%	1.78%
MYR to DXY		-0.16%	1.09%	-2.77%

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World Equity Indices				Relative to FI	BMKLCI
Source: Bloomberg	Last	1d Chg	6m Chg	3m Chg	6m Chg
USA					
Dow Jones	34517.73	-0.31%	8.34%	-4.15%	4.18%
S&P 500	4443.95	-0.22%	13.46%	-4.01%	9.12%
NASDAQ	13678.19	-0.23%	17.61%	-4.84%	13.10%
Europe					
DAX	15664.48	-0.40%	4.90%	-7.40%	0.88%
CAC	7282.12	0.08%	3.84%	-4.91%	-0.14%
FTSE100	7660.20	0.09%	3.46%	-3.61%	-0.50%
EURO Stoxx	456.52	-0.04%	3.61%	-5.34%	-0.36%
Asia Pacific					
Nikkei 225	33242.59	-0.87%	23.37%	-5.17%	18.64%
Hang Seng	17997.17	0.37%	-5.28%	-12.58%	-8.91%
Straits Times	3240.75	-0.69%	3.22%	-4.15%	-0.74%
KOSPI	2559.21	-0.60%	7.57%	-6.43%	3.44%
TAIEX	16636.32	-0.37%	7.89%	-7.80%	3.75%
S&P/ASX200	7196.63	-0.47%	4.32%	-6.84%	0.32%

Wall Street lost ground on Tuesday, with risk-off sentiment weighing as the U.S. Federal Reserve convened for its much-anticipated two-day monetary policy meeting.- Reuters





