Highlights BURSA MALAYSIA

Late selling pushes Bursa Malaysia into negative territory at close

LATE selling pressure dragged Bursa Malaysia into negative territory at the close, reversing earlier gains as profit-taking in heavyweight banking and transportation counters dampen overall market sentiment.

At 5 pm, the benchmark FTSE Bursa Malaysia KLCI (FBM KLCI) eased 2.75 points to 1,745.31 from Friday's close of 1,748.06.

The benchmark index, which opened 5.94 points firmer at 1,754.0, moved between 1,744.99 and 1,754.0 during the trading session.

Market breadth was positive with gainers leading losers 562 to 558. A total of 636 counters were unchanged, 897 untraded, and 12 suspended.

Turnover increased to 4.20 billion units worth RM3.17 billion

'Malaysia's volume index of services up by 5.8 pct in 1Q 2026'

KUALA LUMPUR: Malaysia's volume index of services recorded a year-on-year growth of 5.8 per cent in the first quarter (1Q) of 2026, reaching 168.0 points, according to the Department of Statistics Malaysia (DOSM).

The index covers four segments, namely wholesale and retail trade, food and beverage and accommodation; business services and finance; information and communication and transportation and storage; and other services, it said.

In a statement yesterday, chief statistician Malaysia Datuk Seri Dr Mohd Uzir Mahidin said that overall, growth in the volume index of services in the 1Q 2026 was mainly driven by the wholesale and retail trade, food and beverage, and accommodation segment, which expanded by 5.7 per cent.

"This was followed by the information and communication and transportation and storage segment, which recorded an increase of 8.1 per cent.

"Meanwhile, the business services and finance segment grew by 3.0 per cent, while the other services segment registered a higher growth of 9.3 per cent," he said.

DOSM said that the volume index for the wholesale and retail trade, food and beverage and accommodation segment rose by 5.7 per cent to 166.3 points, supported by growth in wholesale and retail trade (4.9 per cent), food and beverage (8.5 per cent) and accommodation (15.0 per cent).

"At the same time, the information and communication and transportation and storage segment increased by 8.1 per cent to 191.2 points, driven by growth in information and communication (8.0 per cent) and transportation and storage (8.3 per cent)," it said.

Meanwhile, the department said that the business services and finance segment recorded a volume index of 156.8 points, with a growth of 3.0 per cent.

"This increase was supported by professional and administrative and support services (6.2 per cent), followed by real estate (7.4 per cent) and finance and insurance (0.1 per cent), reflecting steady business activity and supportive market conditions during the quarter," it said.

Additionally, DOSM said that the other services segment grew by 9.3 per cent to 146.9 points, driven by increases in arts, entertainment and recreation and personal services and other activities (8.8 per cent), private health (9.7 per cent), and private education (9.3 per cent). — Bernama

Foreign funds turn net buyers

Money Market

TOP 20 GAINER

STOCK	CHANGE	LACP	BUY
OPPSTAR	110,759,300	68.0	39.0
DLADY	12,600	3,308.0	3,280.(
NIKKEI-CZ	600	58.0	58.0
KPJ	6,098,500	351.0	337.0
PMETAL	7,013,500	883.0	868.0
TTVHB	61,613,100	35.0	21.0
MI	4,183,400	380.0	365.0
TIMWELL	104,900	150.0	140.0
HUMEIND	613,700	329.0	316.0
HARTA	59,683,900	137.0	126.0
PJBUMI	266,000	338.0	327.0
KESM	166,200	473.0	448.0
TOPGLOV	191,714,000	87.5	77.5
BAT	546,600	635.0	617.0
KOBAY	1,634,100	243.0	230.0
PTARAS	9,000	140.0	131.0
KLCC	136,900	918.0	907.0
KOSSAN-C92	789,900	31.5	24.5
TOPGLOV-C5K	1,891,400	17.5	12.0
NDX-CR	48,700	81.5	81.5

TOP 20 LOSER

STOCK	CHANGE	LACP	BUY
NESTLE	85,500	10,340.0	10,050
PETDAG	248,300	2,108.0	2,058.(