

**Fundamental** Expect futures to trade on a cautious note today on a potential of profit taking activities following overnight mixed U.S. equities market and ahead of key Malaysian inflation data as well as interest rate decision. Major U.S. stock indexes ended lower on Tuesday, with the Dow dipping 1% after Goldman Sachs falls on larger-than-expected profit drop in the fourth quarter of year 2022 while Nasdaq closed higher supported by the jump in Tesla shares as data from China Merchants Bank International shows China sales surge after price cuts. Around the region, Asian bourses ended mostly lower on Tuesday, as participants were focusing more on the China's economic growth data which shows the slowest growing pace since 1970s as Covid-19 restrictions hammered business activity 1459.75 and participants stay cautious ahead of Bank of Japan's key policy decision tomorrow. At home, the FBM KLCI ended at its intraday high yesterday, as earlier losses due to mild profit taking activities were turned around by late buying of selected telecommunications and media, industrial products and services counters while upside is capped due to lacking of fresh catalyst and participants stay cautious ahead of Malaysia's inflation data and braced for interest rate decision later this week. The index closed at 1,499.38, rose 5.82 points, led by the gains in PMAH, DIGI, PCHEM, AMM, IHH and AXIATA shares. Futures to cash

Futures contract trended lower during morning trading session but traded gradually higher throughout the trading session on persistent speculative purchases coupled with mild short covering activities following rebound in underlying cash market despite weaker regional peers. The January futures contract settled 5.0 points higher at 1,499.0, forming a white bodied candlestick with extended upper and bottom shadow, indicating buying activity during the session. Technical wise, MACD indicator issued a buying signal while RSI indicator lingered at neutral region. Nevertheless, expect futures to trade range bound with slight downward bias today following overnight mixed performance in 59.3414 major U.S. indexes and a potential of profit taking activities ahead of interest rate decision while optimism about Malaysia economic recovery and higher crude oil

prices might cushion the selling pressure. The support and resistance are envisaged at 1,488.0 and 1,505.0 respectively.

Premium to Fair

| Source: Bloor | mberg   |        |         |         |        |          |         | O/I chg   | Open I   | nterest   | Previous | Week    |
|---------------|---------|--------|---------|---------|--------|----------|---------|-----------|----------|-----------|----------|---------|
| Contract      | Sett    | Change | High    | Low     | Volume | Open Int | O/I chg | Value USD | 3mth avg | Value USD | High     | Low     |
| FBMKLCI       | 1499.38 | 5.82   | 1499.38 | 1488.95 | 118 Mn |          |         |           |          |           | 1495.03  | 1480.37 |
| JAN 23        | 1499.00 | 5.00   | 1500.50 | 1492.00 | 3060   | 25,344   | -188    | -3.26 Mn  | 27,423   | 475.38 Mn | 0.00     | 0.00    |
| FEB 23        | 1500.50 | 5.50   | 1501.00 | 1493.00 | 100    | 332      | 68      | 1.18 Mn   | 4,981    | 86.43 Mn  | 0.00     | 0.00    |
| MAR 23        | 1490.50 | 5.50   | 1491.00 | 1486.00 | 7      | 685      | 1       | .02 Mn    | 460      | 7.93 Mn   | 0.00     | 0.00    |
| JUN 23        | 1488.00 | 6.50   | 1488.00 | 1480.00 | 16     | 449      | 1       | .02 Mn    | 454      | 7.81 Mn   | 0.00     | 0.00    |
|               |         |        |         |         | 3,183  | 26,810   | -118    | -2.04 Mn  | 33,318   | 577.56 Mn |          |         |

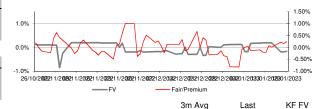
| Futures Fa | ir Value   | KLIBOR   |                    |      | KF Est           |      |
|------------|------------|----------|--------------------|------|------------------|------|
| Contract   | Exp. Date  | Index Pt | Div Idx Pt (Gross) | F۷   | Div ldx pt (Net) | FV   |
| JAN 23     | 31/01/2023 | 1.59     | 0.00               | 1.59 | 0.00             | 1.59 |
| FEB 23     | 28/02/2023 | 5.02     | 1.08               | 3.94 | 1.08             | 3.94 |
| Roll FV    |            |          |                    | 2.35 |                  | 2.35 |

| Benchmark Indices                        |          |        |        | Relative to FE | BMKLCI |  |  |
|--|----------|--------|--------|----------------|--------|--|--|
| Source: Bloomberg                        | Last     | 1d Chg | 6m Chg | 3m Chg         | 6m Chg |  |  |
| FBMKLCI                                  | 1499.38  | 0.39%  | 4.89%  | 5.06%          | 8.72%  |  |  |
| FBM100                                   | 10521.4  | 0.31%  | 6.25%  | 1.08%          | 1.30%  |  |  |
| FBMEMAS                                  | 10825.07 | 0.28%  | 6.79%  | 1.36%          | 1.81%  |  |  |
| Local Sector Performance againts FBMKLCI |          |        |        |                |        |  |  |

| Sector               |        | 1d Chg         | 3m Chg | 6m Chg |
|----------------------|--------|----------------|--------|--------|
| Financial            |        | -0.47%         | -2.77% | -1.49% |
| Plantation           |        | -0.35%         | -2.58% | -2.89% |
| Utilities            |        | 0.00%          |        | 0.00%  |
| Currencies           | Last   | 1d Chg         | 3m Chg | 6m Chg |
| USDMYR               | 4.3235 | -0.07%         | -8.31% | -2.92% |
| CNYMYR               | 0.6389 | -0.29%         | -2.52% | -3.26% |
| Dollar Index (DXY)   | 102.39 | 0.18%          | -8.61% | -5.25% |
| MYR to DXY           |        | 0.25%          | -0.33% | -2.40% |
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|          |   |  | Relative to FE  | BMKLCI   |
|----------|---|--|---|--|
| Last     | 1d Chg  | 6m Chg   | 3m Chg  | 6m Chg   |
|          |   |  |   |  |
| 33910.85 | -1.14%  | 8.38%  | 6.87%   | 3.33%  |
| 3990.97  | -0.20%  | 3.31%  | 4.03%   | -1.50%   |
| 11095.11 | 0.14%   | -3.12%   | 0.40%   | -7.63%   |
|          |   |  |   |  |
| 15187.07 | 0.35%   | 17.19%   | 11.11%  | 11.73%   |
| 7077.16  | 0.48%   | 16.17%   | 8.95%   | 10.76%   |
| 7851.03  | -0.12%  | 8.69%  | 5.71%   | 3.63%  |
| 456.46   | 0.40%   | 9.30%  | 6.62%   | 4.21%  |
|          |   |  |   |  |
| 26138.68 | 1.23%   | -2.43%   | -10.10%   | -6.97%   |
| 21577.64 | -0.78%  | 3.51%  | 19.14%  | -1.31%   |
| 3280.51  | -0.09%  | 5.09%  | 1.26%   | 0.19%  |
| 2374.22  | -0.22%  | -0.04%   | -1.45%  | -4.70%   |
| 14932.93 | 0.04%   | 1.45%  | 6.26%   | -3.28%   |
| 7391.50  | 0.07%   | 10.53%   | 1.83%   | 5.38%  |
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