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## FBM KLCI higher at noon

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Regional bourses shares the positive sentiment too

PETALING JAYA: Gainers led losers at Bursa Malaysia at noon where benchmark FTSE Bursa Malaysia Kuala Lumpur Composite Index (FBM KLCI) gained 1.64 points or 0.12% to 1,336.16 as at 12.30 p.m.

There were 308 gainers, 285 losers and 272 counters traded unchanged.

Among the top three gainers were Panamy that advanced by 28 sen to RM16.30, MPI gained 22 sen to RM7.24 and Dutch Lady was up by 20 sen to RM12.40.

Turnover was at 416.4 million shares valued at RM598.6mil.

Meanwhile, the FBM ACE was down by 18.06 point to 4,236.25 and the FBM EMAS was at 9,092.39 up 16.14 points.

For the heavyweights, MISC was down 1 sen to RM8.64, Maybank shed 1 sen to RM7.50 and Tenaga was up 2 sen to RM8.39.

And most regional bourses also traded higher at noon today.

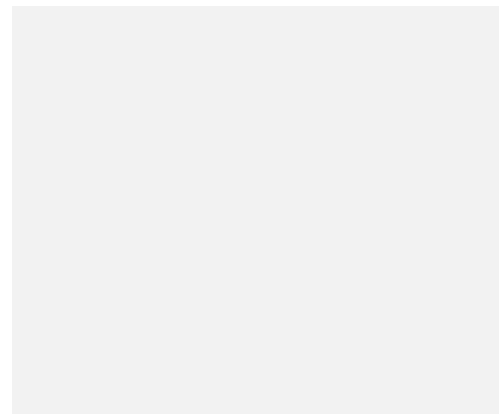
This could probably be bouyed by Wall Street extended gains strengthening the sentiment for a strong earning season and economic recovery.

The U.S major equity indices were only up between 0.1% and 0.3% at the closing bell last night.

Nikkei 225 added 36.61 points to 11,197.84, the Hang Seng Index gained 13.70 points to 22,089.83, KOSPI Index gained 14.38 points to 1,724.97 while Singapore's Straits Times

Index rose by 32.05 points to 3,003.65. Meanwhile Shanghai Composite Index shed 6.45 points to 3,154.80

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