

Share prices extend gains at mid-morning lifted by mild bargain hunting
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The FTSE Bursa Malaysia KLCI (FBM KLCI) on Bursa Malaysia extended its gains at mid-morning, lifted by mild bargain hunting.

At 11.03am, the benchmark index FBM KLCI stood at 1,784.19, up 5.36 points after hovering between 1,783.23 and 1,786.58.

The gains in composite index were led by Maybank and IHH Healthcare, with both counters contributing 2.16 points to the rise.

On the scoreboard, the Finance Index surged 80.83 points to 16,369.34, the Plantation Index improved 33.23 points to 8,339.6 and the Industrial Index added 2.95 points to 3,034.32.

The FBM Emas Index soared 35.68 points to 12,327.88, the FBMT100 Index gained 32.77 points to 12,041.56, the FBM 70 was 23.73 points higher at 13,607.72 and the FBM Ace improved 24.86 points to 5,897.21.

There were 314 gainers, 199 losers, 219 counters were unchanged, 861 untraded and 17 others were suspended.

Turnover totalled 525.86 million shares worth RM405.28 million.

Among actives, Minetech Resources, Astral Supreme and IRIS Corp all inched up half-a-sen to 22 sen, 20 sen and 40 sen, respectively.

Heavyweights Maybank rose seven sen to RM9.63, TNB added two sen to RM11.30, CIMB garnered six sen to RM6.91 and Sime Darby added three sen to RM8.90.

Axiata Group, however, shed three sen to RM6.52.

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