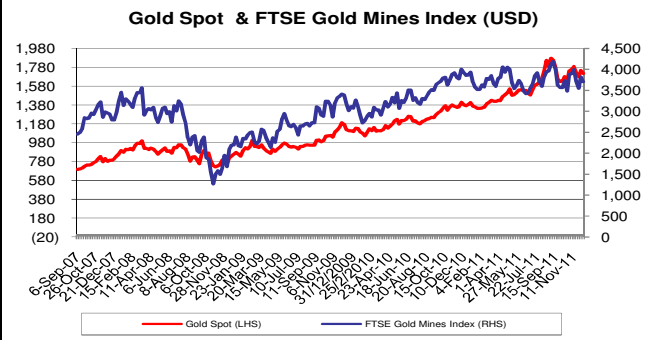
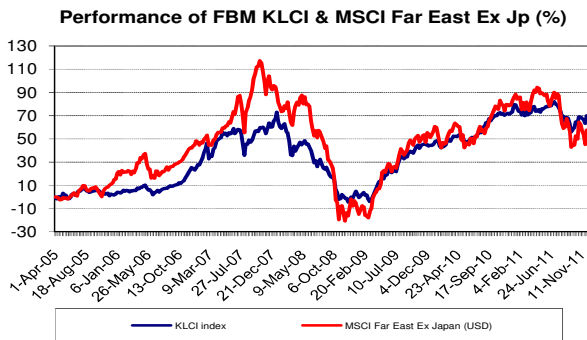


WEEKLY INVESTMENT UPDATES

December 2, 2011



Recent Development / Updates

For the week ended 9th December 2011, the FBM KLCI was down 28.89 points (1.94%) to 1460.13. The MSCI Far East Free Ex-Japan Index (in USD) was down 14.05 points (3.10%) to close at 438.51. The Gold Spot ended the week lower at US\$1,713.25/oz (1.85%) while the FTSE Gold Mines Index was down 110.06 points (2.89%) to 3,701.87.

For the period 2nd December 2011 to 9th December 2011, Uni Aggressive Fund was up 0.22% to RM1.0461, Uni Strategic Fund was down 0.59% to RM1.1022, Uni AsiaEquity Fund was down 0.39% to RM0.5803, Uni Global IPO Fund was down 1.15% to RM0.3099, Uni Gold & General Fund was down 1.37% to RM0.5763 and Uni Asia Pacific Infrastructure Fund was down 1.97% to RM0.3140. Uni Bond Fund was up 0.08% to RM0.6077 and Uni Income Fund was up 0.09% to RM0.6616.

The European Central Bank (ECB) reduced the benchmark rate by a quarter percentage point to 1.0% on 7 December, matching a record low. At the same time, it offered banks unlimited cash for a longer-term of three years, reduced reserve requirement by 1.0 percentage point to 1% and loosened collateral rules so that banks can borrow more from the ECB to ensure banks continued to have access to liquidity in order to prevent a liquidity crunch.
(CIMB Research)

As the global economy will likely experience a protracted slow growth and downside risks remain, consensus envisage **export growth to slow down** sharply in 2012. Indeed, the latest economic data releases suggest that the Eurozone economy is sliding closer to a recession and the US economic growth is likely to remain disappointingly slow.

Export growth eased to 15.8% yoy in October, after surging to a 15-month high of +16.6% in September, and compared with +10.9% in August. This was better than the median estimate of an easing to +7.3%, supported by a strong pick-up the exports of commodity products. A weaker growth in the exports of non-electronic & electrical (E&E) manufactured goods as well as a plunge in the exports of E&E products, however, offset the gain.
(RHB Research)

The trade surplus widened to RM13.0bn in October, from a surplus of RM9.6bn in September. Going forward, consensus expect the current account to record a larger surplus of RM101.5bn or 12.0% of GNI in 2012, compared with a surplus of RM98.8bn or 12.2% of GNI estimated for 2011.

Malaysian Government Securities rallied with a parallel downward shift of 3 bps seen along the 3- and 10-year benchmark yields last week despite the country's industrial productions and exports surprising on the upside. The yield on the 3-year benchmark notes which dipped below the cash rate for the first time since September indicate that the market is now slowly pricing in monetary easing going forward as external headwinds are likely to dampen growth. In the secondary market, a total of MYR14.9 billion of MGS/GII traded last week while the corporate bond universe witnessed a total of MYR2.5 billion changing hands over the same period.
(BNM Fast/MARC)

The 3-year and 10-year benchmark MGS yields declined to 3.02% (-3 bps WoW) and 3.71% (-3 bps WoW) respectively while 5-year benchmark yields increased to 3.25% (1 bps WoW) respectively.

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