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MARKET OUTLOOK

- In US, the IHS Manufacturing Purchasing Manager Index (PMI) registered at 55.3 for Nov 2018, down slightly from 55.7 in Oct 2018, where a reading above 50 indicate growth. The manufacturing sector still signalled a solid improvement in operating conditions, supported by fastest increase in new orders and sharp rise in employment. The ISM new orders index rose 4.7% MoM from 57.4 in Oct 2018 to 62.1 in Nov 2018, a rebound from 18-month Iow. Manufacturers increased the pace of hiring, noting that greater production requirements had prompted them to hire additional workers. This is reflected in ISM employment index which rose by 1.6% MoM to 58.4 in Nov 2018. Despite trade tension, US economy has grown at a healthy pace this year, reflected through the increase in GDP of 3.5% in 3Q2018.
- China's Caixin Services PMI rose to 51.9 in Nov 2018 from 50.5 in Oct 2018, where a reading above 50 indicate growth. The upward performance showed a rebound in activity across the service sector, supported by the steep increase in total new orders. However, slower growth recorded in manufacturing sector where it has been declining for 3 months consecutively. China's official manufacturing PMI decreased to 50.0 in Nov 2018 from 50.2 in Oct 2018. China's central bank has cut the reserve requirement ratio (total of 250bps) four times so far this year, to provide liquidity.
- In Europe, the IHS Markit Eurozone Manufacturing continued to fall, recorded at 51.8 in Nov 2018 compared to 52.0 in Oct 2018 signalled the continued growth slowdown in the manufacturing sector. The weakness in manufacturing growth was due to slowdown in both production and new work of capital good. Moreover, three major economies in Eurozone namely Italy, France, and Germany saw a weaker expansion in Nov 2018. The gloomy outlook in Eurozone is linked to trade, as well as intensifying political uncertainty in regards to Britain leaving the European Union.
- ASEAN bourses registered mixed performance in Nov 2018 where Jakarta Composite index (JCI), Singapore's Straits Times index (STI), and Philippines's Stock Exchange index (PCOMP) recorded positive returns, rose by 3.9%, 3.3%, and 3.2% MoM respectively. FTSE Bursa Malaysia KLCI index (FBMKLCI) and Thailand's Stock Exchange Index (SET) on the other hand recorded negative return, fell by 1.7% and 1.6% MoM respectively.
- President Trump decided to halt the imposition of 25% tariff to China goods for 90 days after his meeting with President Xi Jinping during the G20 summit in Argentina, where China agreed to purchase substantial amount of agricultural, energy industrial and other U.S products. We are in the view that although the news resulted in positive reaction from the investors, the market will remain volatile in the next 2 to 3 months. We make no changes to our allocation at the moment and annual review will be conducted in early Jan 2019.

EQUITY

FBMKLCI decreased by 1.7% MoM in Nov 2018 to close at 1,679.9. Looking at the trading participants for the month, both foreign investors and local institution were selling RM719mil and RM291mil worth of shares respectively in Nov 2018. Local retailer on the other hand, remained as net buyer, bought RM1.0bil worth of shares. On year-to-date (YTD) basis, foreign investors remains as the net seller, selling RM10.5bil whilst the local institutions and local retailers are the net buyer, buying RM6.7bil and RM3.8bil worth of shares respectively.

Most sectors in Malaysia recorded negative returns in Nov 2018 with exception of property and finance sector which recorded positive return of 2.1% and 0.7% MoM respectively. Technology and plantation recorded the worst drop where both fell by 6.9% MoM. The drop in technology was due to the slower global semiconductor sales in Oct 18, which expanded 12.7% YoY as compared to 13.8% in Sept 2018. As for the plantation sector, crude palm oil price continue to trend lower due to the improvement in global production. Other sectors namely construction, consumer, and industrial product decreased by 4.0%, 2.6%, and 0.1% MoM respectively.

BONDS

In Nov 2018, the yield for the Malaysian Government Securities (MGS) for 3-year, 5-year, 7-year, and 10-year MGS increased by 2bps, 7bps, 4bps, and 4bps to close at 3.69%, 3.86%, 4.05%, and 4.12% respectively.

COMMODITIES

Nymex (WTI) crude oil declined in Nov 2018, plunged 22.0% MoM, to close at \$50.93/ barrel from \$65.31/barrel in Oct 2018. Firmer supply than anticipated due to waivers granted on Iranian oil exports and the uncertainty about the response of OPEC dragged down the price of oil. On the other hand, crude palm oil, continued to fell by 5.8% MoM to close at RM1,872/MT in Nov 2018 from RM1,988/MT in Oct 2018. Meanwhile, gold price recorded a slight increment, rose by 0.4% MoM to close at \$1,220/Oz in Nov 2018 as oppose to \$1,215/Oz in Oct 2018.



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All of our model portfolios registered positive returns outperformed their respective benchmarks in Nov 2018. The top performing funds was Manulife India Equity fund, CIMB Principal Greater China Equity fund, and RHB Entrepreneur fund which recorded return of 9.0%, 4.6%, and 4.4% MoM respectively.

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Commentary

All of our portfolios registered positive returns and outperformed their respective benchmarks in Nov 2018. The top performing was Eastspring Investments Dana Al-Ilham fund and CIMB Islamic Asia Pacific Equity fund which recorded return of 3.5% and 3.3% MoM respectively.



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