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LOCAL RETAILERS TURN SELLERS

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KUALA LUMPUR: Foreign investors ended a two-week net selling streak on Bursa Malaysia, turning into marginal net buyers with total purchases of RM11.6 million.

According to MBSB Investment Bank Bhd's (MBSB Research) Fund Flow Report for the week ended Dec 5, the strongest inflows occurred on Dec 2 at RM155.7 million, followed by Monday at RM58 million and Wednesday at RM50.5 million.

"Thursday and Friday were the only days with net foreign selling, recording RM80.3 million and RM172.3 million, respectively," the report noted.

The top three sectors that recorded net foreign inflows last week were financial services at RM532 million, industrial products and services at RM83 million, and telecommunication and media at RM58.6 million.

Meanwhile, the top three sectors that recorded net foreign outflows were utilities at RM351.9 million, healthcare at RM108.1 million and technology at

RM86.7 million.

Local institutions recorded a second consecutive week of net inflows amounting to RM83 million, while local retailers turned net sellers last week with net outflows totalling RM94.6 million.

The average daily trading volume saw a broad-based decline, with local retailers down 3.3 per cent, local institutions falling by 20.6 per cent, and foreign investors dropping 28.8 per cent.

CIMB Securities Sdn Bhd (CIMB Securities) highlighted that local retail investors emerged as the largest net sellers last week, with net outflows of RM94.7 million, ending a two-week net buying streak and bringing their year-to-date net buy value to RM473.8 million.

"Local nominees were the largest net buyers, with net inflows rising 34.4 per cent week-on-week to RM93.7 million.

"Local institutional investors remained net buyers for the third consecutive week, although net inflows eased 82.8 per cent week-on-week to RM46 million, bring-



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ing their year-to-date net inflows to RM18.3 billion," it said in a note.

The firm also said foreign investors turned slight net buyers of RM11.8 million, ending a two-week net selling streak and reducing their year-to-date net outflows to RM20.3 billion.

Proprietary investors, on the other hand, reverted to net selling of RM56.8 million, ending a two-week net buying streak.

Breaking down sector activity from Nov 28 to Dec 4, CIMB Se-

curities said foreign investors were net buyers in financial services (+RM395 million), telecoms (+RM50 million) and industrial products (+RM8 million), with Malayan Banking Bhd (Maybank), CIMB Group Holdings Bhd and Press Metal Aluminium Holdings Bhd among their top buys.

Their largest net sales were in utilities (-RM370 million), technology (-RM89 million) and healthcare (-RM72 million), led by Tenaga Nasional Bhd, Sunway Bhd, and Inari Amertron Bhd.