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# Foreigners mopped up RM382.8m in equities last week

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**FOREIGNERS** bought equity up to RM382.8 million last week, the highest since the third week of September, says MIDF Research.

In its weekly fund flow report yesterday, MIDF Research said foreign investors are making a comeback to the Malaysian equity market, although it is still early days.

It said stronger economic data coming out since the new year showed that the Malaysian economy remained stable. The research firm said these included stronger exports and growth in retail sales at 9% year-on-year (YoY) and industrial production (6.2% YoY) for November.

It said foreigners were marginal net sellers as the market opened last Monday and Tuesday, but the selling ended abruptly last Wednesday as foreigners turned net purchasers at RM130 million.

MIDF Research said the inflow peaked last Thursday

as foreigners bought RM226 million, the highest since Oct 18, 2016, and it receded last Friday in line with regional trends.

It said of significance is the strong increase in foreign participation.

The research firm said foreign ADTV (average daily trade value) rose to RM848 million, 40% higher compared to the week before.

"It is also nearing last year's average participation of RM957 million," it said, adding that local players took the opportunity of foreign buying to clear some positions.

"We note that the retail market is currently active, with participation rate the highest since August," MIDF Research added.

Tenaga Nasional Bhd (TNB) registered the highest net money inflow of RM54.49 million last week.

"However, its share price ended unchanged but slightly outperformed the broader market as the FTSE Bursa

Malaysia (FBM) KLCI declined by -0.18% during the week under review.

"TNB recently announced a RM474 million acquisition of UK-based Vortex Solar Investments SARL," it said.

It said YTL Corp Bhd recorded the second-highest net money inflow of RM8.37 million, but its share price underperformed against the market benchmark with a 1.29% drop during the week in review.

Nevertheless, the research house said net money inflow amid retreating share price may indicate a BOW (buy on weakness) stance among some investors.

CIMB Bank Bhd saw the third-highest net money inflow of RM8.26 million and its share price outperformed with a 1.69% gain during the review week.

In related news, it said CIMB plans bank operations in the Philippines in the third-quarter of 2017.

Meanwhile, Petronas Chemicals Group Bhd saw

the largest net money outflow of RM1015 million last week and its stock price performance lagged market benchmark with a 0.55% drop vis-à-vis the FBM KLCI, which declined by a smaller 0.18% during the review week.

AMMB Holdings Bhd recorded the second-largest net money outflow of RM9.48 million during the week under review but its share price outperformed the market benchmark with a sizeable 2.98% weekly gain.

Net money outflow amid advancing share price indicates an iOS (sell on strength) stance among some investors.

Sime Darby Bhd registered the third-largest net money outflow of RM9.47 million in the review week and its share price underperformed with a 0.35% decline.

Sime Darby had recently announced a disposal of its 50% stake in Weifang Sime Darby West Port Co Ltd to Shandong Chenming Paper Holdings Ltd for approximately RM24.9 million.