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SHARES on Bursa Malaysia ended mixed yesterday amid window-dressing and lack of direction from Wall Street, dealers said.

Losers led gainers 474 to 284, with 290 counters unchanged, 516 untraded and 26 others suspended.

However, strong buying momentum in selected heavyweights pushed the FTSE Bursa Malaysia KLCI 5.43 points higher to close at 1,818.15, near a fresh all-time high of 1,818.93.

Inter-Pacific Research Sdn Bhd head of research, Pong Teng Siew, said gains were capped amid traditional low volumes and window-dressing ahead of year-end position squaring.

He said window-dressing would continue until next month and the benchmark is likely to set a record high soon.

Tenaga Nasional Bhd stock was in the limelight after it asked for a suspension from 2.30pm to 5pm, pending an announcement on the electricity tariff. It edged up three sen to RM9.89 at the end of the morning session.

The Finance Index rose 25.75 points to 16,701.4, the Industrial Index was 20.25 points up at 3,174.08, the Plantation Index fell 20.5 points to 8,859.55, the FBM Emas Index rose 25.34 points to 12,579.38 and the FBMT100 Index gained 27.39 points to 12,329.72. The FBM ACE lost 29.25 points to 5,563 and the FBM 70 fell 7.34 points to 14,173.91.

Meanwhile, FBM KLCI futures contracts on Bursa Malaysia Derivatives closed mostly higher on the back of stable cash market.

Spot month December 2013 was 7.5 points better at 1,819, January 2014 gained 7.5 points to 1,819, March 2014 added six points to 1,817.5 and June 2014 rose five points to 1,813.

Turnover fell to 4,346 lots while open interest fell to 40,327 contracts. **Bernama**