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SHARES on Bursa Malaysia closed higher yesterday with buying interest seen in key heavyweights and blue chips. The FBM KLCI finished the day at 1,835.49, up 2.63 points.

Blue chips topped the list of top gainers led by British American Tobacco (up 96 sen to RM64), Kuala Lumpur Kepong (30 sen to RM24.22) and Petronas Gas (28 sen to RM23.80).

A dealer said Bursa Malaysia's uptrend was inline with bullish regional sentiment after an upbeat Wall Street amid year-end window dressing. He said with only four trading days before the end of 2013, big caps would gain on window-dressing activities.

Market breadth was positive with 373 gainers against 346 losers while 328 were unchanged and 512 untraded, and 17 suspended.

Among the heavyweights, Tenaga Nasional rose eight sen to RM11.08, Sime Darby gained six sen to RM9.40 while Maybank, CIMB and Axiata were flat at RM9.95, RM7.61 and RM6.75. – Bernama