

# FUND FLOW REPORT

(Week ended 13 October 2023)

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**A. MARKET SNAPSHOT**

- Global indices mostly closed higher for the week as they navigated conflicting waves of optimism and fear. Escalating violence in the recent Gaza conflict drove up oil prices, while a U.S. consumer survey indicated worries about inflation. On a positive note, major U.S. banks reported better-than-expected profits for the summer, instilling optimism as the earnings season commenced.
- In Sep-23, U.S. producer prices exceeded expectations, primarily due to higher energy and food costs. However, underlying inflation pressures at the factory level eased, with a +0.5% increase in the producer price index (PPI) for final demand (Aug-23: +0.7%). During the same month, the U.S. core consumer price index (CPI) saw a +0.3% increase, reflecting a second consecutive month of brisk consumer price rises.
- The U.S. consumer sentiment declined in Oct-23, with households anticipating higher inflation in the coming year. However, the continued strength in the labour market is expected to bolster consumer spending. The University of Michigan's preliminary consumer sentiment index for this month registered at 63.0 (Sep-23: 68.1).
- Among the 20 global indices in our tracking, 16 posted weekly gains. Notable gainers include Japan's Nikkei 225 (+4.26%), Vietnam's Ho Chi Minh VSE (+2.32%) and South Korea's KOSPI (+1.97%). Meanwhile, the only decliners were France's CAC 40 (-0.80%), China's Shenzhen CSI 300 (-0.71%), Germany's DAX 40 (-0.28%) and Nasdaq (-0.18%). The FBM KLCI rose by +1.92% last week.
- The U.K. gross domestic product (GDP) expanded by +0.2%yoy in Aug-23, recovering from a downwardly revised -0.6% decline in Jul-23. This growth was primarily driven by a +0.4% increase in services output, compensating for a -0.7% drop in production output and a -0.5% decrease in construction output during the same month.
- Chinese outbound shipments fell -6.2%yoy in Sep-23 (Aug-23: -8.8%yoy), as confirmed by recent export orders from an official factory survey conducted two weeks ago, showing improvements due to the upcoming peak Christmas export season and favourable baseline factors.
- As reported by Destatis, German industrial output fell by -0.2% in Aug-23, marking the fourth consecutive monthly decline, pointing to ongoing sectoral challenges. Although industrial orders increased by +3.9% due to growth in computing and electronic products, the sector's outlook remains uncertain.
- The Monetary Authority of Singapore (MAS) announced that it will keep the current rate of appreciation of the S\$NEER policy band unchanged. The width and the central level of the band will also remain the same, as inflation has been moderating and economic growth has exceeded expectations.
- Malaysia's wholesale and retail trade in Aug-23 reached RM142.5b in sales, with a notable +6.7%yoy or +2.0%mom increase, largely attributed to a +6.2%yoy growth in the wholesale trade sub-sector.
- Malaysia's Industrial Production Index (IPI) dipped by -0.3%yoy in Aug-23 (Jul-23: +0.7%yoy), with a contraction of -0.6%yoy (Jul-23: -0.2%yoy) in the manufacturing sector being the main contributor, as export-oriented industries declined while domestic-oriented ones continued to expand.

<b>Table 1</b> Weekly Performance of Global Benchmark Indices (%)		
Index	Last Price	Change (%)
Nikkei 225	32,315.99	4.26
Ho Chi Minh VSE	1,154.73	2.32
KOSPI	2,456.15	1.97
<b>FBM KLCI</b>	<b>1,444.14</b>	<b>1.92</b>
Hang Seng	17,813.45	1.87
TAIEX	16,782.57	1.59
FTSE 100	7,599.60	1.40
ASX 200	7,051.03	1.39
Stoxx Europe 600	449.18	0.96
SET	1,450.75	0.86
Dow Jones	33,670.29	0.79
JCI	6,926.78	0.56
S&P 500	4,327.78	0.45
Sensex	66,282.74	0.44
Straits Times	3,185.79	0.36
PSEi	6,266.34	0.10
Nasdaq	13,407.23	-0.18
DAX 40	15,186.66	-0.28
Shenzhen CSI 300	3,663.41	-0.71
CAC 40	7,003.53	-0.80

Source: Bloomberg

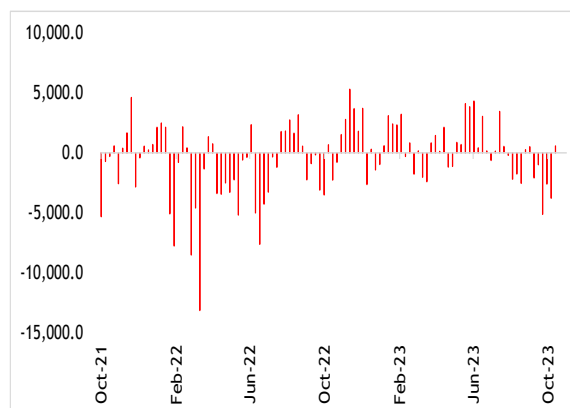
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- According to the Department of Statistics Malaysia, the number of unemployed individuals decreased by -0.3%mom, indicating a stable job market, while the labour force continued to expand. The unemployment rate held steady for the third consecutive month at 3.4%, following a May-23 rate of 3.5%.
- The Ringgit depreciated against the US dollar by -0.31% to close at RM4.7283 on Friday. The Brent crude oil price increased by +6.78% to USD90.89 per barrel while the crude palm oil price rose by +3.38% to RM3,759.00 per tonne.

### B. TRACKING MONEY FLOW - ASIA

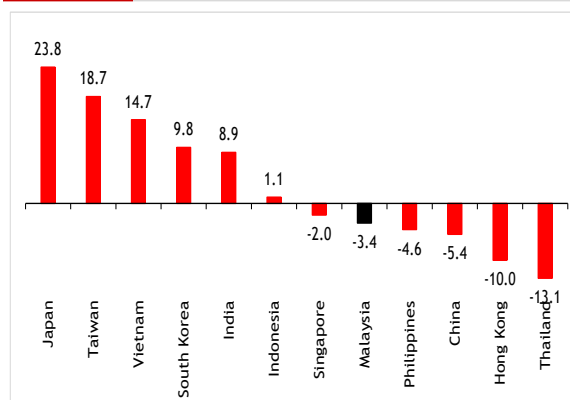
- Foreign investors broke their five-week net selling streak by buying USD577.2m worth of Asian equities last week, with the lion's share coming from a USD1.33b inflow into Taiwan. Apart from that, only Thailand, Indonesia, and Malaysia experienced inflows, while the other four countries that we monitor reported outflows.
- Taiwan registered the largest net foreign inflow at USD1.33b, reversing three consecutive weeks of net selling and marking the highest influx since Jun-23. The market was closed on Monday and Tuesday for National Day. The inflows were likely due to Taiwan's first increase in exports in 13 months. The Ministry of Finance reported a +3.4%yoy increase in exports in Sep-23, driven by growing demand for AI-related semiconductor chips. Year-to-date, foreigners have net sold -USD2.37b of equities in Taiwan.
- Thailand recorded the second-highest net foreign inflow last week, amounting to USD77.0m, following six consecutive weeks of net selling. The Thai Prime Minister, Srettha Thavisin, is determined to proceed with a USD15.0b digital money giveaway plan aimed at boosting the economy, despite concerns from economists and businesses regarding the policy's cost. The committee will complete the program and share the specifics with the public by Nov-23, with the handouts set to begin in Feb-24. The market was closed on Friday in observance of the Anniversary of the Death of King Bhumibol. Thailand has the worst year-to-date performance, showing a significant net outflow of -USD4.69b.
- Indonesia reported a net inflow last week, amounting to USD17.3m. This follows two consecutive weeks of outflows. According to the International Monetary Fund's (IMF) latest World Economic Outlook, Indonesia's growth forecast for this year remains at +5.0%, with India being the sole exception, as the IMF has lowered projections for other emerging Asian economies. Foreign investors have net sold -USD293.0m from Indonesia year-to-date.
- South Korea reported the highest outflows last week at -USD501.1m, marking its fifth consecutive week of outflows. The market was closed on Monday in observance of Hangeul Proclamation Day. The country's unemployment rate rose to 2.6% in Sep-23, on a seasonally adjusted basis, up from the previous record low of 2.4% in Aug-23. Year-to-date, South Korea has seen a net foreign inflow of USD5.06b.
- India experienced the second highest outflow of funds last week, amounting to -USD214.7m, extending a streak of six consecutive weeks with net outflows. Official data indicates that the trade deficit narrowed to USD19.3b in Sep-23, with combined exports (including merchandise and services) decreasing by -1.2%yoy and imports experiencing a notable decline of -13.7%yoy. India maintains its

**Chart 1** Net Foreign Fund Flows into Equity in 8 Asian Markets Since Oct-21 (USD'm)



Sources: Bloomberg & MIDFR

**Chart 2** YTD Performance of Asian Benchmark Indices (%)

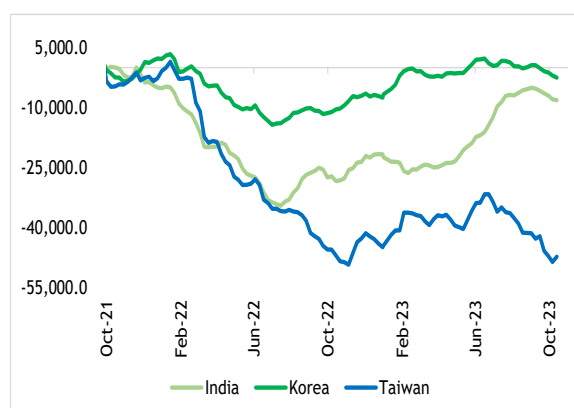


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position as the best performing country year-to-date, with a net foreign inflow of USD13.50b.

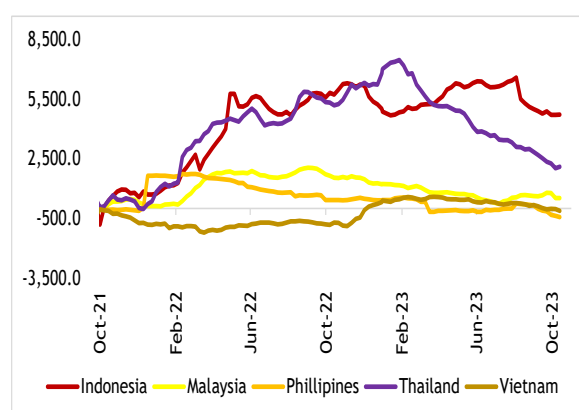
- Meanwhile, Vietnam reported net foreign outflows for the second consecutive week, amounting to -USD78.3m. According to the Ministry of Finance, the country's average consumer price index (CPI) in the first nine months of this year rose by +3.16%yoy, and it is projected to grow between +3.2% and +3.6% this year. Year-to-date, foreign investors have recorded net sales of -USD439.0m in Vietnamese equities.
- For the tenth consecutive week, foreigners continued to net sell equities in the Philippines, totalling -USD58.3m last week. As reported by the Philippine Statistics Authority, the Philippines reported a trade deficit of USD4.13b in Aug-23. Imports decreased by -13.1%, marking the seventh consecutive month of decline, while exports increased by +4.2%, representing the most substantial growth in nine months. Year-to-date, a total of -USD832.9m in foreign funds have exited the Philippines.

**Chart 3** Net Foreign Fund Flows into North Asia and India Since Oct-21 (USD'm)



Sources: Bloomberg & MIDFR

**Chart 4** Net Foreign Fund Flows into Southeast Asia Since Oct-21 (USD'm)



Sources: Bloomberg & MIDFR

**Table 2** Weekly Net Foreign Fund Flows into Equity by Market (USD'm)

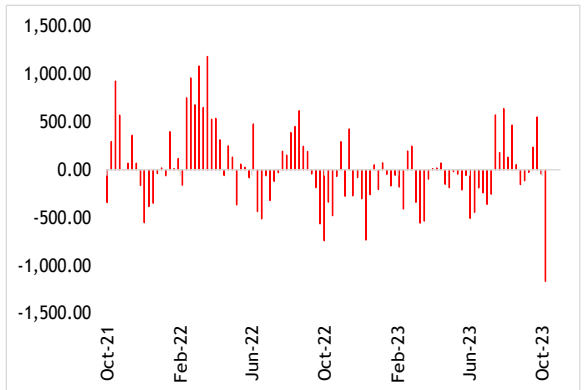
Week Ended	India	Indo	Korea	M'sia	Phil	Taiwan	Thai	Viet	Total
15-Sep	-495.4	-118.4	-728.7	50.2	-77.4	631.9	-156.5	-89.3	-983.6
22-Sep	-648.4	110.6	-789.6	117.4	-47.0	-3,621.7	-184.4	-67.9	-5,131.0
29-Sep	-553.9	-183.3	-309.9	-9.5	-176.5	-1,310.1	-83.8	25.7	-2,601.4
6-Oct	-961.5	-0.6	-750.8	-246.2	-45.4	-1,520.7	-239.1	-15.9	-3,780.2
13-Oct	-214.7	17.3	-501.1	2.2	-58.3	1,333.1	77.0	-78.3	577.2

Source: Respective stock exchange statistics as reported on Bloomberg. These figures are subject to revisions.

C. TRACKING MONEY FLOW - MALAYSIA

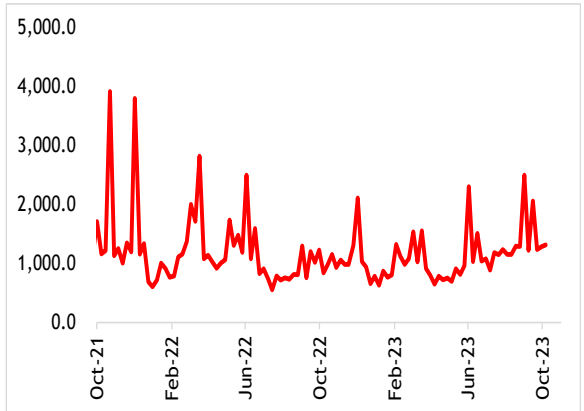
- Foreign investors have returned to Bursa Malaysia after purchasing RM10.2m worth of domestic equities last week, marking their comeback after two consecutive weeks of net selling. It was a mixed trading week, with foreign inflows observed only on Tuesday and Thursday.
- Most of the inflows occurred on Thursday (RM118.0m), a day before the Budget 2024 announcement. On this day, the utilities sector experienced the highest inflow at RM70.0m, with foreigners showing interest in stocks such as Tenaga Nasional (RM24.6m), YTL Power (RM21.5m) and YTL Corporation (RM17.1m). Year-to-date, foreign investors have net sold -RM3.12b on Bursa Malaysia.
- The top three sectors with net foreign inflows were Utilities (RM221.5m), Technology (RM62.0m) and Industrial Products & Services (RM43.9m), while the top three sectors with net foreign outflows were Consumer Products & Services (-RM130.4m), Healthcare (-RM103.0m) and Financial Services (-RM60.0m).
- Local institutions have continued to purchase domestic equities for the second consecutive week, with a net buying amount of RM136.9m. This rate is significantly lower compared to the previous week's RM1.05b. Year-to-date, local institutions have net bought RM3.77b of equities.
- Local retailers shifted to becoming net sellers of domestic equities, with a total of RM147.1m in net sales, marking a reversal from two consecutive weeks of net buying. Year-to-date, retailers have recorded net sales amounting to -RM655.3m.
- In terms of participation, there was a decrease in average daily trading volume (ADTV) across the board - retail investors by -1.6%, local institutions by -13.0% and foreign investors by -4.6%.

**Chart 5** Net Foreign Fund Flows into Malaysian Equity Since Oct-21 (RM'm)



Sources: Bursa Malaysia & MIDFR

**Chart 6** Daily Average of Foreign Participation in Bursa Malaysia for the Week (RM'm)



Sources: Bursa Malaysia & MIDFR

**Table 3** Bursa Malaysia: Weekly Market Participation (RM'm)

Week Ended	Local Retail			Local Institution			Foreign			*Net (USD'm)
	Bought	Sold	Net	Bought	Sold	Net	Bought	Sold	Net	
15-Sep	2,574.0	2,677.7	-103.7	4,184.3	4,315.8	-131.5	5,264.0	5,028.9	235.1	50.2
22-Sep	3,006.5	3,084.9	-78.4	4,608.3	5,080.7	-472.5	3,367.3	2,816.4	550.9	117.4
29-Sep	2,356.8	2,213.7	143.1	3,469.0	3,567.4	-98.5	2,547.5	2,592.1	-44.7	-9.5
6-Oct	2,807.7	2,693.3	114.4	5,078.7	4,029.9	1,048.8	2,708.1	3,871.3	-1,163.2	-246.2
13-Oct	2,632.4	2,779.5	-147.1	4,029.9	3,893.1	136.9	3,145.1	3,134.9	10.2	2.2

Source: Daily statistics provided by Bursa Malaysia. \*Estimated by MIDFR based on the prevailing exchange rates.

**D. NET INFLOWS AND OUTFLOWS BY STOCK (WEEK ENDED 13 OCTOBER 2023)**
**Table 4** Top 10 Stocks with Inflows and Outflows for the Week by Investor Class (RM'm)

LOCAL RETAIL		LOCAL INSTITUTION		FOREIGN	
<b>Top 10 Stocks with Weekly Net Inflows</b>					
Company	Value	Company	Value	Company	Value
IOI Properties Group	42.4	PPB Group	84.6	CIMB Group Holdings	86.4
Top Glove Corp.	14.3	RHB Bank	84.4	YTL Corp.	83.4
Genting	10.2	Malayan Banking	83.8	YTL Power Int.	67.9
Alliance Bank Malaysia	6.8	Public Bank	81.6	Tenaga Nasional	43.9
Genting Malaysia	6.7	IHH Healthcare	78.3	Inari Amertron	35.3
TIME dotCom	6.1	Malaysia Airports	50.8	Sunway	34.2
Shangri-La Hotels	5.6	Petronas Chemicals	33.9	Bermaz Auto	23.7
Oriental Holdings	5.2	KPJ Healthcare	29.1	Gamuda	21.4
Mestron Holdings	5.0	UMW Holdings	28.9	Mr DIY Group (M)	21.2
WCE Holdings	4.6	TIME dotCom	16.5	AMMB Holdings	19.7
<b>Top 10 Stocks with Weekly Net Outflows</b>					
Company	Value	Company	Value	Company	Value
Malayan Banking	-24.5	YTL Power Int.	-83.9	PPB Group	-88.8
Public Bank	-21.6	YTL Corp.	-70.5	IHH Healthcare	-76.5
Hap Seng Consolidated	-15.5	CIMB Group Holdings	-61.6	RHB Bank	-59.1
AMMB Holdings	-14.8	IOI Properties Group	-38.6	Malaysia Airports	-47.3
CIMB Group Holdings	-14.0	Sunway	-34.6	Malayan Banking	-46.4
Tenaga Nasional	-13.4	Tenaga Nasional	-24.9	Public Bank	-46.0
Boustead Plantations	-12.3	Bermaz Auto	-24.3	UMW Holdings	-31.3
Malaysia Building Society	-12.2	Inari Amertron	-21.8	Petronas Chemicals	-29.5
YTL Corp.	-10.4	Top Glove Corp.	-19.7	TIME dotCom	-26.2
My E.G. Services	-9.6	Petronas Gas	-17.0	KPJ Healthcare	-24.9

Source: Dibots (based on the data provided by Bursa Malaysia).

Appendix: Foreign Shareholdings of the Companies Under Our Coverage as at Sep-23 (%)

Company	%	MoM %	Company (cont'd)	%	MoM %	Company (cont'd)	%	MoM %
<b>Automotive</b>			Nestlé	82.5	0.0	TSH Resources	18.9	0.0
Bermaz Auto	15.8	12.9	Padini	9.1	-2.2	<b>Port &amp; Shipping</b>		
MBM Resources	2.8	-9.7	QL Resources	9.5	0.0	MISC	9.2	2.2
Tan Chong	10.6	0.0	Rhong Khen International	62.3	0.0	Suria Capital	5.8	0.0
UMW Holdings	7.8	9.9	Spritzer	16.3	-4.1	Westports	27.4	-1.4
<b>Aviation</b>			<b>Gloves</b>			<b>Property</b>		
Capital A	18.7	-5.1	Hartalega	14.7	-3.3	Eco World	29.3	0.7
Malaysia Airports	25.3	4.5	Kossan	10.4	2.0	Glomac	4.3	2.4
<b>Banking</b>			Top Glove	28.5	-2.4	IOI Property	4.6	9.5
Affin Bank	26.2	-0.8	<b>Healthcare</b>			Mah Sing	18.1	11.7
Alliance Bank	20.1	-1.0	IHH Healthcare	49.6	-0.2	S P Setia	13.6	17.2
AMMB Holdings	38.7	-1.0	KPJ Healthcare	8.1	0.0	Sunway	5.2	8.3
Bank Islam	0.6	-14.3	Pharmaniaga	0.6	0.0	UEM Sunrise	8.9	0.0
CIMB Group	29.3	2.4	<b>Logistics</b>			UOA Development	3.7	-2.6
Hong Leong Bank	10.5	0.0	CJ Century	57.9	0.0	<b>REITs</b>		
Hong Leong Financial	32.1	-0.3	Swift Haulage	13.0	-3.7	Al-'Aqar Healthcare	0.6	0.0
Malayan Banking	18.4	-0.5	Tasco	66.1	0.3	Axis REIT	15.0	-0.7
Public Bank	26.7	0.0	<b>Media</b>			IGB REIT	3.7	0.0
RHB Bank	15.6	-3.1	Astro	37.5	-0.5	KLCCP Stapled	0.7	-12.5
<b>Building Materials</b>			Media Prima	20.3	-1.0	Pavilion REIT	33.0	-0.3
Malayan Cement	3.5	9.4	<b>Non-bank Financials</b>			Sunway REIT	4.9	-16.9
<b>Conglomerate</b>			Bursa Malaysia	15.2	-4.4	<b>Technology</b>		
YTL Corp	20.7	3.5	AEON Credit	69.1	0.1	D & O Green Tech	34.7	-0.6
<b>Construction</b>			<b>Oil &amp; Gas</b>			Datasonic	6.2	-6.1
Cahaya Mata Sarawak	6.8	-8.1	Bumi Armada	13.3	-3.6	Globetronics	3.8	8.6
Gabungan AQRS	2.7	58.8	Deleum	4.1	2.5	Inari Amertron	19.6	0.0
Gamuda	21.9	3.3	Dialog	19.4	-1.0	MY E.G. Services	13.8	-7.4
IJM Corp	13.1	4.8	Gas Malaysia	18.2	0.6	Unisem	2.4	4.3
KKB Engineering	0.3	0.0	MMHE	8.6	-2.3	<b>Telecommunication</b>		
MRCB	6.7	-10.7	Petronas Chemicals	8.8	-1.1	Axiata	10.1	0.0
Muhibbah Engineering	14.9	1.4	Petronas Dagangan	7.9	8.2	CelcomDigi	60.0	0.0
Pintaras Jaya	0.1	0.0	Petronas Gas	9.4	2.2	Maxis	7.6	0.0
Sunway Construction	1.7	6.3	<b>Plantation</b>			Telekom Malaysia	11.3	-1.7
WCT Holdings	7.2	9.1	FGV	4.1	0.0	<b>Utilities</b>		
<b>Consumer</b>			Genting Plantations	4.5	-10.0	Ranhill Utilities	32.0	-0.9
AEON Co.	54.6	0.0	IOI Corp	11.1	-1.8	Tenaga Nasional	13.4	1.5
Asia File	3.6	0.0	KL Kepong	14.2	1.4	YTL Power	8.8	20.5
Fraser & Neave	61.2	0.2	PPB Group	21.0	1.0			
Hup Seng	1.8	0.0	Sarawak Plantation	2.7	0.0			
Leong Hup	10.7	0.9	Sime Darby Plantation	9.8	-1.0			
MSM Malaysia	1.6	-5.9	Ta Ann	14.1	-2.1			

Source: Dibots (estimated from the latest half yearly filings by PLC to Bursa Malaysia and calculated by the demography movement daily).

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