

FUND FLOW REPORT

(Week ended 17 November 2023)

Economic data signals end-of-hike

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ECONOMIC DATA SIGNALS END-OF-HIKE
A. MARKET SNAPSHOT

- Most markets concluded the week with gains as a series of economic data from the U.S. strengthened the belief that the U.S. Federal Reserve (Fed) has completed its rate hike cycle and will start rate cuts next year.
- The U.S. producer prices experienced the most significant monthly decline since Apr-20, with the producer price index (PPI) for final demand decreasing by -0.5% due to lower gasoline prices. The yearly increase in the overall measure was +1.3%, while the core gauge showed its smallest annual rise since the beginning of CY21. Concurrently, U.S. consumer prices remained unchanged in Oct-23, resulting in the smallest annual increase in underlying inflation in two years. The consumer price index (CPI) held steady, with a -5.0% drop in gasoline prices offsetting the rise in rental accommodation costs.
- Out of the 20 indices monitored, 18 registered gains for the week. The top three performers were Germany's DAX 40 (+4.49%), Taiwan's TAIEX (+3.15%), and Japan's Nikkei 225 (+3.12%). The only decliners were China's Shenzhen CSI 300 (-0.51%) and Vietnam's Ho Chi Minh VSE (-0.04%). The FBM KLCI also saw gains, adding +1.07% to close at 1,460.67 points for the week.
- The U.S. Senate averted the risk of a looming partial government shutdown by passing a stopgap spending bill on Wednesday. This concluded the third fiscal standoff of the year, during which lawmakers brought Washington to the edge of defaulting on its over USD31.0t debt.
- China's industrial output experienced a growth of +4.6%yoy in Oct-23, surpassing Sep-23's +4.5%yoy and representing the strongest expansion since Apr-23. Additionally, retail sales increased by +7.6%yoy in Oct-23, driven by improved auto and restaurant sales growth, showing a faster pace compared to a +5.5% gain in Sep-23 and reaching the highest level since May-23.
- The U.K.'s annual CPI dropped to a lower-than-expected +4.6% in Oct-23 (Sep-23: +6.7%), marking the smallest increase since Oct-21. Additionally, annual core inflation decreased to +5.7% from +6.1%. Despite the economic challenges and proximity to a recession, the Bank of England emphasizes that it is not considering cutting interest rates from its 15-year high.
- China's consumer spending and industrial output displayed positive signals last month, contributing to the ongoing economic recovery amid the persistent property crisis. Oct-23 witnessed a +7.6%yoy increase in retail sales and a +4.6%yoy rise in industrial production, both surpassing expectations.
- Japanese exports expanded for the second consecutive month in Oct-23, albeit at a significantly reduced rate, primarily due to a decline in shipments of chips and steel to China. October's exports grew +1.6% (Sep-23: +4.3%), reflecting the impact of weakened external demand on Japan's trade-dependent economy.
- Japan's economy contracted during the summer, reinforcing the need for ongoing support from the Bank of Japan (BoJ) and the government. The 3QCY23 gross domestic product (GDP) shrank at an annualised rate of +2.1%, primarily due to declining business spending, a sluggish recovery in consumer spending,

Table 1 Weekly Performance of Global Benchmark Indices (%)

Index	Last Price	Change (%)
DAX 40	15,919.16	4.49
TAIEX	17,208.95	3.15
Nikkei 225	33,585.20	3.12
Stoxx Europe 600	455.82	2.82
CAC 40	7,233.91	2.68
KOSPI	2,469.85	2.50
JCI	6,977.67	2.47
Nasdaq	14,125.48	2.37
S&P 500	4,514.02	2.24
FTSE 100	7,504.25	1.95
Dow Jones	34,947.28	1.94
SET	1,415.78	1.89
Hang Seng	17,454.19	1.46
Sensex	65,794.73	1.37
FBM KLCI	1,460.67	1.07
ASX 200	7,049.39	1.04
PSEi	6,211.89	0.81
Straits Times	3,124.67	0.58
Ho Chi Minh VSE	1,101.19	-0.04
Shenzhen CSI 300	3,568.07	-0.51

Source: Bloomberg

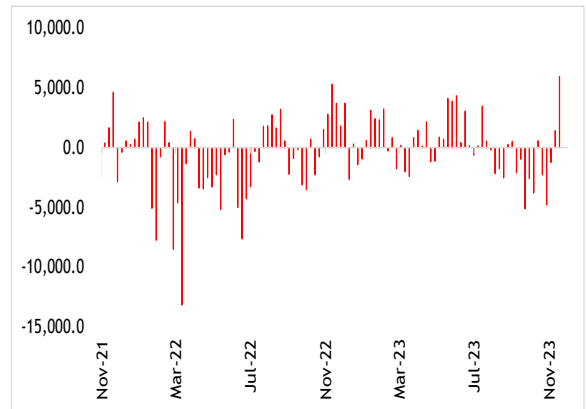
and increased imports.

- Malaysia’s GDP increased by +3.3%yoy in 3QCY23, primarily driven by private-sector expenditure. This growth, surpassing the +2.9%yoy expansion in 2Q23 was lower than the +5.6%yoy growth experienced in 1QCY23. On a quarter-on-quarter basis, GDP was higher by +2.6%qoq, faster than the +1.5%qoq recorded in 2QCY23.
- The Ringgit appreciated against the US dollar by +0.59% to close at RM4.6805 on Friday. The Brent crude oil price declined by -5.30% to USD80.61 per barrel while the crude palm oil price increased by +2.40% to RM3,931.00 per tonne.

B. TRACKING MONEY FLOW - ASIA

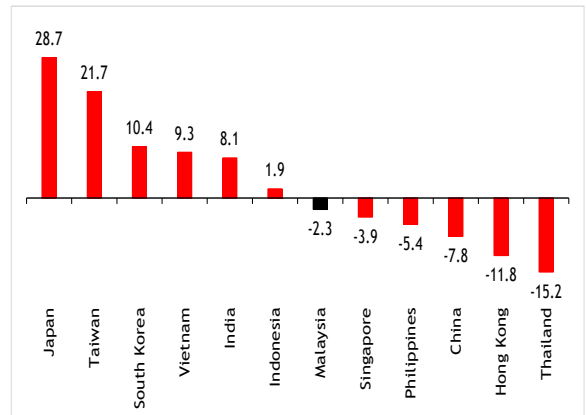
- In the context of the eight markets we monitor, foreign investors sustained their net buying of Asian equities for the second consecutive week, at a rate of USD5.93b or 4.2 times higher than the previous week. Most of these inflows were focused on Taiwan (USD4.16b), while only the Philippines and Vietnam recorded outflows.
- Taiwan, experiencing a net foreign inflow for the second consecutive week, registered the highest inflow last week at USD4.16b. Wednesday saw the highest daily inflow (USD1.65b), likely attributed to the release of the MSCI quarterly index review results. MSCI has chosen to include Alchip Technologies Ltd, a prominent application-specific integrated circuit (ASIC) designer, in its MSCI Global Standard Indexes, simultaneously removing bicycle brand Giant Manufacturing Co. (Giant). Additionally, MSCI has incorporated eight Taiwanese stocks into the MSCI Global Small Cap Indexes including Giant.
- India recorded the second-highest net foreign inflow last week, amounting to USD869.2m, snapping a 10-week streak of outflows. The Indian stock market was closed on Tuesday due to the celebration of Diwali Balipratipada. As per the RBI Bulletin, India’s GDP growth momentum is anticipated to increase sequentially in 3Q:2023-24, driven by vibrant festival demand, despite indications of a slowdown in the global economy.
- South Korea recorded a net foreign inflow of USD817.3m last week. This marks the continuation of inflows for the past two consecutive weeks, which is likely linked to favourable news on the country’s exports. The exports grew by +5.1%yoy in Oct-23 for the first time in 13 months. Recent reports also suggest a +3.2%yoy increase in South Korea’s exports during the initial 10 days of Nov-23, driven by rising demand for semiconductors and vehicles. However, foreign investors turned net sellers on Friday as the financial regulator announced plans to tighten the rules for institutional and foreign investors, aiming to promote a “level playing field” in the market.
- Foreign investors have returned to Thailand after four weeks of net selling, with the country recording an inflow of USD55.5m last week. Fitch forecasts that Thailand’s GDP growth will pick up to +3.8% in CY24, following a weaker-than-expected expansion of +2.8% in CY23. The credit rating agency anticipates that the stronger growth will be supported by a steady recovery in tourism, a gradual strengthening of merchandise export momentum, and increased domestic demand fuelled by elevated public spending and supportive policy measures.
- Similarly, foreign investors have resumed investing in Indonesia after four weeks of net selling, with

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



Sources: Bloomberg & MIDFR

Chart 2 YTD Performance of Asian Benchmark Indices (%)

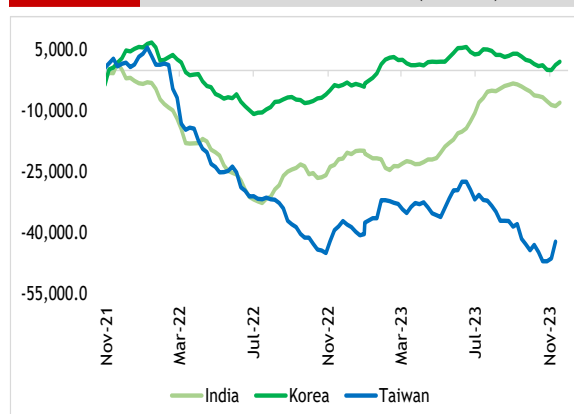


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the country recording an inflow of USD45.7m last week. The U.S. is exploring the possibility of forming a global semiconductor value chain in collaboration with Indonesia, as indicated by a statement from the White House on Monday. This development is part of the US-Indonesia Comprehensive Strategic Partnership with the initial steps encompassing a comprehensive review of the country's current semiconductor ecosystem, regulatory framework, workforce, and infrastructure.

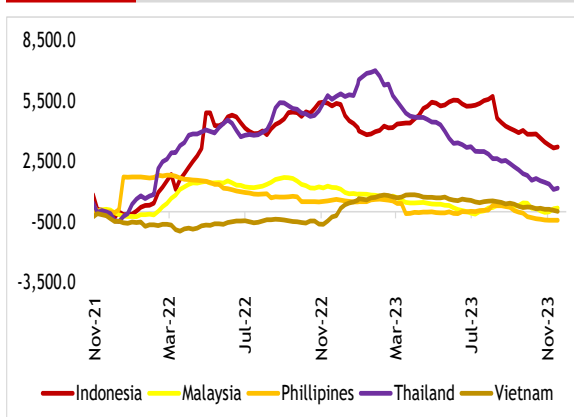
- Vietnam witnessed net foreign outflows for the second consecutive week, totaling USD55.3m. Despite being one of the region's fastest-growing economies in recent years, with last year's GDP expanding by +8.02%, the pace has slowed in the current year due to weakened global demand. The IMF now projects a slower GDP growth of +4.7% in CY23. Additionally, Hanoi's anti-corruption measures have made bureaucrats cautious, impacting economic activities, including the issuance of permits.
- Foreign investors continued to withdraw funds from the Philippines, with a net outflow of -USD1.8m, following their net buying activity in the previous week. The Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas maintained its policy rate at 6.5% on Thursday. Despite a decrease in its risk-adjusted inflation forecasts for this year and the next, the central bank highlighted that the risks to the inflation outlook still lean significantly toward the upside. The current policy rate was increased in a recent off-cycle review, reaching its highest level since mid-CY07, with a total increase of 450 basis points since May-22.

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



Sources: Bloomberg & MIDFR

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



Sources: Bloomberg & MIDFR

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

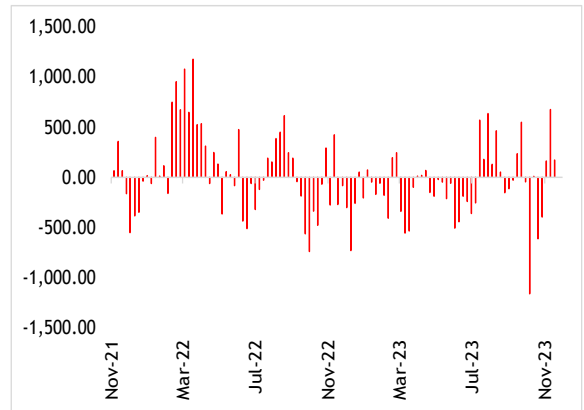
Period	India	Indo	Korea	M'sia	Phil	Taiwan	Thai	Viet	Total
MTD (Nov-23)	172.0	-134.9	2,371.7	221.3	-9.3	5,568.7	-208.9	-104.8	7,875.7
1Q23	-3,200.4	445.4	5,469.6	-421.8	-518.3	7,970.2	-1,645.6	252.6	8,351.8
2Q23	12,492.0	644.8	2,474.7	-506.4	51.0	3,277.1	-1,461.2	-265.5	16,706.5
3Q23	5,382.2	-1,399.9	-1,635.9	488.1	-261.9	-13,427.4	-1,419.8	-331.9	-12,606.4
QTD (4Q23)	-2,777.9	-631.2	-125.8	-239.1	-180.1	611.8	-639.7	-216.9	-4,198.9
YTD	11,896.0	-940.9	6,182.6	-679.2	-909.3	-1,568.3	-5,166.3	-561.7	8,252.9

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

C. TRACKING MONEY FLOW - MALAYSIA

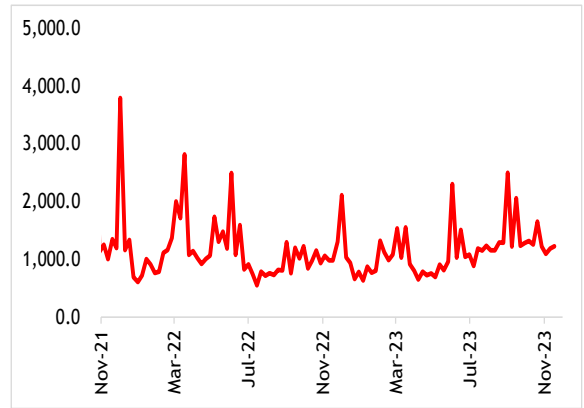
- Foreign investors sustained their position as net buyers on Bursa Malaysia for the third consecutive week, with a total of RM172.4m, showing a significantly moderated rate compared to the previous week's RM676.7m. The market was closed on Monday in observance of Deepavali.
- Wednesday recorded the highest daily foreign inflow at RM191.9m. On this day, stocks with the highest net buy amounts were Genting (RM23.9m), PPB Group (RM19.7m), and YTL Power (RM14.9m).
- The other net inflow day was on Thursday which saw an inflow of RM43.7m.
- However, we saw a reversal on Friday which saw net outflow of -RM58.2m.
- The top three sectors with the highest net foreign inflows were Utilities (RM115.2m), Healthcare (RM63.5m), and Transportation & Logistics (RM51.9m), while the top three sectors with the highest net foreign outflows were Industrial Products & Services (-RM41.6m), Consumer Products & Services (-RM31.0m) and Technology (-RM30.8m).
- Local institutions registered net sales of -RM95.6m last week, marking the third consecutive week of net selling. Each trading day of the week saw net selling, except on Friday when Bank Negara Malaysia reported that Malaysia's GDP grew by +3.3%yoy in 3Q23.
- Local retailers continued their net selling streak for the sixth consecutive week, with net sales amounting to RM76.8m. Only Tuesday and Friday recorded inflows of RM22.8m and RM3.2m respectively.
- In terms of participation, there were increases in average daily trading volume (ADTV) among local retailers by +3.6% and foreign investors by +3.3%, but a decline among the local institutions by -7.4%.

Chart 5 Net Foreign Fund Flows into Malaysian Equity Since Nov-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: Market Participation (RM'b)

Period	Local Retail			Local Institution			Foreign			*Net (USD'b)
	Bought	Sold	Net	Bought	Sold	Net	Bought	Sold	Net	
MTD (Nov-23)	6.41	6.70	-0.29	9.68	10.43	-0.74	7.64	6.60	1.03	0.22
1Q23	36.28	36.19	0.09	62.10	60.32	1.77	30.28	32.15	-1.87	-0.42
2Q23	29.03	28.65	0.37	46.57	44.61	1.96	29.49	31.81	-2.33	-0.51
3Q23	34.89	35.98	-1.09	54.18	55.32	-1.14	42.77	40.54	2.23	0.49
QTD (4Q23)	17.93	18.34	-0.41	28.24	26.69	1.56	21.19	22.34	-1.15	-0.24
YTD	118.14	119.16	-1.03	191.09	186.94	4.14	123.73	126.84	-3.11	-0.68

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 17 NOVEMBER 2023)
Table 4 Top 10 Stocks with Inflows and Outflows for the Week by Investor Class (RM'm)

LOCAL RETAIL		LOCAL INSTITUTION		FOREIGN	
Top 10 Stocks with Weekly Net Inflows					
Company	Value	Company	Value	Company	Value
Boustead Plantations	29.4	Sunway	69.7	MISC	61.9
United Plantations	11.8	Nestle (Malaysia)	39.6	YTL Power Int.	33.0
Hong Seng Consolidated	11.6	CIMB Group Holdings	25.1	YTL Corp.	30.6
Inari Amertron	8.2	Frontken Corp.	20.7	PPB Group	28.9
Hartalega Holdings	7.4	Public Bank	16.1	Malayan Banking	23.7
Tt Vision Holdings	6.3	Sime Darby Property	14.6	Telekom Malaysia	23.5
JF Technology	5.7	Sime Darby	11.1	Frontken Corp.	22.1
Alliance Bank	5.7	Salcon	10.1	Genting	21.7
Hong Leong Financial	4.6	UMW Holdings	7.4	Petronas Gas	18.8
YNH Property	4.4	Malaysia Airports	7.2	Top Glove Corp.	16.7
Top 10 Stocks with Weekly Net Outflows					
Company	Value	Company	Value	Company	Value
Genting	-27.2	MISC	-62.3	Sunway	-59.6
YTL Power Int.	-17.3	United Plantations	-31.6	Nestle (Malaysia)	-40.5
Frontken Corp.	-15.6	Malayan Banking	-30.1	Boustead Plantations	-35.5
Public Bank	-14.7	YTL Power Int.	-28.3	CIMB Group Holdings	-25.9
Tenaga Nasional	-12.9	PPB Group	-28.2	Sime Darby	-10.6
YTL Corp.	-12.6	Inari Amertron	-25.8	UMW Holdings	-9.5
Salcon	-10.6	Telekom Malaysia	-25.0	Dayang Enterprise	-9.2
Sarawak Consolidated	-10.3	Petronas Gas	-20.1	Vitrox Corp.	-7.8
Sime Darby Property	-7.0	Press Metal	-18.9	Capital A	-5.9
Ranhill Utilities	-6.8	YTL Corp.	-15.8	AirAsia X	-5.7

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

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

Company	%	YTD %	Company (cont'd)	%	YTD %	Company (cont'd)	%	YTD %
Automotive			QL Resources	9.1	-10.8	Port & Shipping		
Bermaz Auto	17.0	6.9	Rhong Khen International	62.2	0.0	MISC	9.3	2.2
MBM Resources	2.1	23.5	Spritzer	16.1	-13.0	Suria Capital	5.9	-6.3
Tan Chong	10.6	-1.9	Gloves			Westports	27.2	-1.1
UMW Holdings	6.9	25.5	Hartalega	14.7	-21.8	Property		
Aviation			Kossan	10.2	-11.3	Eco World	5.2	108.0
Capital A	17.6	-4.3	Top Glove	27.5	-15.4	Glomac	4.2	0.0
Malaysia Airports	25.2	27.9	Healthcare			IOI Properties	10.9	186.8
Banking			IHH Healthcare	49.4	-0.8	Mah Sing	19.2	35.2
Affin Bank	26.3	0.0	KPJ Healthcare	8.9	50.8	S P Setia	14.2	129.0
Alliance Bank	19.7	-10.0	Pharmaniaga	0.5	-58.3	Sunway	5.9	13.5
AMMB Holdings	38.7	-3.0	Logistics			UEM Sunrise	8.5	67.3
Bank Islam	0.8	-60.0	CJ Century	57.9	0.9	UOA Development	3.6	-5.3
CIMB Group	30.1	-0.3	Swift Haulage	12.5	-3.8	REITs		
Hong Leong Bank	10.4	-6.3	Tasco	66.2	0.5	Al-'Aqar Healthcare	0.5	25.0
Hong Leong Financial	31.8	-2.2	Media			Axis REIT	15.2	-5.0
Malayan Banking	18.5	3.4	Astro	37.6	-1.6	IGB REIT	3.8	-20.8
Public Bank	26.4	-4.7	Media Prima	20.2	-3.3	KLCCP Stapled	0.7	-22.2
RHB Bank	15.2	-11.6	Non-bank Financials			Pavilion REIT	33.0	-2.9
Building Materials			Bursa Malaysia	14.5	-28.6	Sunway REIT	4.8	-37.7
Cahaya Mata Sarawak	7.4	-15.9	AEON Credit	69.0	-2.0	Solar EPCC		
Malayan Cement	3.6	28.6	Oil & Gas			Pekat	0.9	-
Conglomerate			Bumi Armada	13.4	-20.2	Samaiden	11.3	-
YTL Corp	22.1	23.5	Deleum	4.2	40.0	Sunview	13.2	-
Construction			Dialog	19.5	-6.3	Technology		
Gamuda	23.1	37.5	Gas Malaysia	19.6	-1.0	D & O Green Tech	34.6	-2.3
IJM Corp	13.7	17.1	MMHE	8.4	-11.6	Datasonic	5.9	0.0
KKB Engineering	0.3	0.0	Petronas Chemicals	8.8	-15.4	Globetronics	3.3	-17.5
MRCB	7.1	-15.5	Petronas Dagangan	7.8	2.6	Inari Amertron	20.5	12.0
Pintaras Jaya	0.1	-80.0	Petronas Gas	9.6	2.1	My E.G. Services	12.9	-9.8
Sunway Construction	1.8	38.5	Plantation			Unisem	2.4	4.3
WCT Holdings	7.5	31.6	FGV Holdings	4.0	-4.8	Telecommunication		
Consumer			Genting Plantations	4.5	-16.7	Axiata	10.0	-9.9
AEON Co.	54.5	-0.5	IOI Corp	10.9	-1.8	CelcomDigi	60.0	0.7
Asia File	3.6	-37.9	KL Kepong	14.0	4.5	Maxis	7.7	10.0
Fraser & Neave	61.3	0.7	PPB Group	20.8	-2.8	Telekom Malaysia	11.3	-8.9
Hup Seng	1.8	-5.3	Sarawak Plantation	2.7	17.4	Utilities		
Leong Hup	10.8	-11.5	Sime Darby Plantation	9.7	-2.0	Ranhill Utilities	12.9	-60.1
MSM Malaysia	1.7	-5.6	Ta Ann	13.8	-1.4	Tenaga Nasional	13.6	9.7
Nestlé (Malaysia)	82.4	-0.2	TSH Resources	19.2	-9.0	YTL Power	10.0	78.6
Padini	8.9	-6.3						

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