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BURSA Malaysia ended broadly lower across-the-board yesterday, tracking the easier regional markets which were badly affected by massive sell-offs on Wall Street overnight, dealers said.

At 5pm, the FTSE Bursa Malaysia KLCI (FBM KLCI) was down 40.62 points, or 2.19%, to 1,812.45 from Monday's close of 1,853.07.

The index moved between 1,795.85 and 1,820.37 throughout the day after opening 38.64 points weaker at 1,814.43. Market breadth was broadly negative, with losers outpacing gainers by 1,208 to 119, 203 counters unchanged, 314 untraded and 19 others suspended.

Turnover rose to 5.2 billion shares worth RM5.32 billion from Monday's 2.65 billion shares worth RM2.84 billion.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average, which closed 4.6% lower on Monday, dragged down regional indices with Japan's Nikkei 225 falling 4.73%, Hong Kong's Hang Seng Index tumbled 5.12% and Singapore's Straits Times Index lost 2.06%.

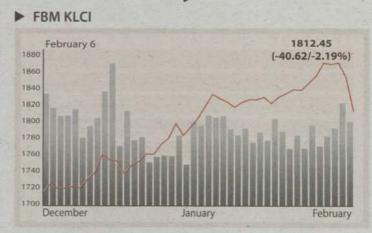
Affin Hwang Investment Bank Bhd VP/head of retail research Datuk Dr Nazri Khan Adam Khan said the global driven sell-offs were triggered amid the expectation that interest rates around the world would be increased by central banks.

Of the heavyweights, Malayan Banking Bhd fell two sen to RM10, Tenaga Nasional Bhd eased 24 sen to RM15.58, Public Bank Bhd eased 50 sen to RM21.48 and CIMB Group Holdings Bhd declined 22 sen to RM6.87.

The top losers were Nestlé (M) Bhd, which lost RM2.30 to RM114.30, British American Tobacco (M) Bhd dipped RM1.32 to RM32 and Petronas Dagangan Bhd down RM1.12 to RM24.58.

The FBM Emas Index gave up 293.68 points to 12,927.01, the FBM T100 Index was down 283.69 points to 12,642.04 and the FBM 70 declined 356.73 points to 15,845.40. The FBM Emas Shariah Index fell 275.3 points to 13,214.12 and the FBM ACE decreased 210.02 points to 6.141.41

Sector-wise, the Finance Index slid 393.42 points to 17,360.27, Industrial Index was 108.52 points lower at 3,224.04 and the Plantation Index dipped 88.88 points to 7,894.12. — Bernama





BURSA MALAYSIA DERIVATIVES							
MONTHS	VOL	OPEN INTEREST	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	LAST PRC	SETTLE
FEB-18	15387	42280	1826.5	1826.5	1786.5	1810.0	1810.0
MAR-18	775	1349	1818.0	1818.0	1783.0	1809.0	1809.0
JUN-18	131	324	1809.0	1811.0	1780.5	1806.0	1806.0
SEP-18	60	84	1809.0	1810.0	1779.0	1805.5	1805.5

WORLD EQUITIES INDICES					
Feb 5	Value	Net Chg			
DOW JONES INDUS. AVG	24345.75	-1175.21			
NASDAQ COMPOSITE INDEX	6967.526	-273.42			
FTSE 100 INDEX	7210.26	-124.72			
DAXINDEX	12463.45	-224.04			
NIKKEI 225	21610.24	-1071.84			
HANG SENG INDEX	30595.42	-1649.8			
TAIWAN TAIEX INDEX	10404	-542.25			
KOSPI INDEX	2453.31	-38.44			
Straits Times Index STI	3406.38	-76.55			
THAI SET 50 INDEX	1161.67	-13.79			
JAKARTA COMPOSITE INDEX	6478,543	-111.132			

VALUATOR			
Company(Brand)	Mention	Tone	ROI
Affin Hwang Investment Bank Berhad (Affin Hwang Investment	2	0	0
British American Tobacco (Malaysia) Berhad (British American	2	0	0
Bursa Malaysia Berhad (Bursa Malaysia Berhad)	2	0	0
CIMB Group (CIMB Group)	1	0	0
Malayan Banking Berhad (Malayan Banking Berhad)	1	0	0
Ministry of Communications and Information (MCI) (Singapore	1	0	0
Nestle (M) Berhad (Nestle)	2	0	0
Pertubuhan Berita Nasional Malaysia (Bernama)	1	0	0
PETRONAS Dagangan Berhad (PDB) (PETRONAS Dagangan	1	0	0
Public Bank Berhad (Public Bank Berhad)	1	0	0
RAM Bursa Malaysia (RAM Bursa Malaysia)	2	0	0
Tenaga Nasional Berhad (TNB) (Tenaga Nasional)	1	0	0