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MIXED WEEK OF TRADING

A. MARKET SNAPSHOT

- The global equity markets ended mixed amid concerns over the United States' (U.S.) debt ceiling and lingering worries over an economic slowdown. The U.S. government faces a potential default as soon as June 1, 2023 if the Congress does not address the debt limit. The meeting initially slated for Friday between President Joe Biden and top congressional leaders has been postponed to early this week. Meanwhile, the Michigan Consumer Sentiment Index (MCSI) came in much lower than expectations, hitting a six-month low of 57.7.
- On Wall Street, the S&P 500 (-0.29%) and Dow Jones (-1.11%) posted the second consecutive weekly losses, while Nasdaq gained by +0.40%.
- Out of the 20 global indices that we track, 7 saw weekly gains, while the remaining 13 were in the red. Vietnam's Ho Chi Minh VSE (+2.56%) was at the top of the list, followed by Thailand's SET (+1.83%) and India's Sensex (+1.59%). The biggest decliner was Hong Kong's Hang Seng (-2.11%), China's Shenzhen CSI 300 (-1.97%) and Singapore's Straits Times (-1.78%).
- The Office for National Statistics announced a marginal growth of +0.1%qoq for the UK economy in 1QCY23 even though strikes have sharply cut down economic activities in Mar-23. This puts Britain at the bottom of the Group of Seven (G7) nations since the pandemic.

Table 1 Weekly Performance of Global Benchmark Indices (%)

Index	Last Price	Change (%)
Ho Chi Minh VSE	1,066.90	2.56
SET	1,561.35	1.83
Sensex	62,027.90	1.59
Nikkei 225	29,388.30	0.79
ASX 200	7,256.65	0.51
Nasdaq	12,284.74	0.40
Stoxx Europe 600	465.49	0.04
CAC 40	7,414.85	-0.24
S&P 500	4,124.08	-0.29
DAX 40	15,913.82	-0.30
FTSE 100	7,754.62	-0.31
FBM KLCI	1,422.92	-0.57
TAIEX	15,502.36	-0.79
KOSPI	2,475.42	-1.02
Dow Jones	33,300.62	-1.11
JCI	6,707.76	-1.18
PSEi	6,578.15	-1.61
Straits Times	3,208.55	-1.78
Shenzhen CSI 300	3,937.76	-1.97
Hang Seng	19,627.24	-2.11

Source: Bloomberg

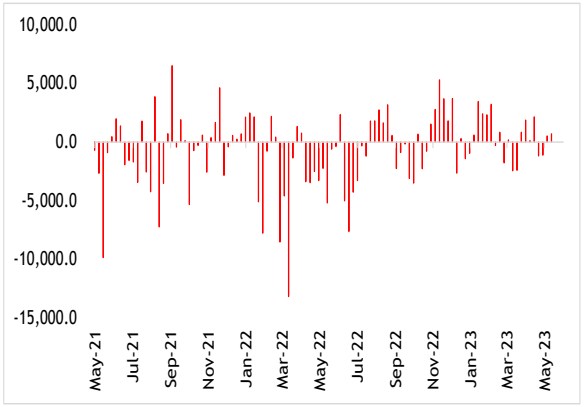
- The Bank of England (BoE) has raised its key interest rate by 25 basis points to 4.5%, marking the twelfth consecutive hike in a row as price pressures remained persistent.
- Consumer expectations for euro-zone inflation for the next 12 months jumped to +5.0% in Mar-23 from +4.6% in Feb-23 and from +2.4% to +2.9% for the next three years.
- The National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) reported China's consumer price index (CPI) rising at the slowest pace in two years at +0.1%yoy in Apr-23 (Mar-23: +0.7%yoy).
- China's imports contracted sharply in Apr-23 by -7.9%yoy, while exports grew by +8.5%yoy. This reinforces signs of weak domestic demand despite dismantling its zero-Covid policy.
- Japan's consumer spending unexpectedly fell in Mar-23 by -1.9%yoy - the fastest rate in a year - while real wages fell by -2.9%yoy, marking its twelfth consecutive month of declines due to persistent inflation.
- Taiwan's exports fell at a slower pace in Apr-23 by -13.3%yoy. This came in better-than-expected, but it marked the eighth consecutive month of declines by the trade-dependent economy.
- The Philippines' GDP expanded by +6.4%yoy in 1Q23, the slowest in two years as high inflation and interest rates dampened consumption.
- Malaysia's GDP grew better-than-expected at +5.6%yoy in 1Q23, primarily driven by private sector expenditure.
- The Department of Statistics Malaysia (DOSM) announced a lower unemployment rate of 3.5% in Mar-23, signalling a steady recovery in the domestic labour market.
- The Ringgit depreciated against the US dollar by -0.99% to close at USDMYR4.4800 on Friday. The Brent

crude oil price dipped by -12.86% to USD74.17 per barrel, while the crude palm oil price rose marginally by +0.31% to RM3,552 per tonne.

B. TRACKING MONEY FLOW - ASIA

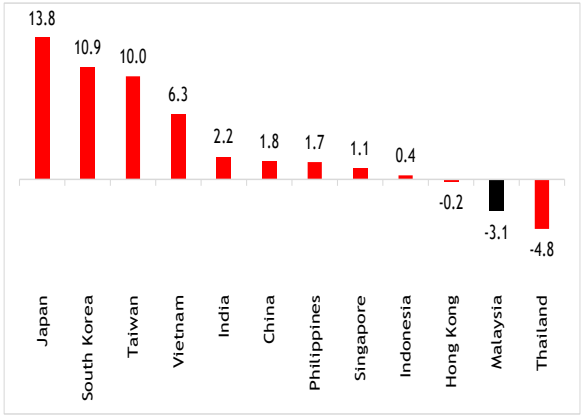
- Foreign investors remained net buyers of Asian equities for the second consecutive week due to net inflows into India, where it was the sole contributor last week. Based on the provisional aggregate data for the eight exchanges that we track, investors classified as "foreigners" net bought USD695.7m worth of Asian equities.
- India was the only country that saw a net foreign inflow last week at USD1.50b, which is a new record high for this year. Based on the data released by the National Statistics Office (NSO), inflation in the country saw signs of cooling down and this could have bolstered the ongoing optimism on Indian equities. Retail inflation in Apr-23 eased to an 18-month low at +4.7% and remained within the tolerance range of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) for the second consecutive month. Year-to-date, USD1.05b of foreign funds have flowed into the country.
- Taiwan recorded the highest net foreign outflow at -USD469.6m, but the amount has moderated in the last four weeks. Only Monday was a net buying day by the foreigners at USD146.5m as it was reported that Taiwan's exports fell at a slower pace in Apr-23 by -13.3%yoy. This could have been viewed as a sign that the slump in global demand for electronics may be bottoming out. Taiwan equities started to be sold off in bulk from Wednesday onwards when the country's annual emergency drills have for the first time included a military strike on Taipei, potentially a sign of worsening relations with China. Year-to-date, Taiwan has seen net foreign inflows amounting to USD4.51b.
- Indonesia posted the second highest net foreign outflow at -USD139.6m. It was a mixed trading week for the country as sentiment was temporarily lifted when Bank Indonesia's Consumer Confidence Index (CCI) data was released on Tuesday. The CCI for the month of April 2023 stood at 126.1, higher than Mar-23's figure of 123.3. Only Tuesday and Wednesday recorded net foreign inflows of USD2.1m and USD16.2m respectively, but this was more than offset by the outflows recorded during the rest of the week. Year-to-date, foreigners have been net buyers of Indonesian equities at USD1.08b.
- For the fourth consecutive week, foreign funds have left the Thai equity market with a net foreign outflow of -USD138.3m. This could be attributed to the escalating political uncertainty in the days leading up to the May 14, 2023 general election, which was anticipated to deliver big gains for the opposition. Year-to-date, foreign investors have net sold -USD2.03b worth of Thai equities.
- Meanwhile, foreign investors have turned to net sellers of South Korean equities last week to the tune of -USD30.6m. It was a mixed trading week for South Korea as the country recorded total net foreign inflows of USD233.0m from Monday to Wednesday. However, this was overturned when foreigners started to net sell from Thursday onwards after the Korea Development Institute (KDI) – a state-run think tank – slashed its growth outlook for economy to +1.5% from +1.8% in Feb-23, citing slowing exports of chips. This updated forecast hovers below the +1.6% growth previously suggested by the Bank of Korea. South Korea is the best performing market out of the eight exchanges that we track,

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



Sources: Bloomberg & MIDFR

Chart 2 YTD Performance of Asian Benchmark Indices (%)

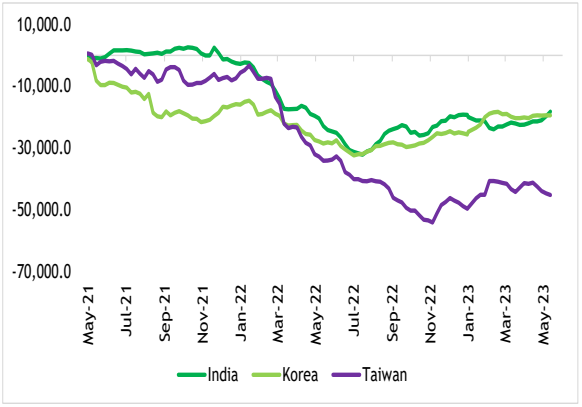


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with total net foreign inflows of USD6.16b thus far this year.

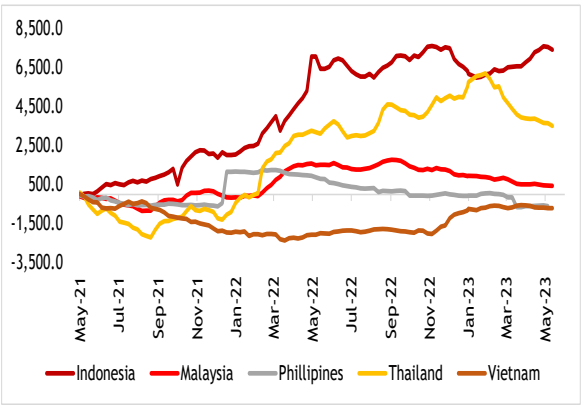
- The Philippines recorded a net foreign outflow of -USD12.4m for the second consecutive week. Every trading day was a net buying day by the foreigners at a moderate rate ranging from USD0.2m to USD2.0m except for Thursday when foreigners net sold -USD16.8m. This came in after the Philippines Statistics Authority announced a better-than-expected GDP growth of +6.4%yoy in 1QCY23, but the pace was the slowest in two years as soaring inflation and interest rate hikes squeezed consumer spending. The market is anticipating the end of the central bank's tightening cycle at the upcoming policy meeting on May 18, 2023. Year-to-date, foreigners have been net sellers of its equities at -USD539.1m.
- Vietnam is the other country that posted a net foreign outflow for the second consecutive week at -USD6.2m. Monday to Wednesday saw net selling activities by the foreigners, but they started to net buy Vietnamese equities from Thursday onwards as there were news on the progress of the value-added tax (VAT) cut by -2%, which has been submitted to the National Assembly for approval. The bill is slated to come into force in 2HCY23 and is anticipated to provide a huge stimulus to domestic consumption. Year-to-date, USD106.9m worth of foreign funds have flowed into the Vietnamese equity market.

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



Sources: Bloomberg & MIDFR

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



Sources: Bloomberg & MIDFR

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

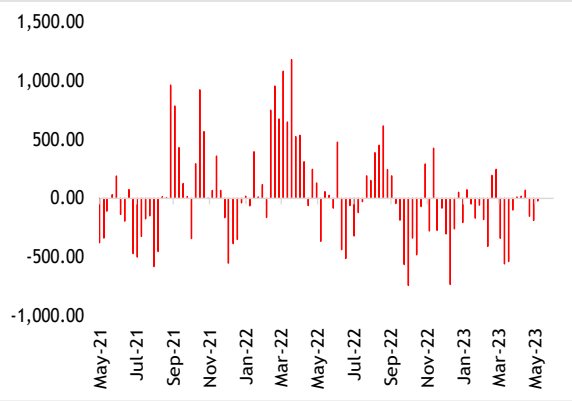
Week Ended	India	Indo	Korea	M'sia	Phil	Taiwan	Thai	Viet	Total
14-Apr	612.1	332.9	796.9	15.8	17.6	423.6	11.8	-74.0	2,136.7
21-Apr	-14.8	120.5	125.7	-34.0	5.0	-1,255.4	-111.7	-13.6	-1,178.4
28-Apr	366.9	191.5	-94.3	-42.1	16.5	-1,449.1	-115.4	0.7	-1,125.2
5-May	1,326.6	-49.9	102.1	-4.6	-42.7	-789.9	-12.2	-21.3	508.1
12-May	1,502.7	-139.6	-30.6	-10.3	-12.4	-469.6	-138.3	-6.2	695.7

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

C. TRACKING MONEY FLOW - MALAYSIA

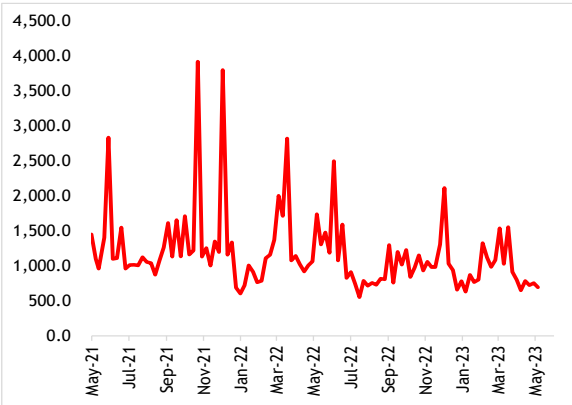
- For the fourth consecutive week, foreign investors remained net sellers on Bursa Malaysia with a total net foreign outflow of -RM46.4m.
- The week started off on a positive note with net foreign inflows of RM9.5m on Monday and RM81.8m on Tuesday. Foreigners started net selling from Wednesday to Friday with outflows amounting to -RM137.6m.
- Foreign funds have been net sellers of Malaysian equities for 13 out of 19 weeks this year with outflows amounting to -RM2.18b.
- Top three sectors that saw net foreign inflows were Telecommunications & Media (RM62.9m), Utilities (RM26.4m) and Plantation (RM12.1m), while the top three sectors that saw net foreign outflows were Financial Services (-RM84.5m), Industrial Products & Services (-RM32.6m) and Construction (-RM17.6m).
- Local institutions remained net buyers for the third consecutive week to the tune of RM49.9m last week. Every trading day was a net buying day by the local institutions except for Tuesday, which saw an outflow of -RM63.9m. Bulk of the inflows came in on Friday at RM72.3m when Bank Negara Malaysia (BNM) announced a better-than-expected expansion of the domestic economy at +5.6%yoy in 1Q23. Local institutions have been net buyers for 14 out of 19 weeks this year with inflows totalling RM2.09b.
- Local retailers remained net sellers for the second consecutive week at -RM3.6m. Every trading day was a net selling day except for Wednesday (RM15.3m) and Thursday (RM25.4m). Local retailers have been net buyers of domestic equities for 9 out of 19 weeks this year with total inflows of RM93.4m.
- In terms of participation, there was an increase in average daily trading volume (ADTV) among local retailers by +5.3%, local institutions by +16.2% and foreign investors by +30.6%.

Chart 5 Net Foreign Fund Flows into Malaysian Equity Since May-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			
	Bought	Sold	Net	Bought	Sold	Net	Bought	Sold	Net	*Net (USD'm)
14-Apr	2,500.9	2,574.0	-73.1	4,391.6	4,388.0	3.6	1,996.1	1,926.6	69.5	15.8
21-Apr	2,240.9	2,082.6	158.3	3,352.9	3,360.1	-7.3	1,373.9	1,525.0	-151.1	-34.0
28-Apr	1,922.6	1,901.5	21.2	2,824.3	2,657.7	166.6	1,412.6	1,600.4	-187.8	-42.1
5-May	1,388.5	1,420.9	-32.4	2,101.5	2,048.3	53.2	1,033.2	1,054.0	-20.8	-4.6
12-May	2,462.6	2,466.2	-3.6	4,044.2	3,994.3	49.9	2,248.7	2,295.0	-46.4	-10.3

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

D. NET INFLOWS AND OUTFLOWS BY STOCK

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**
CIMB Group Holdings	26.2	Tenaga Nasional	60.3	Malayan Banking	73.8
Autocount Dotcom	16.2	CIMB Group Holdings	57.8	Frontken Corporation	30.2
Bahvest Resources	11.4	Hartalega Holdings	54.9	MY E.G. Services	27.7
Widad Group	10.9	Top Glove Corp.	37.7	Telekom Malaysia	26.6
Dagang Nexchange	9.9	Malaysian Pacific Industries	35.1	IHH Healthcare	24.8
Time Dotcom	9.8	Kossan Rubber	15.2	CelcomDigi	24.3
Chin Hin Group	7.5	Hextar Technologies	11.9	Mr D.I.Y Group (M)	20.5
Genetec Technology	6.4	Petronas Chemicals	9.7	Tenaga Nasional	15.1
RHB Bank	6.3	Dayang Enterprise Holdings	8.1	D & O Green Technologies	12.7
Hibiscus Petroleum	6.3	Bumi Armada	7.5	YTL Power	11.8
Top 10 Stocks with Weekly Net Outflows					
Company	**Value**	**Company**	**Value**	**Company**	**Value**
Tenaga Nasional	-49.1	Malayan Banking	-60.4	CIMB Group Holdings	-115.7
Hartalega Holdings	-32.2	IHH Healthcare	-24.1	Malaysian Pacific Industries	-31.7
Top Glove Corp.	-13.6	CelcomDigi	-20.1	RHB Bank	-19.1
Kossan Rubber	-9.1	Tenaga Nasional	-15.2	Top Glove Corp.	-13.5
Malayan Banking	-8.0	Frontken Corporation	-13.7	AMMB Holdings	-13.4
Velesto Energy	-7.0	PPB Group	-11.7	Widad Group	-12.9
Public Bank	-6.8	Fiamma Holdings	-11.6	Petronas Chemicals	-12.5
Oppstar	-5.0	D & O Green Technologies	-10.3	Inari Amertron	-12.2
SMRT Holdings	-4.9	Time Dotcom	-9.2	Berjaya Food	-11.4
Boustead Holdings	-4.7	Maxis	-8.9	Vinvest Capital	-11.3

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

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

Company	%	Company (cont'd)	%	Company (cont'd)	%
Automotive		Nestlé	82.7	TSH Resources	19.9
Bermaz Auto	17.2	Padini	10.3	**Port & Shipping**	
MBM	2.7	QL Resources	10.3	MISC	9.1
Tan Chong	10.6	Rhong Khen International	62.3	Suria Capital	6.1
UMW Holdings	5.2	Spritzer	18.2	Westports	27.6
Aviation		**Gloves**		**Property**	
Capital A	18.9	Hartalega	17.5	Eco World	28.9
Malaysia Airports	20.9	Kossan	10.6	Glomac	4.2
Banking		Top Glove	32.9	IOI Prop	3.7
Affin Bank	26.4	**Healthcare**		Mah Sing	15.0
Alliance Bank	20.6	IHH Healthcare	49.7	S P Setia	6.1
AMMB	39.9	KPJ Healthcare	7.6	Sunway	5.8
Bank Islam	1.7	Pharmaniaga	0.6	UEM Sunrise	5.5
CIMB Group	29.8	**Logistics**		UOA Development	3.9
Hong Leong Bank	11.1	CJ Century Logistics	57.6	**REITs**	
Hong Leong Financial	32.4	Swift Haulage	12.8	Al-'Aqar Healthcare	0.7
Malayan Banking	17.5	Tasco	65.7	Axis REIT	15.3
Public Bank	27.0	**Media**		IGB REIT	4.9
RHB Bank	16.7	Astro	36.7	KLCCP Stapled	0.9
Building Materials		Media Prima	21.0	Pavilion REIT	33.9
Malayan Cement	2.8	**Non-bank Financials**		Sunway REIT	7.5
Conglomerate		Bursa Malaysia	15.4	**Technology**	
YTL Corp	18.3	AEON Credit	70.8	D & O Green Tech	35.3
Construction		**Oil & Gas**		Datasonic	5.8
Cahya Mata Sarawak	8.3	Bumi Armada	19.3	Globetronics	2.7
Gabungan AQRS	2.2	Deleum	3.9	Inari Amertron	17.8
Gamuda	19.2	Dialog Group	20.1	My E.G.	11.2
IJM Corp	11.4	Gas Malaysia	19.5	Unisem	2.0
KKB Engineering	0.3	MMHE	10.4	**Telecommunication**	
MRCB	8.6	Petronas Chemicals	9.7	Axiata	10.9
Muhibbah Engineering	16.9	Petronas Dagangan	7.5	CelcomDigi	59.7
Pintaras Jaya	0.4	Petronas Gas	9.3	Maxis	7.1
Sunway Construction	1.4	**Plantation**		Telekom Malaysia	11.9
WCT	6.0	FGV	4.2	**Utilities**	
Consumer (F&B & Retail)		Genting Plantations	5.1	Ranhill Utilities	32.1
AEON Co.	54.4	IOI Corp	11.1	Tenaga Nasional	12.2
Asia File	5.6	KL Kepong	13.0	YTL Power	4.8
Fraser & Neave	61.2	PPB Group	21.2		
Hup Seng	1.9	Sarawak Plantation	2.9		
Leong Hup	12.3	Sime Darby Plantation	9.9		
MSM	1.7	Ta Ann	13.5		

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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