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MALAYSIAN ECONOMIC INDICATORS LEADING, COINCIDENT & LAGGING INDEXES MARCH 2025

The Malaysian economy is expected to continue growing albeit at a slower pace, with the Leading Index recording 0.6 per cent increase in March 2025

PUTRAJAYA, May 23, 2025 – Today, the Department of Statistics Malaysia released the ***Malaysian Economic Indicators: Leading, Coincident & Lagging Indexes for March 2025***. The Leading Index (LI) provides an early indication of turning points in the business cycle and the direction of the economy in the near term.

Chief Statistician Malaysia, Dato' Sri Dr. Mohd Uzir Mahidin mentioned, "The LI improved in March 2025, increasing by 0.6 per cent with 112.5 points as compared to 111.9 points in the previous year (***Exhibit I***). The Number of Housing Units Approved (27.8%) and the Real Imports of Semi Conductors (22.3%) contributed positively to this increase. However, on a monthly basis, the LI posted a marginal decline of 0.04 per cent influenced by subdued performances especially in the Bursa Malaysia Industrial Index and the Real Imports of Semi Conductors, both of which registered a decrease of 0.2 per cent".

Looking at the smoothed long-term trend in March 2025, the LI remained below 100.0 points (***Exhibit II***). Nevertheless, Malaysia's economy is expected to continue growing, albeit at a slower pace, supported by strong economic fundamentals and proactive fiscal management.

Meanwhile, the Coincident Index (CI) which measures the overall current economic situation rose by 1.4 per cent to 126.8 points in March 2025 as compared to 125.1 points in the same month of the previous year. This growth was propelled by broad-based increases across all CI components, except for the Real Contributions to the EPF. On the other hand, the monthly CI level edged down 0.2 per cent in March 2025, mainly attributed to a 0.3 per cent decline in the Capacity Utilisation in Manufacturing.

ASEAN-Malaysia 2025 Chairmanship: The Department of Statistics Malaysia (DOSM) will chair the 15th ASEAN Community Statistical System Committee (ACSS15) which aims to strengthen the statistical cooperation towards sustainable regional development.

Malaysia, for the first time, ranked as number one (1) globally in the biennial Open Data Inventory (ODIN) 2024/25 report released by Open Data Watch (ODW), surpassing 198 other countries. This achievement marks a significant leap from its 67th position in the ODIN 2022/23 assessment.

The Government of Malaysia has declared October 20th as National Statistics Day (MyStats Day), with the theme 'Statistics is the Essence of Life'. Meanwhile, the Fourth World Statistics Day will be celebrated on 20th October 2025, with the theme 'Driving Change with Quality Statistics and Data for Everyone'.

OpenDOSM NextGen is a medium that provides data catalogue and visualisations to facilitate users' analysis and can be accessed through <https://open.dosm.gov.my>.

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Exhibit I: Leading Composite Index

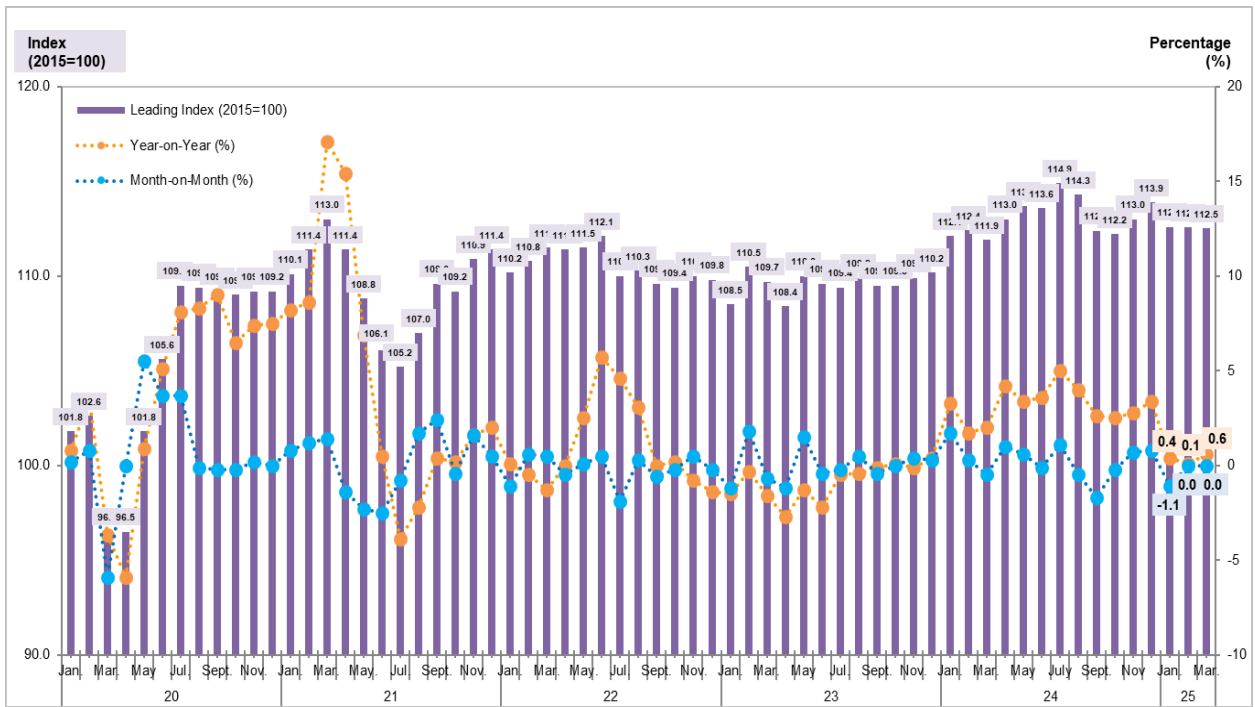


Exhibit II: Leading Composite Index (Long Term Trend = 100) and Business Cycle

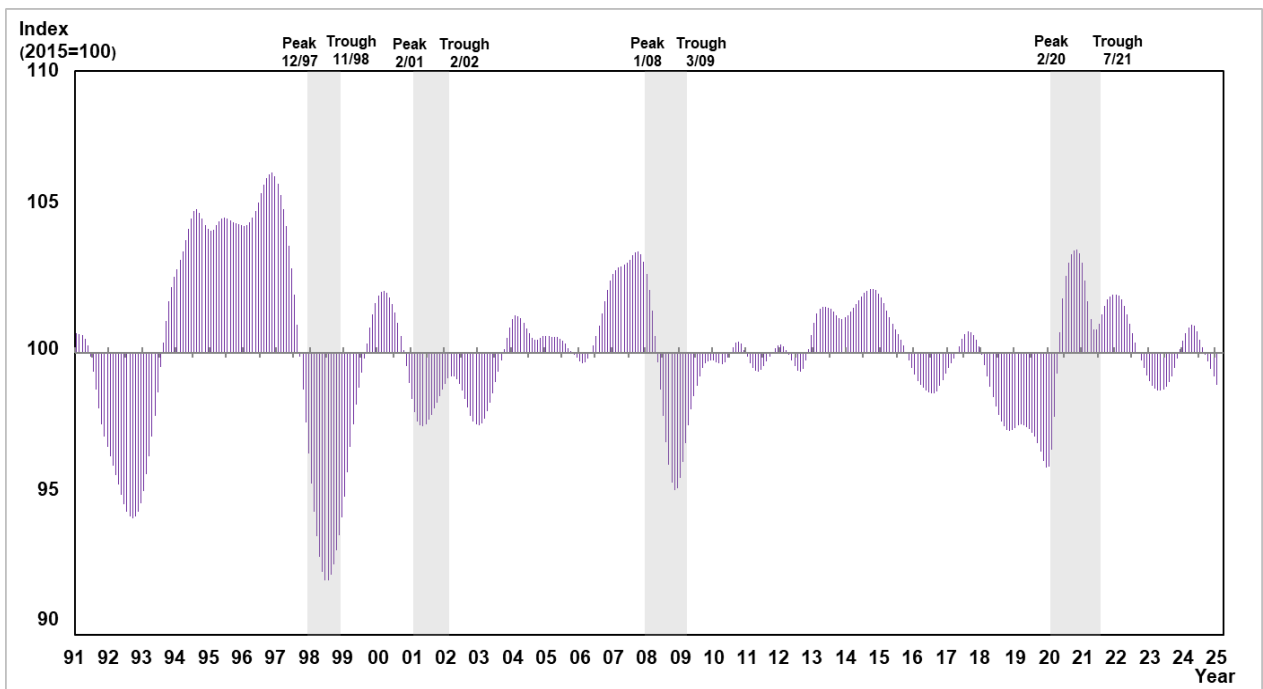


Exhibit III: Annual Changes of Leading Index Components

