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MALAYSIAN ECONOMIC INDICATORS LEADING, COINCIDENT & LAGGING INDEXES AUGUST 2025

**Malaysia's economy is poised to expand at a modest pace into 2026,
with the Leading Index registering 113.7 points in August 2025**

PUTRAJAYA, October 24, 2025 – Malaysia's economic outlook continued to show signs of moderation with the Leading Index (LI) recording a decline of 0.5 per cent to 113.7 points in August 2025 as compared to 114.3 points in the same month of the previous year (**Exhibit I**), as reported by the Department of Statistics Malaysia (DOSM). The detailed performance is published in the publication **Malaysian Economic Indicators: Leading, Coincident & Lagging Indexes for August 2025** released today. The LI provides an early indication of turning points in the business cycle and the near-term direction of the economy.

Commenting further on the latest performance of the LI, Chief Statistician Malaysia, Dato' Sri Dr. Mohd Uzir Mahidin said, "This performance was largely influenced by a significant decrease in Real Imports of Other Basic Precious & Other Non-ferrous Metals (-26.9%), in line with the slowdown of the global demand. On a monthly basis, the LI registered a decline of 0.8 per cent, weighed down by a reduction in Real Imports of Semi Conductors (-0.7%), consistent with cautious global trade sentiment."

The LI smoothed long-term trend in August 2025 remained below 100.0 points (**Exhibit II**). This reflect that the Malaysia's economy remains modest, influenced by

steady domestic landscape as the driver of growth and diversified industries which allow economic stability despite global challenges.

Meanwhile, the Coincident Index (CI) which reflects the current state of the economy, maintained its positive momentum with an annual increase of 2.1 per cent to 128.9 points in August 2025, compared to 126.3 points in the same month last year. This growth was mainly supported by a rise in Real Contributions, Employees Provident Fund (EPF) by 9.6 per cent, consistent with the uptick trend in the labour market following robust domestic economic activity. However, the monthly performance of the CI showed a slight slowdown with a dip of 0.6 per cent, following moderation in several components, particularly Capacity Utilisation in Manufacturing (-0.3%).

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 197 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

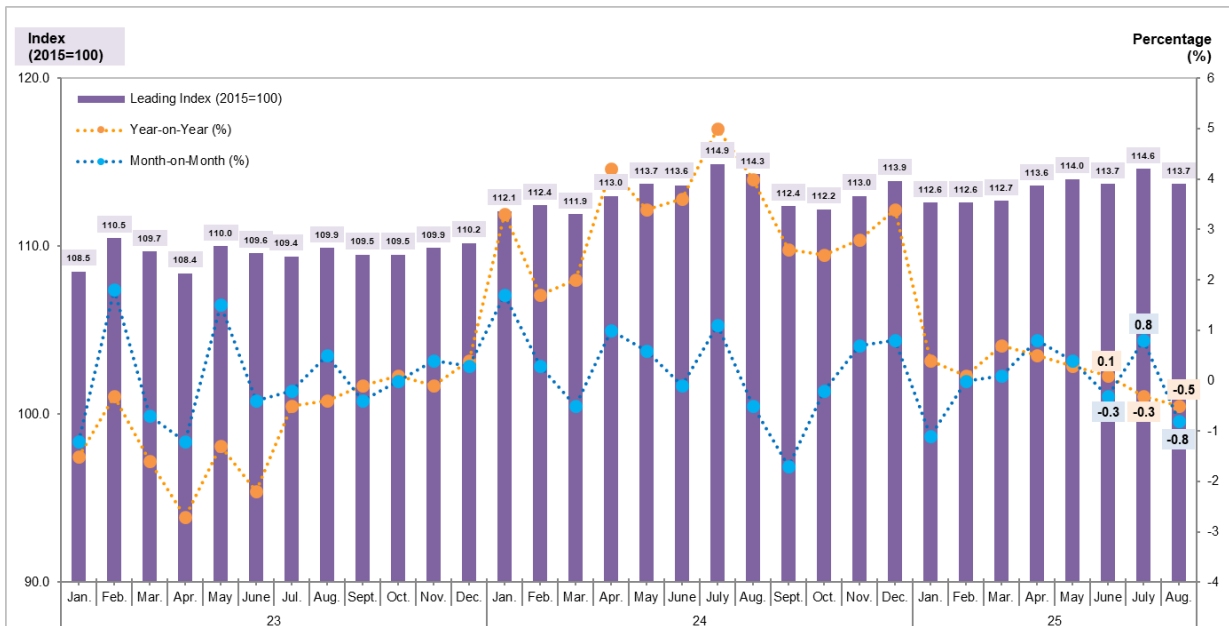


Exhibit II: Leading Composite Index (Long Term Trend = 100) and Business Cycle

