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MALAYSIAN ECONOMIC INDICATORS LEADING, COINCIDENT & LAGGING INDEXES JANUARY 2025

***Malaysia's Leading Index rose by 0.4 per cent in January 2025,
indicating that the economy remains on a positive trajectory***

PUTRAJAYA, MARCH 25, 2025 – Today, the Department of Statistics Malaysia released the **Malaysian Economic Indicators: Leading, Coincident & Lagging Indexes for January 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 maintained its positive growth for 14 consecutive months, increasing 0.4 per cent to 112.5 points in January 2025 as compared to 112.1 points in the same month of the previous year (**Exhibit I**). The double-digit increases in the Real Imports of Semi Conductors (14.1%) and the Number of Housing Units Approved (13.7%) were the contributors to this rise. In contrast, the monthly performance of LI showed a decrease of 1.2 per cent as five out of seven components declined mainly by the Real Imports of Other Basic Precious & Other Non-ferrous Metals (-0.6%)".

The smoothed growth rate of the LI for January 2025 remained below 100.0 points (**Exhibit II**), anticipating modest economic growth prospects, bolstered by resilient domestic demand despite a challenging international market.

In light of the current economic scenario, the Coincident Index (CI) saw a slight rise of 0.1 per cent with 124.8 points as compared to 124.7 points in the same month a year ago. This was contributed by marginal increases in four of the CI components although these were offset by a significant decrease in two other components. On monthly basis, the CI shrank by 1.4 per cent due to a significant decline in Capacity Utilisation in Manufacturing (-1.9%).

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

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 20 October 2025, with the theme 'Driving Change with Quality Statistics and Data for Everyone'.

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Exhibit I: Leading Composite Index

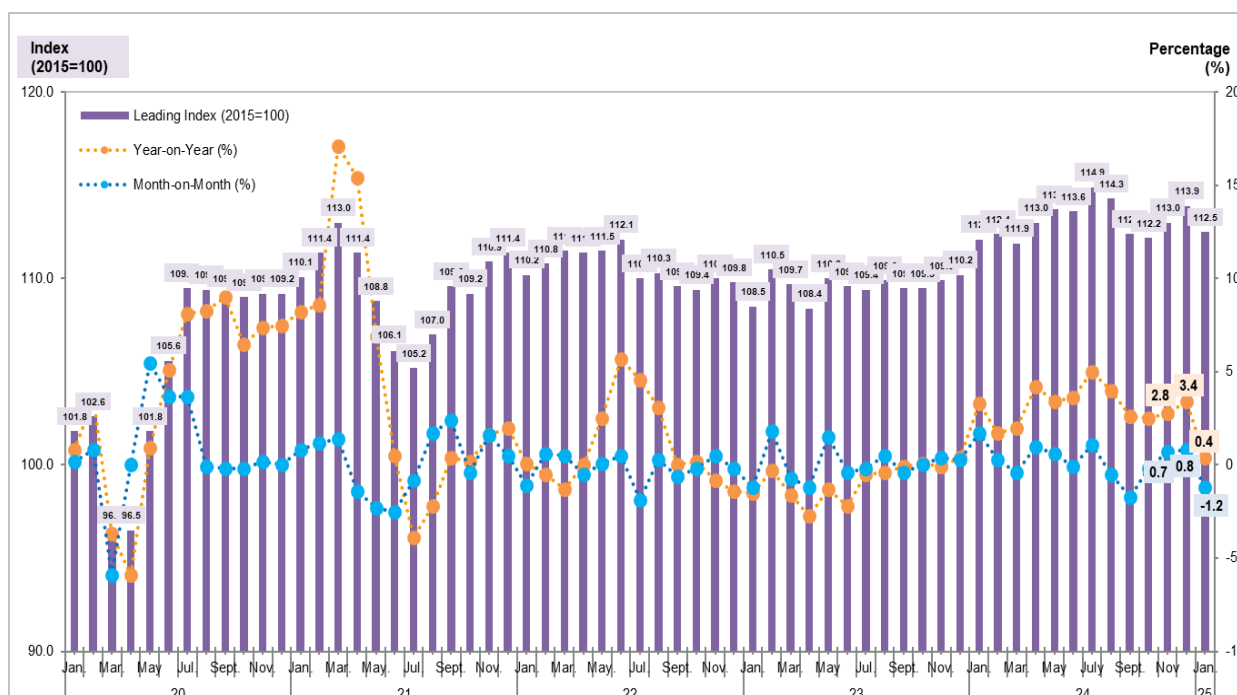


Exhibit II: Leading Composite Index (Long Term Trend = 100) and Business Cycle

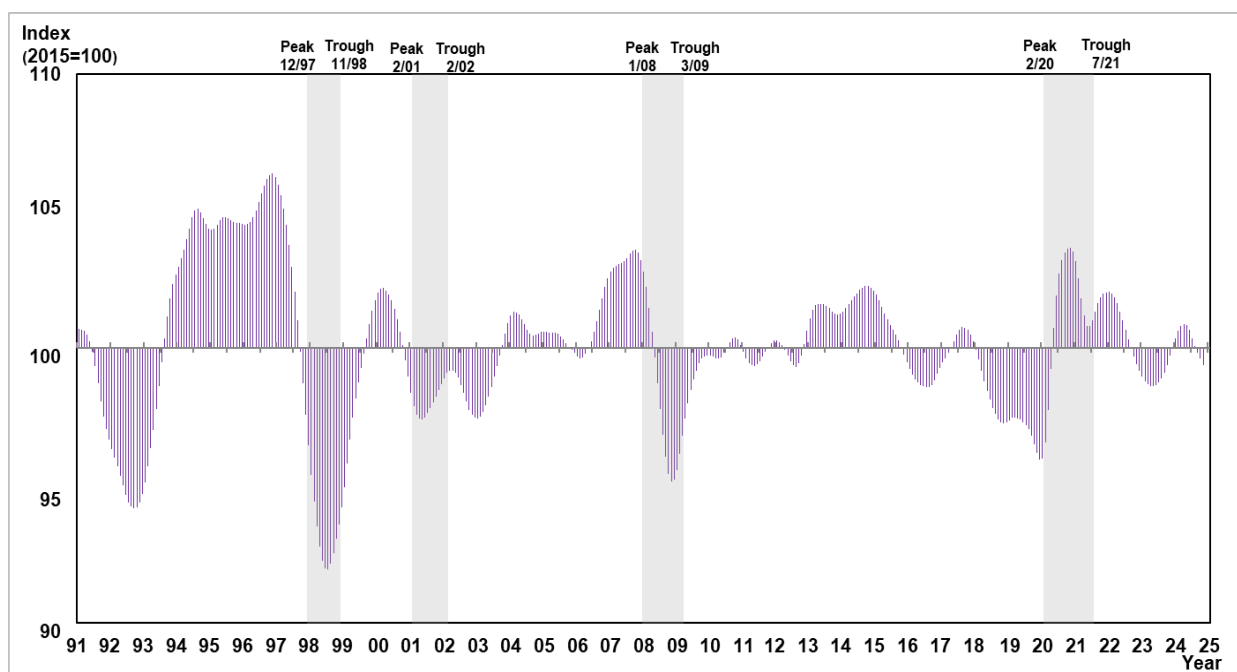


Exhibit III: Annual Changes of Leading Index Components

