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### **MALAYSIAN ECONOMIC INDICATORS LEADING, COINCIDENT & LAGGING INDEXES APRIL 2025**

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***Leading Index continues to grow by 0.5 per cent in April 2025,  
signalling ongoing economic resilience***

***PUTRAJAYA, June 24, 2025*** – Today, the Department of Statistics Malaysia released the **Malaysian Economic Indicators: Leading, Coincident & Lagging Indexes for April 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 for April 2025 maintained its positive annual growth at a rate of 0.5 per cent, registering 113.6 points as compared to 113.0 points in the same month of the previous year **(Exhibit I)**. Double-digit increases in the Real Imports of Semi Conductors (27.2%) and the Number of New Companies Registered (24.1%) contributed to this improvement, despite declines in four other components. Simultaneously, the monthly performance of the LI recorded an increase for the second consecutive month with 0.8 per cent, supported by a 0.5 per cent rise in the Number of New Companies Registered."

The smoothed growth rate of the LI for April 2025 remained below the 100.0 points **(Exhibit II)**, reflecting Malaysia's resilient economic prospects supported by a positive labour market and sustained domestic demand. These fundamentals are

*further strengthened by improving household spending and encouraging consumption patterns.*

*Regarding the current economic performance, the Coincident Index (CI) posted an annual uptrend of 1.0 per cent, reaching 126.7 points in April 2025 as compared to 125.4 points in the same month of the previous year. This growth was driven by the improvements in five out of six components, particularly the Capacity Utilisation in Manufacturing (3.4%). Conversely, on a monthly basis, the CI slipped by 0.1 per cent, due to the declines in the Real Contributions to the EPF (-0.5%) and the Volume Index of Retail Trade (-0.4%).*

*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.*

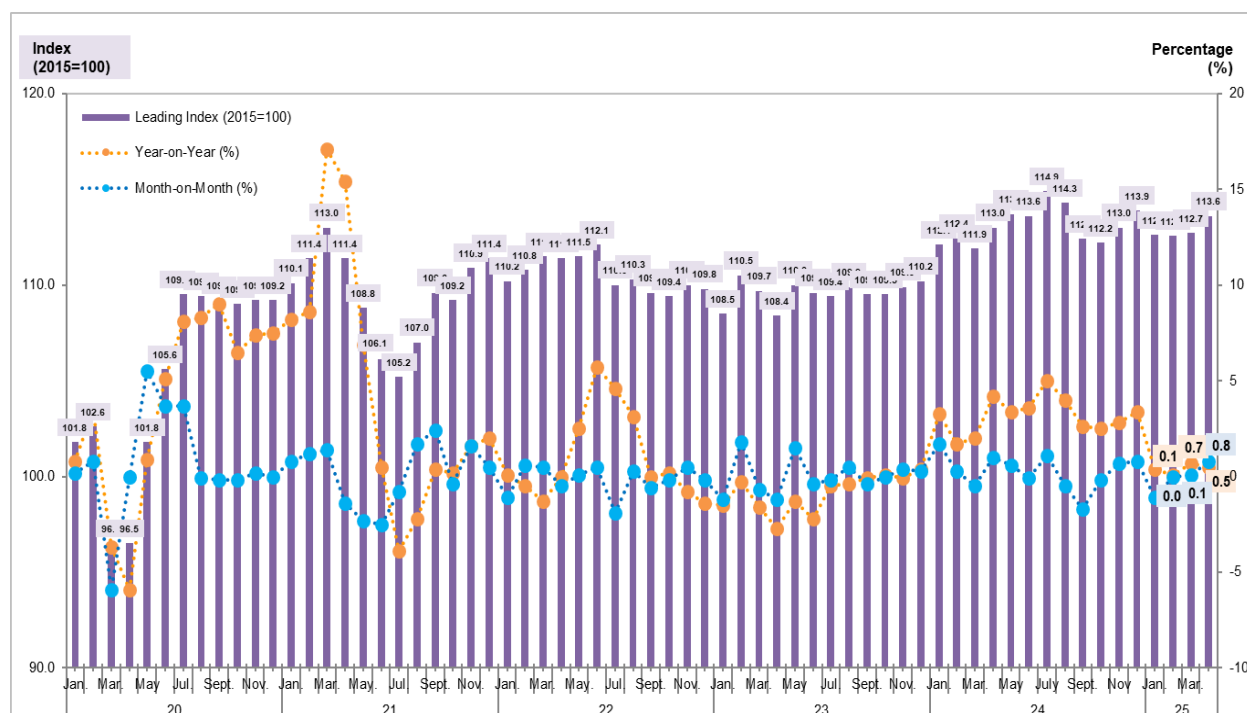
*The Government of Malaysia has declared October 20th as National Statistics Day (MyStats Day), with the theme 'Statistics is the Essence of Life'. Meanwhile, the Fourth World Statistics Day will be celebrated on 20th October 2025, with the theme 'Driving Change with Quality Statistics and Data for Everyone'.*

*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**

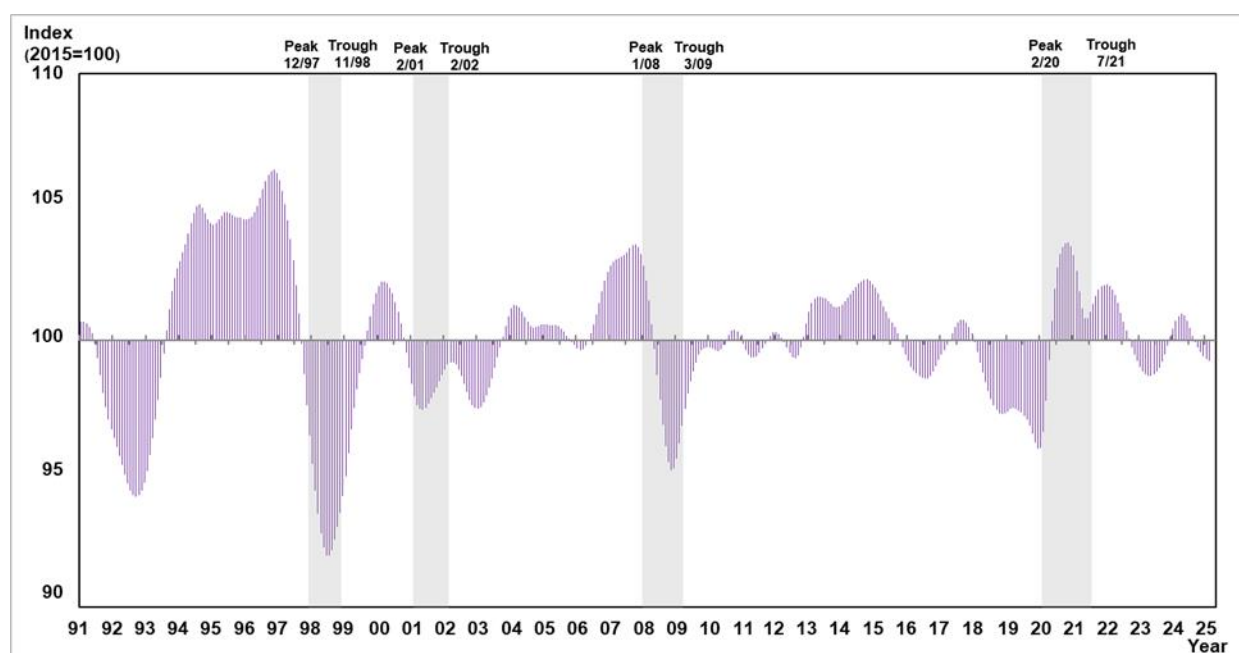


Exhibit III: Annual Changes of Leading Index Components

