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MALAYSIAN ECONOMIC INDICATORS
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Leading Index rises 0.8 per cent in September 2025:

Domestic strength continues to support growth

PUTRAJAYA, NOVEMBER 25, 2025 *– Malaysia's Economic Indicators for September 2025 demonstrated an improved performance with the Leading Index (LI) registering a turnaround of 0.8 per cent to 113.3 points as compared to 112.4 points in the same month last 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 September 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 positive trajectory was supported by strong double-digit growth in the Number of New Companies Registered (16.0%) and Real Imports of Semi Conductors (15.8%). Nevertheless, on a monthly basis the LI declined by 0.5 per cent, weighed down by the Number of Housing Units Approved (-0.7%) and Real Imports of Other Basic Precious & Other Non-ferrous Metals (-0.5%)."

Despite the LI's smoothed long-term trend remaining below the 100.0 points in September 2025 ***(Exhibit II)****, the Malaysian economy is expected to continue expanding, underpinned by sectoral diversity and a robust domestic foundation. Positive trade performance, encouraging investment and easing inflation continue to strengthen domestic resilience, acting as an effective buffer against global headwinds and alleviating cost of living pressures.*

In terms of the current economic situation, the Coincident Index (CI) sustained its positive growth, registering 2.6 per cent and reaching 129.1 points as compared to 125.8 points in the corresponding month last year. This increase reflects the strengthening of domestic economic activity, particularly through the Real Contributions, Employees Provident Fund (EPF), which surged by 15.6 per cent, signalling stable wage and employment conditions. At the same time, the CI's monthly performance rebounded by 0.2 per cent after a 0.6 per cent decline in the previous month. This recovery was driven by a 0.3 per cent increase in the Volume Index of Retail Trade, which recorded the highest rise among the components, indicating resilient domestic economic activity.

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.

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Exhibit I: Leading Composite Index

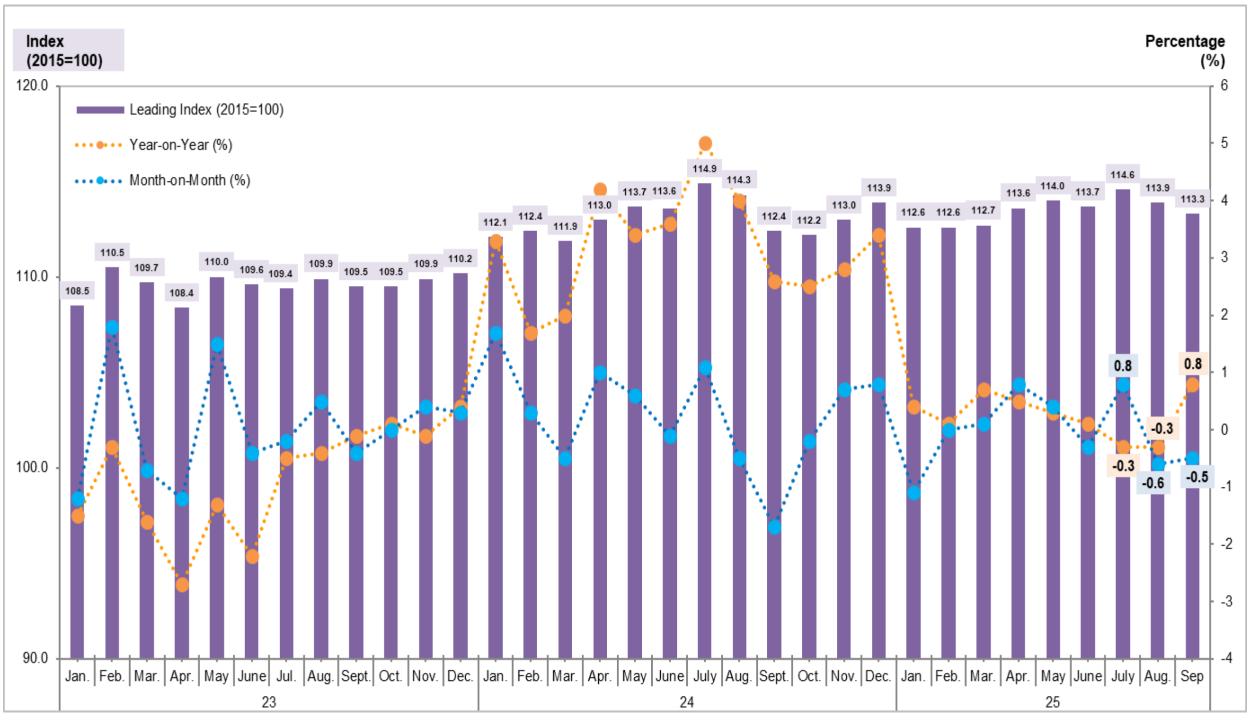

Exhibit II: Leading Composite Index (Long Term Trend = 100) and Business Cycle

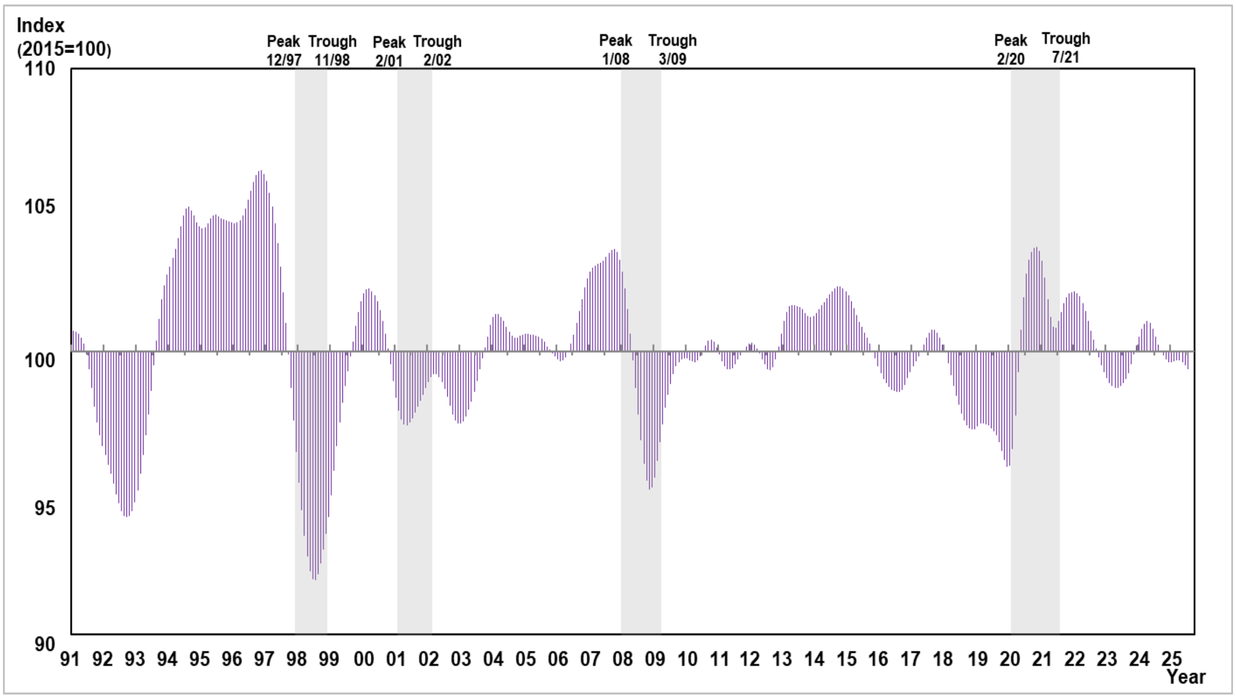

Exhibit III: Annual Changes of Leading Index Components