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**MALAYSIAN ECONOMIC INDICATORS
LEADING, COINCIDENT & LAGGING INDEXES DECEMBER 2025**

**Malaysia's economic outlook for the second quarter of 2026
is expected to remain resilient with the Leading Index
recording 0.1 per cent in December 2025**

PUTRAJAYA, 25 FEBRUARY 2026 – Malaysia's economy is expected to remain resilient supported by the performance of the Leading Index (LI) in December 2025, which recorded a marginal increase of 0.1 per cent to 114.0 points as compared to 113.9 points in the same period of the previous year (**Exhibit I**), as reported by the Department of Statistics Malaysia (DOSM). Details of this performance are contained in the publication **Malaysia Economic Indicators: Leading, Coincident and Lagging Indices for December 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 on the latest LI performance, the Chief Statistician Malaysia, Dato' Sri Dr. Mohd Uzir Mahidin, said, "This performance was reinforced by increases in the Real Money Supply M1 (7.3%) and the Real Imports of Semi Conductors (4.8%), reflecting stable domestic financial liquidity as well as sustained demand for electronic components. From a monthly perspective, the LI also recorded an increase of 0.5 per cent, supported by growth in the Real Money Supply M1 (0.5%) and Expected Sales Value in Manufacturing (0.4%)."

Examining the smoothed long-term trend in December 2025, the LI remained below 100.0 points (**Exhibit II**). However, Malaysia's economy is expected to remain resilient, supported by the progressive new economy and the Visit Malaysia Year 2026 initiative, which is anticipated to stimulate the local businesses, tourism sector and other economic activities indirectly.

In assessing the current economic situation, the Coincident Index (CI) maintained its positive momentum, recording an annual growth of 2.1 per cent to 129.3 points as compared to 126.6 points in the same month last year. This performance was driven by consistent increases across all components with the Real Contribution of the Employees Provident Fund (EPF) rising 9.6 per cent as the largest contributor.

However, on a monthly basis, the CI recorded a marginal decline of 0.02 per cent due to contractions in Capacity Utilisation in Manufacturing and the Volume Index of Retail Trade, both of which recorded a decline of 0.1 per cent.

The Department of Statistics Malaysia (DOSM) is conducting the **Economic Census 2026 (BE2026)**, with themed “*Data Nadi Ekonomi Rakyat*”. The sixth Economic Census, will be carried out from **5th January to 31st October 2026**. BE2026 aims to collect comprehensive and structured data from all registered and unregistered business establishments in Malaysia to assess the nation’s economic performance, structure and characteristics in an evidence-based manner.

Malaysia has, for the first time, successfully secured the **top position** 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.

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

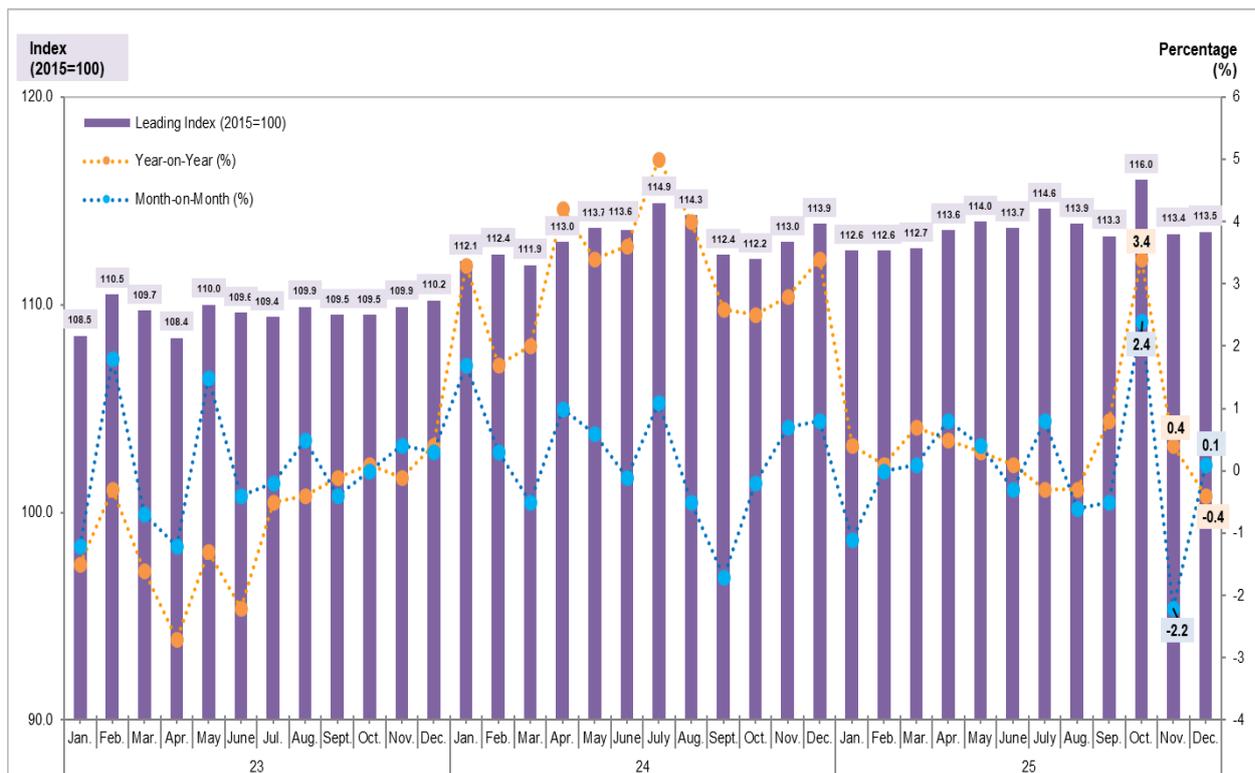


Exhibit II: Leading Composite Index (Long Term Trend = 100) and Business Cycle

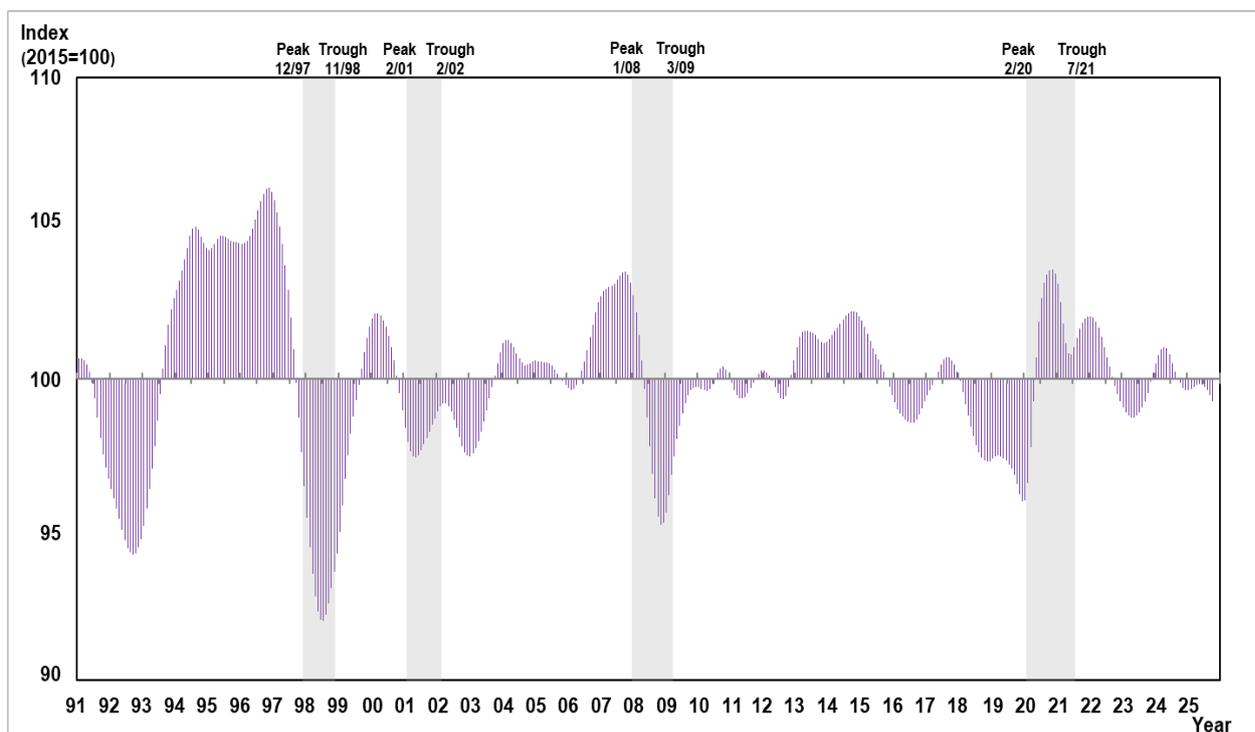


Exhibit III: Annual Changes of Leading Index Components

