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MALAYSIAN ECONOMIC INDICATORS
LEADING, COINCIDENT & LAGGING INDEXES APRIL 2026

The Leading Index increased 1.29 per cent in April 2026, signalling an optimistic economic prospect in the near term

PUTRAJAYA, 25 JUNE 2026 – The Malaysian Economic Indicators for April 2026 demonstrated an improved performance with the Leading Index (LI) registering 1.29 per cent to 115.0 points compared to 113.5 points in the same month of the previous year **(Exhibit I).** Further details on this performance are provided in the **Malaysian Economic Indicators: Leading, Coincident & Lagging Indices publication for April 2026**, released today by the Department of Statistics Malaysia (DOSM). 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 increase was driven by the positive performance of several components, particularly the Number of Housing Units Approved (35.5%). However, the incline was tempered by declines in three other components, resulted in affecting the overall growth momentum. On a monthly basis, the LI increased by 1.25 per cent in April 2026, supported by the Number of New Companies Registered and the Real Imports of Semi Conductors, each contributing 0.9 per cent, in line with the development of technology-based economic activities and sustained demand for the electrical and electronics sector."

Looking at the smoothed long-term trend in April 2026, the LI remained below 100.0 points **(Exhibit II)**, reflecting an optimistic economic growth outlook amid ongoing global uncertainties. Nevertheless, continued investment activities as well as demand related to digital technology and data centres are expected to remain as catalyst for the country's economic growth.

During the same period, the Coincident Index (CI) which gauges current economic conditions, recorded an increase of 2.6 per cent to 131.6 points in April 2026 as compared to 128.3 points in the same month of the previous year. This performance was contributed by increases in all components, particularly the Industrial Production Index (8.3%). From a monthly perspective, the CI increased 0.9 per cent as compared to 0.8 per cent in the previous month, driven by the Industrial Production Index (0.6%) and Capacity Utilisation in Manufacturing (0.5%).

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

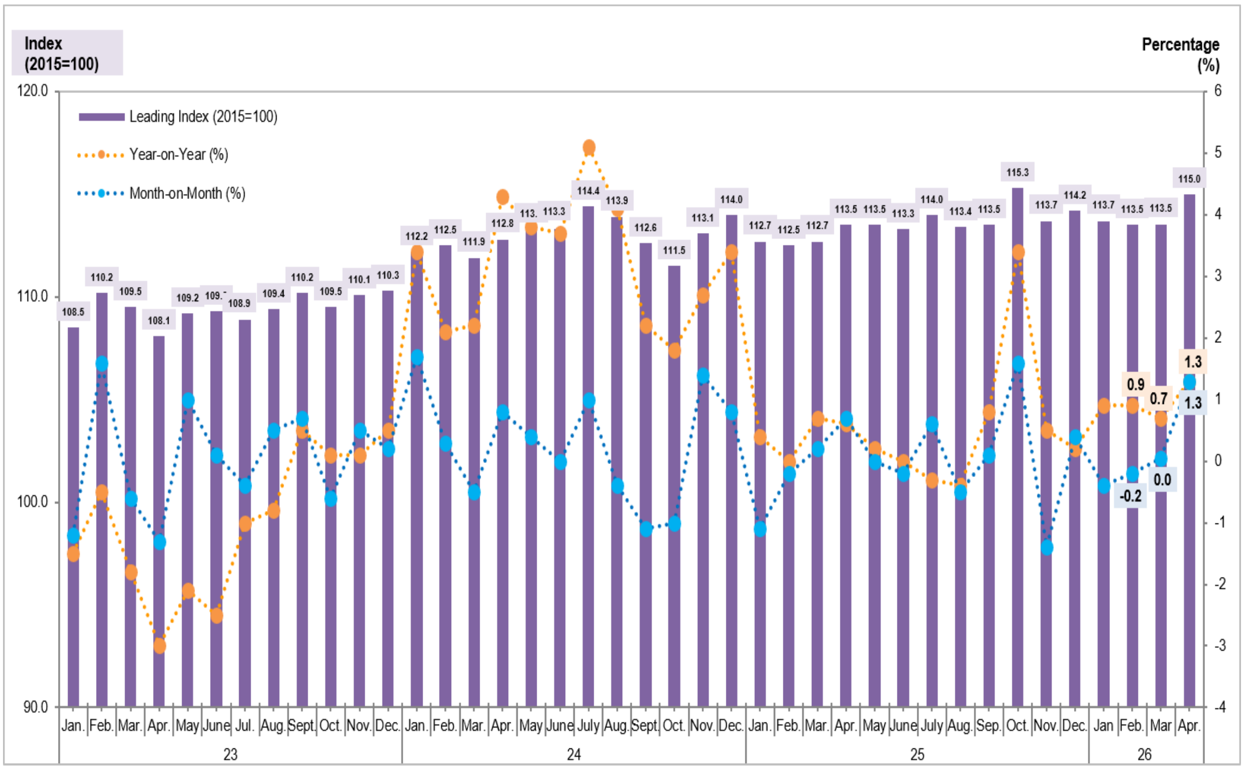

Exhibit II: Leading Composite Index (Long Term Trend = 100) and Business Cycle

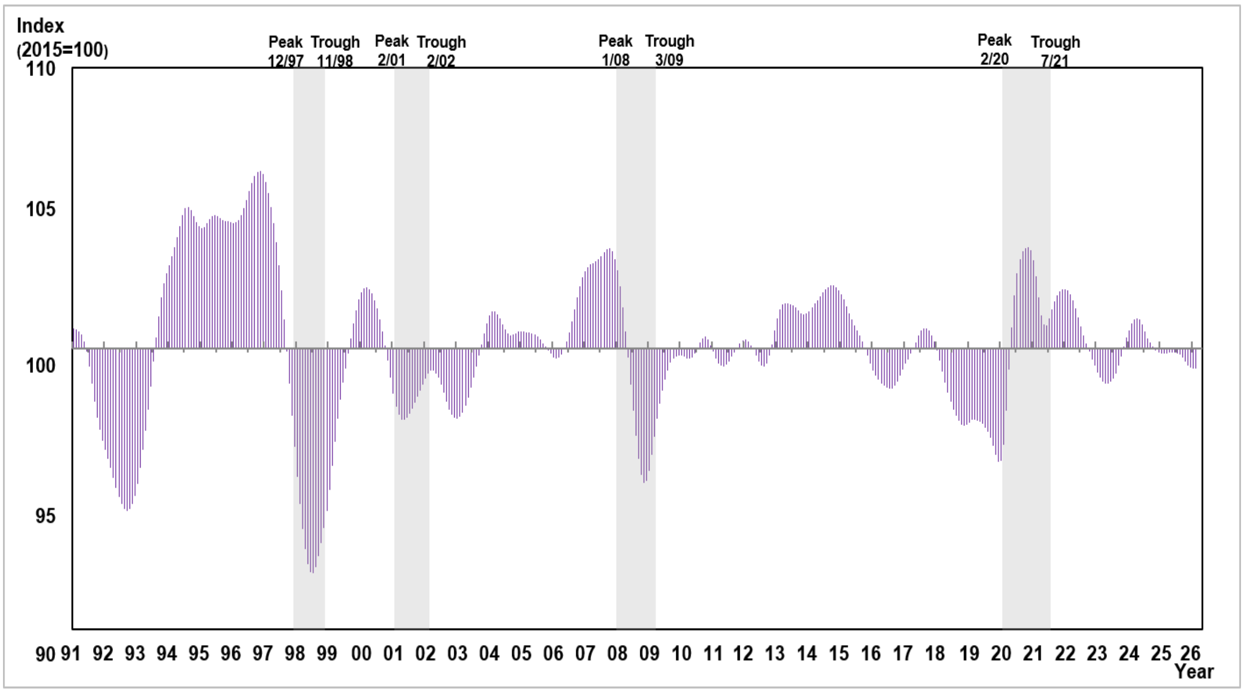

Exhibit III: Annual Changes of Leading Index Components