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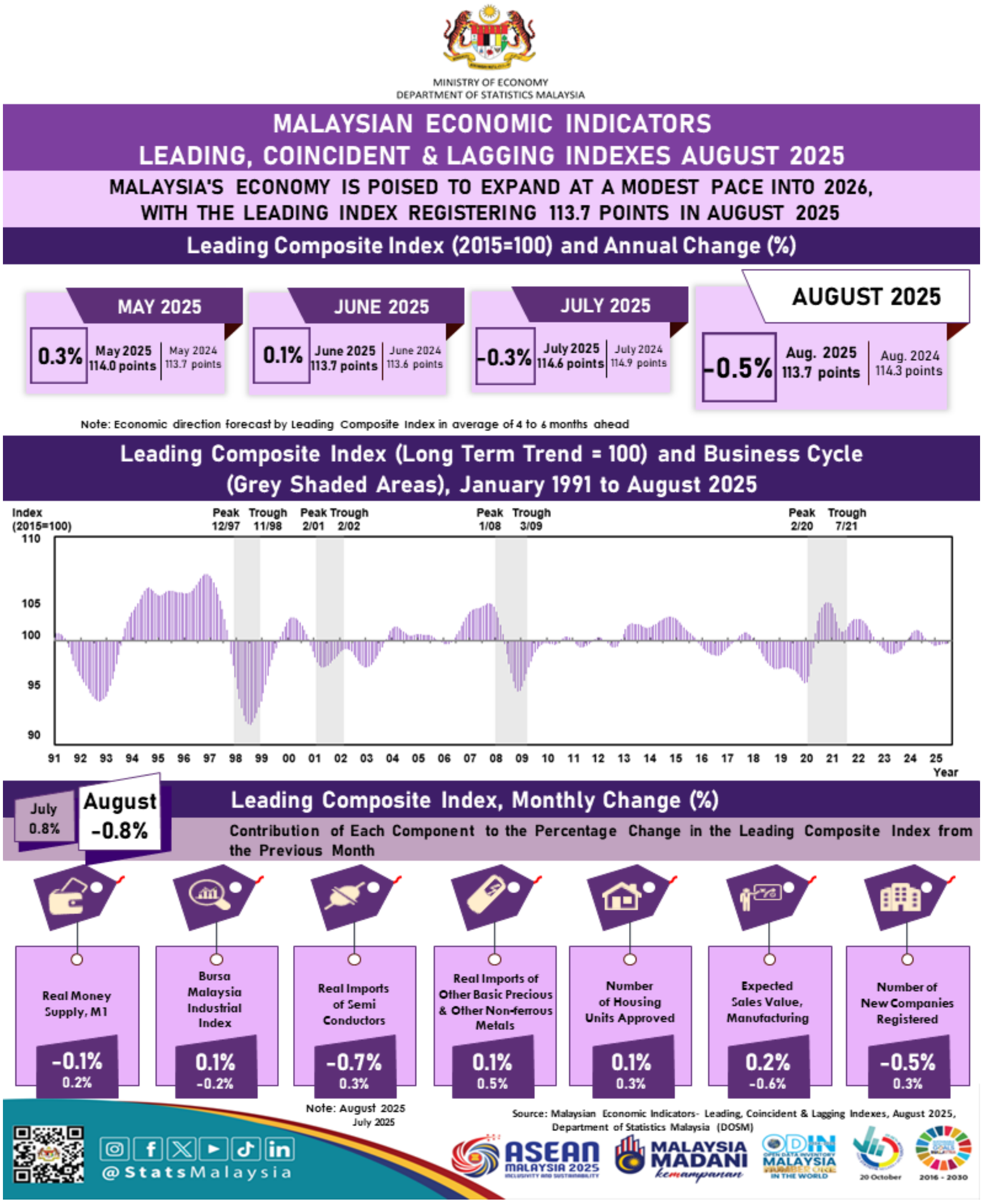
MALAYSIAN ECONOMIC INDICATORS: LEADING, COINCIDENT & LAGGING INDEXES, AUGUST 2025



Malaysia's economy is poised to expand at a modest pace into 2026, with the Leading Index registering 113.7 points in August 2025

Malaysia’s economic outlook continued to show signs of moderation with the Leading Index (LI) recording a decline of 0.5 per cent to 113.7 points in August 2025 as compared to 114.3 points in the same month of the previous year. This performance was largely influenced by a significant decrease in Real Imports of Other Basic Precious & Other Non-ferrous Metals (-26.9%), in line with the slowdown of the global demand. On a monthly basis, the LI registered a decline of 0.8 per cent, weighed down by a reduction in Real Imports of Semi Conductors (-0.7%), consistent with cautious global trade sentiment.

The LI smoothed long-term trend in August 2025 remained below 100.0 points. This reflect that the Malaysia’s economy remains modest, influenced by steady domestic landscape as the driver of growth and diversified industries which allow economic stability despite global challenges.

Meanwhile, the Coincident Index (CI) which reflects the current state of the economy, maintained its positive momentum with an annual increase of 2.1 per cent to 128.9 points in August 2025, compared to 126.3 points in the same month last year. This growth was mainly supported by a rise in Real Contributions, Employees Provident Fund (EPF) by 9.6 per cent, consistent with the uptick trend in the labour market following robust domestic economic activity. However, the monthly performance of the CI showed a slight slowdown with a dip of 0.6 per cent, following moderation in several components, particularly Capacity Utilisation in Manufacturing (-0.3%).

The Diffusion Index for the LI and CI remained above 50.0 per cent in August 2025 with the LI recording 71.4 per cent and CI registering 83.3 per cent.

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