


# MORNING BREAK

## STOCK MARKET INDEX

**FBM KLCI**  
**1813.58**  
 **-6.08**  
**-0.33%**

**SHANGHAI**  
**2720.73**  
 **-4.52**  
**-0.17%**

**NIKKEI**  
**22,651.35**  
 **-56.03**  
**-0.25%**

**DJIA**  
**25,964.82**  
 **-22.10**  
**-0.085%**

**FTSE**  
**7504.60**  
 **+72.18**  
**+0.97%**



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## BUSINESS & ECONOMIC NEWS

### LOCAL

Halfset 2018 tawar harga terendah produk halal (*Berita Harian*)

AirAsia to continue expanding footprint in China (*NST*)

Petronas to provide input to attract O&G investments (*Malaysian Reserve*)

Malaysia banks on pragmatic foreign policy to attract investments — Deputy Foreign Affairs Minister (*The Edge*)

August data shows improvement in Malaysian manufacturing conditions (*NST*)

### GLOBAL

Chinese electric vehicle market is poised for explosive growth, says expert (*CNBC*)

For the first time, solar is contracting but China's giants are doubling down (*Bloomberg*)

China startup Meituan Dianping seeks \$55 billion valuation in Hong Kong IPO (*Wall Street Journal*)

The race to make the world's most powerful computer ever (*BBC*)

California close to enacting nation's strongest net neutrality law (*CNN*)

### COMMENT

#### BUSINESS TENDENCY STATISTICS THIRD QUARTER 2018

The business performance in the third quarter of 2018 is expected to grow at a slower pace with confidence indicator of +6.0 per cent from +7.8 per cent in the second quarter of 2018. This indicates that the optimists continue to outnumber the pessimists but at a smaller percentage difference as compared to the previous quarter.

Respondents from services sector is expecting their business situation to improve in the third quarter of 2018 with confidence indicator of +16.5 per cent as compared to +8.6 per cent in second quarter of 2018. Meanwhile, sectors such as industry and wholesale & retail trade also expect their business situation to improve at a moderate rate with smaller confidence indicators at +2.1 per cent and +3.6 per cent, respectively. For more info, click [HERE](#).

Source: DOSM

| ECONOMIC INDICATOR | BUSINESS TENDENCY STATISTICS THIRD QUARTER 2018 |
|--------------------|---|
| Actual             | +6.0%   |
| Coverage           | Q3/18   |
| Previous           | +7.8% (Q2/18)                                   |
| Frequency          | Quarterly                                       |
| Data Release       | Aug/18  |