

# MORNING BREAK

## STOCK MARKET INDEX

**FBMKLCI**  
**1865.34**  
 **-15.02**  
**-0.80%**

**SHANGHAI**  
**3128.93**  
 **+60.92**  
**+1.99%**

**NIKKEI**  
**22138.42**  
 **-139.70**  
**-0.63%**

**DJIA**  
**24024.13**  
 **-424.56**  
**-1.74%**

**FTSE**  
**7425.40**  
 **+26.53**  
**+0.36%**



## BUSINESS & ECONOMIC NEWS

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[Kerjasama lahirkan usahawan Orang Asli \(\*Utusan\*\)](#)

[Perusahaan durian berpotensi tinggi \(\*Utusan\*\)](#)

[MRT Line 2 reaches 24% work progress \(\*Malaysian Reserve\*\)](#)

[Petronas delivers first liquefied natural gas cargo to S-Oil Corp \(\*NST\*\)](#)

[Malaysian fintech firm Soft Space secures Series B funding from Sumitomo Mitsui \(\*The Edge\*\)](#)

### GLOBAL

[Why the time to fix economic policy is as soon as possible \(\*Malaysian Reserve\*\)](#)

[Android Auto users can now browse through their full contact lists when stationary \(\*The Star\*\)](#)

[Apple shares drop on more warnings from iPhone supply chain \(\*Channel NewsAsia\*\)](#)

[Can corporations really make a positive impact? \(\*CNBC\*\)](#)

[Bankruptcies are booming in India, but where are the judges? \(\*Bloomberg\*\)](#)

### COMMENT

#### LEADING, COINCIDENT & LAGGING INDEXES FEBRUARY 2018

The annual change of Leading Index (LI) which monitors the economic performance in advance increased 1.1% in February 2018. Nevertheless, the monthly change of LI showed a negative growth of 1.2% in the reference month. Expected sales value in manufacturing sector (-0.7%) and real imports of semi conductors (-0.6%) were the components that significantly caused the decrease.

The Coincident Index (CI) which measures the current economic activity, decreased 0.1% in February 2018. Industrial Production Index (-0.3%) and capacity utilisation in manufacturing sector (-0.2%) were among the components that contributed to the decrease. The annual changes of LI and CI were slower than the previous month. For more info, click [HERE](#).

Source: DOSM

ECONOMIC INDICATOR	LEADING, COINCIDENT & LAGGING INDEXES
Actual	118.8
Coverage	Feb/18
Previous	120.3
Frequency	Monthly
Data Release	Apr/18