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**Analyst Briefing**  
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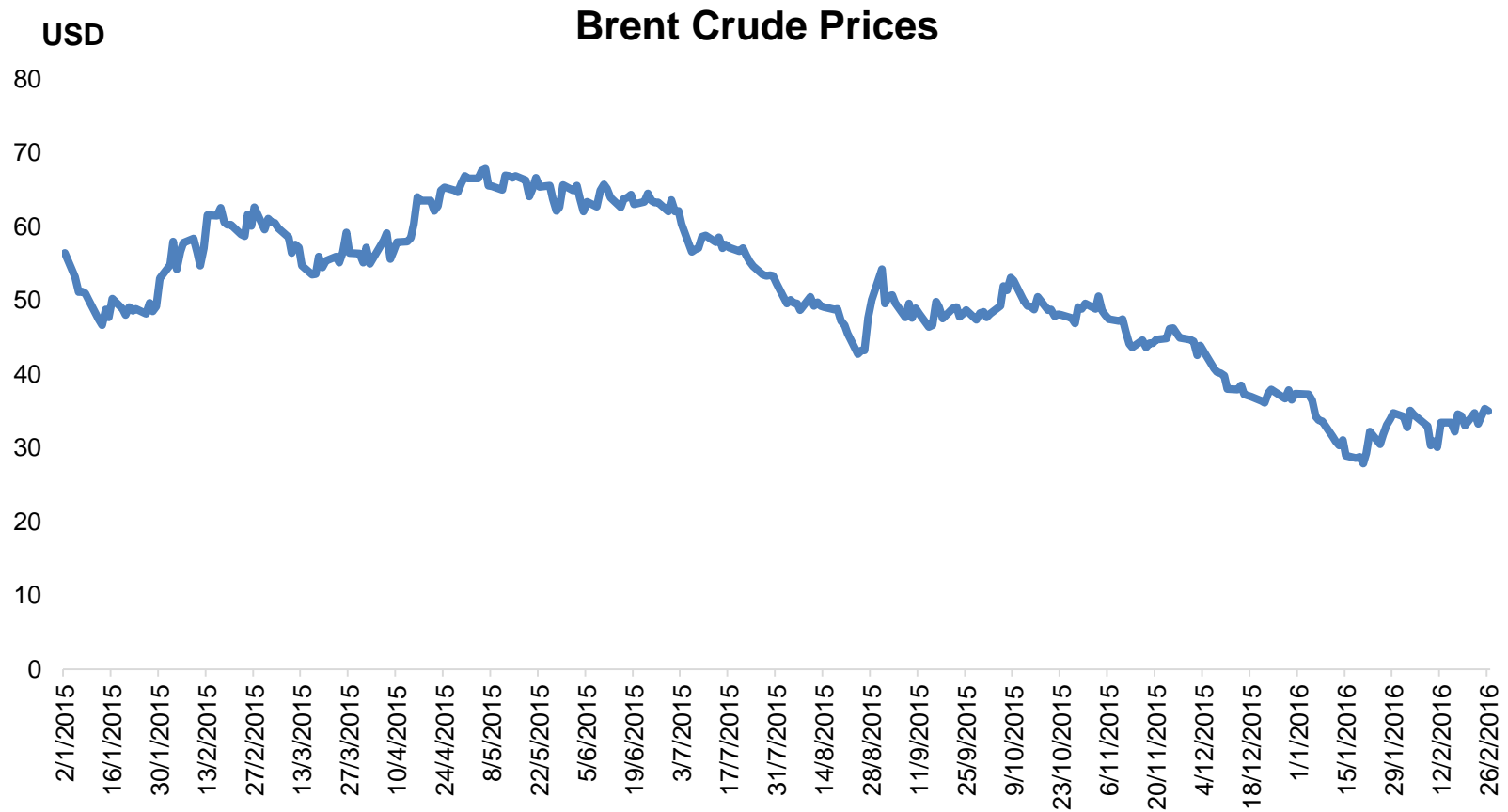
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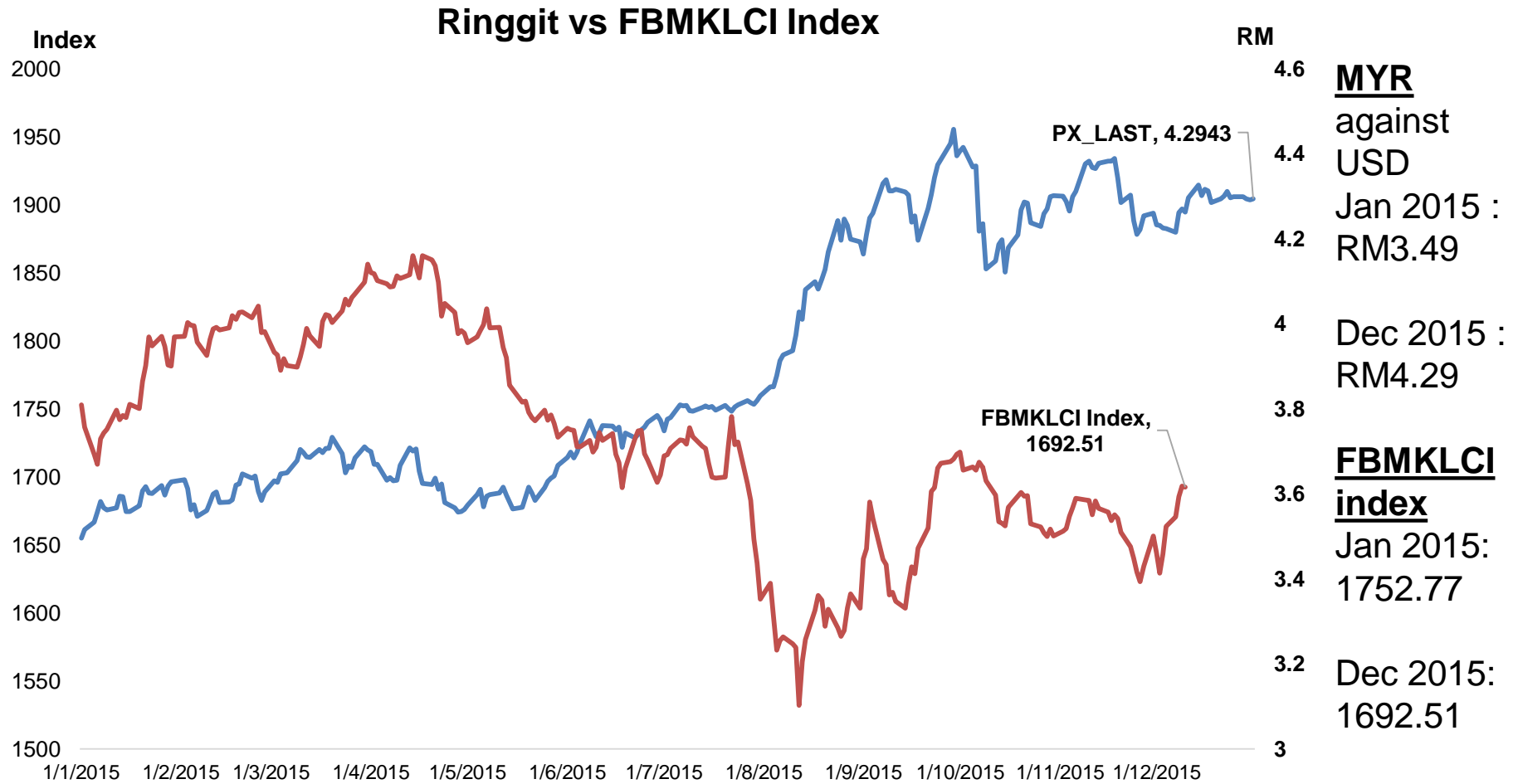
# Highlights: Oil prices



Source: Bloomberg data

**Drop in crude oil prices affected Malaysia's economy  
Budget needed to be revised**

# Highlights: Ringgit performance 2015



Source: Bloomberg data

**Ringgit declined 22.97%; FBMKLCI Index declined 3.4%**

# Highlights: Consumer sentiment



## CONFIDENCE HITS A NEW LOW

- CSI dips to a record-low of 63.8
- Present finances worsen
- Jobs and incomes to deteriorate further
- Growing fears of higher prices
- Consumers to watch their spending

Source: MIER website

**MIER reported consumer sentiment at record low**

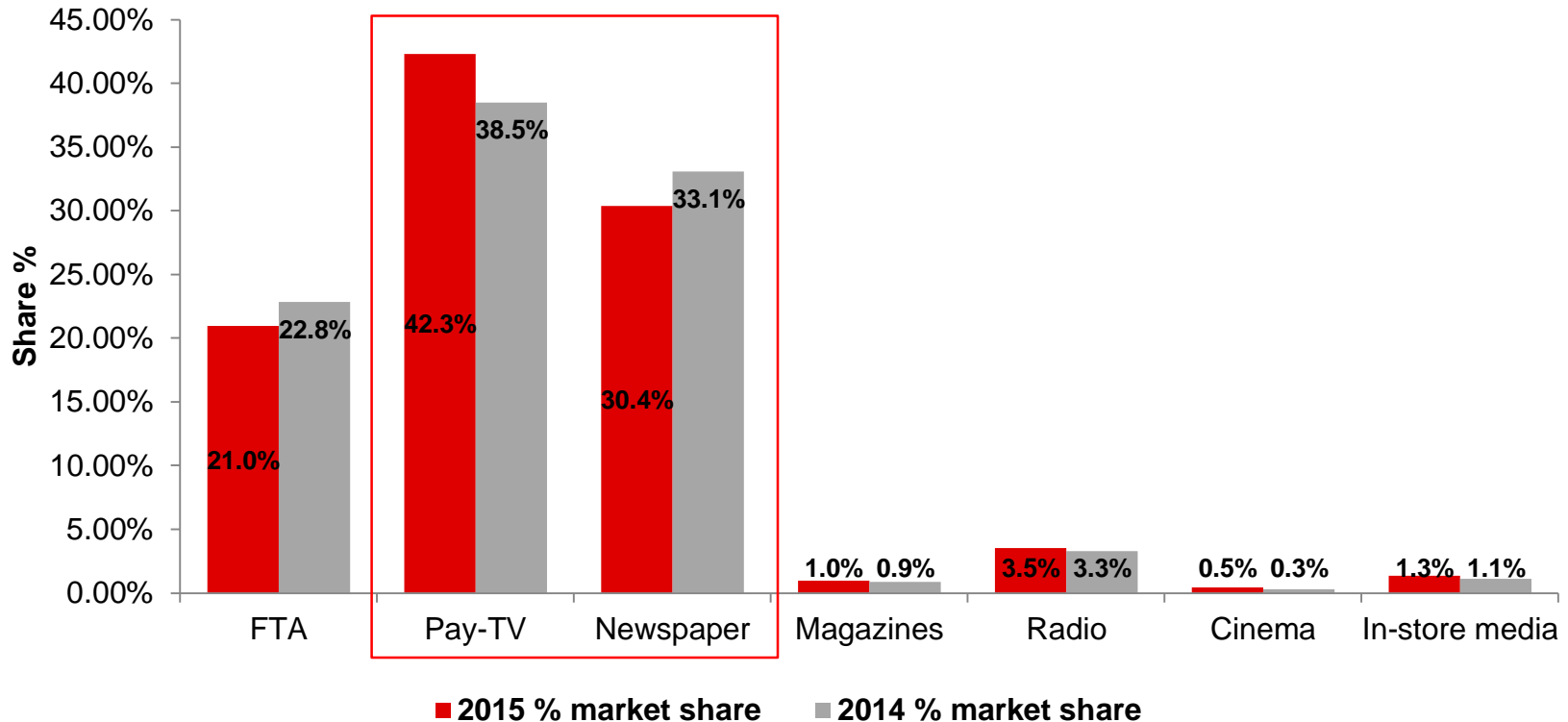
# Highlights: Other factors in 2015

- Political uncertainties
- Bersih 4 movement & Red Shirt Rally
- Budget to be revised (tabled on 28 Jan 2016)
- Higher cost of living - increase in toll rate (Oct 2015)

**Negative factors which dampened economic conditions**

# Highlights: Adex falls in 2015

## Ad spend by medium share (%) FY 2015



Source: Nielsen AIS. Numbers have not taken into consideration the discounting factor

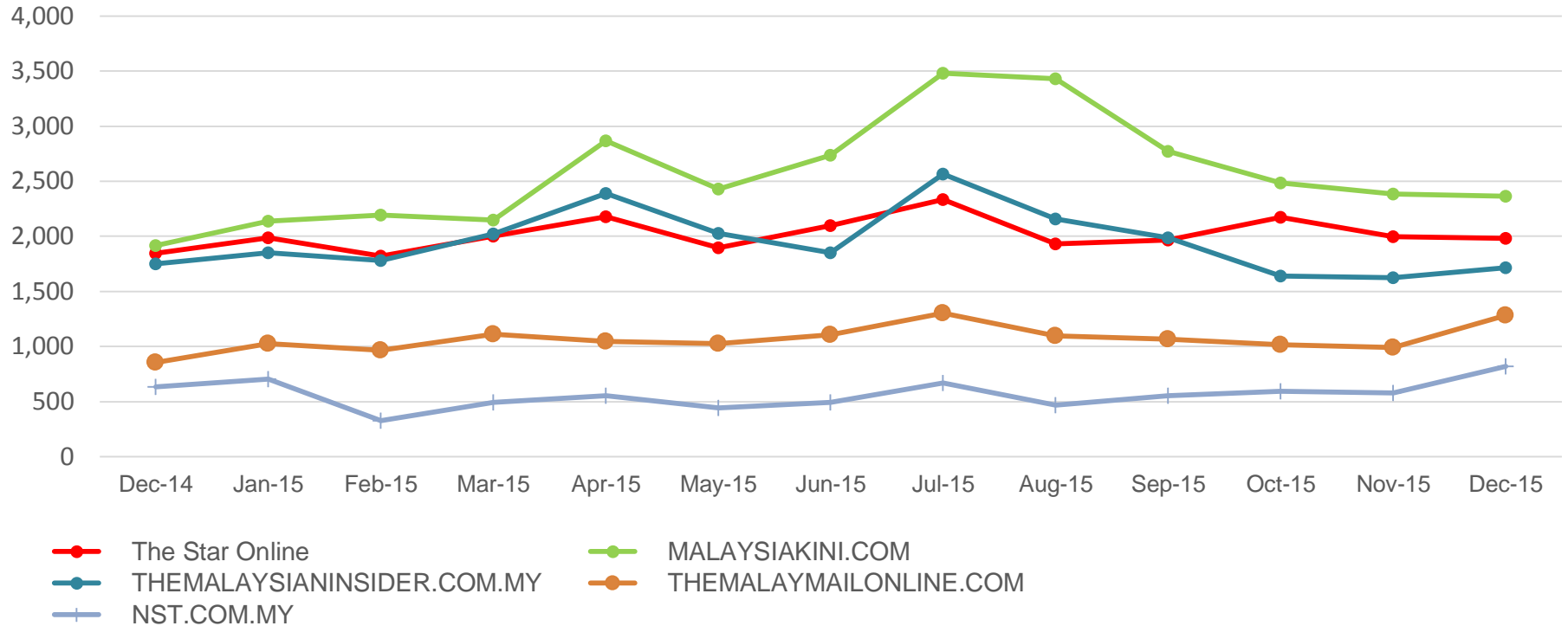
**Total adex for 2015 fell 3% to RM13.63 bn compared to 2014 of RM14.06 bn  
Pay-TV and print media remains core spending for advertisers**



# Star Online Performance Dec '14 - Dec '15

## English News Portals Performance Dec'14-Dec'15 (Combined PC & Mobile)

Total Unique Visitors ('000)



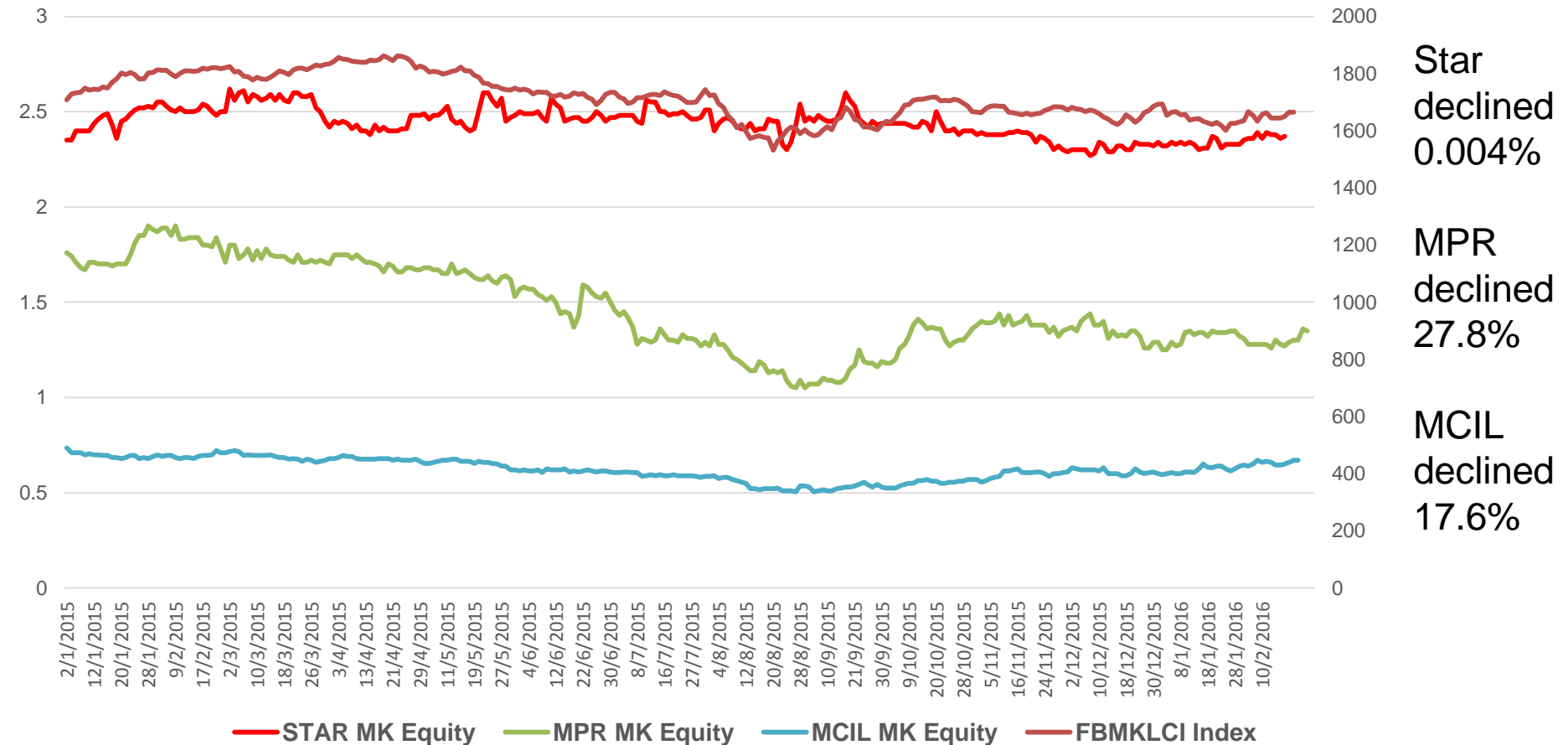
### The Star Online UV ('000)

Dec'14	Jan'15	Feb'15	Mar'15	Apr'15	May'15	Jun'15	Jul'15	Aug'15	Sept'15	Oct'15	Nov'15	Dec'15
1,844	1,988	1,821	2,004	2,180	1,895	2,099	2,336	1,930	1,967	2,174	1,997	1,982

- **The Star Online** is in 2<sup>nd</sup> position after Malaysiakini.

# Highlights: How did Star fare?

## Media Companies vs KLCI -2015 Performance

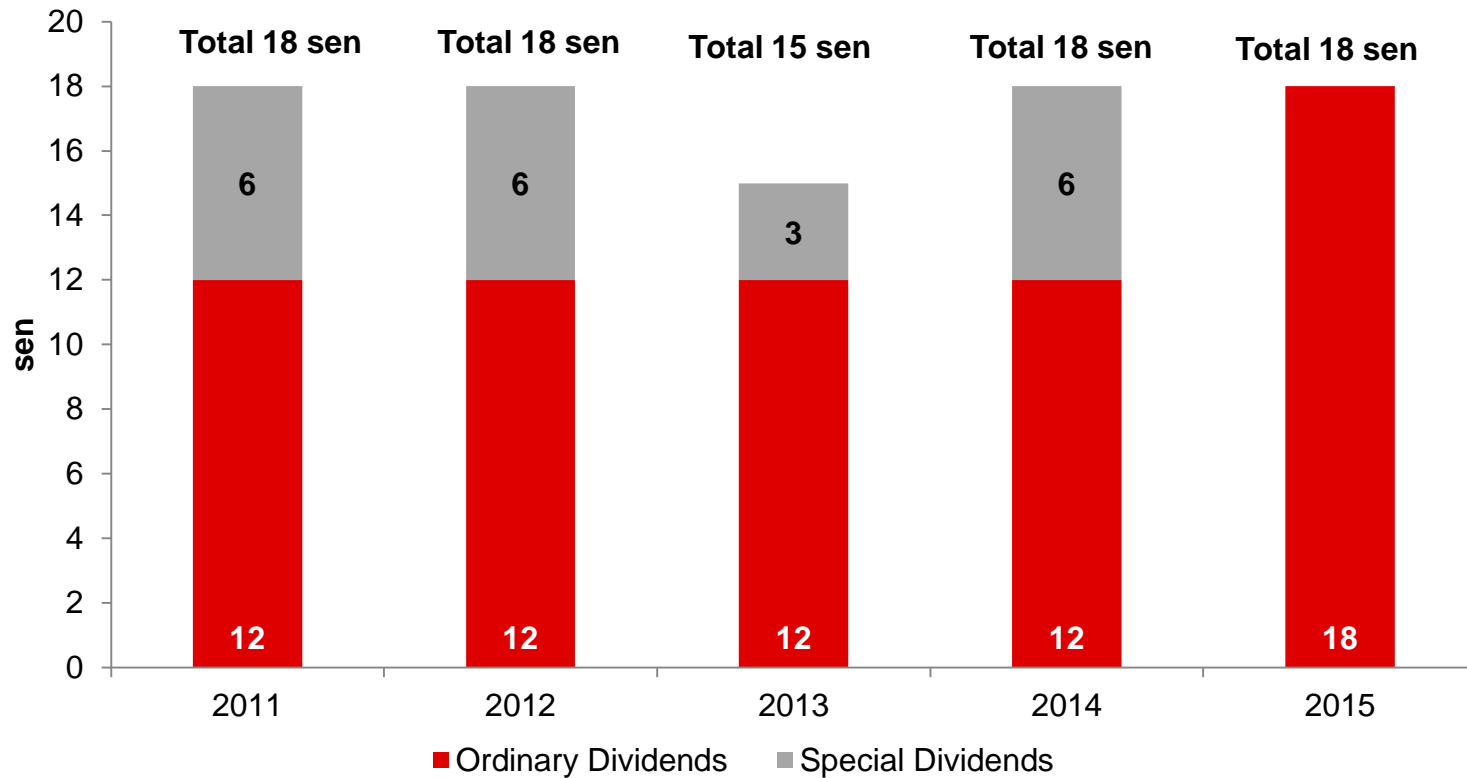


Source: Bloomberg data

**Star's share price stable vs other media companies and KLCI**  
**Star price in Jan @RM2.35. Star price in Dec @RM2.34**

# Highlights: High payout maintained

## Dividends Per Share (sen)



	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Media 1	16 sen	13 sen	14 sen	11 sen	10 sen

# Group is stable

## Stronger-than-expected results

### Cost control & Prudent management

### Strengthening all media platforms

- *Ramped up bundled offerings, creative buys*
- *Successful AIM which met the needs of advertisers*
- *Aggressive enhancement of online and video content*

### Investments in strategic businesses

- *Cityneon through VHE*
- *100% stake in LiTV*

**Stable earnings and maintained dividend payout**

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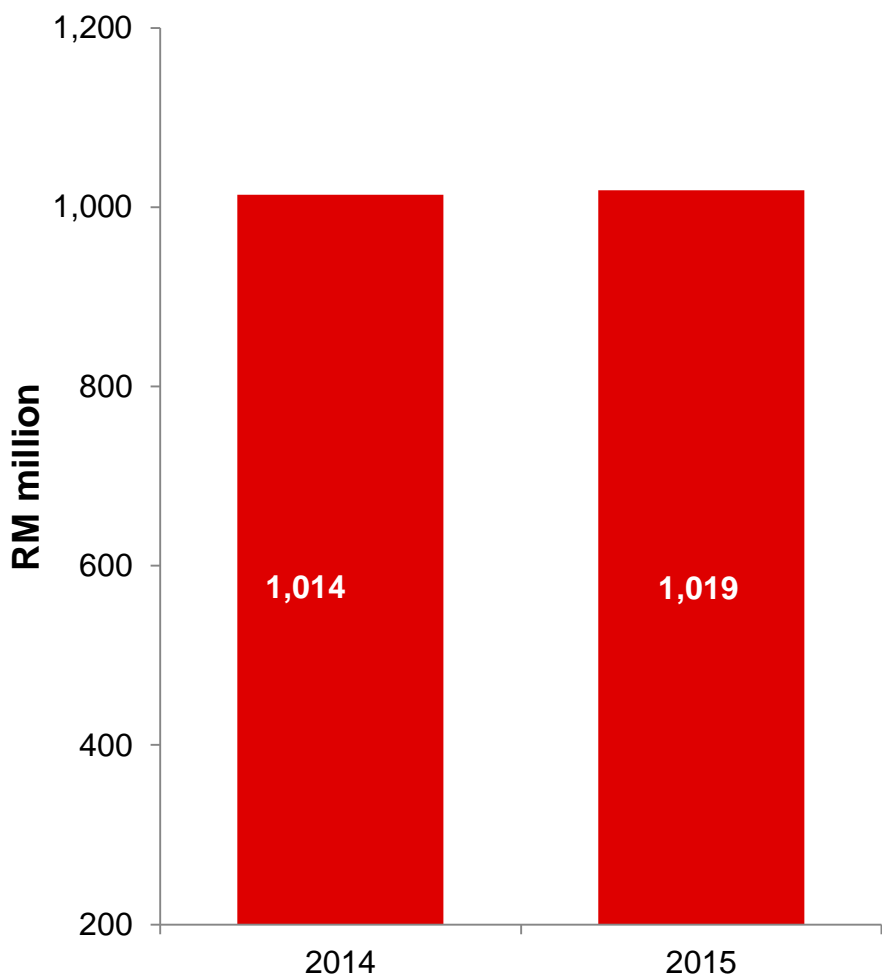
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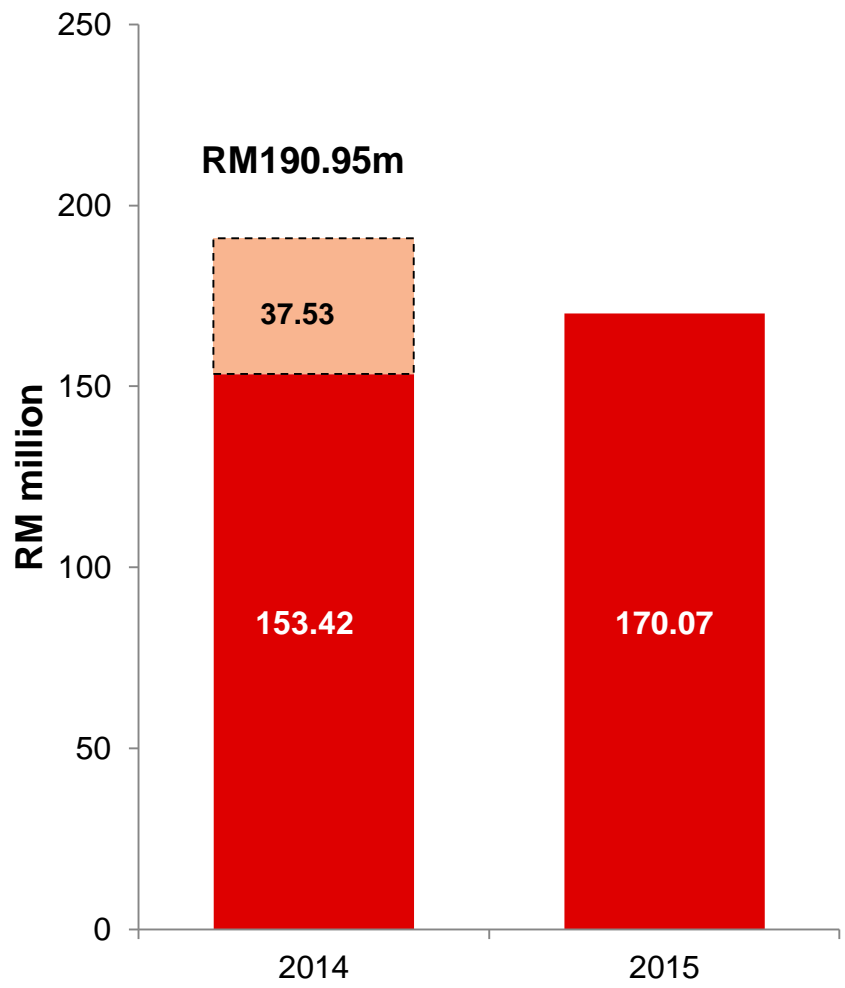
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# Commendable performance in weak market

### Revenue



### PBT



**Slightly higher revenue in 2015;  
Higher PBT after factoring in VSS & impairment expenses in 2014**

# Performance of Star Media Group Berhad

(RM million)	1Q15	2Q15	3Q15	4Q15	12M15	12M14	Var.
<b>Revenue</b>	217.43	266.31	254.51	280.77	1,019.02	1,013.74	0.5%
<b>EBITDA</b>	41.03	48.09	34.86	59.38	183.36	180.80	1.4%
<b>PBT</b>	37.60	42.93	29.20	60.34	170.07	153.42	10.9%
VSS Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	11.50	(100)%
Impairment Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	26.03	(100)%
<b>Adjusted PBT</b> <i>(excluding VSS)</i>	37.60	42.93	29.20	60.34	170.07	190.95	(10.9)%
<b>EBITDA Margin</b>	18.9%	18.1%	13.7%	21.1%	18.0%	17.8%	
<b>PBT Margin</b>	17.3%	16.1%	11.5%	21.5%	16.7%	15.1%	
<b>Adjusted PBT Margin</b>	17.3%	16.1%	11.5%	21.5%	16.7%	18.8%	

**Group revenue was maintained in tough market & prudent cost management  
Profits increased in 2015. (2014 - VSS & impairment expenses)**

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# 4Q15 Business Segments

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- **Print and Digital**

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- Event, Exhibition, Interior and Thematic

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- TV Channel

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- Radio

# Performance of Star Media Group Berhad

## Print and Digital Segment

(RM million)	1Q15	2Q15	3Q15	4Q15	12M15	12M14	Var.
<b>Revenue</b>	162.60	164.98	157.24	161.88	646.70	706.47	(8.5)%
<b>EBITDA</b>	45.51	45.41	40.34	47.97	179.23	182.54	(1.8)%
<b>PBT</b>	44.44	39.79	35.95	51.70	171.88	162.82	5.6%
VSS Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	11.50	(100)%
Impairment Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	5.75	(100)%
<b>Adjusted PBT</b> (excluding VSS/impairment)	44.44	39.79	35.95	51.70	171.88	180.07	(4.5)%
<b><i>EBITDA Margin</i></b>	28.0%	27.5%	25.7%	29.6%	27.7%	25.8%	
<b><i>PBT Margin</i></b>	27.3%	24.1%	22.9%	31.9%	26.6%	23.0%	
<b><i>Adjusted PBT Margin</i></b>	27.3%	24.1%	22.9%	31.9%	26.6%	25.5%	

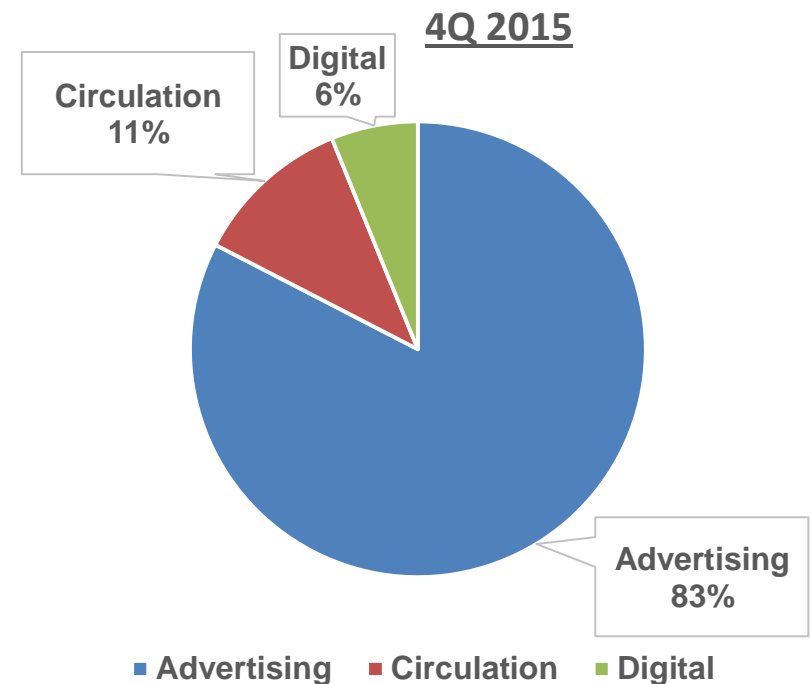
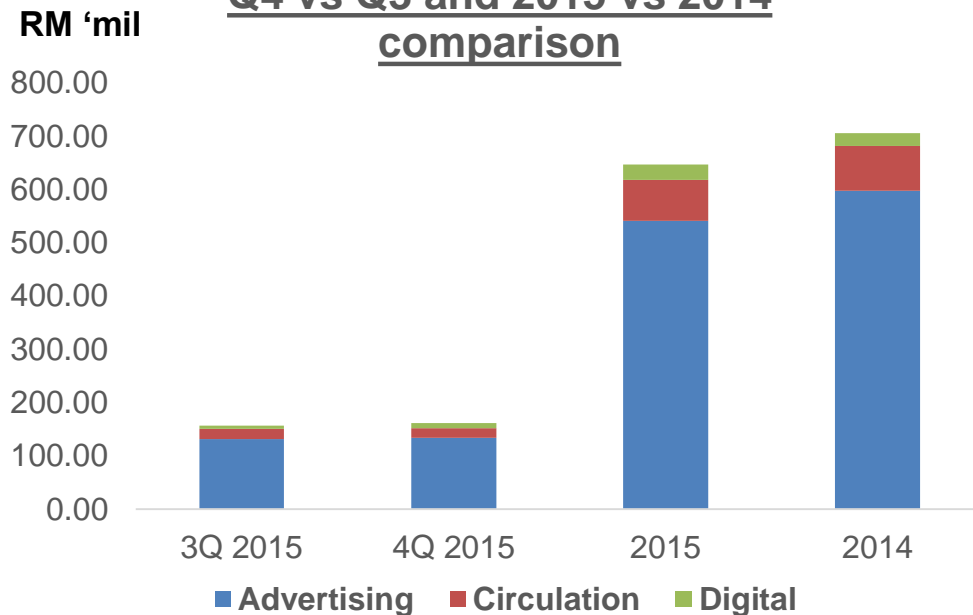
**Costs were tightly controlled**

# Breakdown of Revenue

## Q-on-Q comparison

**4Q 2015 Rev – RM161.88m  
vs RM157.24m in 3Q15**

Q4 vs Q3 and 2015 vs 2014  
comparison



**Revenue in 4Q improved slightly against 3Q.  
Overall for 2015, lower revenue due to poor consumer sentiment from the  
weakening ringgit and slow down in the economy**

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# Performance of I.Star Ideas Factory

(RM million)	1Q15	2Q15	3Q15	4Q15	12M15	12M14	Var.
<b>Revenue</b>	3.47	7.93	1.31	10.55	23.26	28.69	(18.9)%
<b>EBITDA/ (LBITDA)</b>	(0.55)	2.36	(0.36)	4.15	5.60	10.94	(48.8)%
<b>PBT/(LBT)</b>	(0.57)	2.33	(0.37)	4.15	5.54	10.51	(47.3)%
<b>EBITDA/ (LBITDA) Margin</b>	(15.9)%	29.8%	(27.5)%	39.3%	24.1%	38.1%	
<b>PBT/(LBT) Margin</b>	(16.4)%	29.4%	(28.2)%	39.3%	23.8%	36.6%	

**Poor consumer sentiment : Post GST affected the local retail market**

# Performance of Cityneon Holdings Limited

(SGD million)	1Q15	2Q15	3Q15	4Q15	12M15	12M14	Var.
<b>Revenue</b>	12.95	27.74	23.85	31.95	96.49	78.02	23.7%
<b>EBITDA/ (LBITDA)</b>	(1.49)	1.15	(0.58)	3.15	2.23	3.09	(27.8)%
<b>PBT/(LBT)</b>	(1.64)	0.91	(1.04)	2.56	0.79	2.51	(68.5)%
<b><i>EBITDA/ (LBITDA) Margin</i></b>	(11.5)%	4.1%	(2.4)%	9.9%	2.3%	4.0%	
<b><i>PBT/(LBT) Margin</i></b>	(12.7)%	3.3%	(4.4)%	8.0%	0.8%	3.2%	

**Higher revenue but lower gross profit margin and VHE acquisition costs**

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# Performance of Li TV Holdings Limited

(USD million)	1Q15	2Q15	3Q15	4Q15	12M15	12M14	Var.
<b>Revenue</b>	0.78	0.60	0.80	0.87	3.05	3.17	(3.8)%
<b>(LBITDA)</b>	(0.45)	(0.50)	(0.45)	(0.53)	(1.93)	(1.88)	(2.7)%
<b>(LBT)</b>	(0.44)	(0.52)	(0.50)	(0.56)	(2.02)	(1.96)	(3.1)%
<b><i>(LBITDA) Margin</i></b>	<i>(57.7)%</i>	<i>(83.3)%</i>	<i>(56.3)%</i>	<i>(60.9)%</i>	<i>(63.3)%</i>	<i>(59.3)%</i>	
<b><i>(LBT) Margin</i></b>	<i>(56.4)%</i>	<i>(86.7)%</i>	<i>(62.5)%</i>	<i>(64.4)%</i>	<i>(66.2)%</i>	<i>(61.8)%</i>	



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# Performance of Radio Operations

## Star Media Radio Group

(RM million)	1Q15	2Q15	3Q15	4Q15	12M15	12M14	Var.
<b>Revenue</b>	11.80	12.29	12.84	11.65	48.58	51.37	(5.4)%
<b>EBITDA/(LBITDA)</b>	1.10	(0.33)	(0.01)	(0.88)	(0.12)	4.63	(102.6)%
<b>PBT/(LBT)</b> (excluding impairment)	0.77	(0.54)	(0.44)	(0.83)	(1.04)	(1.62)	82.6%
<b>EBITDA/ (LBITDA) Margin</b>	9.3%	(2.7)%	(0.1)%	(7.6)%	(0.2)%	9.0%	
<b>PBT/(LBT) Margin</b>	6.5%	(4.4)%	(3.4)%	(7.1)%	(2.1)%	(3.2)%	

(after inter company transaction eliminations)



**Lower revenue due to poor consumer sentiments and economic uncertainty**

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## RED & Capital FM

- Stations are on auto play while management decide the next course of action
- Considering restructuring, revamping and/or disposal

## Cityneon



### Marvel:

- Treasure Island Las Vegas (April 2016)
- Paris Esplanade La Defense (April-Sept 2016)

### Transformer:

- Cityneon secured the exclusive global rights to bring Transformers experience in all markets outside Japan and the city Indianapolis, Indiana
- The rights to the Transformers franchise to last until 30 June 2023
- 1<sup>st</sup> exhibition in 2016 Las Vegas

## Issues affecting consumer confidence

- Oil prices
- Higher electricity tariff beginning 2016; Higher flour prices; Revised excise duty on alcohol
- Uncertainty about TPPA
- Terrorism in Asia (Indonesia attack Jan 2016)
- Australia security alert for Malaysia (22 Feb 2016)

*The year 2016 will certainly be a very challenging year for the Malaysian economy, as downside risks on the external front have increased, while global growth forecasts have been revised downwards by both the IMF and World Bank. Oil-exporting and commodity-dependent economies, encompassing both developing as well as developed countries, will be adversely affected not just by plunging commodity export prices, but also by rising borrowing costs and debt servicing charges, associated with higher interest rates and strengthening of the US dollar in the global financial market.*

**– MIER 27 January 2016**

# Strategic priorities for 1H 2016

1.

- Expanding digital platform e.g. Star TV, while continuing to strengthen print

2.

- Stepping up more bundled offerings and creative buys

3.

- Continuous look-out for M&A deals



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