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GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT FOURTH QUARTER 2017



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PRODUCTION

Services, Manufacturing and Agriculture

the anchor to the economy

Growth Rate Services 54.8% Underpinned by Wholesale & **♦** 6.2% Retail Trade and Information & Percentage Share to GDP at Constant 2010 Prices Communication Manufacturing 22.8% Supported by Electrical, Electronic & Optical Products and Petroleum, 5.4% Chemical, Rubber & Plastic Products Agriculture 8.3% Driven by the impressive Share **▲ 10.7%** performance of Oil Palm and Q4 2017 reinforced by Livestock and Other Agriculture Construction 4.3% Contributed by Civil Engineering 5.8% while Specialised Construction Activities and Non-Residential Buildings posted a slower growth Mining & Quarrying 8.2% Note: Exclude Import Duties Attributed by a decline in production -0.5% of Natural Gas and Crude Oil

EXPENDITURE

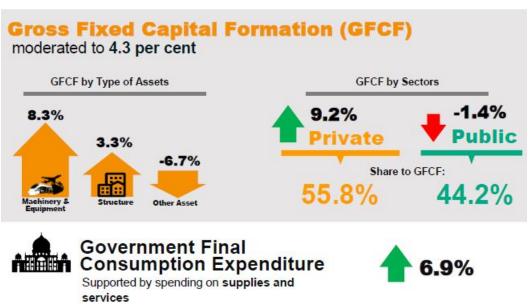


52.2%

Food Communication Restaurant & Hotels

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Contributed by the consumption on Food & Non-alcoholic Beverages, Communication and Restaurants & Hotels





Sources: Department of Statistics, Malaysia

In the fourth quarter of 2017, Malaysia's economy expanded at 5.9 per cent as compared to 6.2 per cent in the preceding quarter. On a quarter-on-quarter seasonally adjusted, GDP posted a growth of 0.9 per cent (Q3 2017: 1.8%).

Services, Manufacturing and Agriculture sectors have been the anchor on the production side, with all sectors recorded positive growth except Mining and quarrying. On the expenditure side, the performance was driven mainly by Private final consumption expenditure.

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Table 1: GDP at Constant 2010 Prices

PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM CORRESPONDING QUARTER OF PRECEDING YEAR								
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GDP	4.2	5.9	4.3	4.5	5.6	5.8	6.2	5.9
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Seasonally Adjusted GDP			1.4	1.3	1.8	1.3	1.8	0.9

GDP by Production Approach

Services sector remained a strong growth by registering 6.2 per cent in this quarter. The momentum of Services sector was underpinned by Wholesale & retail trade and Information & communication subsectors. The growth of 6.9 per cent in Wholesale & retail trade was backed by Wholesale segment which expanded to 7.4 per cent in this quarter. Information & communication continued to record a robust growth of 8.1 per cent contributed by data communication and computer services. Furthermore, Finance & insurance rose to 5.8 per cent in this quarter mainly induced by the strong performance of 7.9 per cent in Insurance sub-sector.

Manufacturing sector registered a moderate pace of 5.4 per cent (Q3 2017: 7.0%). Electrical, electronic & optical products continued to be the main impetus in Manufacturing for this quarter, albeit at a moderate growth rate of 5.7 per cent. This was attributed by the sturdy momentum in semiconductors and integrated circuit boards. Petroleum, chemical, rubber & plastic products recorded 4.6 per cent influenced by the moderation in refined petroleum, plastic and rubber products. Vegetable and animal oils & fats and food processing remained resilient with a growth of 9.7 per cent. This was fuelled by the strong growth of palm oil products in this quarter.

Agriculture sector augmented by recording a double-digit growth of 10.7 per cent. This was the highest growth since the third quarter of 2011. The expansion in this sector was mainly driven by the impressive performance of Oil palm at 24.3 per cent following a higher yield of fresh fruit bunches in this quarter. The growth was also reinforced by Livestock and Other agriculture which stepped up to 8.6 per cent and 2.1 per cent respectively.

GDP by Expenditure Approach

Private final consumption expenditure grew 7.0 per cent (Q3 2017: 7.2%), while on a quarter-on-quarter seasonally adjusted increased to 1.8 per cent. The momentum was contributed by the consumption on food & non-alcoholic beverages, communication, restaurants & hotels and housing & utilities.

Gross fixed capital formation (GFCF) moderated to 4.3 per cent from 6.7 per cent in the previous quarter. The slower performance of GFCF in this quarter was due to the moderation in Machinery & equipment at 8.3 per cent as compared to double-digit 11.5 per cent registered in the third quarter of 2017. Moreover, Structure recorded a growth of 3.3 per cent (Q3 2017: 3.6%) while Other assets declined 6.7 per cent as compared to 7.2 per cent in the preceding quarter.

Exports recorded a growth of 7.1 per cent influenced by the moderation in external environment. **Imports** grew at 7.4 per cent impelled by the performance in the imports of goods and services.

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