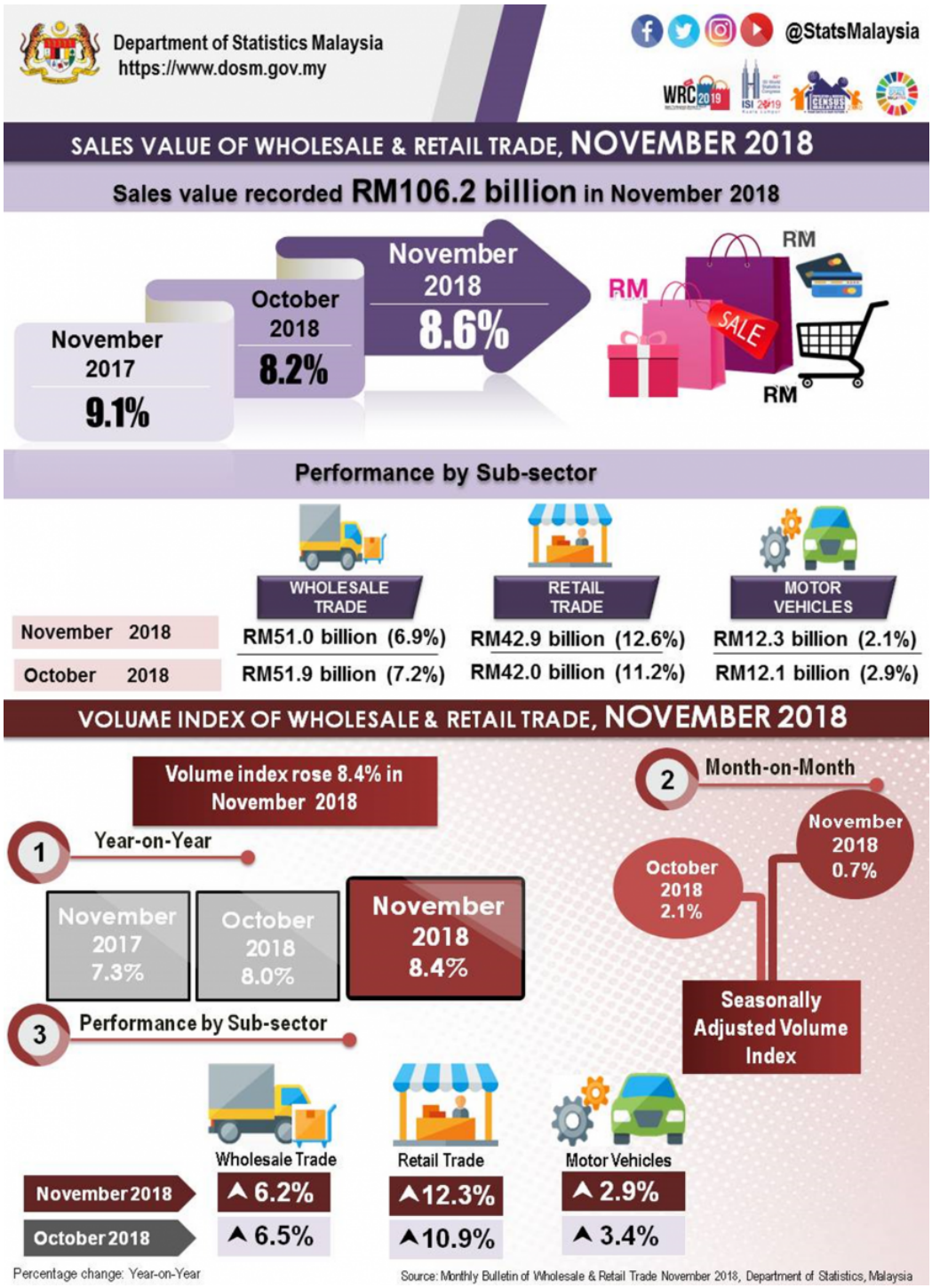
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# WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE NOVEMBER 2018



**SALES OF WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE SUB-SECTOR AMOUNTED TO RM106 BILLION, STRENGTHENED AT 8.6 PER CENT**

**HIGHLIGHTS**

In the month of **November 2018**, sales of Wholesale & Retail Trade grew **8.6 per cent** as compared to November 2017. The increase was attributed by Retail Trade which continued its double-digit growth at **12.6 per cent**.

Volume index of Wholesale & Retail Trade rose **8.4 per cent** to **172.2 points** as against the same month a year ago. The increase was largely supported by Retail Trade **(12.3%)**. Meanwhile, seasonally adjusted volume index increased **0.7 per cent** over the preceding month.

**Wholesale Trade**

For annual comparison, sales of Wholesale Trade registered a growth of **6.9 per cent** to **RM51.0 billion**. The increase was supported by Other Specialised Wholesale, Non-Specialised Wholesale Trade and Wholesale of Food, Beverages and Tobacco which grew **10.2 per cent, 7.9 per cent** and **7.6 per cent** respectively. However, sales of this sub-sector contracted **1.6 per cent** on a monthly basis.

Volume index of Wholesale Trade grew **6.2 per cent** to **178.8 points** in November 2018 as compared to the same month of the preceding year.

**Retail Trade**

For the reference month, sales of Retail Trade sustained its double-digit growth to record **12.6 per cent** as compared to the same period of the previous year. The expansion was propelled by Retail Sale in Non-Specialised Stores and Retail Sale of Other Goods in Specialised Stores.

In terms of volume index, Retail Trade also recorded a double-digit growth of **12.3 per cent** to **182.0 points** in November 2018. As for seasonally adjusted index, it increased **1.7 per cent.**

**Motor Vehicles**

For this month, sales value of Motor Vehicles amounted to **RM12.3 billion** or an increase of **2.1 per cent** as against November 2017. Month-on-month, sales value registered positive growth of **1.3 per cent.**

Volume index of Motor Vehicles grew at a pace of **2.9 per cent** to **129.6 points** compared to a year ago. For month-on-month comparison, seasonally adjusted volume index of this sub-sector rose **1.2 per cent**.

The details report are as shown in Bulletin of Wholesale & Retail Trade and Table.

*Note.*

Data for November 2018 is provisional. The data will be updated based on the latest available figures and subsequently published in the bulletin of December 2018.

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