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BUSINESS TENDENCY STATISTICS SECOND QUARTER 2018



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Business
Tendency Statistics

Q2 2018 Second Quarter, 2018

Positive prospect of business performance in the second quarter 2018

Business Performance Expectation

Apr-June 2018

Business performance in second quarter of 2018 is expected to **increase**.



+7.8%

Apr-Sep 2018

Business expectation for upcoming six months are expected to **improve**.



+4.4%



Main Sector

Apr-June 2018

(Confidence Indicator)

Apr-Sep 2018

(Net Balance)

Industry	Apr-June 2018 (Confidence Indicator)	Apr-Sep 2018 (Net Balance)
Industry Agriculture, Mining, Manufacturing and Electric & Water	+9.9%	-0.3%
Construction Construction	-24.8%	-26.6%
Wholesale & retail trade Wholesale trade and Retail trade	+7.4%	+9.5%
Services Hotel, Transport, Communications, Finance, Insurance, Real estate and Information & communications technology	+8.6%	+15.3%

Source: Business Tendency Statistics, Second Quarter, 2018
 This survey was carried out from 5th March till 4th May 2018

FORECAST OF BUSINESS PERFORMANCE FOR THE SECOND QUARTER 2018

The business performance in the second quarter of 2018 is expected to continue increasing with confidence indicator +7.8 per cent, mainly in industry (+9.9%), wholesale & retail trade (+7.4%) and services (+8.6%) sectors.

Chart I: Quarterly Confidence Indicator by Sectors, Malaysia, 2016-2018



Expectations of Gross Revenue and Number of Employees

Gross revenue in the second quarter of 2018 is expected to continue rising with 34.0 per cent of establishments expected an increase while 11.4 per cent of establishments foresee a decrease. Net balance recorded is +22.6 per cent.

In terms of number of employees, 8.7 per cent of establishments predicted an increase while 7.9 per cent of establishments expected a decrease in the second quarter of 2018 which led to a net balance of +0.8 per cent.

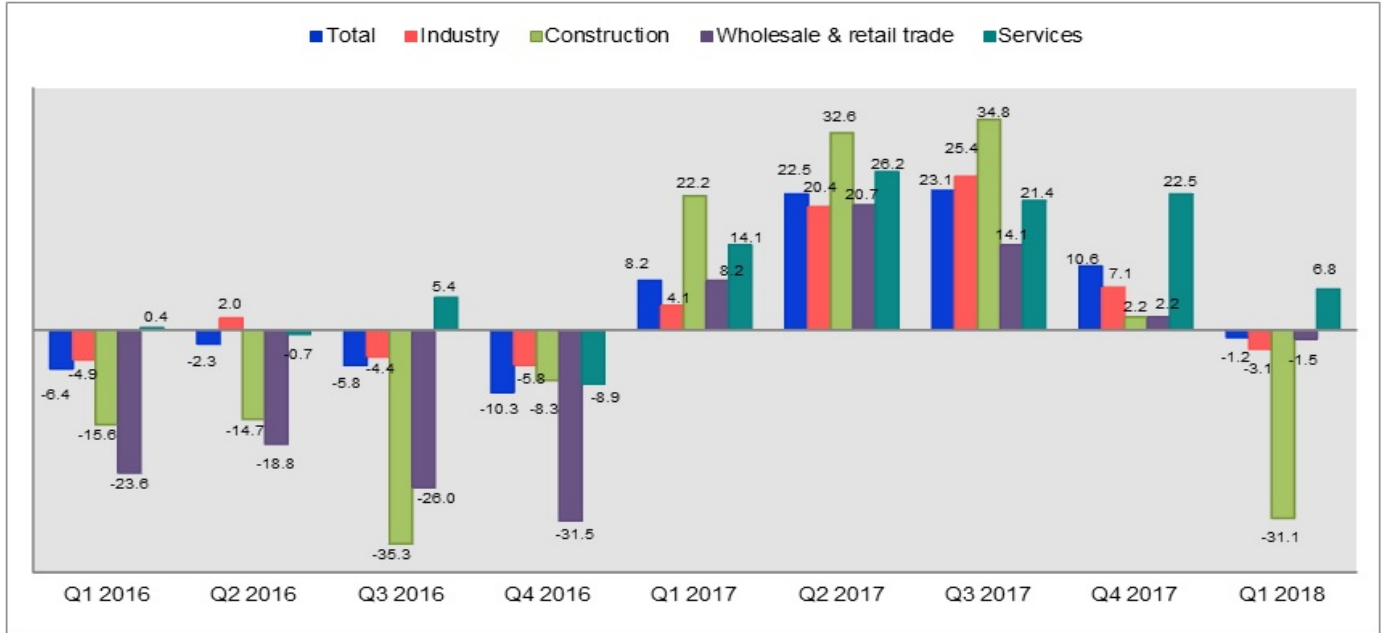
Table 1: Expected of Net Balance Gross Revenue and Number of Employees, 2016-2018

Period	Gross Revenue (%)				Number of Employees (%)				
	Up	Same	Down	Net Balance	Up	Same	Down	Net Balance	
2016	Q1	29.9	39.6	30.5	-0.7	17.5	72.1	10.4	7.1
	Q2	33.3	44.9	21.9	11.4	16.0	72.2	11.8	4.2
	Q3	31.7	48.2	20.1	11.6	24.0	66.8	9.1	14.9
	Q4	29.0	49.3	21.7	7.3	21.9	68.0	10.1	11.8
2017	Q1	24.0	44.8	31.2	-7.2	16.3	70.0	13.7	2.7
	Q2	35.1	45.9	19.0	16.1	20.3	72.0	7.7	12.6
	Q3	33.9	53.7	12.4	21.5	25.6	70.4	4.0	21.6
	Q4	42.4	49.5	8.1	34.2	28.2	64.7	7.1	21.2
2018	Q1	30.4	57.3	12.3	18.1	25.2	61.6	13.2	12.0
	Q2	34.0	54.6	11.4	22.6	8.7	83.4	7.9	0.8

CURRENT SITUATION OF BUSINESS PERFORMANCE IN THE FIRST QUARTER 2018

The current situation of business performance registered a decrease with an overall net balance of all sectors -1.2 per cent in the first quarter 2018. The decrease was contributed by industry (-3.1%), construction (-31.1%) and wholesale & retail trade (-1.5%).

Chart II: Net Balance of Current Situation for Business Performance by Sectors, Malaysia, 2016-2018



Gross Revenue and Number of Employees

The gross revenue for the first quarter of 2018 increased with a net balance of +2.6 per cent whereby 26.0 per cent of establishments reported an increase while 23.4 per cent of establishments reported a decline.

In terms of number of employees, 11.8 per cent of establishments indicated an increase, while 12.9 per cent of establishments reported a decrease. Meanwhile, 75.3 per cent of establishments reported that the number of employees remained the same. Overall, a net balance of -1.1 per cent was recorded for the number of employees in the first quarter 2018.

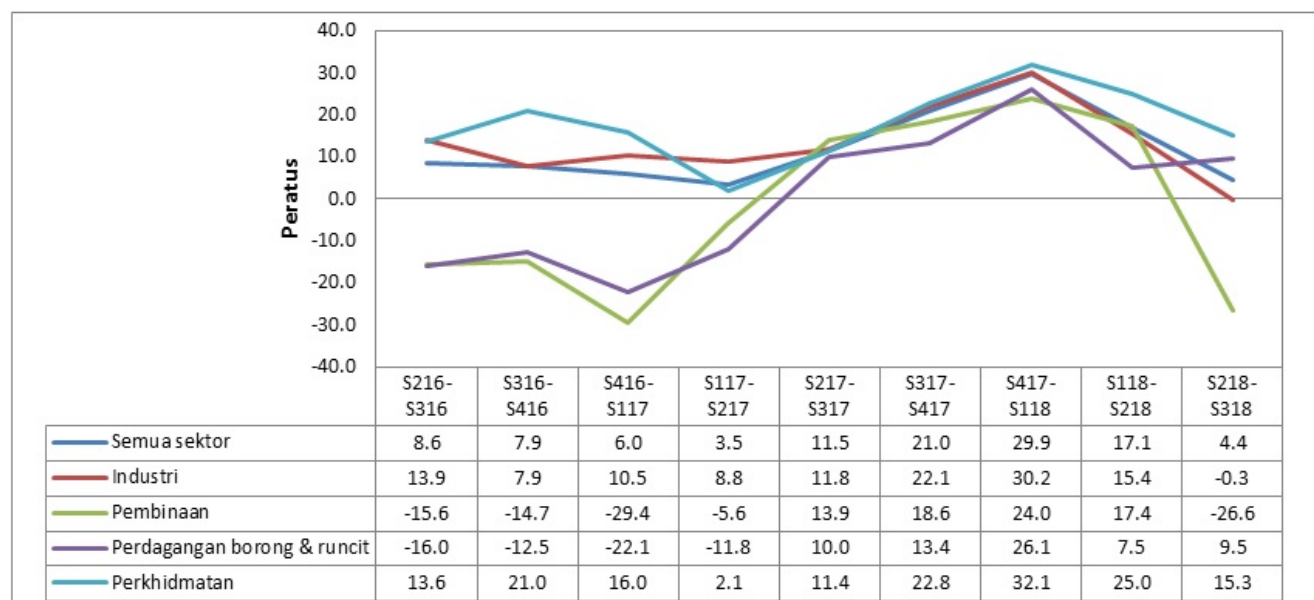
Table 2: Net Balance of Current Situation for Gross Revenue and Number of Employees, 2015-2018

Period	Gross Revenue (%)				Number of Employees (%)				
	Up	Same	Down	Net Balance	Up	Same	Down	Net Balance	
2015	Q4	32.4	36.7	30.9	1.5	19.1	63.9	17.0	2.0
2016	Q1	20.9	36.5	42.6	-21.7	19.4	61.6	19.0	0.3
	Q2	32.3	40.3	27.5	4.8	18.2	65.2	16.6	1.6
	Q3	28.4	39.7	31.9	-3.5	18.9	59.9	21.2	-2.3
	Q4	31.8	33.0	35.2	-3.4	17.6	60.5	21.9	-4.3
2017	Q1	40.8	36.6	22.6	18.2	23.0	64.7	12.3	10.7
	Q2	47.9	36.2	15.9	32.0	27.3	63.4	9.3	17.9
	Q3	43.8	46.4	9.8	33.0	29.2	59.6	11.2	18.0
	Q4	34.3	53.5	12.2	22.1	25.6	59.6	14.8	10.8
2018	Q1	26.0	50.6	23.4	2.6	11.8	75.3	12.9	-1.1

EXPECTATIONS OF BUSINESS PERFORMANCE APRIL-SEPTEMBER 2018

Expectations of the business performance is continue positive with a net balance of +4.4 per cent in April to September 2018. Wholesale & retail trade and services sectors are expected to increase with a net balance of +9.5 per cent and +15.3 per cent, respectively. In contrary, industry and construction sectors recorded a decrease with a net balance of -0.3 per cent and -26.6 per cent, respectively.

Chart III: Net Balance of Business Performance Expectation for Upcoming Six Month by Sector, Malaysia, 2016-2018



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