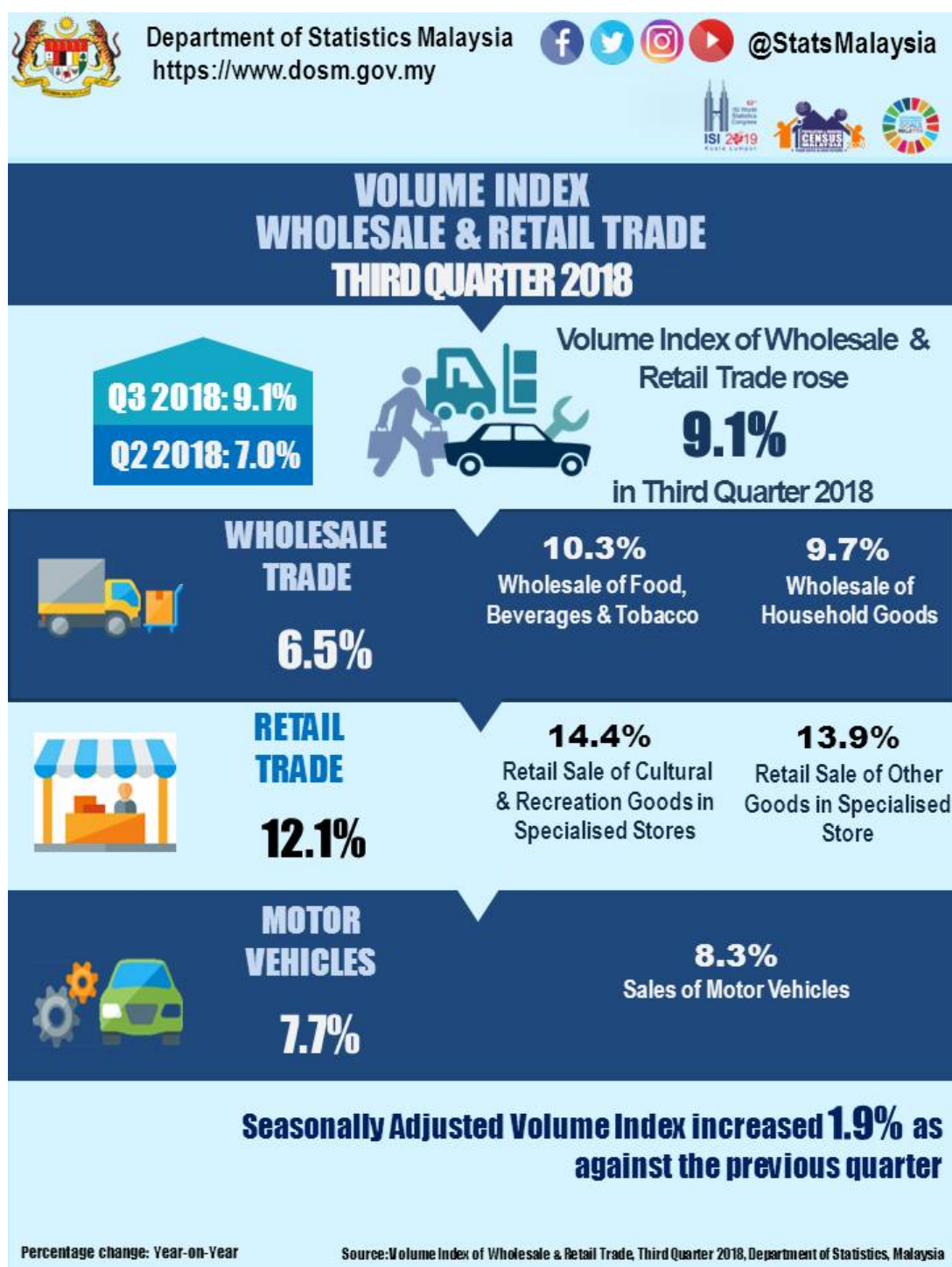




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VOLUME INDEX OF WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE
THIRD QUARTER 2018



Volume Index of Wholesale & Retail Trade expanded **9.1 per cent** to **172.3 points** in third quarter 2018 as compared to the same period in 2017. The growth was driven by Retail Trade **12.1 per cent**.

Seasonally adjusted Volume Index of Wholesale & Retail Trade went up **1.9 per cent** as against the second quarter 2018. The increase was propelled by Motor Vehicles and Retail Trade sub-sector with **3.1 per cent** respectively.

Table 1: Volume Index of Wholesale & Retail Trade by Sub-sector

Sub-sector (2010=100)	Volume Index			
	Original	% Change YoY	Seasonally Adjusted	% Change QoQ
Volume Index of Wholesale & Retail Trade	172.3	9.1	170.4	1.9
Volume Index of Wholesale Trade	180.9	6.5	177.6	0.6
Volume Index of Retail Trade	178.1	12.1	178.8	3.1
Volume Index of Motor Vehicles	134.4	7.7	133.7	3.1

Wholesale Trade Sub-sector

Volume Index of Wholesale Trade grew **6.5 per cent** to **180.9 points** in the third quarter 2018 as compared to third quarter 2017. The growth was supported mainly by Wholesale of Food, Beverages and Tobacco (**10.3%**), Wholesale of Household Goods (**9.7%**) and Non-specialised Wholesale Trade (**8.0%**).

Retail Trade Sub-sector

In third quarter 2018, the Retail Trade sub-sector registered a growth of **12.1 per cent** to **178.1 points** year-on-year. The growth was driven by Retail Sale of Cultural & Recreation Goods in Specialised Stores (**14.4%**), Retail Sale of Other Goods in Specialised Stores (**13.9%**) and Retail Sale of Information and Communication Equipment in Specialised Stores (**12.6%**).

Motor Vehicles Sub-sector




Volume Index of Motor Vehicles which includes Parts and Accessories posted an increase of **7.7 per cent** to **134.4 points** in the third quarter 2018 as against the same quarter 2017. The increase was contributed by activity of Sales of Motor Vehicles (**8.3%**).

Note.

Data for third quarter 2018 is **provisional**. The data will be updated based on the latest available figures and subsequently published in the publication fourth quarter 2018.

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