

Singapore's GDP Grew by 1.5 Per Cent in Fourth Quarter of 2014

2 January 2015. Based on advance estimates¹, the Singapore economy grew by 1.5 per cent on a year-on-year basis in the fourth quarter of 2014, compared to 2.8 per cent in the previous quarter. On a quarter-on-quarter seasonally-adjusted annualised basis, the economy expanded by 1.6 per cent, slower than the 3.1 per cent expansion in the previous quarter.

For the whole of 2014, the economy is estimated to have grown by 2.8 per cent. This is in line with MTI's earlier announced growth forecast of around 3.0 per cent.

Gross Domestic Product at 2010 Prices

	4Q13	2013	1Q14	2Q14	3Q14	4Q14*	2014*
Percentage change over corresponding period of previous year							
Overall GDP	4.9	3.9	4.7	2.3	2.8	1.5	2.8
Goods Producing Industries							
Manufacturing	7.0	1.7	9.6	1.3	1.7	-2.0	2.4
Construction	7.3	6.1	7.0	3.3	1.3	0.8	3.0
Services Producing Industries	5.5	5.3	3.9	2.6	3.4	2.6	3.1
Quarter-on-quarter annualised growth rate, seasonally adjusted							
Overall GDP	6.9	3.9	1.7	-0.3	3.1	1.6	2.8
Goods Producing Industries							
Manufacturing	10.4	1.7	11.0	-14.7	3.0	-5.8	2.4
Construction	10.6	6.1	1.8	-6.1	0.1	8.0	3.0
Services Producing Industries	7.1	5.3	-1.5	4.5	3.6	3.8	3.1

*Advance estimates

On a year-on-year basis, the manufacturing sector contracted by 2.0 per cent in the fourth quarter of 2014, a reversal from the 1.7 per cent expansion in the previous quarter. The contraction was mainly due to a decline in the output of the transport engineering, electronics and general manufacturing clusters. On a quarter-on-quarter basis, the sector contracted at an annualised rate of 5.8 per cent, reversing the 3.0 per cent growth registered in the preceding quarter.

¹ The advance GDP estimates for the fourth quarter of 2014 are computed largely from data in the first two months of the quarter (i.e. October and November 2014). They are intended as an early indication of the GDP growth in the quarter, and are subject to revision when more comprehensive data become available.

The construction sector grew by 0.8 per cent on a year-on-year basis in the fourth quarter, moderating from the 1.3 per cent growth in the previous quarter. Growth was supported mainly by public sector construction activities. On a quarter-on-quarter basis, the sector expanded at an annualised rate of 8.0 per cent, an improvement from the 0.1 per cent expansion in the previous quarter.

The services producing industries grew by 2.6 per cent on a year-on-year basis in the fourth quarter, easing from the 3.4 per cent growth in the preceding quarter. Growth was supported primarily by the finance & insurance and business services sectors. On a quarter-on-quarter basis, the services producing industries grew at an annualised rate of 3.8 per cent, similar to the 3.6 per cent expansion in the previous quarter.

MTI will release the preliminary GDP estimates for the fourth quarter and the whole of 2014, including performance by sectors, sources of growth, inflation, employment and productivity, in its *Economic Survey of Singapore* in February 2015.

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