

Singapore's GDP Grew by 3.8 Per Cent in the Second Quarter of 2018

13 July 2018. Based on advance estimates¹, the Singapore economy grew by 3.8 per cent on a year-on-year basis in the second quarter of 2018, moderating from the 4.3 per cent growth in the previous quarter. On a quarter-on-quarter seasonally-adjusted annualised basis, the economy expanded at a slower pace of 1.0 per cent compared to the 1.5 per cent growth in the preceding quarter.

Gross Domestic Product at 2010 Prices

	2Q17	3Q17	4Q17	2017	1Q18	2Q18*
Percentage change over corresponding period of previous year						
Overall GDP	2.8	5.5	3.6	3.6	4.3	3.8
Goods Producing Industries						
Manufacturing	8.4	19.1	4.8	10.1	9.7	8.6
Construction	-12.2	-9.3	-5.0	-8.4	-5.2	-4.4
Services Producing Industries	2.6	3.5	3.5	2.8	4.0	3.4
Quarter-on-quarter annualised growth rate, seasonally-adjusted						
Overall GDP	2.8	11.2	2.1	3.6	1.5	1.0
Goods Producing Industries						
Manufacturing	3.8	34.9	-14.8	10.1	21.3	-0.1
Construction	-18.5	-2.4	-0.2	-8.4	0.9	-14.6
Services Producing Industries	4.9	6.5	6.3	2.8	-1.4	2.5

*Advance estimates

The manufacturing sector grew by 8.6 per cent on a year-on-year basis in the second quarter, slower than the 9.7 per cent growth in the previous quarter. All clusters within the sector expanded during the quarter, with the electronics and biomedical manufacturing clusters contributing the most to the sector's growth. On a quarter-on-quarter seasonally-adjusted annualised basis, the sector shrank marginally by 0.1 per cent, a reversal from the 21.3 per cent growth in the preceding quarter.

The construction sector contracted by 4.4 per cent on a year-on-year basis in the second quarter, extending the 5.2 per cent decline in the previous quarter. The sector was weighed down primarily by the continued weakness in private

¹ The advance GDP estimates for the second quarter of 2018 are computed largely from data in the first two months of the quarter (i.e., April and May 2018). 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.

sector construction activities. On a quarter-on-quarter seasonally-adjusted annualised basis, the sector shrank by 14.6 per cent, reversing the 0.9 per cent growth in the preceding quarter.

The services producing industries expanded by 3.4 per cent on a year-on-year basis in the second quarter, easing from the 4.0 per cent growth in the previous quarter. Growth was supported primarily by the finance & insurance and wholesale & retail trade sectors. On a quarter-on-quarter seasonally-adjusted annualised basis, the services producing industries grew by 2.5 per cent, a turnaround from the contraction of 1.4 per cent in the preceding quarter.

MTI will release the preliminary GDP estimates for the second quarter, including performance by sectors, sources of growth, inflation, employment and productivity, in its *Economic Survey of Singapore* in August 2018.

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