

Chapter 6.7

FOOD & BEVERAGE SERVICES

OVERVIEW

The food & beverage services sector grew by 19.6 per cent year-on-year in the fourth quarter of 2022, extending the 29.3 per cent growth in the previous quarter.

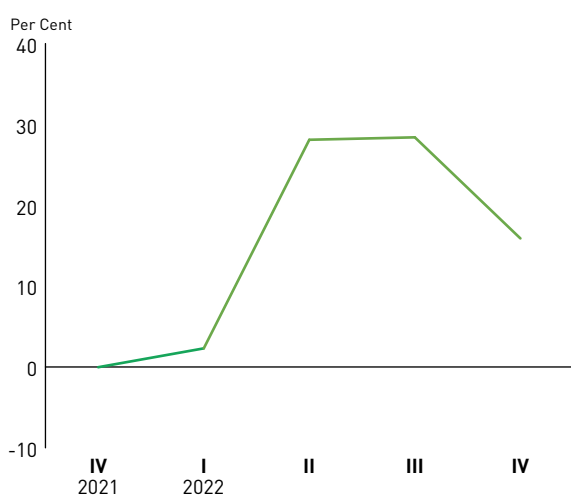
For the whole of 2022, the sector expanded at a faster pace of 18.2 per cent compared to the 1.8 per cent growth in 2021.

FOOD & BEVERAGE SALES

Overall food & beverage sales volume increased by 15.9 per cent year-on-year in the fourth quarter, extending the 28.4 per cent expansion in the preceding quarter (Exhibit 6.17). The growth in sales volume came on the back of the relaxation of dine-in restrictions compared to the Stabilisation Phase in the fourth quarter of 2021⁷. Sales volumes saw broad-based growth, led by the food caterers segment (118 per cent). At the same time, the restaurants (16.8 per cent), fast food outlets (9.7 per cent) and cafes, food courts & other eating places (6.6 per cent) segments also saw strong growth. The robust growth seen in the food caterers segment was due to the lifting of restrictions on events, which led to a strong recovery in leisure, business and MICE events. However, relative to the same period in 2019, the sales volume in the food caterers segment remained 23.4 per cent lower.

For the whole of 2022, the food & beverage services volume index grew by 18.0 per cent. This was an acceleration of the 2.8 per cent increase recorded in 2021. Nonetheless, the overall food & beverage sales volume remained 10.8 per cent lower than that in 2019. At the segment level, the sales volumes of restaurants (27.3 per cent), food caterers (92.4 per cent), fast food outlets (6.7 per cent) and cafes, food courts & other eating places (8.4 per cent) all increased in 2022.

Exhibit 6.17: Changes in Food and Beverage Services Index in Chained Volume Terms



⁷ For instance, from 1 October to 9 November 2021, dine-in group sizes were restricted to no more than two vaccinated persons.