

Singapore's GDP Grew by 2.6 Per Cent in the Third Quarter of 2018

12 October 2018. Based on advance estimates¹, the Singapore economy grew by 2.6 per cent on a year-on-year basis in the third quarter of 2018, moderating from the 4.1 per cent growth in the previous quarter. On a quarter-on-quarter seasonally-adjusted annualised basis, the economy expanded by 4.7 per cent, faster than the 1.2 per cent growth in the preceding quarter.

Gross Domestic Product at 2010 Prices

	3Q17	4Q17	2017	1Q18	2Q18	3Q18*
Percentage change over corresponding period of previous year						
Overall GDP	5.5	3.6	3.6	4.6	4.1	2.6
Goods Producing Industries						
Manufacturing	19.1	4.8	10.1	10.8	10.6	4.5
Construction	-9.3	-5.0	-8.4	-5.1	-4.2	-3.1
Services Producing Industries	3.5	3.5	2.8	4.0	2.9	2.9
Quarter-on-quarter annualised growth rate, seasonally-adjusted						
Overall GDP	11.2	2.1	3.6	2.3	1.2	4.7
Goods Producing Industries						
Manufacturing	34.9	-14.8	10.1	26.4	2.9	7.6
Construction	-2.4	-0.2	-8.4	1.4	-14.5	1.7
Services Producing Industries	6.5	6.3	2.8	-1.5	0.7	6.3

*Advance estimates

The manufacturing sector grew by 4.5 per cent on a year-on-year basis in the third quarter, slower than the 10.6 per cent growth in the previous quarter. Growth was supported mainly by output expansions in the electronics, biomedical manufacturing and transport engineering clusters. On a quarter-on-quarter seasonally-adjusted annualised basis, the manufacturing sector expanded at a faster pace of 7.6 per cent compared to the 2.9 per cent growth in the preceding quarter.

The construction sector contracted by 3.1 per cent on a year-on-year basis in the third quarter, extending the 4.2 per cent decline in the previous quarter. The sector was weighed down by the weakness in public sector construction

¹ The advance GDP estimates for the third quarter of 2018 are computed largely from data in the first two months of the quarter (i.e., July and August 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.

activities. On a quarter-on-quarter seasonally-adjusted annualised basis, the sector grew by 1.7 per cent, a turnaround from the contraction of 14.5 per cent in the second quarter.

The services producing industries expanded by 2.9 per cent on a year-on-year basis in the third quarter, the same pace of growth as in the previous quarter. Growth was largely supported by the finance & insurance, business services and wholesale & retail trade sectors. On a quarter-on-quarter seasonally-adjusted annualised basis, the services producing industries grew by 6.3 per cent, faster than the 0.7 per cent growth in the preceding quarter.

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

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