

#### IV. EXTERNAL SECTOR

Indicator / Month	2007											
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
• <b>RM (million)</b>												
- Total exports	48,037	41,101	48,987	46,156	49,677	49,172	50,509	53,866	54,157	54,873	54,458	54,161
- Total imports	40,432	34,169	42,464	40,294	41,699	40,390	42,531	45,055	42,687	46,279	44,063	44,750
- Trade balance	7,605	6,932	6,522	5,862	7,978	8,782	7,978	8,811	11,470	8,593	10,394	9,411
• <i>Growth rate (% p.a.)</i>												
- Total exports	11.3	-2.8	-4.5	1.0	3.0	-0.1	0.0	0.8	2.0	14.2	5.9	3.1
- Total imports	17.7	-2.0	1.8	3.1	3.6	-1.4	2.5	3.9	-0.5	19.8	4.3	9.3
• <b>US\$ (million)</b>												
- Total exports	13,698	11,757	14,032	13,424	14,607	14,267	14,680	15,465	15,595	16,254	16,221	16,252
- Total imports	11,530	9,744	12,164	11,719	12,261	11,719	12,361	12,936	12,292	13,709	13,125	13,428
- Trade balance	2,169	2,013	1,868	1,705	2,346	2,548	2,319	2,530	3,303	2,545	3,096	2,824
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• <b>Net International Reserves (end period)</b>												
- RM billion	294.1	306.0	305.9	316.3	339.5	339.8	340.1	334.1	335.4	340.2	345.3	335.7
- US\$ billion	83.5	86.9	88.6	91.6	98.4	98.4	98.5	96.8	98.2	99.6	101.2	101.3
- Month of retained imports	7.9	8.2	8.1	8.4	9.0	8.9	8.9	8.8	8.8	8.7	8.9	8.5