

KEY ECONOMIC INDICATORS

External Sector

Indicator / Month	2 0 0 1											
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
RM million												
- Total exports	28,093	28,450	29,610	27,340	28,042	27,443	26,935	27,664	27,564	28,709	28,139	26,341
- Total Imports	25,059	22,216	25,530	22,875	23,354	24,203	22,699	21,970	22,318	24,373	24,473	21,575
- Trade balance	3,034	6,234	4,080	4,466	4,688	3,240	4,236	5,694	5,246	4,336	3,665	4,766
Growth rate (% p.a.)												
- Total exports	10.5	4.3	-7.4	-5.4	-7.4	-13.6	-17.6	-18.7	-21.1	-12.9	-14.2	-12.9
- Total Imports	20.3	0.7	2.2	-10.3	-10.3	-10.3	-20.8	-24.5	-22.4	-10.7	-8.6	-12.0
US\$ million												
- Total exports	7,393	7,487	7,792	7,195	7,380	7,222	7,088	7,280	7,254	7,555	7,405	6,932
- Total Imports	6,595	5,846	6,719	6,020	6,146	6,369	5,973	5,782	5,873	6,414	6,440	5,678
- Trade balance	798	1,640	1,074	1,175	1,234	853	1,115	1,498	1,380	1,141	965	1,254
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External reserves (end of period)												
- RM billion	112.1	110.2	103.3	100.5	98.6	98.9	103.5	105.3	113.0	114.8	116.5	117.2
- US\$ billion	29.5	29.0	27.2	26.4	25.9	26.0	27.2	27.7	29.7	30.2	30.7	30.8
- Months of retained imports	4.3	4.3	4.0	3.9	3.8	3.9	4.1	4.2	4.6	4.9	5.0	5.1