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2H2019 & 2020 Economic Outlook

Global and Malaysia Economy

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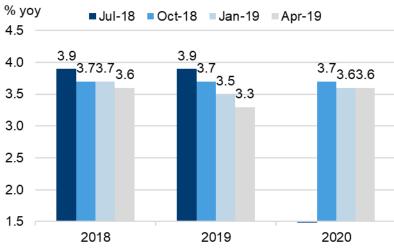
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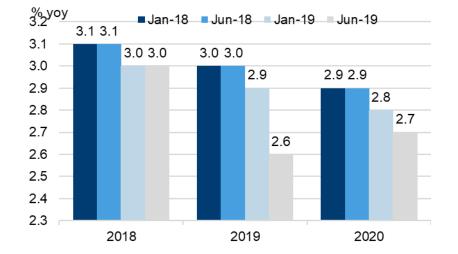
Global & Malaysia : Economic outlook



IMF and World Bank cut global growth outlook

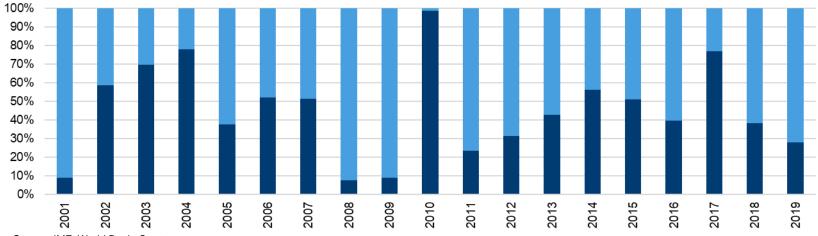


World Bank global growth forecasts









Source: IMF, World Bank, Quartz

IMF global growth forecasts



% Share

Global growth forecast comparison

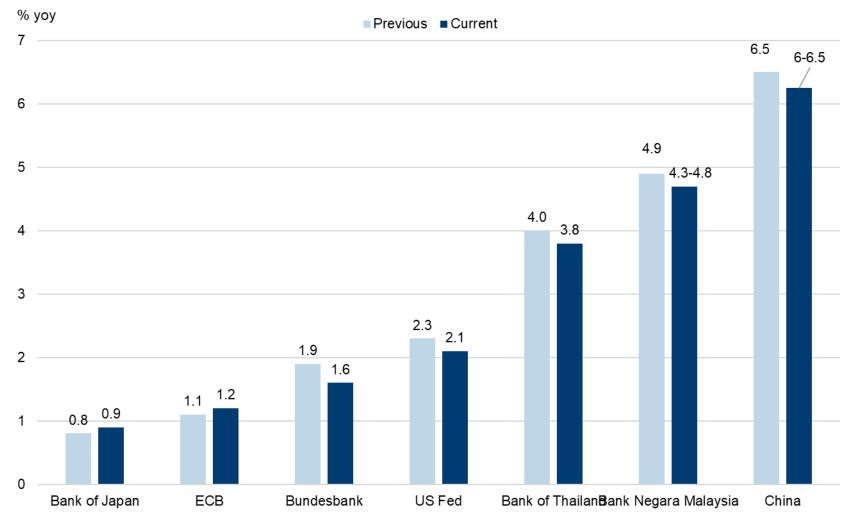
	IMF			World Bank				ADB				
	Fore	casts	*Cha	ange	Fore	casts	*Cha	ange	Fore	casts	*Cha	ange
	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019
Global	3.6	3.3	0.0	-0.2	3.0	2.6	-0.1	-0.3	-	-	-	-
Advanced economies	2.2	1.8	-0.1	-0.2	2.2	1.7	0.0	-0.3	2.3	2.0	0.0	0.0
US	2.9	2.3	0.0	-0.2	2.9	2.5	0.2	0.0	2.8	2.4	0.1	0.0
Euro Area	1.8	1.3	-0.2	-0.3	1.9	1.2	-0.2	-0.4	2.0	1.9	-0.2	0.0
Japan	0.8	1.0	-0.2	-0.1	0.8	0.8	-0.2	-0.1	1.1	1.0	0.0	0.0
Developing economies	4.5	4.4	-0.1	-0.1	4.2	4.0	-0.3	-0.3	6.0	5.8	0.0	0.0
China	6.6	6.3	0.0	0.1	6.5	6.2	0.0	0.0	6.6	6.3	0.0	-0.1
India	7.1	7.3	0.0	-0.2	7.3	7.5	0.0	0.0	7.3	7.6	0.0	0.0
Asean-5	5.2	5.1	-0.1	0.0	5.1	5.1	-0.3	-0.3	5.1	5.2	-0.1	0.0
Indonesia	-	-	-	-	5.2	5.2	0.0	0.0	5.2	5.3	0.0	0.0
Malaysia	-	-	-	-	4.7	4.6	-0.7	-0.1	5.0	4.8	-0.3	-0.2
Philippines	-	-	-	-	6.4	6.4	-0.3	-0.1	6.4	6.7	-0.4	-0.2
Singapore	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.1	2.9	0.0	0.0
Thailand	-	-	-	-	4.1	3.5	0.0	-0.3	4.5	4.3	0.3	0.2

Source: IMF (April 2019 WEO), World Bank (June 2019 GEP), ADB (September 2018 update)



Growth forecasts of major central banks

Most other major central banks have lowered 2019 GDP growth forecast

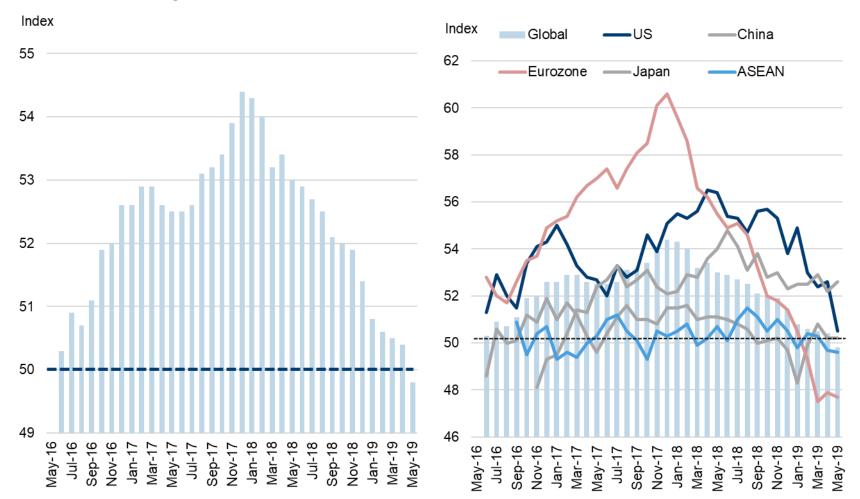


Source: BOJ, ECB, Bundesbank, US Fed, BOT, BNM



Global PMI fell to its lowest level since October 2012

Production volumes stagnated and new orders declined

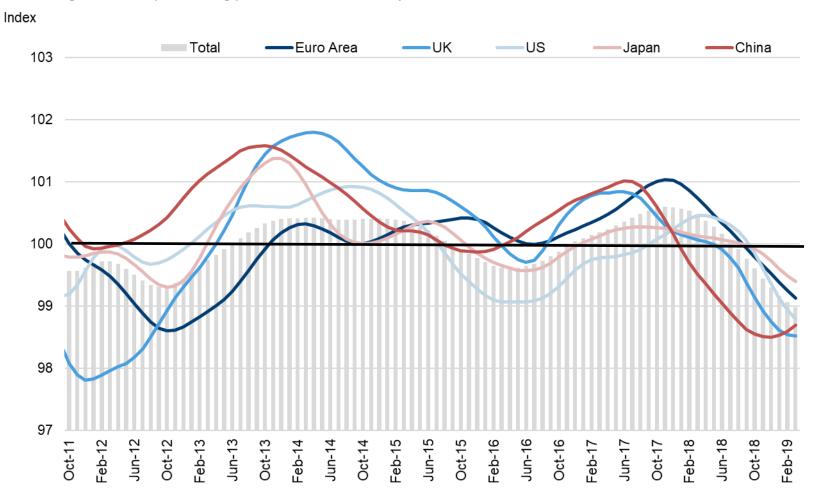


Source: Bloomberg, CEIC



OECD CLI points to easing growth momentum in most major economies

CLIs designed to anticipate turning points in economic activity relative to trend 6 to 9 months ahead

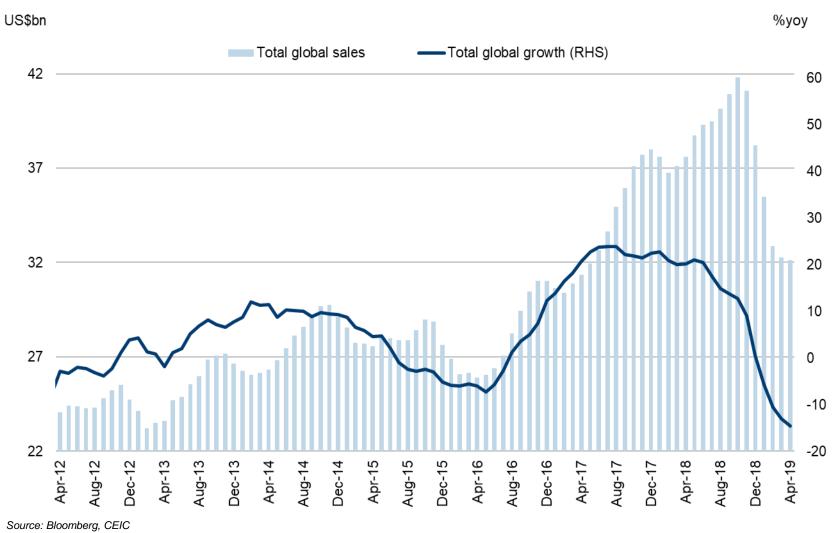


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Worldwide semiconductor sales declining

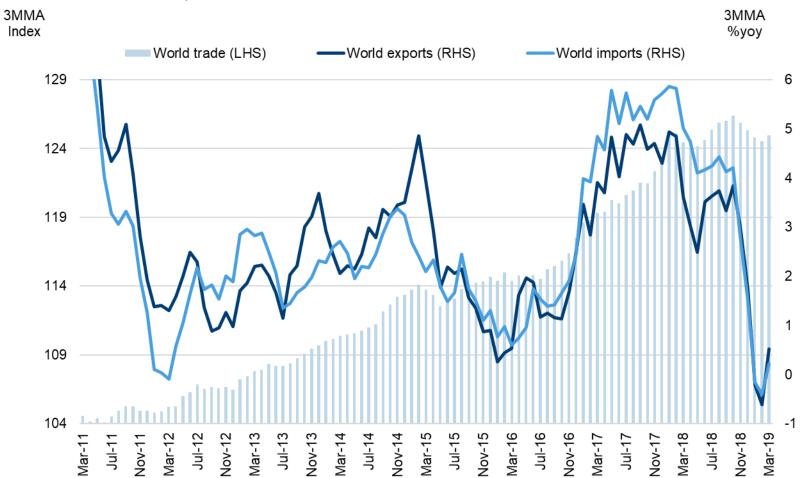
SIA has also revised downward its forecast for 2019, from a decline of 3.0% projected previously to a sharp decline of 12.1%.



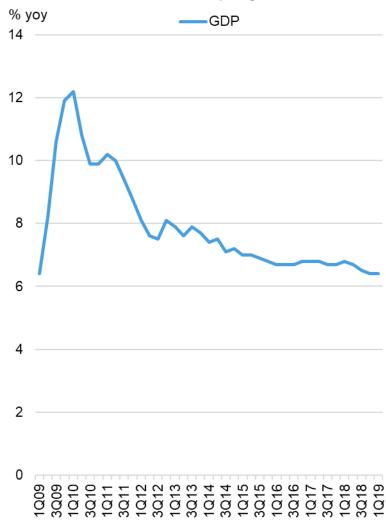


Volume of world trade remains sluggish

World trade momentum likely to remain soft in the months ahead



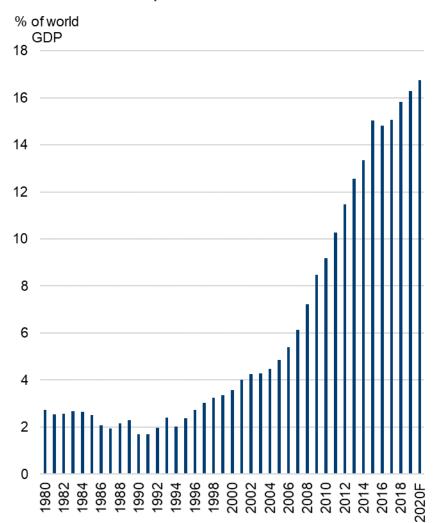




Slowdown in China's GDP and export growth

Slowdown in China to impact global growth and global trade

China's GDP makes up about 16% of world GDP



Source: IMF, CEIC



Trade war timeline

- February 24: President Trump agrees to extend March 1 tariff deadline
- March 28-29: Trade talks resume after month-long break
- March 31: China extends suspension of additional 25% tariffs on US autos and auto parts which were set to come into force on April 1.
- May 5: President Trump threatens to increase tariffs on US\$200bn worth of Chinese goods from 10% to 25% effective May 10 2019.
- May 13: China announces it will raise tariffs on US\$60bn worth of US goods from June 1 2019.
- May 16: Huawei is added to US 'entity list' which bans US companies from selling to Huawei
- May 31: China announces it will establish own unreliable entities list.
- ► June 1: China raises tariffs on US\$60bn worth of US goods

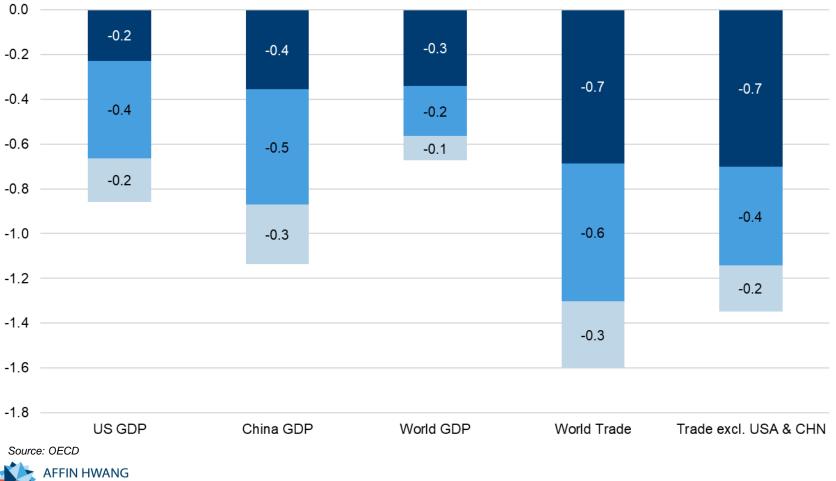


Trade war impact as forecasted by OECD

If 25% tariffs on remaining US and China trade, global GDP will fall by 0.3%

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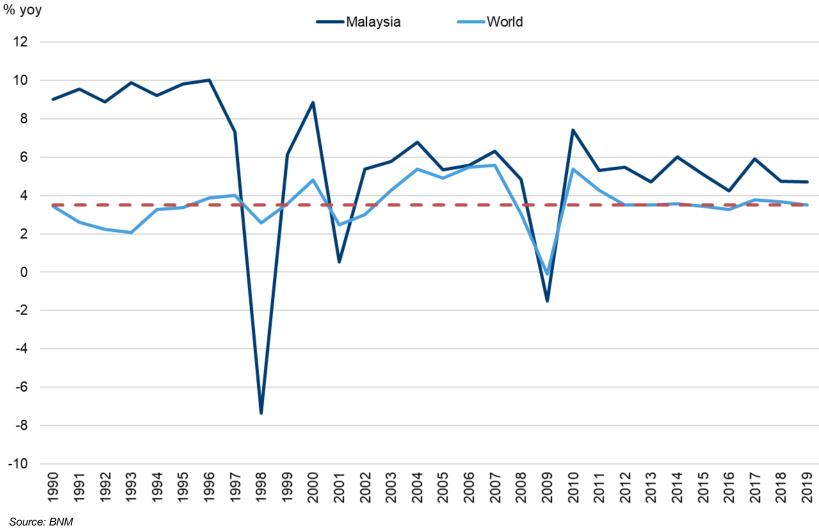
- Tariffs plus higher global risk premia
- Tariffs extended to rest of USA-CHN trade



Current tariffs rise to 25%

Growth to remain stable despite challenging global environment

World vs Malaysia GDP growth





Malaysia : Economic forecast comparison 2019

Growth to remain steady in 2019

	2016	2017	2018	MOF	BNM	Affin
	2010	2017	2010		2019F	
Private consumption	5.9	6.9	8.0	6.8	6.6	6.5
Public consumption	1.1	5.5	3.3	1.8	1.2	1.5
Private investment	4.5	9.0	4.3	5.0	4.9	4.0
Public investment	-1.0	0.3	-5.0	-5.4	-7.1	-4.5
Domestic demand	4.3	6.5	5.5	4.8	4.4	4.5
Exports of goods and services	1.3	8.7	2.2	1.6	0.1	1.0
Imports of goods and services	1.4	10.2	1.3	1.8	0.0	1.2
GDP	4.4	5.7	4.7	4.9	4.3-4.8	4.5
Agriculture	-3.7	5.8	0.1	3.1	2.8	2.0
Mining and Quarrying	2.2	0.4	-2.6	0.7	0.8	0.5
Manufacturing	4.4	6.0	5.0	4.7	4.8	4.4
Construction	7.5	6.7	4.2	4.7	3.0	3.5
Services	5.7	6.2	6.8	5.9	5.7	5.7
GDP	4.4	5.7	4.7	4.9	4.3-4.8	4.5

Source: BNM, MOF, Affin Hwang estimates



Affin Hwang economic forecast for 2019

Growth to remain steady in 2019

	2017	2018	2019F	2017	2018	2019F	2017	2018	2019F
		%yoy		%	of GDP		% contribution	n point to GDI	^D growth
GDP by Expenditure Components									
Total Consumption	6.6	7.1	5.6	67.9	69.4	70.1	4.4	4.8	3.8
Private consumption expenditure	6.9	8.0	6.5	55.3	57.0	58.0	3.7	4.4	3.7
Public consumption expenditure	5.5	3.3	1.5	12.6	12.5	12.1	0.7	0.4	0.2
Total Investment	6.1	1.4	1.5	25.5	24.6	23.9	1.5	0.3	0.4
Private investment expenditure	9.0	4.3	4.0	17.4	17.3	17.2	1.5	0.7	0.7
Public investment expenditure	0.3	-5.0	-4.5	8.1	7.4	6.7	0.0	-0.4	-0.3
Domestic Demand	6.5	5.5	4.5	93.4	94.1	94.0	6.0	5.2	4.2
Net exports	-3.9	11.4	-0.7	6.6	7.0	6.6	-0.3	0.8	-0.1
Exports	8.7	2.2	1.0	69.2	67.6	65.3	5.8	1.5	0.7
Imports	10.2	1.3	1.2	62.7	60.6	58.6	6.1	0.8	0.7
Changes in inventories	150.8	-2,025.4	-33.0	0.1	-1.1	-0.7	0.0	-1.2	0.3
GDP (2010 real prices)	5.7	4.7	4.5	100.0	100.0	100.0	5.7	4.7	4.5
GDP By Kind of Economic Activity									
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	5.8	0.1	2.0	7.6	7.3	7.1	0.4	0.0	0.1
Mining and Quarrying	0.4	-2.6	0.5	8.1	7.6	7.3	0.0	-0.2	0.0
Manufacturing	6.0	5.0	4.4	22.3	22.4	22.4	1.3	1.1	1.0
Construction	6.7	4.2	3.5	4.9	4.9	4.8	0.3	0.2	0.2
Services	6.2	6.8	5.7	55.6	56.7	57.3	3.4	3.8	3.2
Import duties	13.0	-11.5	-11.2	1.4	1.2	1.1	0.2	-0.2	0.0
GDP (2010 real prices)	5.7	4.7	4.5	100.0	100.0	100.0	5.7	4.7	4.5

Source: CEIC, Affin Hwang estimates



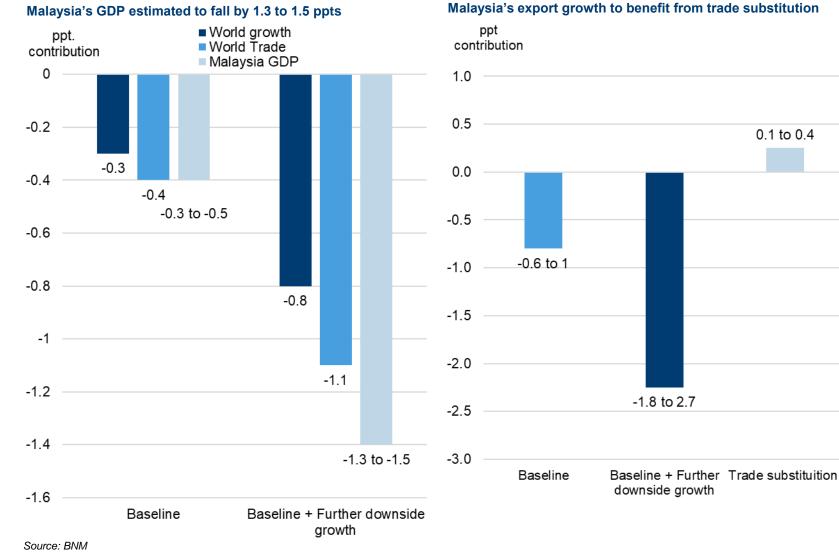
Ten-year economic cycle, Malaysia GDP growth trends

US\$ 10 AFC 8.9 GFC 8 7.4 7.3 6.8 6.3 6.1 6.0 5.9 5.3 5.6 5.8 5.3 5.5 5.4 6 5.1 4.8 4.7 4.7 4.5 4.2 4 2 0.5 0 -2 -1.5 -4 -6 -8 -7.4 -10 2019F 1998 1999 2005 2006 2008 2009 2010 2012 2015 2016 2018 1997 2000 2001 2002 2003 2004 2007 2011 2013 2014 2017

If History Repeats Itself – Is the Next Global Economic Crisis Around the Corner?

Source: World Bank





Impact estimates of trade tensions by BNM

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Malaysia: Economic fundamentals stays healthy

Macroeconomic and financial indicators

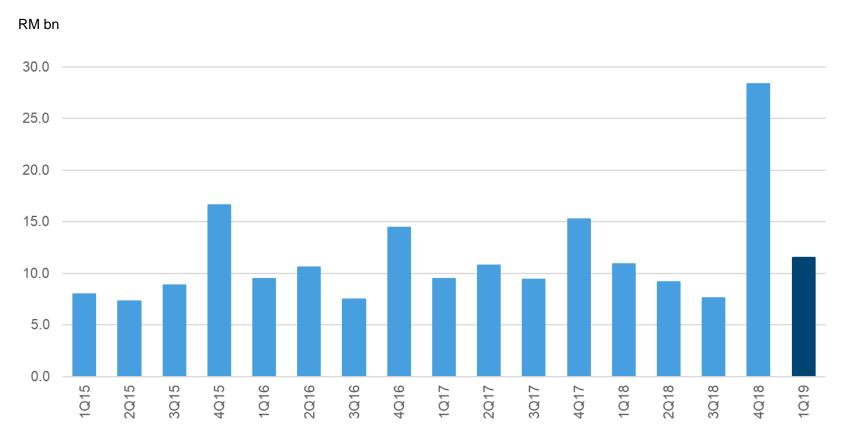
Indicator	Unit	Asia finan	cial crisis	Global fina	Latest	
indicator		1997	1998	2008	2009	Lutoot
Real GDP growth	%	7.3	-7.4	4.8	-1.5	4.5 (1Q19)
Inflation rate	%	2.7	5.3	5.4	0.6	-0.2 (4M19)
Fiscal balance	% of GDP	2.2	-1.6	-4.6	-6.7	- <mark>3.7</mark> (2018)
Public debt	% of GDP	29.5	33.7	39.8	50.8	51.8 (2018)
External debt	% of GDP	56.1	55.5	30.7	32.6	64.7 (2018)
Short-term external debt	% of total external debt	25.3	21.1	33.8	33.3	43.8 (2018)
Current account balance	% of GDP	-5.5	12.2	17.1	15.5	2.3 (2018)
International Reserves	US\$bn	21.7	26.2	91.4	96.7	102.3 (May-19)
Gross national savings	% of GNI	40.1	43.2	39.4	34	26.9 (2018)
Total loan growth	%	26.6	-1.7	12.8	7.8	4.9 (Mar-19)
Non performing loans ratio	%	4.1	13.6	2.2	1.8	1.5 (Mar-19)

Source: CEIC



Government spending on DE in 1Q2019 likely to improve

Lesser spending on development expenditure in 1Q19 vs 4Q18



Source: MIDA, BNM



Federal Government spending on 1Q2019

Government has spend 22.9% over total OE 2019 budget

Budget 2019	Budget 2019 (RM bn)	1Q2019 (RM bn)	% Budget
Revenue	314.6	RM 63.7	20.3%
Operating Expenditure	259.9	RM 59.5	22.9%
Development Expenditure	54.7	RM 11.5	21.0%

Source: BNM, MOF



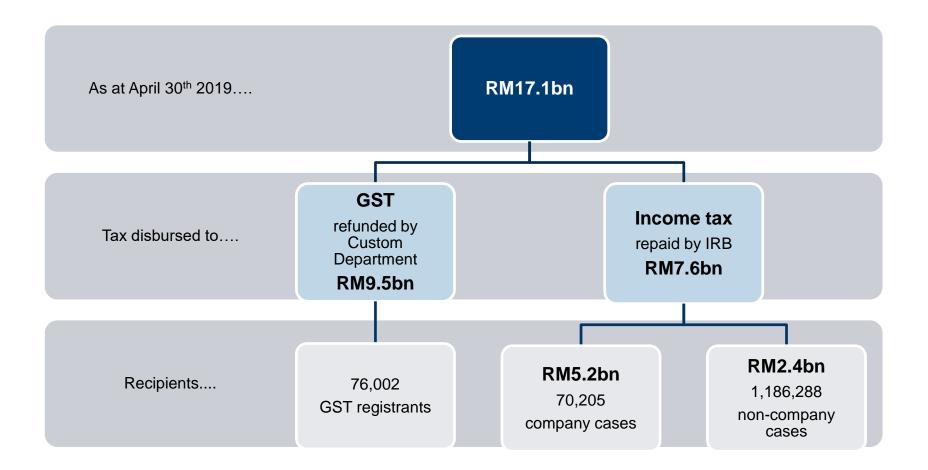
The cost reduction in construction projects

Projects	Before	After	Cost Saving
Light Rail Transit 3 (LRT3)	RM31.6bn	RM16.6bn	RM15.0bn
Mass Rapid Transit 2 (MRT2)	RM39.4bn	RM30.5bn	RM8.9bn
East Coast Railway Train (ECRL)	RM66.0bn	RM44.0bn	RM22.0bn
121 infrastructure projects	RM14.7bn	RM13.9bn	RM806.0m

Source: Various source

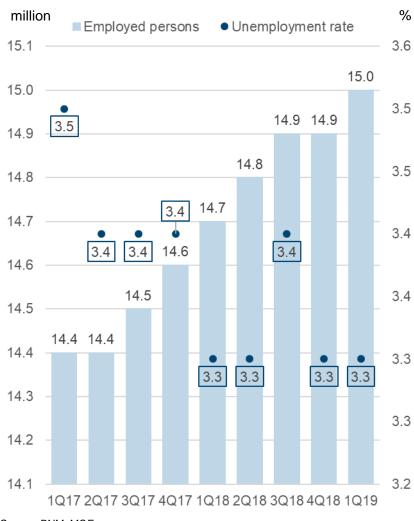


Disbursement of tax refund of RM37bn



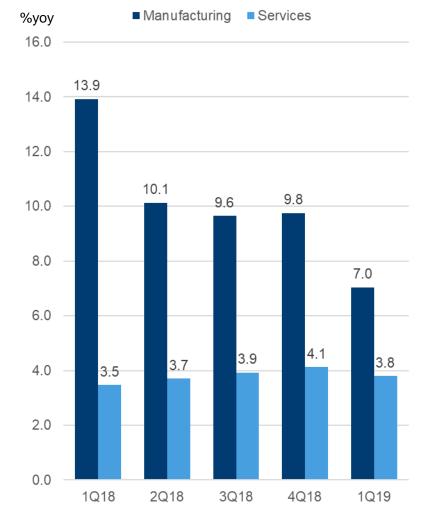


Strong labor market continue to support private consumption



The number of employed persons reached 15.0m in 1Q19

Growth of salaries and wages in manufacturing and services sector



Source: BNM, MOF



Shared Prosperity to provide a decent standard of living by 2030

Objectives:

- 1. Narrow income and wealth gap
- 2. As a new development model for all
- 3. Build a brighter Malaysia and one of Asia's leading economic axes

7 Core Strategies

Restructuring & enhancing the business ecosystem & nation's industries

Inclusive regional development

New growth sectors

Talent and energy resources reformation

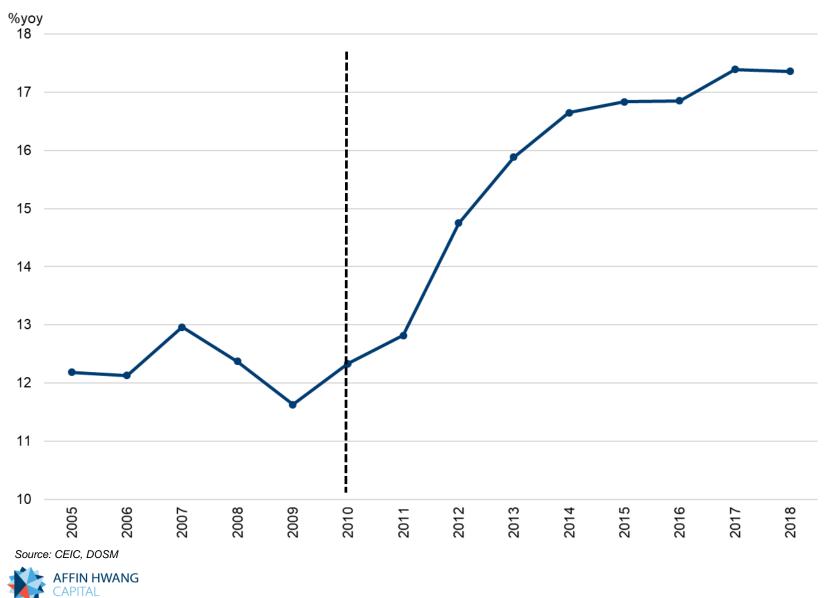
Improving the labour market & employee income

Strengthening social welfare

Improving social capacity of society

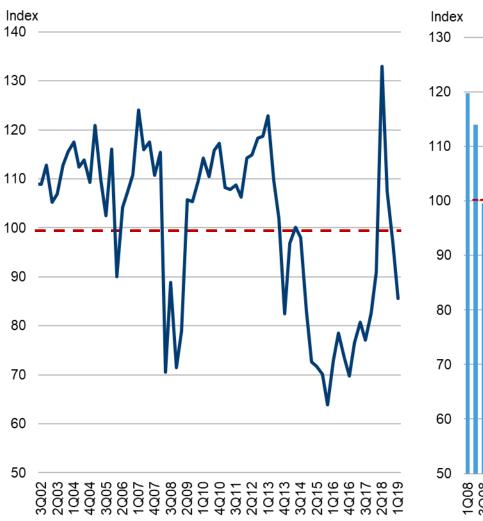
Source: Prime Minister Tun Dr. Mahathir Mohamad





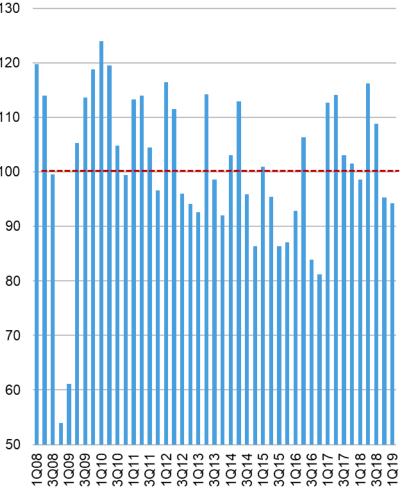
Private investment as % of GDP

Possible recovery in consumer and business confidence



Consumer confidence has dropped since 3Q18

Business sentiment dropped at a near two-year low



Source: MIER

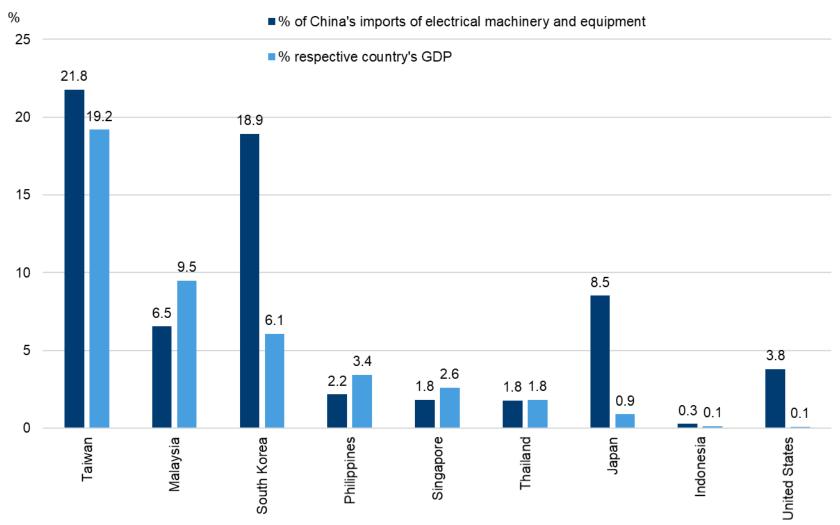


Global Macro US-China trade war & global monetary policy



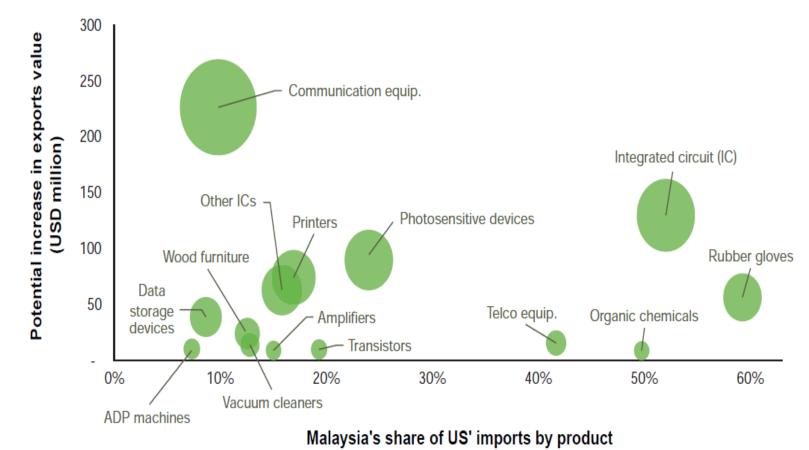
Asia's electronics supply chain at risk of trade war

Electronics exports make up a big proportion of GDP in Taiwan, Malaysia and South Korea



Source: CEIC



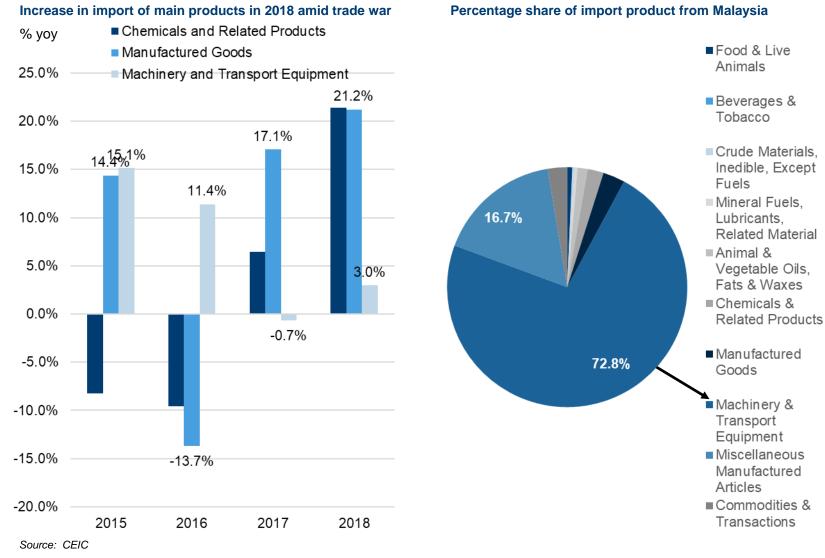


Malaysia's exports to the US: Potential Gain from Trade Substitution

Note: Bubble size reflects potential value of gain. For clarity, chart only illustrates US import products in which at least 5% of those imports are sourced from Malaysia.

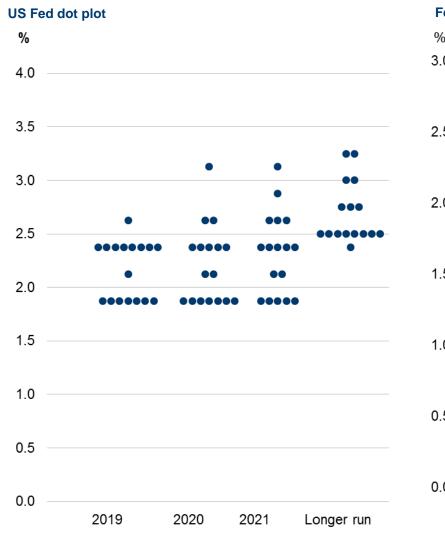
Source: ITC Trade Map, Global Trade Atlas, BNM Estimates





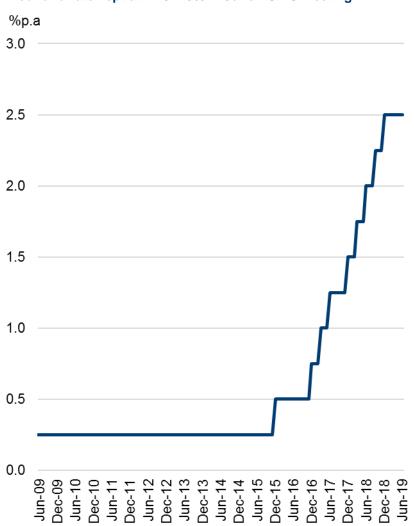
Main Malaysia's products imported by the US

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US Fed projects one rate cut in 2020

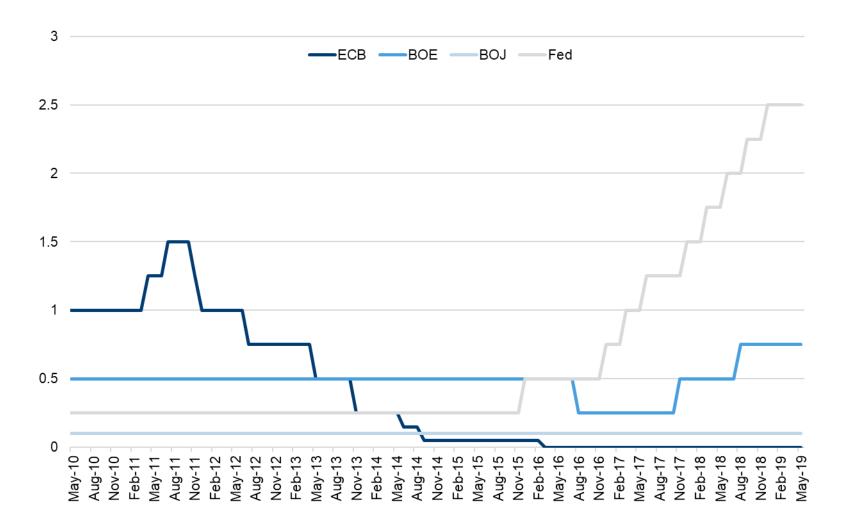




Source: US Fea



Major central bank policy interest rates



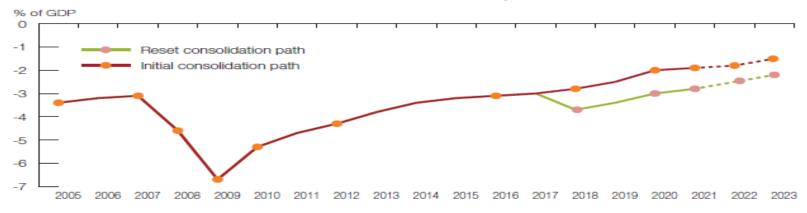
Source: Bloomberg



Malaysia fundamentals -Focus on fiscal discipline



Government fiscal 'reset' and consolidation path



Note: 2018: Revised estimate.

2019: Budget estimate, excluding 2019 Budget measures.

Source: Ministry of Finance, Malaysia.

	Medium-Term Fiscal Framework 2019-2021	Medium-Term Fiscal Framework 2019-2021		
	RMbn % of (GDP		
Revenue	767.9	15.7		
Non-oil	584.0	12.0		
Oil-related	183.9	3.7		
Operating expenditure	754.9	15.5		
Current balance	13.0	0.2		
Gross development expenditure	164.7	3.4		
Less: Loan recoveries	1.9	0.1		
Net development expenditure	162.8	3.3		
Overall balance	-149.8	-3.1		
Underlying assumptions				
Real GDP growth (%)	4.5-5.5			
Nominal GDP growth (%)	6.8-8.2			
Crude oil price (US\$/barrel)	60-70			
Oil production (barrels per day)	600,000			

Source: Mlalaysia Budget 2019



Federal Government fiscal position 2018 - 2019

Fiscal deficit to improve from -3.7% of GDP estimated in 2018 to -3.4% in 2019

	Unit	2017	2018F	2019F
Oil price	US\$/bbl	50.0	70.0	60 - 70
Total revenue	RMbn	220.4	236.5	261.8
Operating expenditure	RMbn	217.7	235.5	259.9
Operating balance	RMbn	2.7	1.0	2.0
Gross development				
expenditure	RMbn	44.9	54.9	54.7
Loan recoveries	RMbn	1.9	0.6	0.7
Net development expenditure	RMbn	43.0	54.3	54.0
Fiscal balance	RMbn	-40.3	-53.3	-52.1
	% of GDP	-3.0	-3.7	-3.4

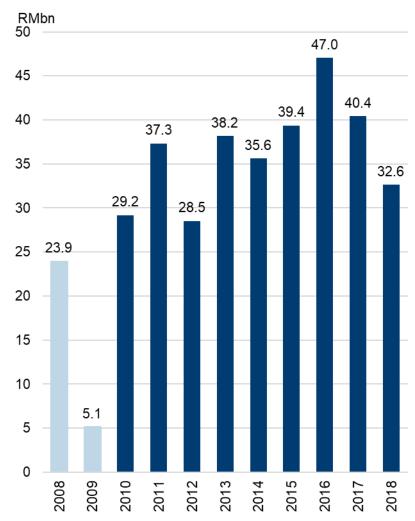
Source: Budget 2019 speech

Note: * Refer to MOF report 2018/2019,



The net FDI inflows performance

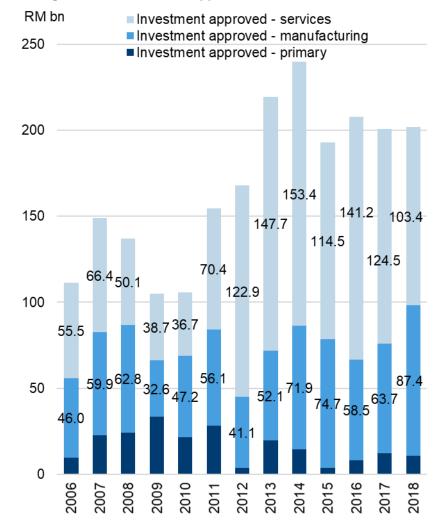
Net FDI inflows above RM25bn since establishment of ETP



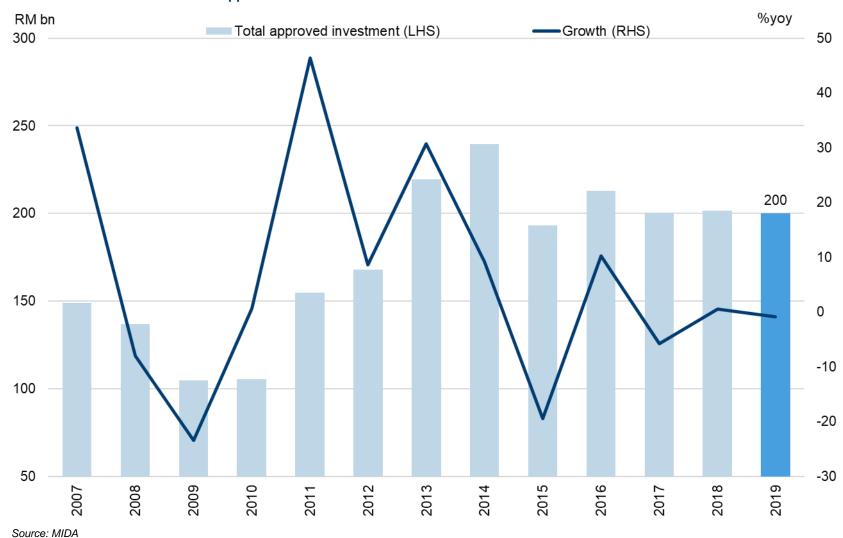
Source: CEIC, MIDA



Rising share of investment approved in services sector



Total approved investment in 2019 targeted at RM200bn



DDI accounted for 60.1% of total approved investments in 2018

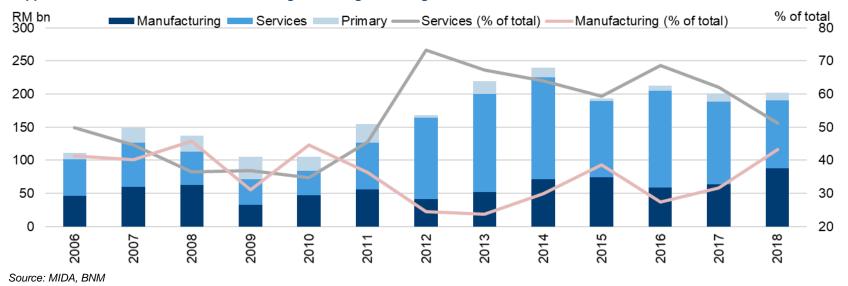


Total approved investment reached RM201.7bn in 2018

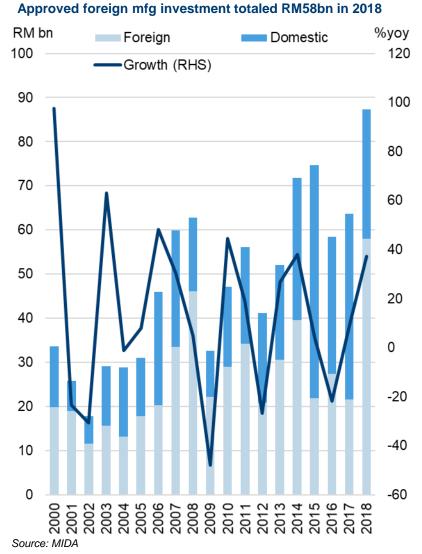
Foreign investment Domestic investment RMbn (% share) 300 239.7 250 219.4 212.9 201.7 200.6 193.0 64.6 200 167.9 59.5 154.6 59.1 148.8 36.1 54.4 137.0 80.5 150 34.9 111.3 104.9 105.6 55.1 68.0 59.7 175.1 100 160.0 150.6 31.5 153.8 146.2 38.8 133.0 44.4 121.2 (73%) (73%) 93.8 86.6 (81%) ((72%) (73%) 79.8 77.2 50 (79%) 66.0 61.1 (60%) (63%) (56%) (72%) (56%) (63%) (58%) 0 2007 2009 2010 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2006 2008 2011

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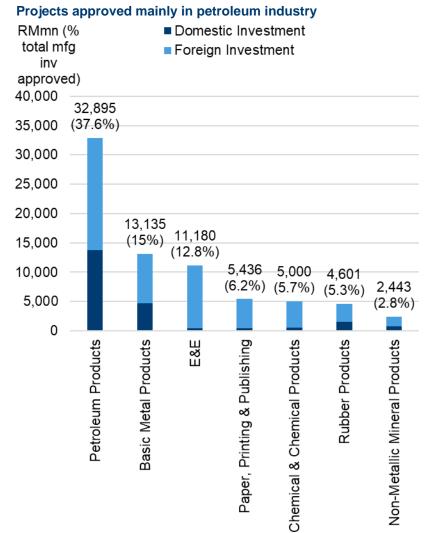
Approved investments in the manufacturing sector registered a growth of 37.2% in 2018







Strong investment into manufacturing sector in 2018



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Top 10 - IMD World Competitiveness Ranking 2019

Indonesia improved tremendously among ASEAN countries

2019	Country	2018	Change
1	Singapore	3	+2
2	Hong Kong	2	
3	USA	1	-2 🖊
4	Switzerland	5	+1 🕇
5	UAE	7	+2
6	Netherlands	4	-2 🖊
7	Ireland	12	+5 🕇
8	Denmark	6	-2
9	Sweden	9	
10	Qatar	14	+4 🕇
14	China	13	-1 🖊
16	Taiwan	17	+1 🕇
22	Malaysia	22	
25	Thailand	30	+5 🕇
32		43	+11 🕇

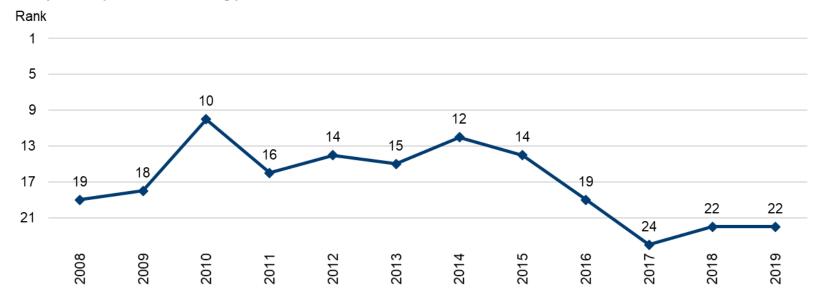
Source: IMD World Competitiveness Ranking



ASEAN 5 - IMD World Competitiveness Ranking 2019

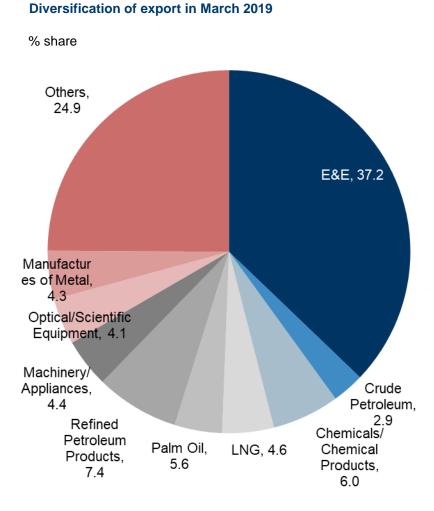
	IMD World Competitiveness Rank												
YEAR	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Rank change
Singapore	2	3	1	3	4	5	3	3	4	3	3	1	2
Malaysia	19	18	10	16	14	15	12	14	19	24	22	22	0
Thailand	27	26	26	27	30	27	29	30	28	27	30	25	5
Indonesia	51	42	35	37	42	39	37	42	48	42	43	32	11
Philippines	40	43	39	41	43	38	42	41	42	41	50	46	4

Malaysia competitiveness ranking performance since 2008



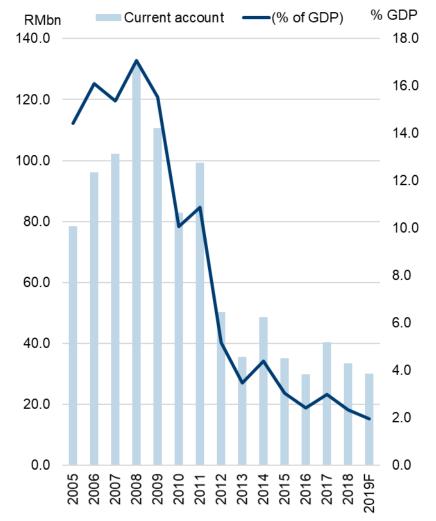
Source: IMD World Competitiveness Ranking





Diversification in export support the current account surplus

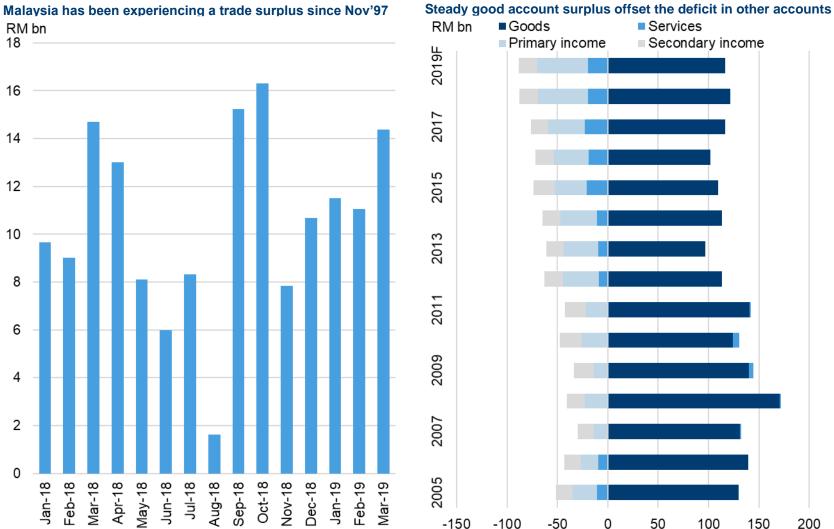
Malaysia has been steadily registering a current account surplus



Source: CEIC, DOSM



Strong trade surplus is foresee to support the current account



Source: CEIC, DOSM



Credit rating for Malaysia remain stable

Malaysia's sovereign ratings comparison

				Malaysia					
Moody's				S&P		Fitch			
Date	Ratings	Outlook	Date	Ratings	Outlook	Date	Ratings	Outlook	
24-Sep-02	Baa1	Stable	1-Sep-00	BBB	Positive	7-Aug-02	BBB+	Stable	
29-Sep-04	Baa1	Stable	4-Apr-01	BBB	Stable	8-Nov-04	A-	Stable	
16-Dec-04	A3	Stable	4-Mar-02	BBB	Positive	20-Nov-06	A-	Stable	
24-May-06	A3	Stable	20-Aug-02	BBB+	Stable	22-Jan-08	A-	Stable	
20-Nov-13	A3	Positive	8-Oct-03	A-	Positive	30-Jul-13	A-	Negative	
11-Jan-16	A3	Stable	15-May-08	A-	Stable	30-Jun-15	A-	Stable	

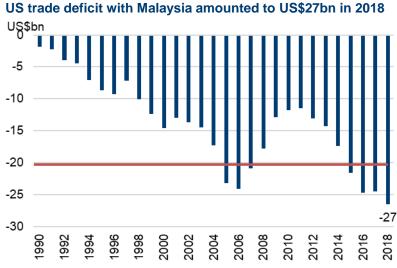
Source: Rating Agencies



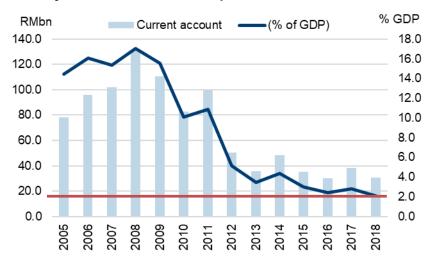
Malaysia added to US Treasury Monitoring List

New Treasury threshold

Criteria	Benchmark	Previous threshold	New threshold	
Major Trading Partner Coverage	Total Bilateral Goods Trade (Imports plus Exports)	12 largest trading partners	US\$40bn	
Significant Bilateral Trade Surplus with the US	Goods Surplus with the US	US\$20bn	US\$20bn	
Material Current Account Surplus	Current Account Balance	3% of GDP	2% of GDP	
Persistent, One-sided Intervention in Foreign	Net FX Purchases	2% of GDP	2% of GDP	
Exchange Markets	Persistence of Net FX Purchases (months)	8 of 12 months	6 of 12 months	



Malaysia's current account surplus was 2.1% of GDP in 2018

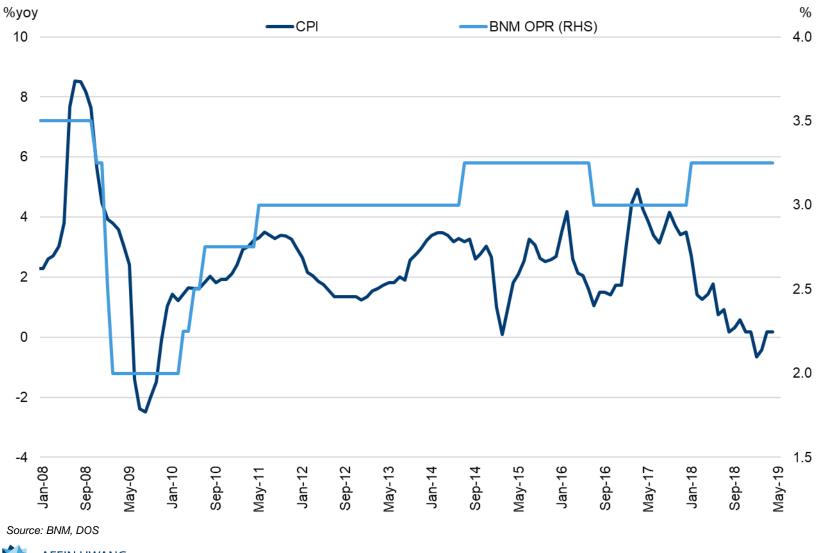


Source: CEIC, US Department of the Treasury

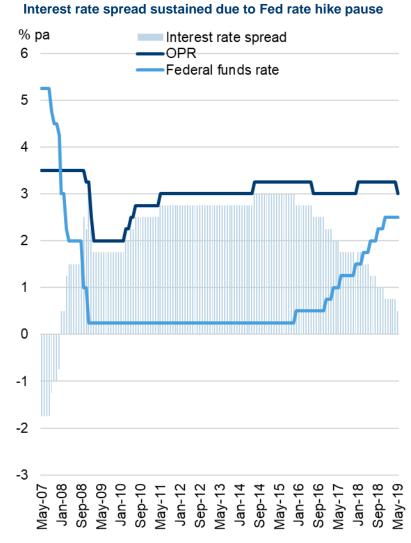


Manageable inflation expected in 2019

We expect OPR to be maintained at 3% for the rest of 2019







Ringgit to be supported by interest rate differential

Source: BNM, US Fed, Bloomberg







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	HOLD	Total return is expected to be between -5% and +10% over a 12-month period						
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	The total expected return is defined as the percentage upside/downside to our target price plus the net dividend yield over the next 12 months.							
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