

Singapore's GDP Growth Moderated in the Third Quarter of 2015

14 October 2015. Based on advance estimates¹, the Singapore economy grew by 1.4 per cent on a year-on-year basis in the third quarter of 2015, easing from the 2.0 per cent growth in the previous quarter. On a quarter-on-quarter seasonally-adjusted annualised basis, the economy expanded by 0.1 per cent, a reversal from the 2.5 per cent contraction in the preceding quarter.

Gross Domestic Product at 2010 Prices

	3Q14	4Q14	2014	1Q15	2Q15	3Q15*
Percentage change over corresponding period of previous year						
Overall GDP	2.8	2.1	2.9	2.6	2.0	1.4
Goods Producing Industries						
Manufacturing	1.7	-1.3	2.6	-2.6	-4.9	-6.0
Construction	1.1	0.7	3.0	-1.6	2.0	1.6
Services Producing Industries	3.3	3.1	3.2	4.1	3.6	3.0
Quarter-on-quarter annualised growth rate, seasonally-adjusted						
Overall GDP	2.6	4.9	2.9	3.3	-2.5	0.1
Goods Producing Industries						
Manufacturing	0.9	-2.5	2.6	0.8	-17.4	-3.6
Construction	0.7	2.2	3.0	-6.5	12.4	-0.8
Services Producing Industries	3.2	7.8	3.2	3.5	0.2	0.8

*Advance estimates

The manufacturing sector contracted by 6.0 per cent on a year-on-year basis in the third quarter, extending the 4.9 per cent decline in the previous quarter. The contraction was largely due to a fall in the output of the electronics, biomedical manufacturing and transport engineering clusters. On a quarter-on-quarter basis, the sector contracted at an annualised rate of 3.6 per cent, following the 17.4 per cent contraction in the preceding quarter.

The construction sector expanded by 1.6 per cent on a year-on-year basis in the third quarter, moderating from the 2.0 per cent growth recorded in the previous quarter. The slowdown was mainly due to weaker private sector construction activities. On a quarter-on-quarter seasonally-adjusted annualised

¹ The advance GDP estimates for the third quarter of 2015 are computed largely from data in the first two months of the quarter (i.e. July and August 2015). 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.

basis, the sector contracted by 0.8 per cent, a reversal from the 12.4 per cent expansion in the preceding quarter.

Growth in the services producing industries came in at 3.0 per cent on a year-on-year basis in the third quarter, slower than the 3.6 per cent growth in the previous quarter. The moderation in growth was largely due to a slower pace of expansion in the wholesale & retail trade and finance & insurance sectors. On a quarter-on-quarter basis, the services producing industries expanded at an annualised rate of 0.8 per cent, an improvement from the 0.2 per cent expansion 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 2015.

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