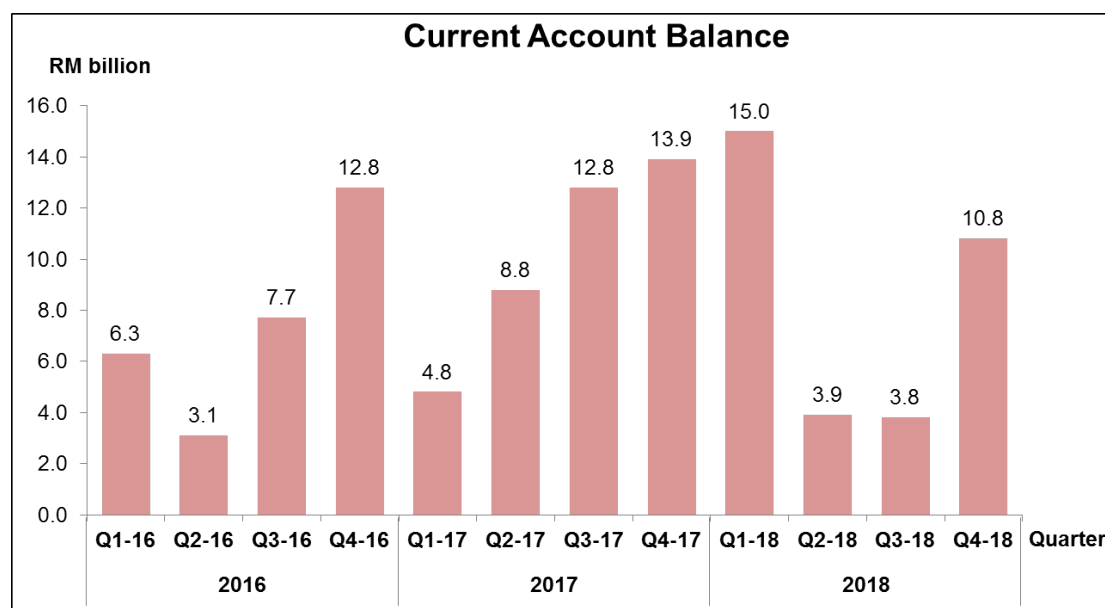




QUARTERLY BALANCE OF PAYMENTS, FOURTH QUARTER 2018

Malaysia's current account surplus surged to RM10.8 billion in the final quarter of 2018 as compared RM3.8 billion in previous quarter. The favourable performance was spurred by larger surplus in goods account at RM33.0 billion from RM26.6 billion in the previous quarter. Meanwhile, financial account recorded a net outflow of RM6.1 billion (Q3 2018: net inflow RM2.3 billion). For the year 2018, the current account surplus reached RM33.5 billion contributed by higher surplus in goods account and lower deficit in services account.



Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) accelerated to RM12.9 billion from RM4.3 billion in the previous quarter. The FDI were mainly from Netherlands, Japan and Hong Kong. Similarly, Malaysia's Direct Investment in Abroad (DIA) also registered a higher net outflow of RM10.8 billion with the main destinations to Canada, Indonesia and Singapore. In 2018, FDI in Malaysia recorded RM32.6 billion while DIA was RM21.3 billion.

Portfolio investment turned around to net outflow of RM5.8 billion from net inflow of RM0.8 billion in the previous quarter. The portfolio investment assets showed a reversal to net outflow of RM3.3 billion, while liabilities recorded a lower net outflow of RM2.5 billion. Likewise, other investment recorded a turned around to net outflow RM1.8 billion from a net inflow of RM1.0 billion in last quarter.

The international reserves of Bank Negara Malaysia stood at RM419.5 billion compared to RM426.9 billion in the previous quarter.



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BALANCE OF PAYMENTS

Malaysia's Current Account surplus surged to
RM10.8 billion in **Q4 2018**

For the year **2018**, Current Account surplus reached **RM33.5 billion**

CURRENT ACCOUNT BALANCE

Q4 18 Surplus
RM10.8b

Q3 18 Surplus
RM3.8b

Due to higher surplus in Goods
and lower deficit in Primary
Income



Goods

Surplus
Q4 18 **RM33.0b**

Surplus
Q3 18 **RM26.6b**



Primary
Income

Deficit
Q4 18 **RM12.9b**

Deficit
Q3 18 **RM15.0b**



Services

Deficit
Q4 18 **RM4.3b**

Deficit
Q3 18 **RM3.3b**



Secondary
Income

Deficit
Q4 18 **RM4.9b**

Deficit
Q3 18 **RM4.5b**

FINANCIAL ACCOUNT

Q4 18
Net outflow
RM6.1b

Q3 18
Net inflow
RM2.3b

Due to turnaround in Portfolio
and Other Investment



Direct
Investment

Net inflow
Q4 18 **RM2.1b**

Net inflow
Q3 18 **RM0.5b**



Portfolio
Investment

Net outflow
Q4 18 **RM5.8b**

Net inflow
Q3 18 **RM0.8b**



Financial
Derivatives

Net outflow
Q4 18 **RM0.7b**

Net inflow
Q3 18 **RM0.03b**



Other
Investment

Net outflow
Q4 18 **RM1.8b**

Net inflow
Q3 18 **RM1.0b**

FDI & DIA Performance

Foreign Direct Investment
(FDI) in Malaysia

Net inflow
Q4 18 **RM12.9b**
Q3 18 **RM4.3b**

Malaysia's Direct Investment
Abroad (DIA)

Net outflow
Q4 18 **RM10.8b**
Q3 18 **RM3.8b**

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