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## QUARTERLY BALANCE OF PAYMENTS, THIRD QUARTER 2017

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# BALANCE OF PAYMENTS Q3 2017

**Malaysia's Current Account Balance** recorded a larger surplus of **RM12.5 billion**

Current Account Balance	Financial Account	Reserve Assets
<b>Surplus</b> <b>RM 12.5b</b> Supported by robust increase in Goods Account	<b>Net Outflow</b> <b>RM 1.2b</b> Contributed by net outflow in Portfolio Investment	<b>Increased</b> <b>RM 2.9b</b> Amounted at RM427.7b

**MAIN CONTRIBUTORS FOR CURRENT ACCOUNT BALANCE**

GOODS	SERVICES
<b>Higher surplus</b> <b>RM31.7b</b> 	<b>Lower deficit</b> <b>RM4.9b</b> ... mainly contributed by  Travel, Telecommunications, computer & information services, Transport

**FINANCIAL ACCOUNT PERFORMANCE**

DIRECT INVESTMENT	PORTFOLIO INVESTMENT	FINANCIAL DERIVATIVES	OTHER INVESTMENT
<b>Net inflow</b> <b>RM6.2b</b>	<b>Net outflow</b> <b>RM5.1b</b>	<b>Net inflow</b> <b>RM1.0b</b>	<b>Net outflow</b> <b>RM3.3b</b>

**FDI & DIA PERFORMANCE**

**RM 11.2b**  
Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in Malaysia

**RM 5.0b**  
Malaysia Direct Investment Abroad (DIA)

Source: Department of Statistics, Malaysia

## OVERALL BALANCE OF PAYMENTS

In the third quarter 2017, Malaysia's Balance of Payments recorded a larger surplus of RM12.5 billion as compared to RM9.6 billion in the previous quarter. Meanwhile, financial account recorded a net outflow RM1.2 billion from a net inflow of RM7.3 billion. The international reserves of Bank Negara Malaysia increased by RM2.9 billion in Q3 2017 (Q2 2017: increased RM2.7 billion).

## CURRENT ACCOUNT BALANCE

The current account balance increased by RM2.9 billion from previous quarter mainly due to further expansion in goods accounts of RM31.7 billion (Q2 2017: surplus RM27.0 billion). Meanwhile, services account also contributed by registering lower deficit of RM4.9 billion from RM5.0 billion in the previous quarter.

## FINANCIAL ACCOUNT

The financial account recorded a net outflow of RM1.2 billion from a net inflow of RM7.3 billion mainly due to reversal of portfolio investment to net outflow of RM5.1 billion (Q2 2017: net inflow RM16.0 billion). As for direct investment flow, Direct Investment Abroad (DIA) posted a net outflow of RM5.0 billion (Q2 2017: net outflow RM15.4 billion), while Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in Malaysia recorded a higher net inflow of RM11.2 billion (Q2 2017: net inflow RM8.3 billion).

**Download:** Summary Table of Balance of Payments, Q3 2017 

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