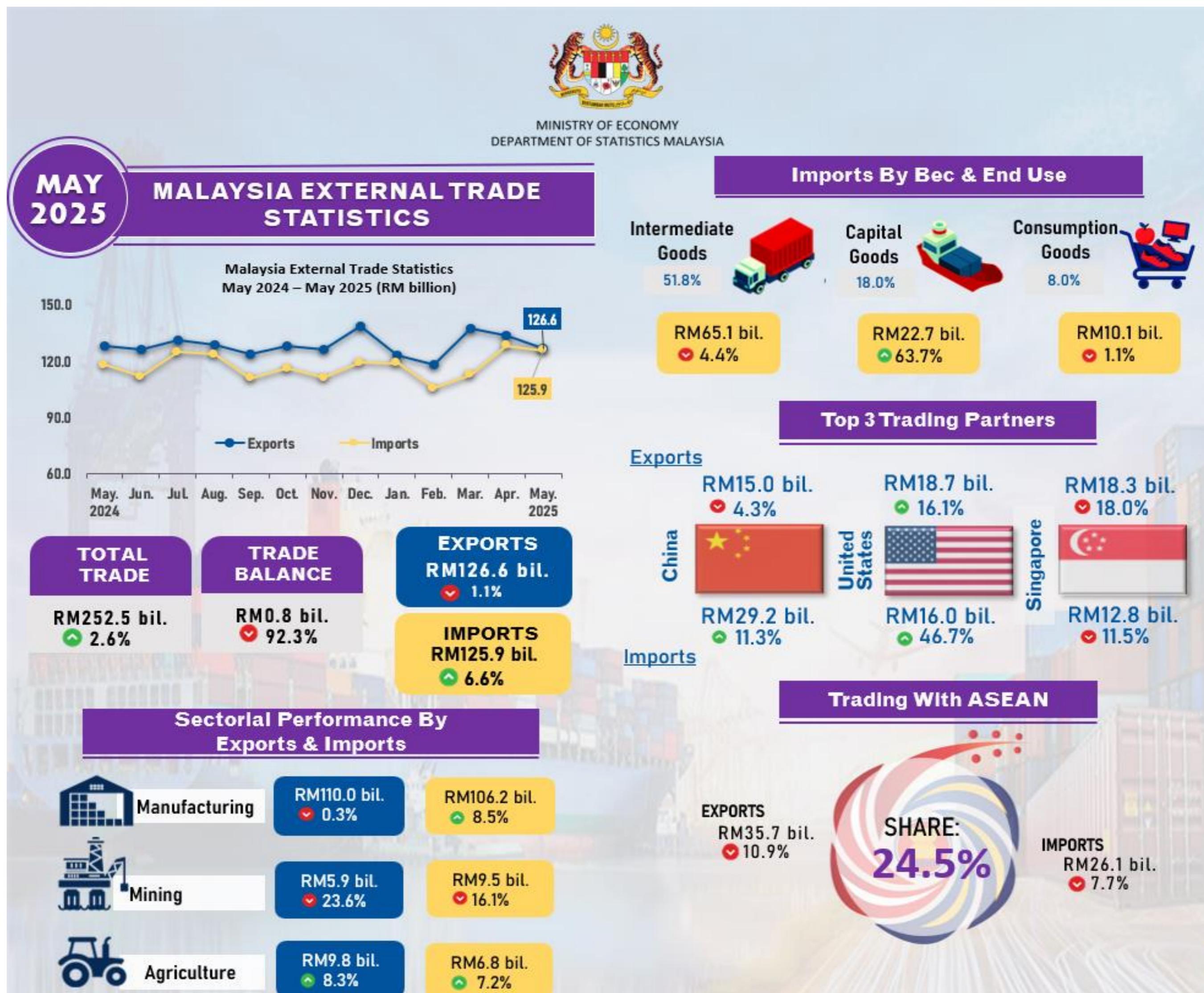




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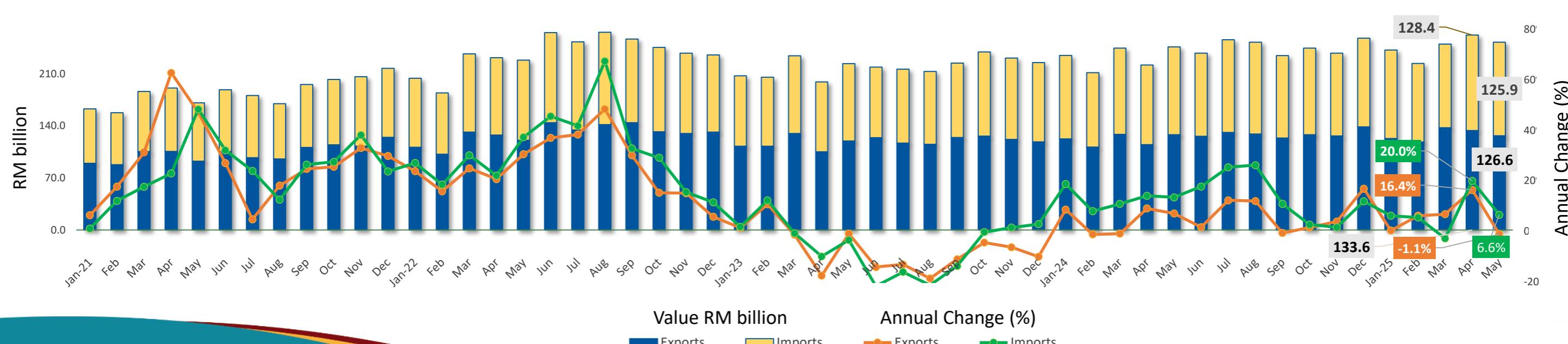
Note1. All changes are based on year-on-year (y-o-y) comparison

2. The May 2025 data is preliminary and subject to revision in later issues.

3. This report can be accessed through the web portal of the Department of Statistics, Malaysia (<http://www.dosm.gov.my>) under section: Latest Release

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## External Trade Statistics, Jan 2021 – MAY 2025



# Malaysia's trade maintained its growth momentum, expanding by 2.6 per cent in May 2025

- Total trade exhibited a 2.6 per cent increase from RM246.1 billion in the previous year to RM252.5 billion, primarily driven by the growth in imports by 6.6 per cent, reaching RM125.9 billion while exports downed by 1.1 per cent, valued at RM126.6 billion. On the other hand, the trade balance declined by 92.3 per cent to RM766.3 million in May 2025.
- Malaysia's export reduction was driven by a decrease in domestic exports in May 2025. Domestic exports, which accounted for 79.6 per cent of total exports, downed by 4.7 per cent to RM100.8 billion, while re-exports, making up 20.4 per cent of total exports, up by 16.1 per cent to RM25.8 billion as compared to May 2024.
- The trade surplus continued for 61st consecutive month of surplus since May 2020, it decreased 92.3 per cent to record RM766.3 million.
- The slower exports was attributable mainly to Singapore (-RM4.0 billion), followed by Japan (-RM1.8 billion), Philippines (-RM719.0 million), China (-RM679.2 million), India (-RM557.2 million), Russian Federation (-RM400.5 million) and Turkiye (-RM295.3 million).
- The decrease was reflecting the decline in petroleum products (-RM3.3 billion); liquefied natural gas (-RM1.7 billion); chemical & chemical products (-RM952.5 million); crude petroleum (-RM730.5 million); iron & steel products (-RM377.3 million); and paper & pulp products (-RM279.2 million).
- The higher imports were mainly contributed from the United States (+RM5.1 billion), followed by Taiwan (+RM3.2 billion), China (+RM3.0 billion), Kuwait (+RM685.2 million), Switzerland (+RM424.1 million), Mexico (+RM401.1 million) and Hong Kong (+RM352.7 million).
- On the other hand, the increase in imports was logged for electrical & electronic products (+RM14.3 billion); metalliferous ores & metal scrap (+RM1.1 billion); other agriculture (+RM366.4 million); other manufactures (+RM321.7 million); jewellery (+RM228.6 million); and palm oil & palm-based agriculture products (+RM129.2 million).
- Comparing with April 2025, exports, imports, total trade and trade balance recorded a decrease of 5.2 per cent, 2.0 per cent, 3.6 per cent and 85.1 per cent, respectively.
- Total trade, exports and imports for the period of January to May 2025 registered an improvement. Total trade grew by 6.2 per cent, from RM1.2 trillion, in line with the rise in exports (+5.5%) as well as imports (+6.9%). However, trade surplus decreased by 9.4 per cent to post a value of RM46.9 billion as compared to the same period in 2024.

