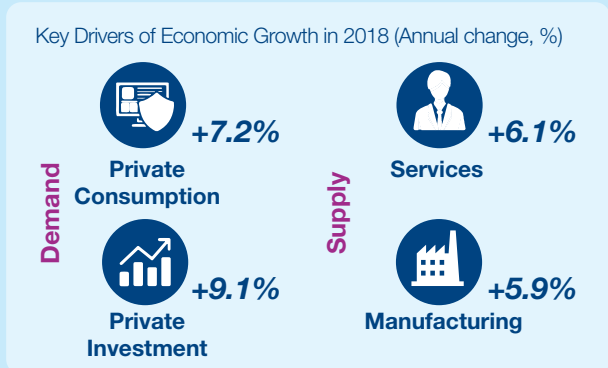
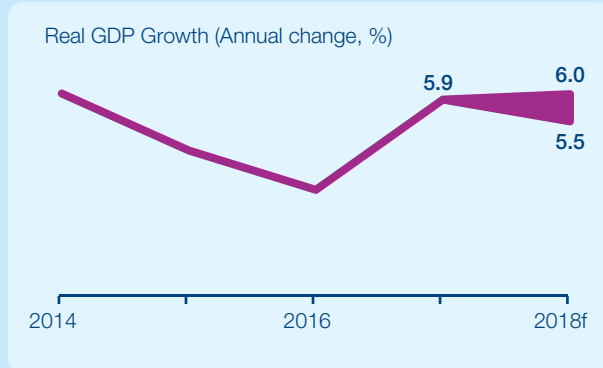


Key Highlights on Economic Developments and Outlook

Sustained GDP growth in 2018

Continued expansion in domestic demand and in major economic sectors

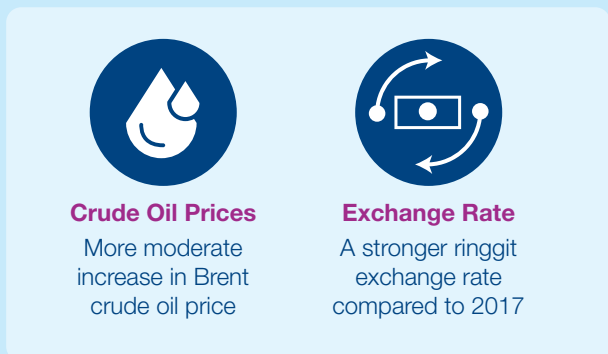


Headline inflation expected to moderate in 2018

Smaller contribution from global cost factors

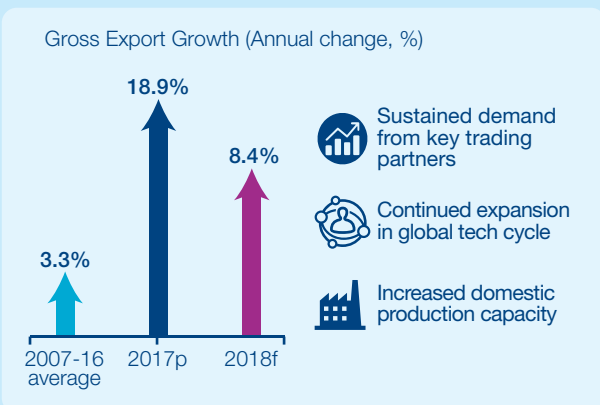


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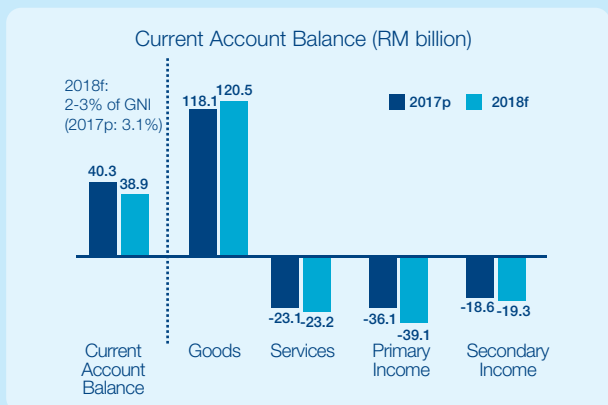


Exports and current account surplus to remain firm in 2018

Exports to grow above long-term average trends



Sustained current account surplus, driven by goods surplus



Key Highlights on Box Articles

Unlocking Malaysia's Digital Future: Opportunities, Challenges and Policy Responses



Digital transformation could boost USD100-136 billion in GDP by 2025

3 key fundamentals that must be addressed

Fast affordable broadband

Talent tailored for digital progress

High digital adoption



Broadband speed is 3 times slower than frontrunners



Only 1 in 5 graduates are in STEM



< 40% of the population use internet banking and e-commerce

Modernising regulations, empowering talent and universal access to infrastructure will accelerate Malaysia's digitalisation

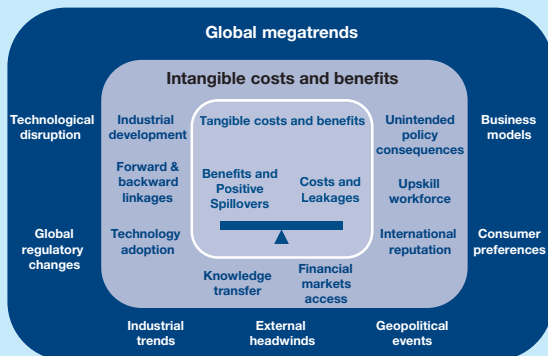
Low-Skilled Foreign Workers' Distortions to the Economy

Indiscriminate reliance on low-skilled foreign workers imposes costs to the economy



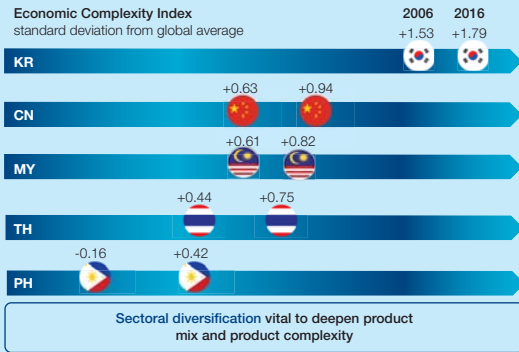
A Critical Assessment on Direct Investment Abroad (DIA) and the Changing Nature of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI)

Malaysia needs a fresh approach to assess desirability of inward and outward investments



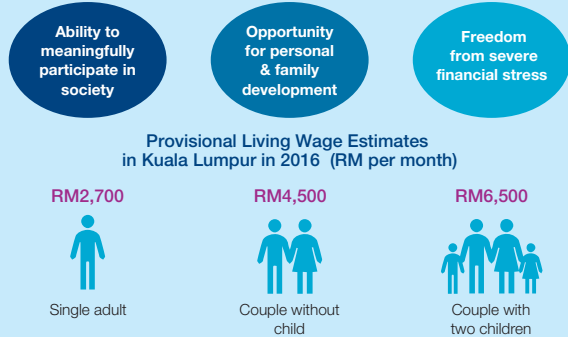
Complexity and Growth: Malaysia's Position and Policy Implications

Malaysia's economic complexity has improved, but others are fast catching up



The Living Wage: Beyond Making Ends Meet

The living wage enables households to afford a 'minimum acceptable' living standard, which include:



The Bank's Business Plan 2018 - 2020: Framing the Future with Talent and Technology

Business plan as a forward planning tool

