

MORNING BREAK

STOCK MARKET INDEX

FBM KLCI
1848.20

-2.22
-0.12%
SHANGHAI
3192.12

+18.09
+0.57%
NIKKEI
22745.35

-72.67
-0.32%
DJIA
24706.41

-193.00
-0.78%
FTSE
7722.98

+12.00
+0.16%


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Malaysia to see more fund inflows (*Bernama*)

Possible GST removal seen to improve retail sentiment (*The Edge*)

Petronas, Saudi Aramco launch corporate identity of JVs in Pengerang (*NST*)

TNB to invest RM2.7b into Grid of the Future (*The Star*)

GLOBAL

Space mining could become a real thing — and it could be worth trillions (*CNBC*)

Strengthen support for freelancers, in light of Uber 'disappearing act': Ang Hin Kee (*Channel NewsAsia*)

China's \$30 billion ride-hailing market could double by 2020 (*CNN*)

Climbing gas prices didn't keep consumers from spring spending (*Wall Street Journal*)

How cheap dockless hire bikes are flooding the world (*BBC*)

COMMENT

VOLUME INDEX OF WHOLESALE & RETAIL

ECONOMIC INDICATOR	VOLUME INDEX OF WHOLESALE & RETAIL
Actual	168.3
Coverage	Mar/18
Previous	162.9
Frequency	Monthly
Data Release	May/18

Volume index of Wholesale & Retail Trade rose **5.4 per cent** to **168.3 points** in March 2018 as compared to March 2017. The growth was supported by the increase in Wholesale Trade (**7.0%**) and Retail Trade (**6.4%**). Seasonally adjusted volume index of Wholesale & Retail Trade decreased by **0.2 per cent** as compared to the preceding month.

Sales value of Wholesale & Retail Trade stood at **RM103.8 billion**, increased **6.5 per cent** in March 2018 as compared to the corresponding period in 2017. The sales value consists of Wholesale Trade (**RM50.7 billion**), Retail Trade (**RM40.8 billion**) and Motor Vehicles (**RM12.3 billion**) businesses. The positive growth was contributed by Retail Trade (**8.6%**) and Wholesale Trade (**8.0%**) businesses. For more info, click [HERE](#).

Source: DOSM