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PERFORMANCE OF WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE

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Sales value of Wholesale & Retail Trade recorded **RM137.3 billion** in December 2022, registered a growth of **13.8 per cent** year-on-year. The positive growth was contributed by all sub-sectors, namely Retail Trade **22.7 per cent**, Motor Vehicles **20.3 per cent**, and Wholesale Trade **4.7 per cent**. In 2022, the Wholesale & Retail Trade sub-sector recorded **RM1.6 trillion**, increased **19.6 per cent** compared to **4.0 per cent** in 2021. As for COVID-19 pre-pandemic comparison, this sub-sector has surpassed the 2019 value level by **RM228.1 billion** or growth of **17.2 per cent** (**2019** = **RM1.3 trillion**).

In terms of volume index, Wholesale & Retail Trade registered **9.5 per** cent year-on-year to record **149.2 points**. The increment was supported by the increase in Retail Trade **17.4 per cent**, Motor Vehicles **9.7 per cent**, and Wholesale Trade **1.1 per cent**. As for seasonally adjusted volume index, it went up **0.2 per cent** month-on-month in December 2022. Volume index in 2022 was recorded **142.1 points** compared to **124.3 points** in 2021, increased **14.3 per cent**.

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