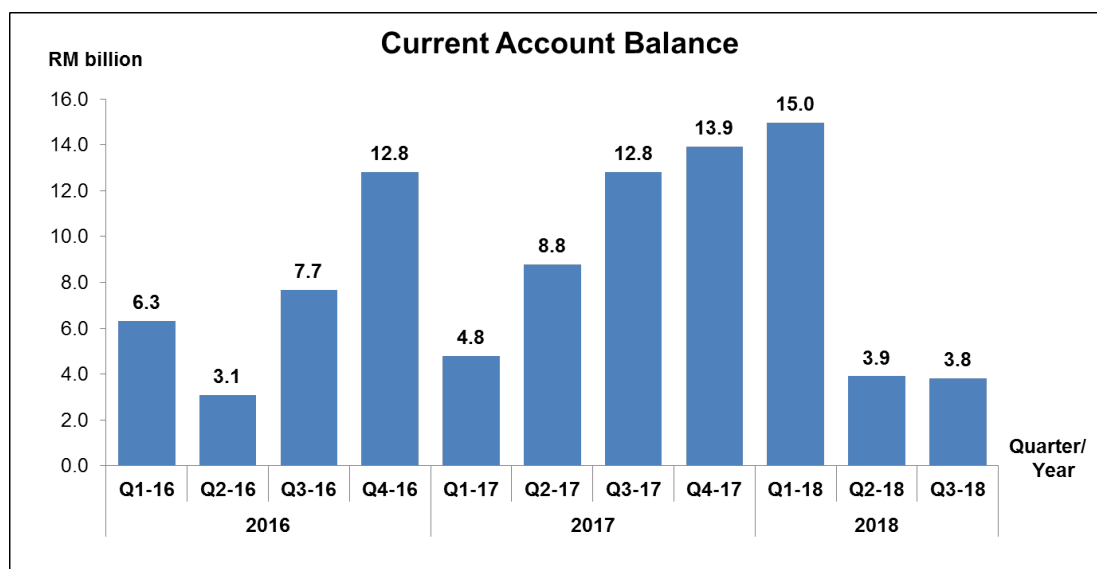




## QUARTERLY BALANCE OF PAYMENTS, THIRD QUARTER 2018

Malaysia's current account surplus recorded RM3.8 billion as compared to RM3.9 billion in the previous quarter. The slightly lower surplus was largely attributable to the widening deficit in net primary income due to higher retained earnings by the foreign investors.



The financial account recorded a lower net inflow of RM0.2 billion from RM9.2 billion in second quarter 2018. Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) increased to RM3.9 billion from RM2.8 billion in the previous quarter. The FDI were mainly from United States of America, United Kingdom and Japan. Meanwhile, Malaysia's Direct Investment Abroad (DIA) also improved to RM3.9 billion from RM3.6 billion in the second quarter with the main destinations to Singapore, Luxembourg and United Kingdom.

Portfolio investment registered a turnaround of net inflow of RM0.6 billion from net outflow of RM38.3 billion in the previous quarter. The portfolio investment assets showed a reversal to net inflow of RM4.3 billion, while liabilities registered a lower net outflow of RM3.6 billion. Likewise, other investment also recorded a turnaround of net outflow RM0.8 billion from a net inflow of RM48.4 billion in last quarter.

The international reserves of Bank Negara Malaysia stood at RM426.9 billion compared to RM423.3 billion in the previous quarter.



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## BALANCE OF PAYMENTS

Malaysia's Current Account Balance recorded a surplus of  
**RM3.8 billion** in **Q3 2018**

### CURRENT ACCOUNT BALANCE

Q2 18 Surplus  
**RM3.9b**

Q3 18 Surplus  
**RM3.8b**

Due to higher deficit in Primary Income



Goods

Surplus  
Q3 18 **RM26.6b**  
Q2 18 **RM26.1b**



Primary Income

Deficit  
Q3 18 **RM15.0b**  
Q2 18 **RM11.2b**



Services

Deficit  
Q3 18 **RM3.3b**  
Q2 18 **RM6.2b**



Secondary Income

Deficit  
Q3 18 **RM4.5b**  
Q2 18 **RM4.7b**

### FINANCIAL ACCOUNT

Q2 18 Net inflow  
**RM9.2b**

Q3 18 Net inflow  
**RM0.2b**

Due to turnaround in Other Investment



Direct Investment

Net inflow  
Q3 18 **RM0.1b**  
Q2 18 **RM0.7b**



Portfolio Investment

Net inflow  
Q3 18 **RM0.6b**  
Q2 18 **RM38.3b**



Financial Derivatives

Net inflow  
Q3 18 **RM0.3b**  
Q2 18 **RM0.2b**



Other Investment

Net outflow  
Q3 18 **RM0.8b**  
Q2 18 **RM48.4b**

### FDI & DIA Performance

Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in Malaysia

Net inflow  
Q3 18 **RM3.9b**  
Q2 18 **RM2.8b**

Malaysia's Direct Investment Abroad (DIA)

Net outflow  
Q3 18 **RM3.9b**  
Q2 18 **RM3.6b**

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