Key Highlights on

Economic and Financial Developments in 1Q 2018

Firm GDP growth of 5.4%

Continued expansion in domestic demand and across economic sectors

Real GDP Growth



Continued expansion in private sector activity

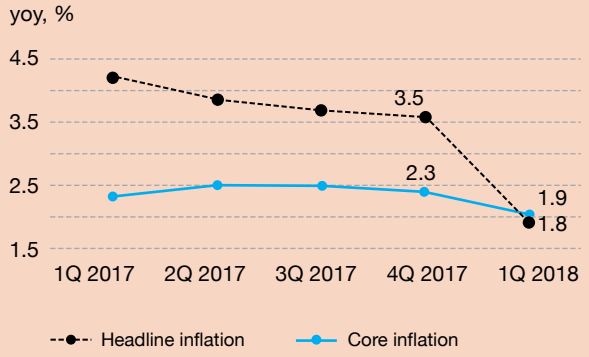
External demand provided further support

On the supply side, manufacturing and services sectors remained the key drivers

Both headline and core inflation declined in 1Q 2018

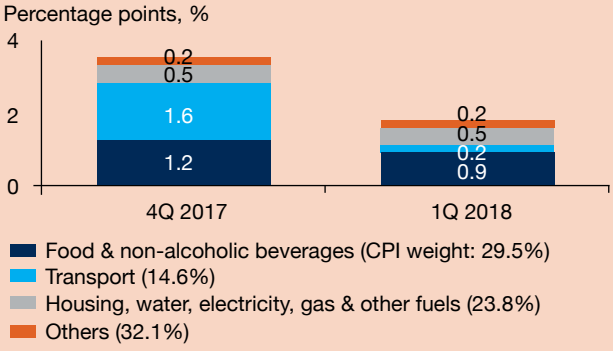
Headline inflation declined to 1.8% in 1Q 2018...

Headline and Core Inflation



...reflecting smaller increase in global oil prices and favourable domestic food supply conditions

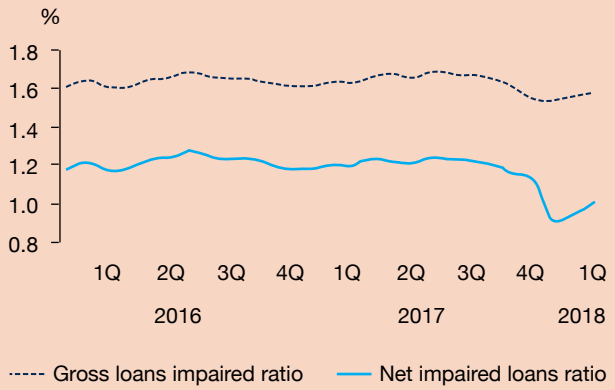
Contribution to Inflation by CPI Categories



Sustained resilience in the financial system

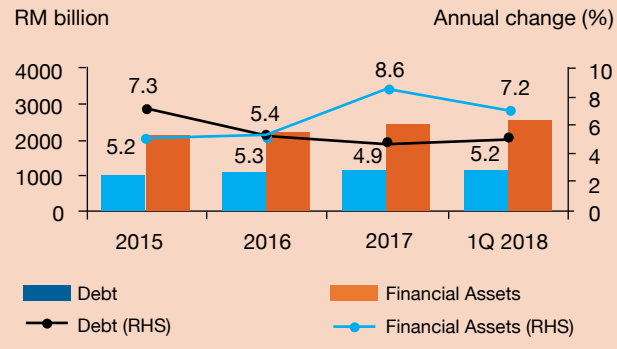
Banking system asset quality remains healthy

Banking System Asset Quality



Growth in household financial assets continued to outpace debt

Household Sector Debt and Financial Assets



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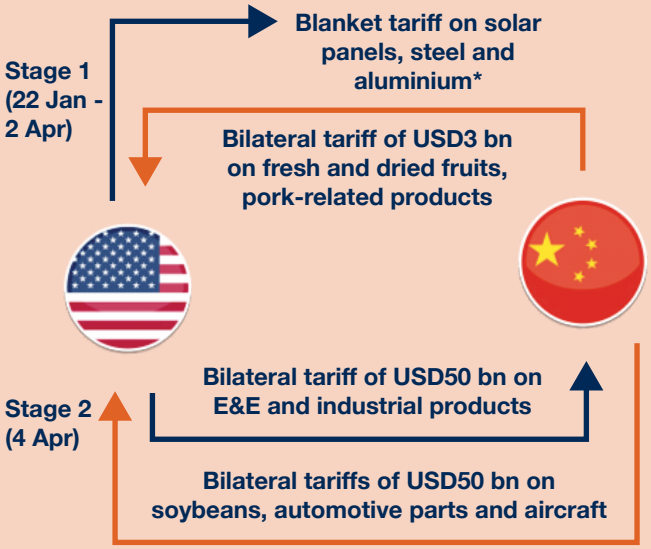
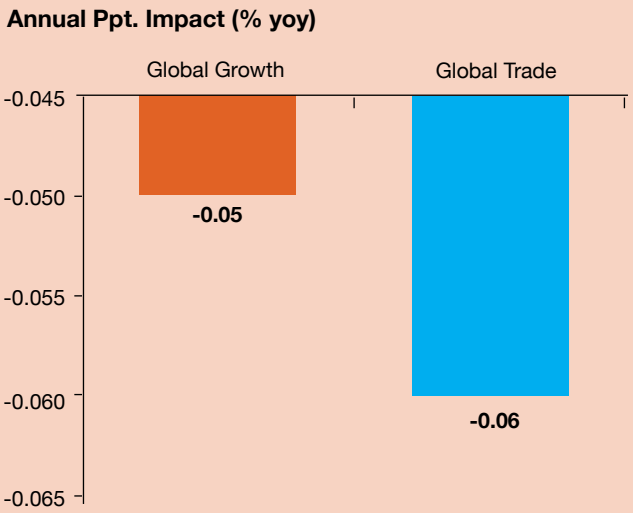
Box and Feature Articles

Trade Disputes: Implications for Trade and Investments

The emergence of trade disputes poses downside risks to global growth



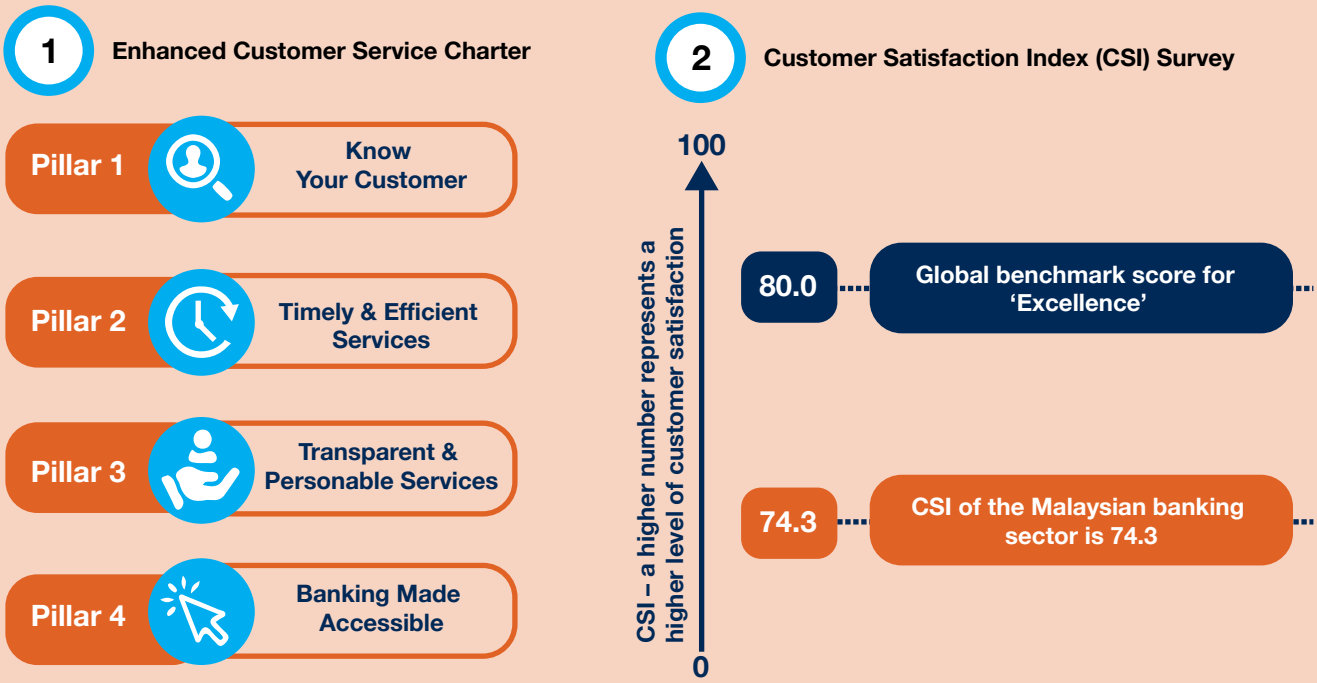
However, in its current form, the impact to global growth is estimated to be minimal



*** Countries exempted from the steel and aluminium tariffs include Canada, Mexico, Korea and the Euro area**

Improving Quality and Transparency of Services to Financial Consumers

The enhanced Customer Service Charter and the establishment of a Customer Satisfaction Index are expected to further elevate the quality and transparency of banking services to financial consumers



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