

## Summary of social and economic development of Macao

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### OVERALL SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC SITUATION

Owing to the Christmas holidays, the number of visitor arrivals in December 2007 rose significantly and gross gaming receipts maintained its strong growth. In terms of external trade, exports and imports of goods increased constantly year-on-year, narrowing the trade deficit from November 2007. In the labour market, the employed population continued to expand and the unemployment rate was held stable at 2.9%. On the other hand, the number of property transactions fell in December compared with the previous month and the same month of 2006. Meanwhile, the Composite Consumer Price Index (Composite CPI) recorded increases over the two periods.

### GAMING AND TOURISM

Gross gaming receipts in December 2007 jumped by 34.0% to MOP 8.21 billion. In annual terms, gross gaming receipts surged by 45.8% to MOP 83.85 billion.

The total number of visitor arrivals grew by 21.1% to 2,618,823 in December 2007. Visitors from Mainland China; Taiwan region; and Hong Kong SAR registered increases of 26.8%, 4.1% and 2.7% respectively. In 2007, total number of visitor arrivals reached 27,003,370, up by 22.8%. Visitors from Mainland China; Hong Kong SAR; and Taiwan region increased by 24.1%, 17.8% and 0.5% respectively.

### CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE

At the end of November 2007, the cumulative number of building units started was 4,385 and the respective gross floor area totalled 2,198,414 m<sup>2</sup>, up by 13.9% and 123.8% respectively. The cumulative number of building units completed went down by 32.1% to 2,048, while the gross floor area increased by 34.8% to 1,679,623 m<sup>2</sup>. Regarding the property market, 2,272 building units were transacted in December 2007, down by 209 units (-8.4%) over the preceding month or decreased by 687 units (-23.2%) year-on-year. In 2007, the total number of units transacted went up by 22.2% to 32,250.

### EXTERNAL TRADE

In December 2007, the value of total exports rose by 14.6% to MOP 1.83 billion and the value of total imports grew by 11.5% to MOP 3.77 billion, narrowing the trade deficit to MOP 1.95 billion. In 2007, total value of exports fell slightly by 0.2% to MOP 20.43 billion, due to an 8.6% decrease in the exports of **Textile & garment** that accounted for 65.6% of the total value of exports. Total value of imports grew by 18.0% to MOP 43.11 billion, of which the value of imports of **Capital goods**, **Consumer goods** and **Fuel & lubricants** rose by 37.3%, 26.4% and 22.8% respectively, while that of **Raw materials & semi-manufactures** dropped by 4.2%. Trade deficit for the whole year of 2007 reached MOP 22.68 billion.

### CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

The Composite CPI for December 2007 was 118.49, a year-on-year increase of 7.12% or up by 0.98% over the previous month. The indices of Recreation & culture; Communication; and Transport recorded notable increases of 3.28%,

2.02% and 1.52% respectively, on account of higher charges for outbound package tours during Christmas holidays, reduction in discount offered for IDD calls and rising prices of gasoline. In spite of lower prices of fresh vegetables, the price index of Food & non-alcoholic beverages went up by 1.01%, as a result of dearer prices of fresh pork and beef, as well as increasing charges for meals bought away from home. On the other hand, the index of Clothing & footwear recorded a 0.10% decrease due to the commencement of discount sale of men and women's shoes. The average Composite CPI for 2007 was 114.46, implying an annual inflation rate of 5.57%.

## **EMPLOYMENT**

The employed population expanded by 13.0% to 313,300 for October to December 2007. The unemployment rate stood at 2.9%, same as that in the preceding period (September to November 2007), but down by 0.6 percentage point year-on-year. At the end of December 2007, the number of non-resident workers totalled 85,207, an increase of 1,172 over the end of November or up by 20,534 (+31.8%) from a year earlier.

## **MONEY**

At the end of November 2007, narrow money supply (M1) and broad money supply (M2) amounted to MOP 19.36 billion and MOP 182.42 billion respectively. Domestic loans and advances to the private sector increased by 36.3% to MOP 65.77 billion. Foreign exchange reserve rose by 46.3% to MOP 103.46 billion.

\* Unless otherwise specified, growth rates mentioned in this analysis refer to year-on-year growth.

Principal statistical indicators of Macao	Unit	Latest period	Latest period		Cumulative	
			Value	Year-on-year % change	Value	Year-on-year % change
<b>I - GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT</b>						
Current prices	10 <sup>6</sup> MOP	Q3/2007	38 297.42	39.0	110 013.69	37.3
Real growth rate	%	Q3/2007	30.9	..	29.5	..
<b>II - GAMING AND TOURISM</b>						
Gross gaming receipts	10 <sup>6</sup> MOP	Dec/2007	8 207.91	34.0	83 846.81	45.8
Visitor arrivals	no.	Dec/2007	2 618 823	21.1	27 003 370	22.8
Mainland China	no.	Dec/2007	1 448 243	26.8	14 873 490	24.1
Hong Kong SAR	no.	Dec/2007	725 543	2.7	8 176 964	17.8
Taiwan region	no.	Dec/2007	123 032	4.1	1 444 342	0.5
<b>III - CONSTRUCTION AND REAL ESTATE</b>						
Gross floor area of buildings started	m <sup>2</sup>	Nov/2007	8 060	-83.2	2 198 414	123.8
Units of buildings started	no.	Nov/2007	14	-95.1	4 385	13.9
Gross floor area of buildings completed	m <sup>2</sup>	Nov/2007	1 159	-98.3	1 679 623	34.8
Units of buildings completed	no.	Nov/2007	1	-99.0	2 048	-32.1
Building units transacted	no.	Dec/2007	2 272	-23.2	32 250	22.2
<b>IV - EXTERNAL TRADE</b>						
Exports	10 <sup>6</sup> MOP	Dec/2007	1 825.78	14.6	20 430.57	-0.2
Imports	10 <sup>6</sup> MOP	Dec/2007	3 774.35	11.5	43 113.86	18.0
Trade balance	10 <sup>6</sup> MOP	Dec/2007	- 1 948.57	..	- 22 683.29	..
<b>V - COMPOSITE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX</b> (7/2004 to 6/2005 = 100)						
		Dec/2007	118.49	7.1	..	5.6 <sup>a</sup>
<b>VI - PUBLIC ACCOUNTS</b>						
Total revenue	10 <sup>6</sup> MOP	Nov/2007	5 048.48	59.9	37 400.88	49.4
Revenue from gaming tax	10 <sup>6</sup> MOP	Nov/2007	3 506.30	56.5	28 136.41	49.2
Total expenditure	10 <sup>6</sup> MOP	Nov/2007	1 767.54	10.3	13 252.46	3.9
Balance	10 <sup>6</sup> MOP	Nov/2007	3 280.94	..	24 148.41	..
			Latest period		Previous period	
			Value	Year-on-year % change	Value	Year-on-year % change
<b>VII - EMPLOYMENT</b>						
Employed population	10 <sup>3</sup>	Oct/2007-Dec/2007	313.3	13.0	310.9	13.3
Unemployment rate	%	Oct/2007-Dec/2007	2.9	-0.6 <sup>b</sup>	2.9	-0.7 <sup>b</sup>
Non-resident workers in Macao	no.	Dec/2007	85 207	31.8	84 035	35.4
<b>VIII - MONEY</b>						
Narrow money supply (M1)	10 <sup>6</sup> MOP	Nov/2007	19 358.5	16.2	19 683.1	14.8
Broad money supply (M2)	10 <sup>6</sup> MOP	Nov/2007	182 415.1	11.4	187 427.2	15.4
Domestic loans and advances to the private sector	10 <sup>6</sup> MOP	Nov/2007	65 768.6	36.3	62 033.7 <sup>r</sup>	31.1 <sup>r</sup>
Foreign exchange reserves	10 <sup>6</sup> MOP	Nov/2007	103 455.4	46.3	99 688.3	45.3

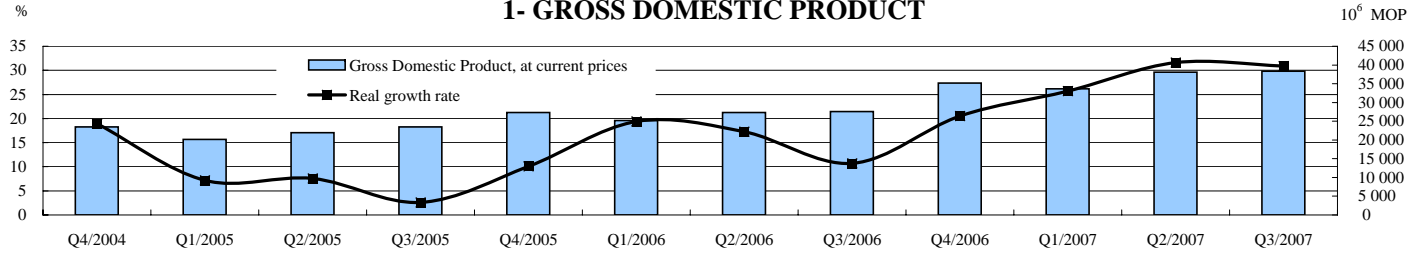
a Annual rate of change ended December 2007.

b Percentage difference from the same period of last year - positive value represents an increase and negative value represents a decrease.

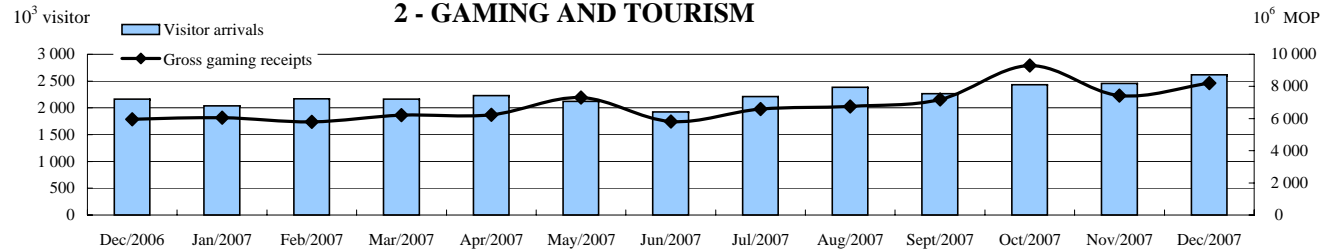
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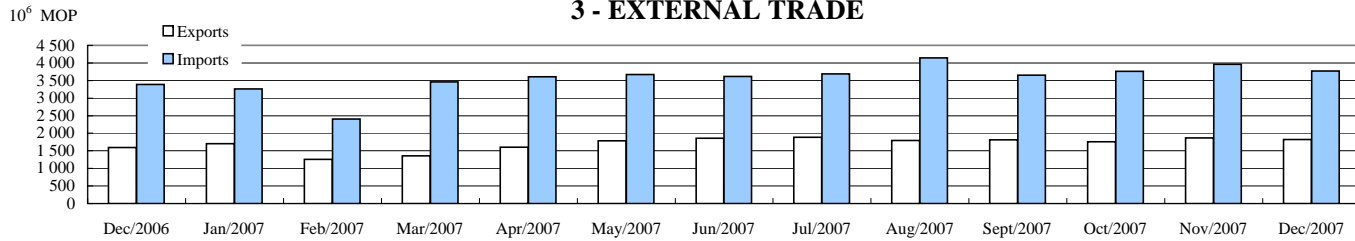
1- GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT



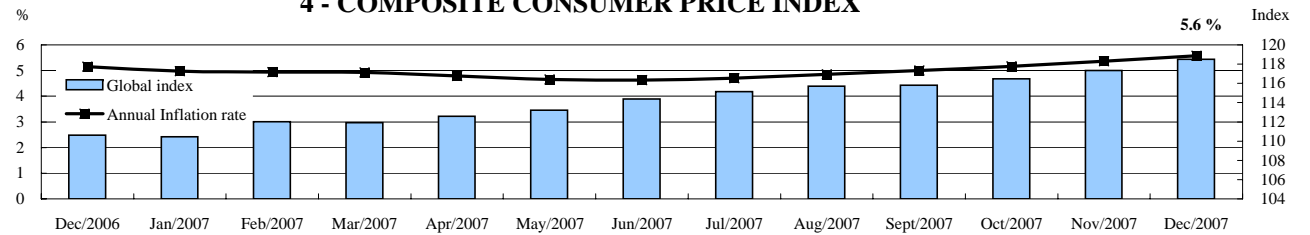
2 - GAMING AND TOURISM



3 - EXTERNAL TRADE



4 - COMPOSITE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX



5 - UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

