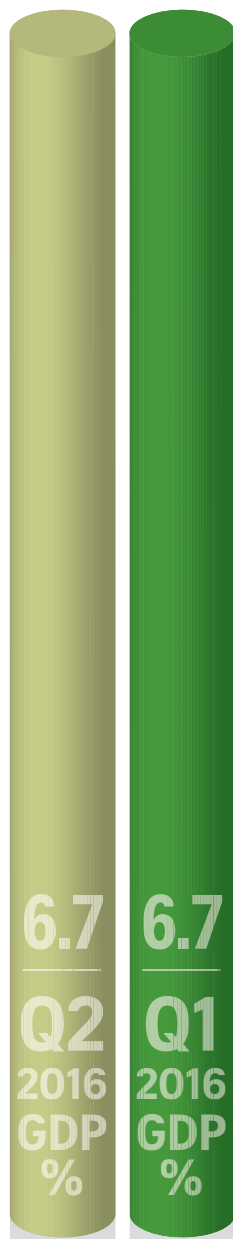


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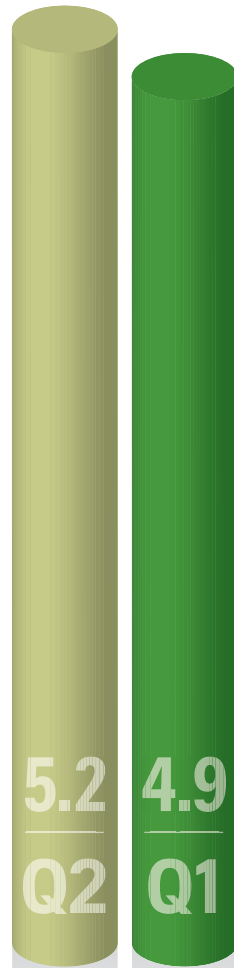


CHINA

Growth remains unchanged from previous quarter but is still at the slowest pace since the global financial crisis.

What next

Economy continues to face downward pressure but the first-half performance lays the foundation for meeting the full-year growth target.

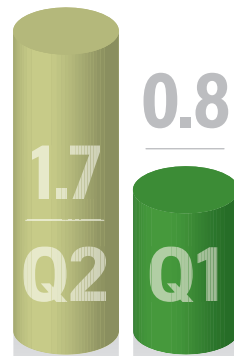


INDONESIA

Economy grew faster than expected, beating forecasts on the back of increased household consumption and government spending.

What next

Optimism on the rise as economy is starting to accelerate again. A nudge by the central bank through rate cuts would help.

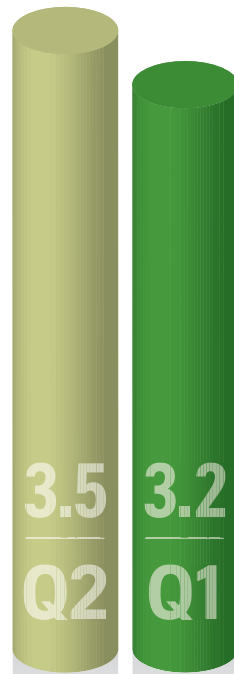


HONG KONG

Economy regained momentum as a pick-up in exports helped offset sluggish retail sales.

What next

Slowdown in China will weigh on the city's fortunes. Ongoing downturn in property sector is a major headwind.

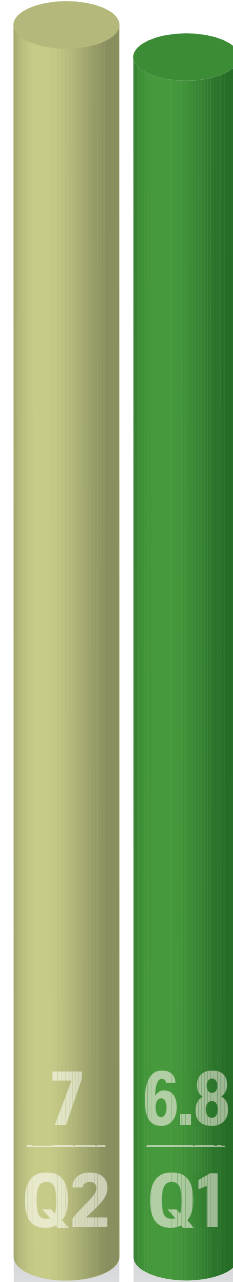


THAILAND

Economy posted fastest annual growth rate in 13 quarters, thanks to high government spending and tourist dollars.

What next

Government and tourism spending will continue to drive growth but exports may shrink. Clarity in domestic political situation could encourage foreign investment.

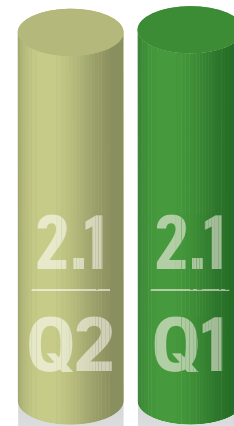


PHILIPPINES

Private consumption and government investment in infrastructure spurred growth in the first half of the year to its fastest pace since 2013.

What next

The administration is aiming for steady growth on the basis of sustained reforms and investments.



SINGAPORE

Growth of externally-oriented services sectors, such as finance and insurance and wholesale trade, slowed.

What next

Growth forecast has been lowered to 1-2 per cent as weaker global growth and lacklustre domestic performance may weigh on the economy.

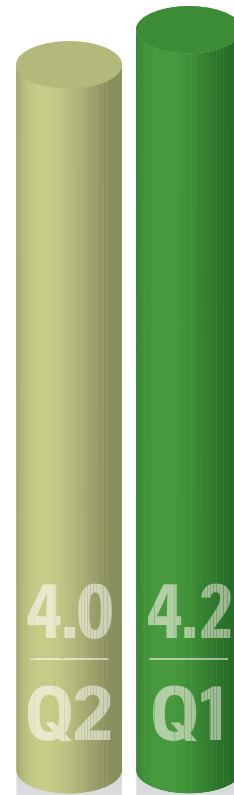


JAPAN

Economic growth ground to a halt following weak exports, and modest public and household spending.

What next

Observers hope the 13.5 trillion yen stimulus announced this month will help the economy deflect external headwinds and sustain a moderate recovery.



MALAYSIA

A slowdown in China and weak commodity prices saw growth rates ease for the fifth straight quarter.

What next

Domestic demand will remain a key growth driver, even as global demand for the country's commodities remains weak.