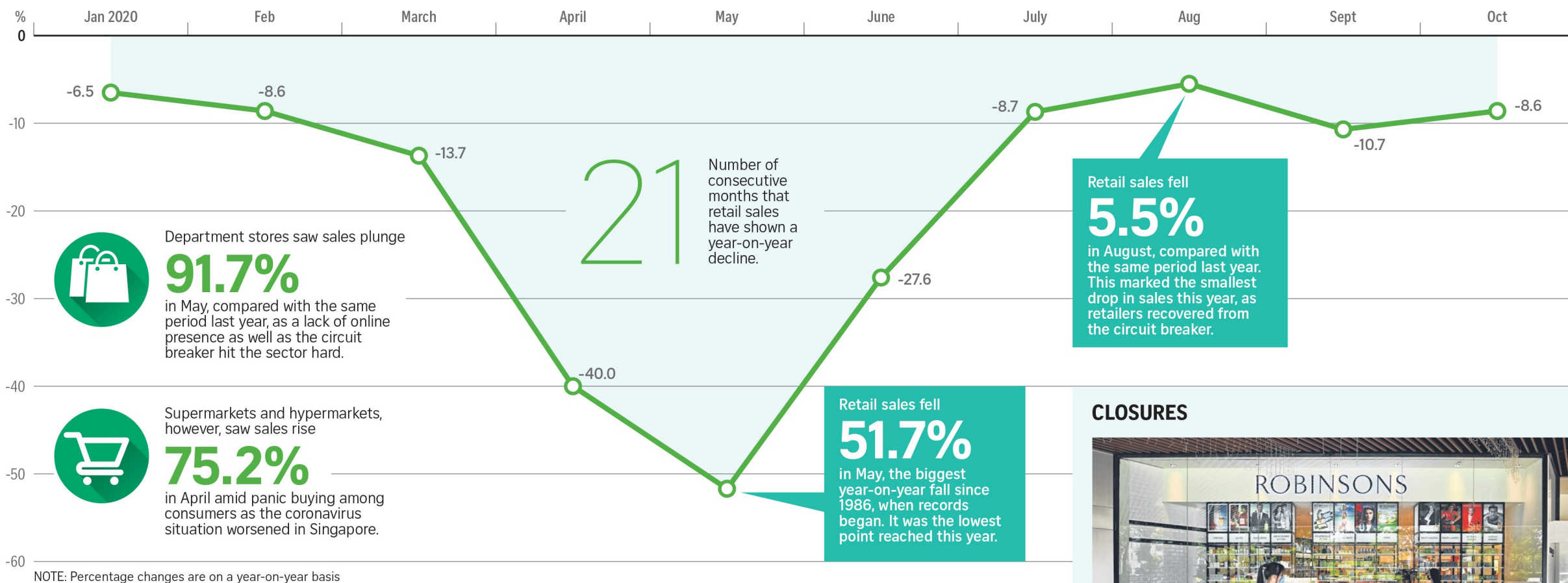




Tough year for Singapore's retailers

The retail sector came under the spotlight this year, as the coronavirus pandemic hit the industry hard, causing even household names like Robinsons to succumb to the battering. The circuit breaker from April to June also cast a pall over the sector, as retailers had to shut their doors and depend on online offerings.

OVERALL RETAIL SALES



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Number of years Robinsons has been in Singapore, before it will close for good. As at last month, it had about 175 staff and owed more than 440 creditors at least \$31.7 million.

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Number of Esprit stores in Singapore when the fashion retailer announced in April that it would close all its stores in Asia outside mainland China.

43

Number of years the iconic Prima Tower Revolving Restaurant in Keppel Road had been churning out dim sum lunches before it closed in August.

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