

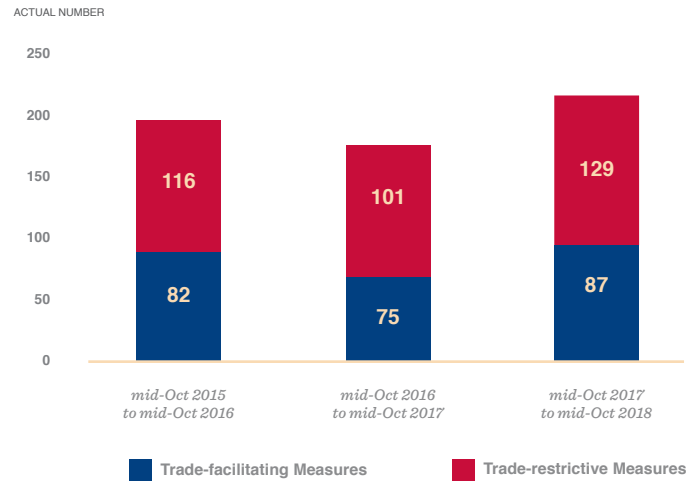
Sustaining APEC Growth: A Delicate Balancing Act

The APEC region aims to stay the course amid a challenging global environment

APEC GDP growth continues to moderate as uncertainty intensifies

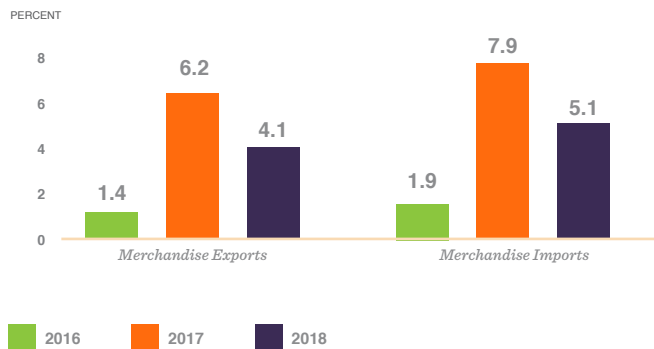


The decline in trade growth is accompanied by an increase in trade-restrictive measures

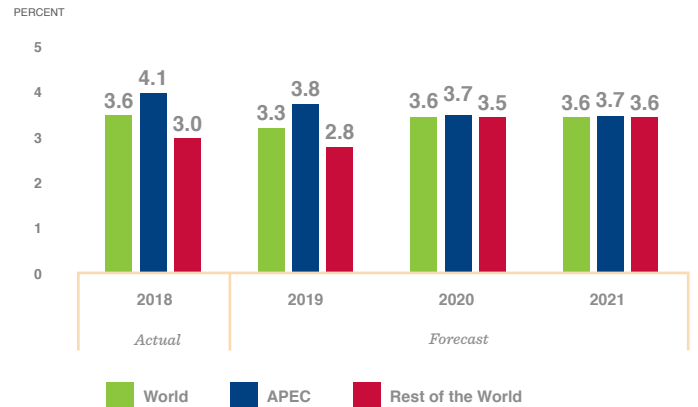


Trade activity slows as trade tensions persist

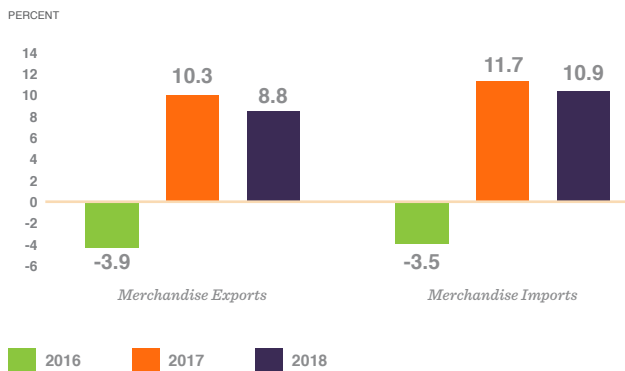
Growth in the volume of merchandise trade declined in 2018 compared to 2017...



APEC GDP growth is expected to slow down in the short-term in tandem with global growth



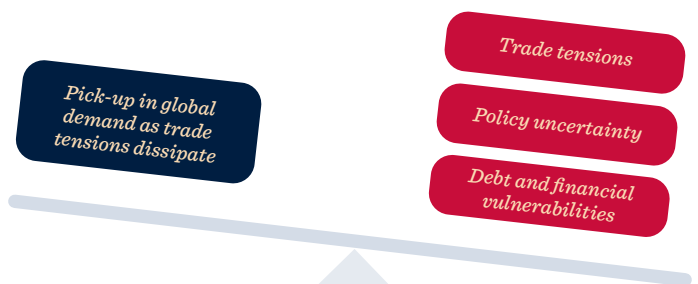
... along with growth in the value of merchandise trade



Downside risks to growth remain dominant

Upside potential

Downside risks



It is timely for APEC to re-assess priorities vis-à-vis the APEC Strategy for Strengthening Quality Growth 2015-2020 and identify areas to strengthen towards economic growth that is balanced, sustainable and inclusive.