Retail Sales Dashboard



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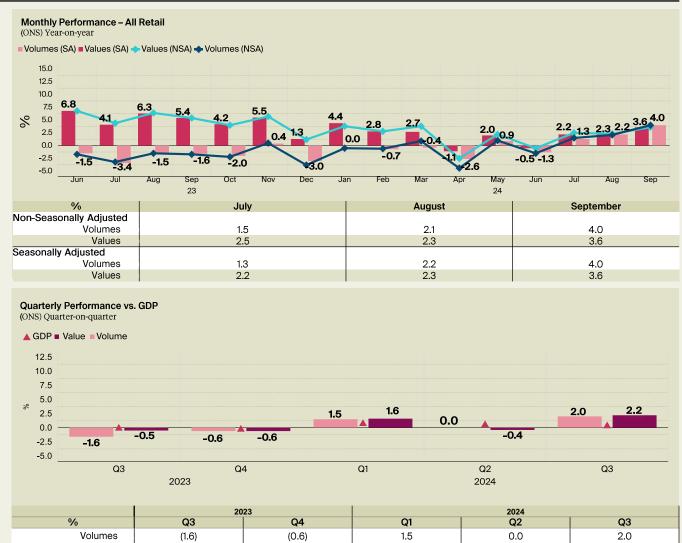
Values

GDP Growth

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Key Messages

- September a significant month in the retail calendar – one of the busiest in terms of underlying demand and the gateway to the festive Q4 period.
- Retail sales values grew by an encouraging +3.6%, the best monthly performance since January. Healthy volume growth (+4.0%) – ordinarily a cause for celebration – outstripped value growth and led to deflation, as retailers discounted in the face of weak consumer demand.
- Deflation was driven by non-food (values +6.8% / volumes +7.8%) but was not evident in all categories. Clothing achieved its best performance in over a year (+2.6%/+1.7%) without recourse to mass price reductions. Food growth was curiously weak (-0.3%/-1.4%) and the sector remained inflationary.

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