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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

ARF	Additional Registration Fee
bps	basis points
BTMICE	business travel, meetings, incentives, conventions and exhibitions
CPF	Central Provident Fund
CPI	consumer price index
DLI	Domestic Liquidity Indicator
DOS	Department of Statistics
DPS	deferred payment scheme
ECB	European Central Bank
EIA	Energy Information Administration
EPD	Economic Policy Department
FI	fiscal impulse
FY	financial year
GDP	Gross Domestic Product
GIC	Government of Singapore Investment Corporation
GST	goods and services tax
HDB	Housing and Development Board
IMF	International Monetary Fund
IPI	import price index
IRAS	Inland Revenue Authority of Singapore
LPG	liquid petroleum gas
M&A	merger and acquisition
M&OE	marine and offshore engineering
MMS	Monetary Model of Singapore
MOF	Ministry of Finance
m-o-m	month-on-month
MOM	Ministry of Manpower
MPS	Monetary Policy Statement
NBER	National Bureau of Economic Research
NEER	nominal effective exchange rate
NODX	non-oil domestic exports
NORX	non-oil re-exports
NTUC	National Trades Union Congress
OECD	Organisation of Economic Cooperation and Development
OMV	Open Market Value
OPEC	Organisation of the Petroleum Exporting Countries
PMETs	Professionals, Managers, Executives and Technicians
SPS	Standard Payment Scheme
q-o-q	quarter-on-quarter
REER	real effective exchange rate
SAAR	seasonally adjusted annualised rate
SAGE	Singapore Academy of GxP Excellence
SERS	Selective En bloc Redevelopment Scheme
STB	Singapore Tourism Board
TOP	temporary occupation permit
UBCI	unit business cost index
ULC	unit labour cost
USCI	unit services cost index
WDA	Workforce Development Agency
WTI	West Texas Intermediate
y-o-y	year-on-year
