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Malaysia’s hospitality service prices rose 6.5% in the third quarter

The producer price index reached 171.4 after a 0.8% quarterly increase from the second quarter

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Prices for hospitality services in Malaysia rose 6.5% from a year earlier in the third quarter of 2026, extending a period of strong annual increases and edging up slightly from the previous quarter, according to data released by the Department of Statistics Malaysia on November 6.

The reading covers the producer price index for accommodation and food and beverage service activities, part of the country’s broader services producer price index. The measure tracks prices charged for services provided and is based on 2010=100. It does not measure procurement costs, sales revenue or business volume.

The annual increase of 6.5% marked a modest acceleration from 6.4% in the second quarter, a rise of 0.1 percentage point. The index reached 171.4 points in the third quarter, up from 170.1 in the previous quarter and 161.0 in the same period a year earlier. That was an increase of 1.3 points from the second quarter and 10.4 points from the third quarter of 2025.

On a quarter-to-quarter basis, the official change was 0.8%, showing that service prices in the sector continued to climb even as the pace of increase remained much smaller than the annual rate. The combination of a high year-over-year gain and a more limited quarterly move suggests that price pressure stayed in place through the quarter rather

than breaking sharply higher over a short period.

Within the sector, restaurant and mobile food service prices rose 5.9% from a year earlier in the third quarter. Beverage service prices increased 2.9% over the same period. The department’s release did not present those figures as evidence of stronger consumer spending or higher profit margins, only as changes in prices for services supplied.

The data are closely watched because they help show where service-sector price pressure is building in the economy. In hospitality, that matters for restaurants, beverage operators and lodging-related businesses that are passing along higher charges for the services they provide. At the same time, the index does not show whether businesses are serving more customers or generating more income overall.

Malaysia’s third-quarter reading indicates that hospitality service prices remained elevated on an annual basis, with only a slight acceleration from the prior quarter. The figures also draw a distinction between year-over-year inflation and the shorter-term quarter-to-quarter movement, which came in at 0.8%.

The Department of Statistics Malaysia published the figures as part of its services producer price index release, providing a benchmark for how prices in one of the country’s consumer-facing service industries changed during the quarter.