

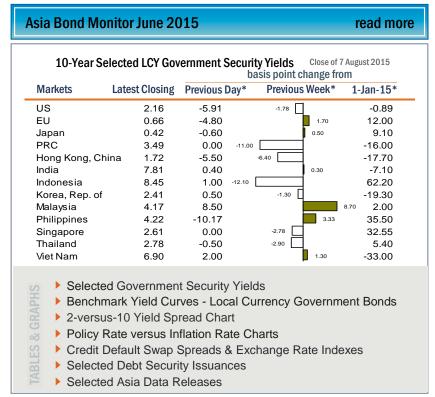


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Key Developments in Asian Local Currency Markets

onsumer prices in Indonesia rose 7.3% year-on-year (y-o-y) for the second month in a row in July. In the Republic of Korea, consumer prices rose 0.7% y-o-y in July, the same rate of increase as June's. In the Philippines, inflation eased to 0.8% y-o-y in July from 1.2% y-o-y in June. In Thailand, the Consumer Price Index fell 1.0% y-o-y in July, marking the seventh consecutive month of a y-o-y decrease in the economy's overall consumer prices. Consumer prices in the People's Republic of China (PRC) rose 1.6% y-o-y in July from 1.4% y-o-y in June. In contrast, producer prices fell 5.4% y-o-y in July following a decline of 4.8% y-o-y in June.

- ₹ Economic growth in Indonesia continued to slow to 4.67% y-o-y in 2Q15 from 4.72% y-o-y in 1Q15. The slower economic growth was due mainly to weak investment growth and moderating growth in both government consumption and household consumption.
- At its monetary policy meeting on 7 August, the Bank of Japan announced that it would maintain its monetary easing measures. The Bank of Thailand's Monetary Policy Committee decided on 5 August to maintain the policy rate at its current level of 1.50%.
- Ningapore's Purchasing Managers Index fell to 49.7 in July from 50.4 in June, indicating a contraction in the manufacturing economy. The fall in the index was primarily due to a decline in new orders, production output, and new export orders.
- Malaysia's trade surplus widened to MYR8.0 billion in June from MYR5.5 billion in May as exports increased at a faster pace than imports. Exports rose 6.3% month-on-month (m-o-m) in June to MYR64.3 billion from MYR60.4 billion in May, while imports increased 2.4% m-o-m to MYR56.3 billion in June from MYR54.9 billion in May.
- ✓ Last week, Hong Kong, China issued HKD10 billion worth of inflation-indexed bonds. The bonds have a maturity of 3 years and carry a floating-rate coupon. The coupon rate will be set at the average of Hong Kong, China's Consumer Price Index for the previous 6 months or 1.0%, whichever is higher. The Indonesian government sold a total of JPY100 billion of samurai bonds. The issuance consisted of JPY22.5 billion of 3-year bonds priced at a coupon rate of 1.08%, JPY22.5 billion of 5-year bonds priced at 1.38%, and JPY55.0 billion of 10-year bonds priced at 0.91%. Neither the 3-year nor 5-year bond has a guarantee, while the 10-year bonds carries a



guarantee from the Japan Bank for International Cooperation.

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- Government bond yields fell last week for all tenors in the PRC and Thailand; and for most tenors in the Republic of Korea and Singapore. Yields rose for all tenors in Malaysia except for the 6-month tenor which was left unchanged. Yield movements were mixed in Hong Kong, China; Indonesia; Philippines; and Viet Nam. Yield spreads between the 2- and 10-year tenors narrowed for all markets except for the PRC and Viet Nam.



Summary Text of News Articles

Inflation Remains Unchanged in Indonesia and the Republic of Korea, Eases in the Philippines, Falls in Thailand in July

Consumer prices in Indonesia rose 7.3% year-on-year (y-o-y) for the second month in a row in July. On a month-on-month (m-o-m) basis, consumer price inflation climbed to 0.9% in July from 0.5% a month earlier, mainly due to higher food prices and transportation costs as seasonal increase in consumer spending related to the Muslim celebration of Ramadan and Idul Fitri coincided during the month.

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The Republic of Korea's Consumer Price Index (CPI) rose 0.7% y-o-y in July, the same rate of y-o-y increase as in June, according to Statistics Korea data released last week. Eight out of 12 expenditure categories in the CPI registered y-o-y hikes in July. On a m-o-m basis, consumer price inflation inched up to 0.2% in July from 0% in June.

In the Philippines, consumer price inflation eased to 0.8% y-o-y in July from 1.2% y-o-y in June. In July, the price index for housing, water, electricity, gas, and other fuels declined 1.1% y-o-y, continuing a deflationary trend for the seventh successive month. The price index for transportation declined 0.5% y-o-y in July, a reversal from an increase of 0.2% y-o-y in June. Meanwhile, the annual increases in July in the price indices for food and non-alcoholic beverages; health; furnishing, household equipment, and routine maintenance of the house; and education were lower compared with June.

In Thailand, the CPI fell 1.0% y-o-y in July, marking the seventh consecutive month of a y-o-y decrease in the economy's overall consumer prices. July's decline was brought about by y-o-y decreases in energy prices and transport costs. Between June and July, the CPI decreased 0.1%.

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Economic Growth in Indonesia Slows to 4.67% v-o-v in 2015

Economic growth in Indonesia continued to slow to 4.67% y-o-y in 2Q15 from 4.72% y-o-y in 1Q15. The slower economic growth was due mainly to weak investment growth and moderating growth in both government consumption and household consumption. Bank Indonesia, however, expects the economy to recover in the second half of the year amid accelerated spending by the government on infrastructure projects. On a quarter-on-quarter and non-seasonally adjusted basis, economic growth climbed to 3.78% in 2Q15 from -0.17% in 1Q15.

BOJ Maintains Monetary Easing Measures; Policy Rate in Thailand Remains Unchanged

At its monetary policy meeting on 7 August, the Bank of Japan (BOJ) announced that it would maintain its monetary easing measures. The BOJ stated that the domestic economy is recovering moderately and this trend was expected to continue. Inflation is expected to remain unchanged on a y-o-y basis in the short-term due to the decline in global energy prices, but is likely to be on an upward trend in the long-term.

The Bank of Thailand's Monetary Policy Committee decided on 5 August to maintain the policy rate at its current level of 1.50%. In its monetary policy decision, the committee reported that the economy of Thailand continued its gradual recovery in 2Q15 and that headline inflation has remained negative. It further noted that the gradual pace of economic recovery is expected to be maintained throughout the rest of the year, and that headline inflation is expected to rise gradually in the second half of 2015. Moreover, the committee assessed that the central bank's monetary policy stance should remain accommodative.



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Singapore's PMI Falls to 49.7 in July

Singapore's Purchasing Managers Index (PMI) fell to 49.7 in July from 50.4 in June. A PMI reading beyond 50 suggests an expansion in the manufacturing economy, while a figure below 50 generally indicates a slowdown. July's PMI was a turnaround from a reading of more than 50 for the past 2 months. The Singapore Institute of Purchasing & Materials Management attributed the decrease in the overall PMI to a decline in new orders, production output, and new export orders. Weaker demand from local and foreign markets pushed the electronics sector PMI down to 49.5 in July from 50.3 in June.

Malaysia's Trade Surplus Widens in June

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Hong Kong, China Issues HKD10 Billion Worth of iBonds; Indonesia Sells JPY100 Billion Worth of Samurai Bonds in Three Tranches

Hong Kong, China last week issued HKD10 billion worth of inflation-indexed bonds (iBonds). According to the Hong Kong Monetary Authority, total bids for the iBonds reached HKD35.7 billion. The bonds have a maturity of 3 years and carry a floating-rate coupon. The coupon rate will be set at the average of Hong Kong, China's CPI for the previous 6 months or 1.0%, whichever is higher.

Last week, the Indonesian government sold a total of JPY100 billion of samural bonds in three tranches. The bonds consisted of JPY22.5 billion of 3-year bonds priced at a coupon rate of 1.08%, JPY22.5 billion of 5-year bonds priced at a coupon rate of 0.91%. Neither the 3-year nor 5-year bond has a guarantee, marking the first issuance of unguaranteed Indonesian bonds in Japan. The 10-year bonds carries a guarantee from the Japan Bank for International Cooperation. The bonds were offered through private placement targeted for Japan-based qualified institutional investors.

Central Pattana Raises THB3.6 Billion from Triple-Tranche Bond Sale; TPI Polene Raises THB15.6 Billion from Multi-Tranche Bond Sale

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Selected Government Security Yields

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3-Month Selected LCY Government Security Yields

	Lateat	bas	is point chang	ange from		
Markets	Latest Closing	Previous Day*	Previous Week*	1-Jan-15*		
US	0.06	2.54		0.00	2.55	
EU	-0.21	-0.40		0.30	-16.60	
Japan	0.00	0.40		0.80	-0.40	
PRC	2.29	0.00	-1.00		-121.00	
Hong Kong, China	0.07	0.00		0.00	-0.80	
India	8.31	0.00		0.00	0.00	
Korea, Rep. of	1.50	-0.30	-0.90		-56.50	
Malaysia	3.22	-0.10	-0.30		-14.40	
Philippines	1.85	-2.45 ^{-54.}	.40		-52.23	
Singapore	0.90	0.00		0.80	22.20	
Thailand	1.43	0.09	-0.77		-61.06	

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10-Year Selected LCY Government Bond Yields

	Lataat	basis point change from			
Markets	Latest Closing	Previous Day*	Previous Week*	1-Jan-15*	
US	2.16	-5.91	-1.78	-0.89	
EU	0.66	-4.80	1.70	12.00	
Japan	0.42	-0.60	0.50	9.10	
PRC	3.49	0.00 -1	1.00	-16.00	
Hong Kong, China	1.72	-5.50	-6.40	-17.70	
India	7.81	0.40	0.30	-7.10	
Indonesia	8.45	1.00 -12.	10	62.20	
Korea, Rep. of	2.41	0.50	-1.30	-19.30	
Malaysia	4.17	8.50		8.70 2.00	
Philippines	4.22	-10.17	3.3	35.50	
Singapore	2.61	0.00	-2.78	32.55	
Thailand	2.78	-0.50	-2.90	5.40	
Viet Nam	6.90	2.00	1.30	-33.00	

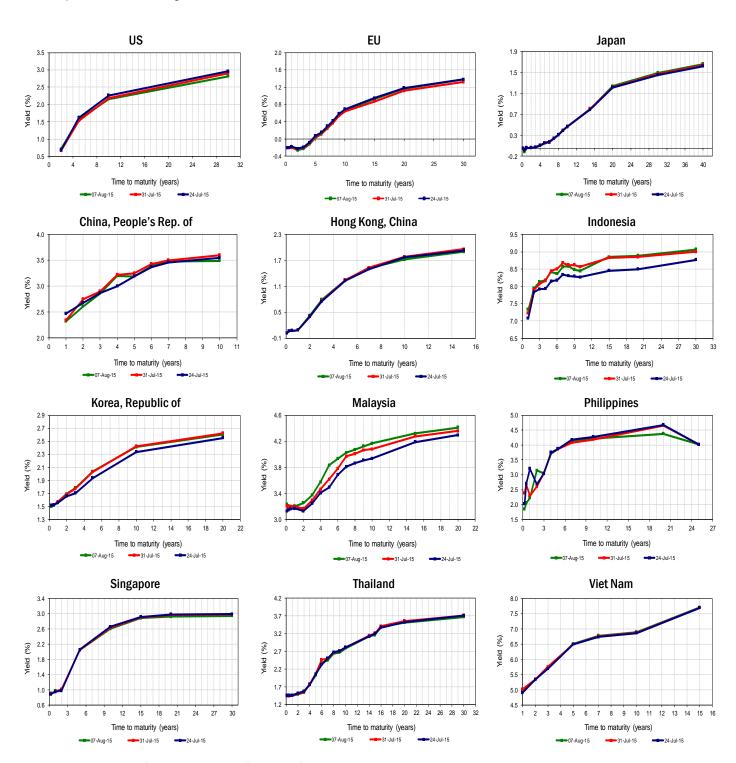
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Benchmark Yield Curves - LCY Government Bonds

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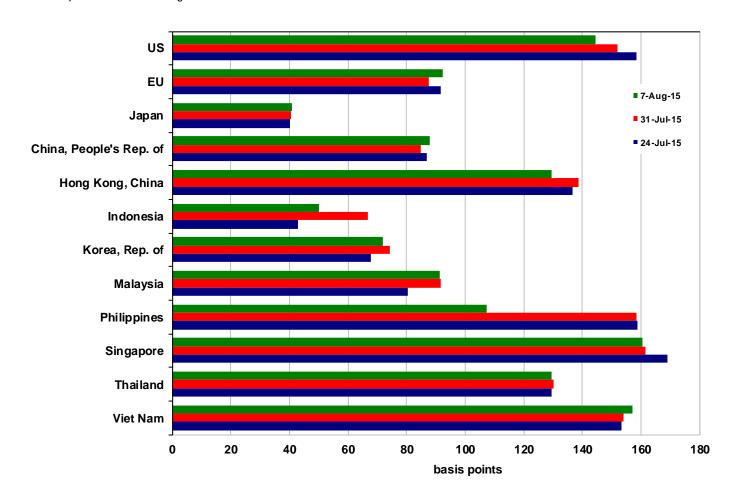


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2- versus 10- Year Yield Spread Chart

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Policy Rate versus Inflation Rate

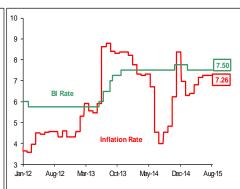
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China, People's Rep. of 4.85 1-year Lending Rate Jan-12 Mar-13 Oct-13 May-14

Hong Kong, China

Inflation Rate 3.10 HKM A Base Rate 0.50 Aug-12 Jan-12 Mar-13 Oct-13 May-14 Aug-15

Indonesia



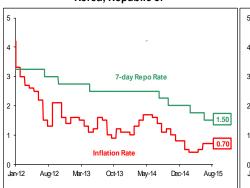
The PRC uses the 1-year lending rate as one of its policy

Source: Bloomberg LP.

The Hong Kong Monetary Authority maintains a Discount Window Base Rate. Source: Bloomberg LP.

Bank Indonesia uses its reference interest rate (BI rate) as its policy rate. Source: Bloomberg LP.

Korea, Republic of



Malaysia



Philippines

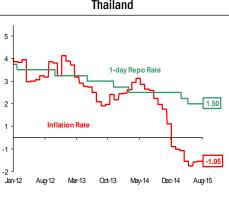


The Bank of Korea shifted its policy rate from the overnight repurchase (repo) rate to the 7-day repo rate in March 2008. Source: Bloomberg LP.

Bank Negara Malaysia uses the overnight policy rate (OPR) as its policy rate. Source: Bloomberg LP.

Bangko Sentral uses the Philippine overnight reverse repurchase agreement rate as one of its policy instruments. Source: Bloomberg LP.

Thailand



The Bank of Thailand replaced the 14-day repurchase rate with the 1-day repurchase rate in January 2007 as its policy rate. Source: Bloomberg LP.

Viet Nam



The State Bank of Viet Nam uses a benchmark prime lending rate as its policy rate.

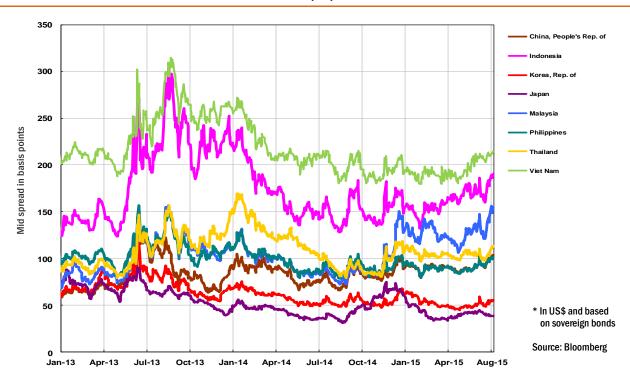
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Credit Default Swap Spreads and Exchange Rate Indexes

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Credit Default Swap Spreads — Senior 5-Year*



Exchange Rate Indexes (vis-à-vis US\$, 2 January 2007=100)





Selected Debt Security Issuances (3 – 7 August 2015)

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	Auction		Average	Coupon	Amount Offered	Amount Issued
Markets	Date	Type of Security	Yield (%)	(%)	(LCY billion)	(LCY billion)
CN	5-Aug	10-year Treasury Bonds	3.51		30.00	30.00
HK	4-Aug	91-day Exchange Fund Bills	0.02		30.31	30.31
		182-day Exchange Fund Bills	0.03		9.00	9.00
ID	4-Aug	3-month Treasury Bills	6.23			1,000.00
		1-year Treasury Bills	6.94		10 000 00	1,500.00
		6-year Treasury Bonds	8.34	8.25	10,000.00	8,200.00
		16-year Treasury Bonds	8.85	8.75		4,300.00
JP	4-Aug	10-year Japanese Government Bonds	0.40	0.40	2,400.00	2,743.40
	5-Aug	6-month Treasury Discount Bills	-0.02		3,500.00	3,499.96
	6-Aug	3-month Treasury Discount Bills	-0.01		5,100.00	5,049.93
KR	3-Aug	91-day Monetary Stabilization Bonds	1.52		1,200.00	1,200.00
		182-day Monetary Stabilization Bonds	1.56		800.00	800.00
		3-year Korea Treasury Bonds	1.76	1.63	2,300.00	2,300.00
	4-Aug	30-year Korea Treasury Bonds	2.68	2.75	900.00	900.00
	5-Aug	1-year Monetary Stabilization Bonds		1.59	1,010.00	1,010.00
		2-year Monetary Stabilization Bonds		1.70	2,300.00	2,300.00
		63-day Treasury Bills	1.52		1,000.00	1,000.00
MY	3-Aug	210-day Bank Negara Malaysia Notes	3.11		1.00	1.00
	6-Aug	364-day Treasury Bills	3.14		0.50	0.50
PH	3-Aug	91-day Treasury Bills	2.00		8.00	8.00
		182-day Treasury Bills	2.18		6.00	6.00
		364-day Treasury Bills	2.31		6.00	6.00
SG	4-Aug	4-week MAS Bills	0.51		0.60	0.60
		12-week MAS Bills	0.68		5.00	5.00
TH	3-Aug	28-day Treasury Bills	1.40		15.00	15.00
	4-Aug	91-day Bank of Thailand Bonds	1.40		32.00	32.00
		182-day Bank of Thailand Bonds	1.40		32.00	32.00

LCY = local currency, MAS = Monetary Authority of Singapore.

Sources: Local market sources and Bloomberg, LP.



Selected Asia Data Releases (11 - 17 August 2015)

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Economy and Variable	Release Date	Historical Data	Recent Trends
Philippines Exports y-o-y, % JUN	08/11	5/14: 15.6% 6/14: 21.6% 4/15: -4.1% 5/15: -17.4%	Exports from the Philippines fell 17.4% year-on-year (y-o-y) in May following a decline of 4.1% y-o-y in April.
China, People's Republic of Industrial Production y-o-y, % JUL	08/12	6/14: 9.2% 7/14: 9.0% 5/15: 6.1% 6/15: 6.8%	Industrial production growth in the People's Republic of China (PRC) climbed to 6.8% y-o-y in June from 6.1% y-o-y in May.
China, People's Republic of Retail Sales y-o-y, % JUL	08/12	6/14: 12.4% 7/14: 12.2% 5/15: 10.1% 6/15: 10.6%	Retail sales in the PRC grew 10.6% y-o-y in June after rising 10.1% y-o-y in May.
Korea, Rep. of 7-Day Repurchase Rate % 13-Aug	08/13	7/14: 2.50% 8/14: 2.25% 6/15: 1.50% 7/15: 1.50%	The Bank of Korea's Monetary Policy Committee decided on 9 July to maintain the 7-day repurchase rate (base rate) at 1.50%.
Malaysia GDP y-o-y, % 2Q15	08/13	1Q14: 6.3% 2Q14: 6.5% 4Q14: 5.7% 1 Q15: 5.6%	Malaysia's real gross domestic product (GDP) growth slightly eased to 5.6% y-o-y in 1Q15 from 5.7% y-o-y in 4Q14.
Philippines Overnight Borrowing Rate % 13-Aug	08/13	7/14: 3.75% 8/14: 3.50% 6/15: 4.00% 7/15: 4.00%	Bangko Sentral ng Pllipinas left its overnight borrowing rate unchanged at 4.00% at its monetary policy meeting on 25 June.
Singapore GDP-Final y-o-y, % 2Q15	08/13	1Q14: 4.6% 2Q14: 2.3% 1Q15: 2.8% 2Q15: 1.7%	Economic growth in Singapore slowed to 1.7% y-o-y in 2Q15, according to advanced estimate released by the Ministry of Trade and Industry.
Hong Kong, China GDP y-o-y, % 2Q15	08/14	1Q14: 2.7% 2Q14: 2.0% 4Q14: 2.4% 1 Q15: 2.1%	Real GDP growth in Hong Kong, China slowed to 2.1% y-o-y in 1Q15 from 2.4% y-o-y in 4Q14.
Indonesia Trade Balance US\$ million JUL	08/14	6/14: -288 7/14: 42 5/15: 1,077 6/15: 477	Indonesia recorded a trade surplus amounting to US\$477 million in June, after posting a trade surplus of US\$1,077 million in May.
Singapore Retail Sales y-o-y, % JUN	08/14	5/14: -6.6% 6/14: -1.6% 4/15: 5.0% 5/15: 6.1%	Retail sales in Singapore climbed 6.1% y-o-y in May after an increase of 5.0% y-o-y in April.
Japan GDP y-o-y, % 2Q15	08/17	1Q14: 4.4% 2Q14: -6.8% 4Q14: 1.2% 1Q15: 3.9%	Japan's economy grew 3.9% y-o-y in 1Q15, higher than the 1.2% y-o-y growth posted in 4Q14.
Philippines Overseas Remittances y-o-y, % JUN	08/17	5/14: 5.6% 6/14: 6.1% 4/15: 5.1% 5/15: 5.8%	Remittances from overseas Filipino workers grew 5.8% y-o-y in May, higher than the increase of 5.1% y-o-y in April.
Singapore Non-Oil Domestic Exports y-o-y, % JUL	08/17	6/14: -4.6% 7/14: -3.3% 5/15: -0.3% 6/15: 4.7%	Singapore's Non-Oil Domestic Exports rose 4.7% y-o-y in June after contracting 0.3% y-o-y in May.
Thailand GDP y-o-y, % 2Q15	08/17	1Q14: -0.4% 2Q14: 0.9% 4Q14: 2.1% 1Q15: 3.0%	Real GDP growth in Thailand accelerated in 1Q15 on a y-o-y basis—rising to 3.0% y-o-y from 2.1% y-o-y in 4Q14—amid stronger y-o-y growth in household spending and domestic investment as well as in non-agricultural production growth.

Source: AsianBondsOnline, Bloomberg LP, and Reuters.



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