

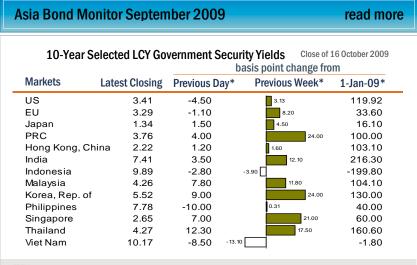


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Key Developments in Asian Local Currency Markets

ew loans in the People's Republic of China (PRC) surged in September, reaching CNY516.7 billion, which is significantly higher than the August figure of CNY410 billion. In the same month, broad money, as measured by M2, grew by 29.3% year-on-year (y-o-y). Other significant PRC economic data for September included 15.2% (y-o-y) export growth and an 18.9% (y-o-y) increase in foreign direct investment (FDI) inflows to a level of USD7.9 billion. Foreign-exchange reserves in September climbed to USD2.273 trillion, due to a still substantial monthly trade surplus and inflows of foreign capital.

- ➢ Singapore reported that its 3Q09 gross domestic product (GDP) grew by 0.8% y-o-y, while its 2009 GDP growth target was revised to a range of -2.0% to -2.5%, compared to a previous range of -4.0% to -6.0%. In Indonesia, 3Q09 annual GDP growth is likely to range between 4.1% and 4.3%, while the 4Q09 GDP growth rate is expected to rise to 4.5% y-o-y. Meanwhile, the Republic of Korea (Korea) reported that its GDP growth rate for 2009 is likely to hover between -1.0% and 0.0%. In Malaysia, manufacturing activity appears to have improved as the rate of decline for industrial production over the last year slowed in August.
- ▼ The Philippines sold USD1 billion of 25-vear. bonds last Friday. It also plans to issue PHP50 billion of reconstruction bonds for typhoonaffected areas. Malaysia's Sime Darby plans to issue MYR4.5 billion of Islamic bonds. In Indonesia, more corporate bond issues are expected; prospective issuers include Bank Mandiri (IDR3 trillion), PT Indosat (IDR1 trillion in conventional bonds and IDR500 billion in shari'a bonds), Otomobil Artha (IDR600 billion), and Mitra Adi Perkas (IDR500 billion). In Viet Nam, FPT Joint Stock Company issued VND1.8 trillion worth of 3-year corporate bonds while Saigon Telecommunication Technology (SGT) announced plans to issue VND300 billion worth of 5-year bonds.



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between 2- and 10-year maturities widened in Hong Kong, China; Indonesia; Korea; Malaysia; the PRC; Singapore; and Thailand, while they narrowed in the Philippines and Viet Nam.

▼ WHAT'S NEW: Starting this week, AsianBondsOnline (ABO) has begun to post the most recent monthly data available for Malaysia's LCY Islamic bonds outstanding, as well as a list of the top corporate issuers of Islamic bonds, on the Islamic Finance Section of Regional Markets. These tables can be found by entering the Regional section of the ABO website, selecting the "guide" tab, and then selecting the data tab in the Islamic Finance section.

Data from Bank Negara Malaysia (BNM) show that as of end-September, outstanding Government Investment Issues reached MYR64 billion (13.8% of Malaysia's total LCY government bonds), while outstanding corporate-issued Islamic bonds totaled MYR71.87 billion (27.8% of total LCY corporate bonds). Among the top corporations with outstanding LCY Islamic bonds are Khazanah Nasional (MYR12 billion), PLUS Expressway Bhd (MYR7.12 billion), and KL International Airport (MYR5.26 billion).



Summary Text of News Articles

September New Loans Surge, Exports Improve, FDI Inflows Rise, and Foreign Exchange Reserves Climb in the PRC

New loans extended for the People's Republic of China (PRC) in September totaled CNY516.7 billion, up from the CNY410 billion loan figure for August. In the same month, broad money, as measured by M2, increased by 29.3% year-on-year (y-o-y). The September new loan data was above the median forecast of CNY440 billion in a recent Bloomberg survey of economists. M2 growth also exceeded economists' forecast of 28.5% growth.

Last week, the PRC's statistics bureau reported that in September, house prices in 70 cities rose by 2.8% y-o-y, the highest increase in a year. For the first three quarters of 2009, the value of home sales increased by 73.4% y-o-y to CNY2.75 trillion. Housing prices increased the most in the southern city of Shenzhen, with the Shenzhen housing price index increasing by 11.1% y-o-y.

Other significant economic data released last week showed that in September, the PRC's exports declined at a slowing rate, inflows of foreign direct investment (FDI) increased, and the country's foreign exchange reserves climbed to a record level.

Exports declined by 15.2% y-o-y, the lowest rate of decline in 9 months, while imports declined at their slowest pace in 11 months. FDI inflows, which began to rise in August, increased by 18.9% y-o-y to USD7.9 billion in September. On a cumulative basis, FDI inflows over the first nine months of the year dropped by 14.2% y-o-y to USD63.8 billion. The country's foreign-exchange reserves climbed to USD2.273 trillion, due to a still substantial trade balance and inflows of foreign capital.

For more information on PRC's macroeconomic statistics, refer to this link: http://asianbondsonline.adb.org/china/data/macroeconomic credit.php

Positive 3Q09 Annual Growth for Singapore; Indonesia's 3Q09 Annual Growth To Range Between 4.1% and 4.3%; Republic of Korea's 2009 Contraction to Slow; Manufacturing Activity Improves in Malaysia

Singapore's economy expanded in 3Q09 as its gross domestic product (GDP) for the period grew by 0.8% year-on-year (y-o-y), based on advance estimates released last week by the Ministry of Trade and Industry (MTI). The growth was driven by the expansion of the manufacturing output, particularly the electronics and biomedical sectors. The Monetary Authority of Singapore (MAS) has revised its 2009 GDP forecast to a range of -2.0% to -2.5%, compared to a previous range of -4.0% to -6.0%.

The Finance Ministry of Indonesia reported that 3Q09 annual GDP growth is likely to range from 4.1% to 4.3%, while 4Q09 GDP growth is expected to accelerate to 4.5% y-o-y as government spending is expected to pick up. The 2009 GDP growth target for Indonesia is at 4.3%. Meanwhile, Bank of Korea (BOK) expects that the economy of Republic of Korea (Korea) is likely to contract at a much slower pace compared with its earlier forecast. The 2009 GDP growth rate for the Korean economy is expected to be between -1.0% and 0.0%, while for 2010, it is projected to be between 3.0% and 4.0%.

In Malaysia, manufacturing activity appears to be improving as the annual declines in the industrial production and manufacturing indices of 5.7% and 6.6%, respectively, in August, have slowed compared to recent months.

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For more information on Indonesia's growth statistics, refer to this link: http://asianbondsonline.adb.org/indonesia/data/macroeconomic_credit.php

For more information on Korea's growth statistics, refer to this link: http://asianbondsonline.adb.org/korea/data/macroeconomic credit.php

For more information on Malaysia's growth statistics, refer to this link: http://asianbondsonline.adb.org/malaysia/data/macroeconomic credit.php



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Policy Rates Remain Steady in Japan and Singapore

The Bank of Japan (BOJ) held its key interest rate, i.e., overnight call rate, at 0.1% in its 14 October meeting. In a monetary policy statement, the BOJ said that "Japan's economy has started to pick up". It further reported that based on its baseline scenario through 2010, "expectations of medium- to long-term growth are assumed to remain generally unchanged" and that the economy will recover.

Meanwhile, Monetary Authority of Singapore (MAS) announced no changes in its current policy stance of a zero percent appreciation of the Singapore dollar's nominal effective exchange rate (NEER), reporting that "the Singapore economy is likely to settle at a more gradual pace of expansion."

For more information on Japan's policy rate, refer to this link:

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http://asianbondsonline.adb.org/japan/data/marketwatch.php?code=policy_rate_and_inflation_trends

Philippine Government to Issue Reconstruction Bonds; Malaysian Firm to Issue Islamic Bond; Corporate Bond Issues in Indonesia and Viet Nam

The Philippine government plans to raise PHP50 billion, through issuance of reconstruction bonds as well as through foreign loans and grants, for the purpose of rebuilding typhoon-affected areas. The reconstruction bonds, which would have a maturity of 5 and 10 years, may be issued in local currency or US dollars.

In Malaysia, Sime Darby, a conglomerate with interests in palm oil, has tapped three banks, Maybank Investment Bank, CIMB Group Holdings Bhd and Public Investment Bank Bhd, as lead arrangers for its planned MYR4.5 billion Islamic debt issue. Sime Darby's Islamic Medium Term Note Programme and Islamic Commercial Paper/MTN Programme were approved by the Securities Commission. The proceeds of the issue will be used to fund the company's working capital requirements, acquisition and capital expenditures, as well as to refinance debt obligations.

In Indonesia, corporate bond issuance is expected to reach IDR23.21 trillion (USD2.46 billion) for 2009. According to the Capital Market and Financial Institutions Supervisory Agency (Bapepam), this estimate is higher than its initial target of IDR15 trillion. Bapepam has provided a list of firms that plan to issue bonds within the next three months. Prospective issuers include: Bank Mandiri (IDR3 trillion), PT Indosat (IDR1 trillion in conventional bonds and IDR500 billion in shari'a bonds), Otomobil Artha (IDR600 billion); and Mitra Adi Perkas (IDR500 billion).

In Viet Nam, FPT Joint Stock Company has successfully issued VND1.8 trillion worth of 3-year corporate bonds at a coupon rate of 7.0%. Proceeds of the bond issue will finance the business and production activities of the company. Finally, Viet Nam's Saigon Telecommunication Technology Joint Stock Company (SGT) announced plans to issue VND300 billion worth of 5-year bonds at a coupon rate of 12.5%. The bonds will be offered to banks, financial institutions, investment funds and securities companies. SGT aims to increase its working capital.

For statistics on the Philippines' issuance volume, refer to this link:

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For statistics on Indonesia's issuance volume, refer to this link:

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For statistics on Malaysia's issuance volume, refer to this link:

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For statistics on Viet Nam's issuance volume, refer to this link:

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Selected Government Security Yields

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3-Month Selected LCY Government Security Yields

-	Lotoot	basis point change from			
Markets	Latest Closing	Previous Day*	Previous Week*	1-Jan-09*	
US	0.06	0.41	-0.71	-1.42	
EU	0.41	-0.20	-0.90	-125.20	
Japan	0.15	0.00	0.50	-4.80	
PRC	1.45	-5.00	-5.00	45.00	
Hong Kong, China	0.03	0.00	1.00	-2.00	
India	3.22	12.00	12.00	-128.00	
Malaysia	1.99	0.60	6.40	-93.90	
Korea, Rep. of	2.25	1.00	-14.00	-40.00	
Philippines	3.93	-2.50	-0.39	-170.00	
Singapore	0.41	1.00	2.00	-16.00	
Thailand	1.20	-0.54	-0.54	-89.69	

Close of 16 October 2009

10-Year Selected LCY Government Bond Yields

	Latest	basis point change from			
Markets	Closing	Previous Day*	Previous Week*	1-Jan-09*	
US	3.41	-4.50	3.13	119.92	
EU	3.29	-1.10	8.20	33.60	
Japan	1.34	1.50	4.50	16.10	
PRC	3.76	4.00	24.00	100.00	
Hong Kong, China	2.22	1.20	1.60	103.10	
India	7.41	3.50	12.10	216.30	
Indonesia	9.89	-2.80	-3.90	-199.80	
Malaysia	4.26	7.80	11.80	104.10	
Korea, Rep. of	5.52	9.00	24.00	130.00	
Philippines	7.78	-10.00	0.31	40.00	
Singapore	2.65	7.00	21.00	60.00	
Thailand	4.27	12.30	17.50	160.60	
Viet Nam	10.17	-8.50	-13.10	-1.80	

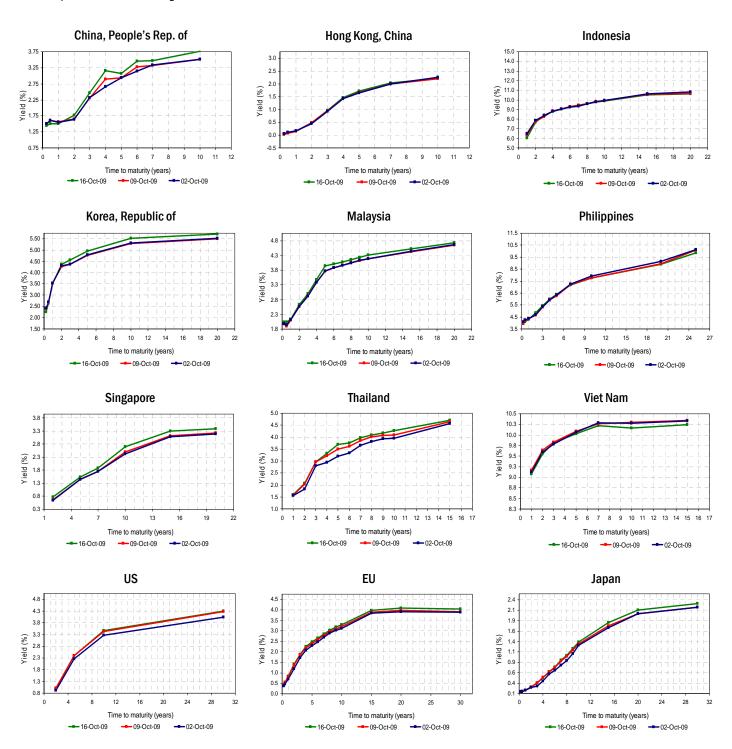
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Source: Based on data from Bloomberg, LP.



Benchmark Yield Curves – Local Currency Government Bonds

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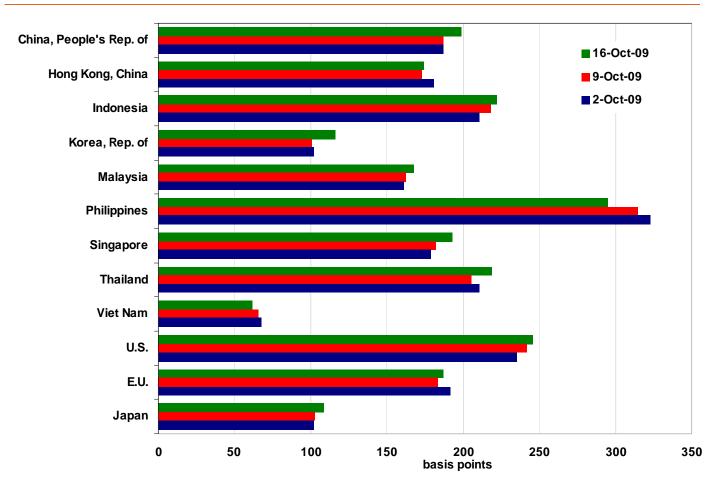




2-versus-10 Yield Spread Chart

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Yield Spread between the Two- and Ten-Year Government Bonds



Source: Based on data from Bloomberg.





Policy Rate versus Inflation Rate Charts

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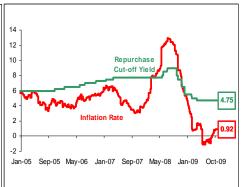
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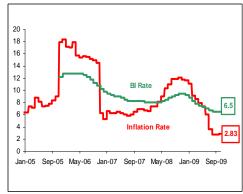


PRC uses 1-year lending rate as one of its policy rates. Source: Bloomberg, LP.

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

The Reserve Bank of India uses the repurchase (repo) cutoff yield as its policy rate. Source: Bloomberg, LP.

Indonesia



Korea, Republic of



Malaysia

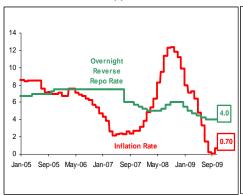


Bank Indonesia uses its reference interest rate (BI rate) as its policy rate. Source: Bloomberg, LP.

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.

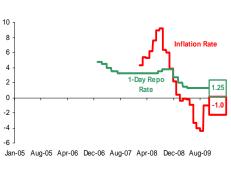
Bank Negara Malaysia uses the overnight policy rate (OPR) as its policy rate. Source: Bloomberg, LP.

Philippines



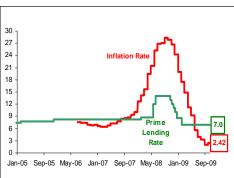
Bangko Sentral uses the Philippine overnight reverse repurchase agreement rate as one of its policy instruments. Source: Bloomberg, LP.

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



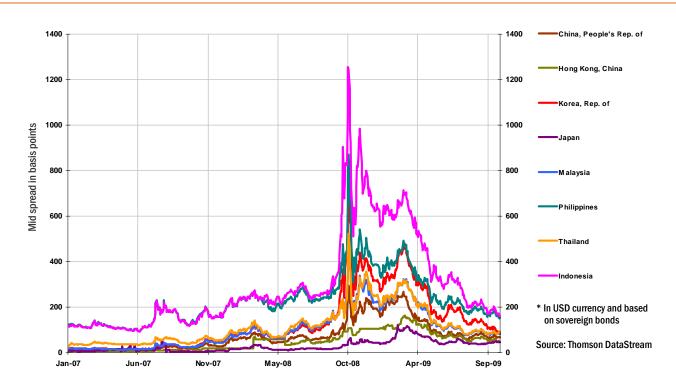
The State Bank of Viet Nam uses a benchmark prime lending rate as its policy rate. Source: Bloomberg, LP.



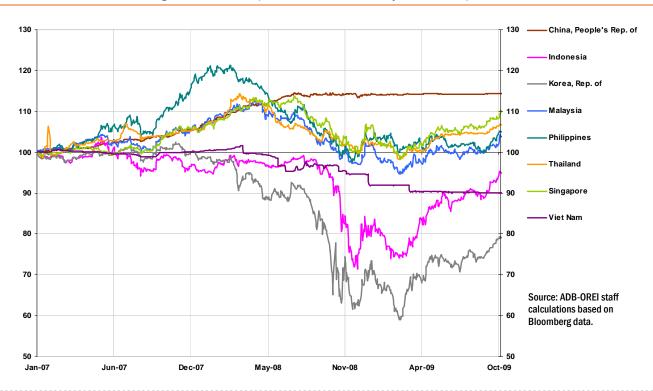
Credit Default Swap Spreads & Exchange Rate Indexes

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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 (Week of October 12 - 16, 2009)

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	Auction		Average	Coupon	Amount Offered	Amount Issued
Markets	Date	Type of Security	Yield (%)	(in %)	LCY Billions	LCY Billions
PRC	13-Oct	1-year PBOC Bills	1.76		100.0	100.0
		7-year Export-Import Bank of China Floating Rate Notes			10.0	10.0
	14-Oct	30-year Treasury Bonds	4.18		24.0	24.0
		3-year China Development Bank Bonds	2.93		20.0	30.0
	15-Oct	91-day PBOC Bills	1.33		53.0	53.0
HK	13-Oct	364-day Exchange Fund Bills	0.13		5.0	5.0
		91-day Exchange Fund Bills	0.04		20.2	20.2
ID	14-Oct	28-day SBI	6.47			32,908.7
		28-day Shari'a SBI	6.47		* 36,000.0	1,016.0
		91-day SBI	6.60		30,000.0	1,595.8
		182-day SBI	6.70			50.0
KR	12-Oct	28-day Monetary Stabilization Bonds	2.20		4,000.0	4,000.0
		91-day Monetary Stabilization Bonds	2.30		2,000.0	2,000.0
		364-day Monetary Stabilization Bonds	3.55		300.0	300.0
		5-year Treasury Bonds	4.84		1,500.0	1,810.0
JP	13-Oct	3-month Treasury Discount Bills	0.15		5,700.0	5,232.9
	15-Oct	1-year Treasury Discount Bills	0.17		2,300.0	2,156.0
		5-year Government Bonds	0.60		2,300.0	2,119.5
MY	14-Oct	5-year MGS	3.78		4.5	4.5
PH	12-Oct	91-day Treasury Bills	3.90		1.0	1.0
		182-day Treasury Bills	4.14		2.0	2.0
		364-day Treasury Bills	4.37		3.5	3.5
SG	12-Oct	91-day Treasury Bills	0.31		3.5	3.5
TH	12-Oct	28-day Treasury bills	1.04		2.0	2.0
		91-day Treasury bills	1.18		5.0	5.0
		184-day Treasury bills	1.35		5.0	5.0
	13-Oct	28-day BOT bills	1.06		15.0	15.0
		91-day BOT bills	1.18		10.0	10.0
		183-day BOT bills	1.35		10.0	10.0
	14-Oct	5.6-year Government bonds	3.76		13.0	13.0
		30.7-year Government bonds	4.82		3.0	3.0

Sources: Local market sources and Bloomberg, LP.

^{* -} Overall indicative target for Indonesia's treasury bills and bonds auction was at IDR2 trillion; target for SBI auction was at IDR36 trillion.



Selected Asia Data Releases (20 - 26 October 2009)

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Country Variable	Release Date	Historical Data	Recent Trends
Malaysia CPI YOY% SEP	10/21	08/08: 8.5% 09/08: 8.2% 07/09: -2.4% 08/09: -2.4%	Malaysia's consumer price inflation was unchanged in August at -2.4%. Average CPI inflation in the first eight months stood at 1.3%.
Thailand 1-day Repurchase Rate % OCT 21	10/21	09/08: 3.75% 10/08: 3.75% 08/09: 1.25% 09/09: 1.25%	Thailand's policy rate has remained at 1.25% since April. The consensus estimate for Thailand's 1-day repurchase rate remains at 1.25%.
Japan Merchandise Exports YOY% SEP	10/22	08/08: 0.2% 09/08: 1.5% 07/09: -36.5% 08/09: -36.0%	Japan's merchandise exports dropped by 36% y-o-y in August, the eleventh consecutive month of y-o-y decline.
Hong Kong, China CPI YOY% SEP	10/22	08/08: 4.6% 09/08: 3.0% 07/09: -1.5% 08/09: -1.6%	Hong Kong, China registered an annual CPI inflation rate of -1.6% in August, compared to -1.5% in the previous month. Consumer price inflation in the Special Administrative Region has been in negative territory since June, when it stood at -0.9%.
People's Republic of China Real GDP YOY% 3Q09	10/22	2Q08: 10.1% 3Q08: 9.0% 1Q09: 6.1% 2Q09: 7.9%	The consensus estimate for the People's Republic of China's (PRC) real gross domestic product (GDP) growth rate in 3Q09 is 8.9% y-o-y.
People's Republic of China CPI YOY% SEP	10/22	08/08: 4.9% 09/08: 4.6% 07/09: -1.8% 08/09: -1.2%	PRC's consumer price inflation rate in August stood at -1.2%, which is above its June and July levels of -1.7% and -1.8%, respectively.
People's Republic of China Urban Fixed Asset Investment YTD YOY% SEP	10/22	08/08: 27.4% 09/08: 27.6% 07/09: 32.9% 08/09: 33.0%	PRC's cumulative (year-to-date) urban fixed asset investment through August increased by 33.0% over the same period last year. This figure is marginally higher than the 32.9% growth registered over the first seven months of the year.
Viet Nam CPI YOY% OCT	10/22 to 10/29	09/08: 27.9% 10/08: 26.7% 08/09: 2.0% 09/09: 2.4%	Viet Nam's consumer price inflation reached 2.4% in September after a record low of 2.0% in August.
Republic of Korea Real GDP YOY% 3Q09	10/23	2Q08: 4.3% 3Q08: 3.1% 1Q09:-4.2% 2Q09:-2.2%	The consensus estimate for Republic of Korea's 3Q09 real GDP growth is a 0.6% contraction.
Singapore CPI YOY% SEP	10/23	08/08: 6.4% 09/08: 6.7% 07/09: -0.5% 08/09: -0.3%	Singapore posted a -0.3% CPI inflation in August, compared to -0.5% in July.
Singapore Industrial Production YOY% SEP	10/26	08/08: -12.0% 09/08: 3.3% 07/09: 17.0% 08/09: 12.3%	Singapore's industrial production rose by 12.3% in August, from 17.0% in July. The increase was brought about by a surge in biomedical manufacturing output.

Source: AsianBondsOnline, Bloomberg LP, and Reuters.



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- China Foreign-Exchange Reserves Rise to Record \$2.273 Bloomberg (14 October 2009)
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- 2009 GDP Growth Forecast Revised to -2.5 to -2.0 Per Cent
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- Sime Hires Banks for Bond Sale The Star (07 October 2009)
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