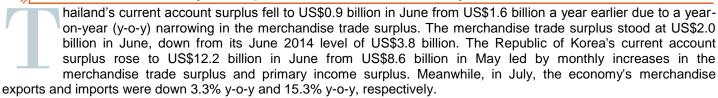


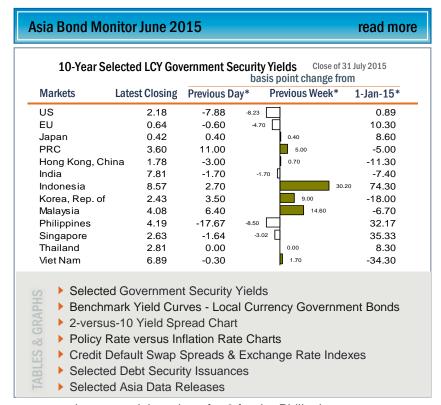


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Key Developments in Asian Local Currency Markets



- In Hong Kong, China exports fell 3.1% y-o-y in June after falling 4.6% in May. Imports fell 2.0% y-o-y after falling 4.7% in the same period. In Viet Nam, exports eased 9.5% y-o-y to total US\$92.3 billion in the first 7 months of the year. On the other hand, imports rose at a much faster pace of 16.4% y-o-y to reach US\$95.6 billion in January−July. A trade deficit amounting to US\$3.4 billion was recorded in the first 7 months of the year.
- ✓ Consumer price inflation in Japan eased to 0.4% y-o-y in June from 0.5% y-o-y in May, primarily due to a more rapid y-o-y decline in the fuel, light, and water sub-index of -3.1% in June versus -1.7% in May. Moreover, the food sub-index posted a slower annual increase of 2.5% in June versus 3.1% in May.
- ✓ Industrial production in Japan increased 2.0% y-o-y and 0.8% month-on-month (m-o-m) in June. Industrial production in the Republic of Korea expanded 1.2% y-o-y and 2.3% m-o-m in June following contractions of 3.0% y-o-y and 1.6% m-o-m in May. The rebound was largely on the back of an improvement in manufacturing production.
- ₹ Thailand's manufacturing production contracted 8.0% y-o-y in June following a 7.6% y-o-y decrease in May, due to weak demand for manufactured goods and low private investment. Industrial production growth in Viet Nam inched up to 11.3% y-o-y in July, after posting 11.1% y-o-y growth in June.
- ✓ Last week, Standard & Poor's affirmed its A-/A-2 foreign currency issuer default rating and A/A-1 local currency issuer default rating for Malaysia, with a stable outlook for both ratings.
- Rating and Investment Information maintained its foreign currency issuer rating of BBB, with a stable outlook, and its foreign



currency short-term debt rating of a-2 for the Philippines.

- Nhinhan Bank, based in the Republic of Korea, priced a CNY1.2 billion 3-year dim sum bond to yield 4.2% last week. Charoen Pokphand Foods in Thailand issued a THB1.94 billion 8-year debenture with a yield of 3.97%, a THB3 billion 10-year debenture at 4.28%, and a THB2 billion 12-year debenture at 4.51%.
- ✓ Government bond yields rose for all tenors in Indonesia, Malaysia and Viet Nam, and for most tenors in the People's Republic of China (PRC), Hong Kong, China, the Republic of Korea and Thailand, following the rise of US interest rates and better industrial production in markets that released the data last week, except for Thailand. The 2-year versus 10-year spread narrowed in the PRC and Singapore, was unchanged in the Philippines, and rose for most other emerging East Asian markets.



Summary Text of News Articles

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Thailand's Current Account Surplus Narrows in June, 2Q15; Hong Kong, China Exports and Imports Falls in June; Viet Nam Trade Deficit at US\$3.4 Billion in January-July

Thailand's current account surplus fell to US\$0.9 billion in June from US\$1.6 billion a year earlier due to a year-on-year (y-o-y) narrowing in the merchandise trade surplus, according to data from the Bank of Thailand released last week. The merchandise trade surplus stood at US\$2.0 billion, down from its June 2014 level of US\$3.8 billion, as exports of goods fell 8.9% y-o-y to US\$17.7 billion and imports of goods inched up 0.3% y-o-y to US\$15.7 billion. In contrast, the net services, primary income, and secondary income deficit narrowed to US\$1.1 billion in June from US\$2.2 billion in the same month of the previous year.

Meanwhile, June's current account surplus was down from May's surplus of US\$2.1 billion amid a monthly drop in the merchandise trade surplus as exports of goods fell 3.0% month-on-month (m-o-m) and merchandise imports climbed 11.5% m-o-m. On a quarterly basis, the current account surplus narrowed to US\$4.1 billion in 2Q15 from US\$8.2 billion in 1Q15, led by the net services, primary income, and secondary income account shifting to a deficit of US\$3.7 billion in 2Q15 from a surplus of US\$0.8 billion in 1Q15.

In Hong Kong, China exports fell 3.1% y-o-y in June after falling 4.6% in May. Imports fell 2% y-o-y after falling 4.7% in the same period. The decline in exports was mostly driven by low demand in Asia, with exports falling 4% y-o-y and the United Kingdom, where exports fell 6.7%. For June, the trade deficit stood at HKD45.8 billion. The government expects future performance to be uncertain given current external conditions.

In Viet Nam, exports eased 9.5% y-o-y to total US\$92.3 billion in the first 7 months of the year after rising 14.1% y-o-y in the same period a year earlier. On the other hand, imports rose at a much faster pace of 16.4% y-o-y to reach US\$95.6 billion in January–July. A trade deficit amounting to US\$3.4 billion was recorded in the first 7 months of the year.

Japan's Consumer Price Inflation Eases in June

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For inflation rate trends in Japan, refer to this link:

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

Japan's Industrial Production Increases in June; Industrial Production in the Republic of Korea Rebounds in June; Thailand's Manufacturing Production Contracts in June; Industrial Production in Viet Nam Rose 11.3% y-o-y in July

Industrial production in Japan increased 2.0% y-o-y and 0.8% m-o-m in June. The shipments index increased 1.5% y-o-y and 0.3% m-o-m, while the inventories index rose 3.9% y-o-y and 1.3% m-o-m.

Industrial production in the Republic of Korea expanded 1.2% y-o-y and 2.3% m-o-m in June, a reversal from its performance in May in which it posted negative growth of -3.0% y-o-y and -1.6% m-o-m, according to data from Statistics Korea released last week. The rebound was largely on the back of an improvement in manufacturing production, which grew 1.3% y-o-y and 2.2% m-o-m in June following negative growth of -2.9% and -1.7% in May.

Thailand's manufacturing production contracted 8.0% y-o-y in June following a 7.6% y-o-y decrease in May, according to data from the Bank of Thailand. The central bank reported that manufacturing output was low in both the domesticand export-oriented sectors because of weak demand for manufactured goods and sluggish private investment.



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Industrial production growth in Viet Nam inched up to 11.3% y-o-y in July from 11.1% y-o-y in June. Three out of the four industrial production sub-indices recorded higher growth rates in July, led by mining and quarrying, which grew 13.8% y-o-y. Higher growth was also recorded in the sub-indices for electricity (12.0% y-o-y) and water (7.9% y-o-y). For the first 7 months of the year, industrial production rose 9.9% y-o-y.

S&P Affirms Malaysia's Issuer Default Ratings

Last week, Standard & Poor's (S&P) affirmed its A-/A-2 foreign currency issuer default rating and A/A-1 local currency issuer default rating for Malaysia, with a stable outlook for both ratings. S&P cited Malaysia's strong external position and monetary flexibility as the reasons for its ratings decisions. S&P also stated that the 1Malaysia Development corruption controversy will not affect the government's implementation of fiscal and economic reforms.

R&I Affirms the Philippines' BBB Credit Rating (Stable Outlook) and a-2 Foreign Currency Short-Term Debt Rating

Rating and Investment Information (R&I) maintained its foreign currency issuer rating of BBB, with a stable outlook, and its foreign currency short-term debt rating of a-2 for the Philippines. The rating agency cited solid economic growth from strong private consumption, robust investment, and prudent fiscal management as the basis of its assessment. R&I also cited the country's resilience to external shocks given ample remittances from overseas Filipino workers and a services surplus generated by the business process outsourcing industry. Although the agency believes that an interest hike by the United States would impact capital flows, economic fundamentals are not expected to significantly weaken. R&I identified further improvements in investment as a share of gross domestic product and per capita income as factors that could raise the Philippines' creditworthiness.

Shinhan Bank Prices CNY1.2 Billion 3-Year Dim Sum Bond; Charoen Pokphand Foods Sells THB6.94 Billion Worth of Debentures; DTAC Raises THB15 Billion from Multi-Tranche Debenture Sale

Shinhan Bank based in the Republic of Korea priced a CNY1.2 billion 3-year dim sum bond to yield 4.2% last week.

Charoen Pokphand Foods in Thailand issued three THB-denominated debentures totaling THB6.94 billion last week. The transactions involved a THB1.94 billion 8-year debenture with a yield of 3.97%, a THB3 billion 10-year debenture at 4.28%, and a THB2 billion 12-year debenture at 4.51%. The debentures were all rated A+ by TRIS Rating.

In Thailand, Total Access Communication (DTAC)—through its subsidiary DTAC Trinet Company—raised THB15 billion from a multiple-tranche THB-denominated debenture sale last week. The debentures comprised a (i) 3-year debenture worth THB2 billion carrying a 2.16% yield, (ii) 5-year debenture worth THB4 billion at 2.92%, (iii) 7-year debenture amounting to THB3 billion at 3.52%, and (iv) 10-year debenture worth THB6 billion at 3.98%. TRIS Rating gave a rating of AA+ for each of the four debentures.



Selected Government Security Yields

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3-Month Selected LCY Government Security Yields

	Latest	basis point change from			
Markets	Latest Closing	Previous Day*	Previous Week*	1-Jan-15*	
US	0.06	-0.51	3.05	2.55	
EU	-0.21	-1.20	-0.70	-16.90	
Japan	-0.01	-1.00	-1.00	-1.20	
PRC	2.13	0.00	2.00	-153.00	
Hong Kong, China	0.07	0.00	0.00	-0.80	
India	8.31	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Korea, Rep. of	1.51	0.00	-0.10	-55.60	
Malaysia	3.22	2.40	4.40	14.10	
Philippines	2.40	39.07		^{37.31} 2.17	
Singapore	0.89	0.00	0.90	21.40	
Thailand	1.44	0.27	-0.85	-60.29	

Close of 31 July 2015

10-Year Selected LCY Government Bond Yields

	Letest	basis point change from			
Markets	Latest Closing	Previous Day*	Previous Week*	1-Jan-15*	
US	2.18	-7.88	-8.23	0.89	
EU	0.64	-0.60	-4.70	10.30	
Japan	0.42	0.40	0.40	8.60	
PRC	3.60	11.00	5.00	-5.00	
Hong Kong, China	1.78	-3.00	0.70	-11.30	
India	7.81	-1.70	-1.70	-7.40	
Indonesia	8.57	2.70		30.20 74.30	
Korea, Rep. of	2.43	3.50	9.00	-18.00	
Malaysia	4.08	6.40	14.60	-6.70	
Philippines	4.19	-17.67	-8.50	32.17	
Singapore	2.63	-1.64	-3.02	35.33	
Thailand	2.81	0.00	0.00	8.30	
Viet Nam	6.89	-0.30	1.70	-34.30	

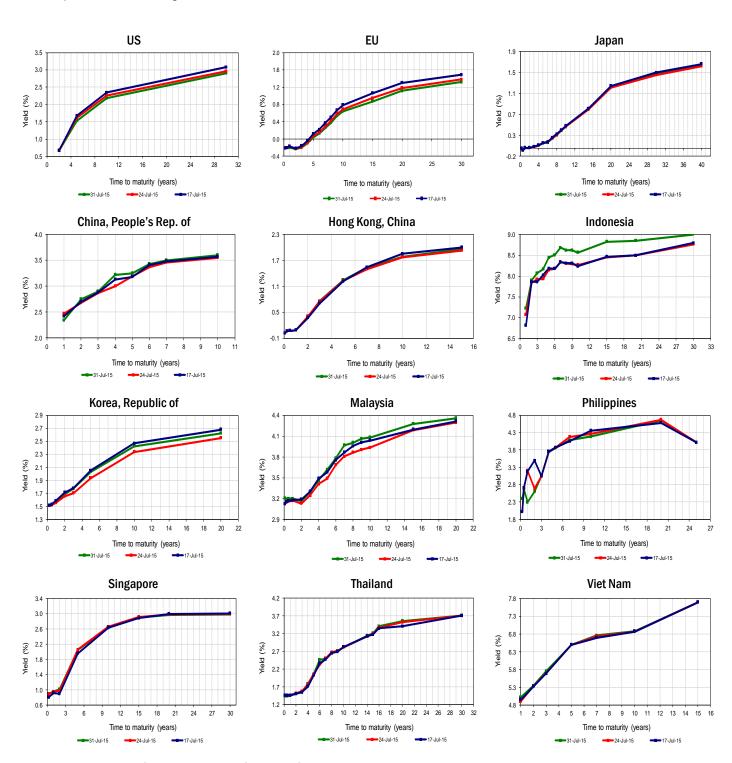
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EU = European Union, LCY =local currency, PRC = People's Republic of China, US = United States. Source: Based on data from Bloomberg, LP.



Benchmark Yield Curves - LCY Government Bonds

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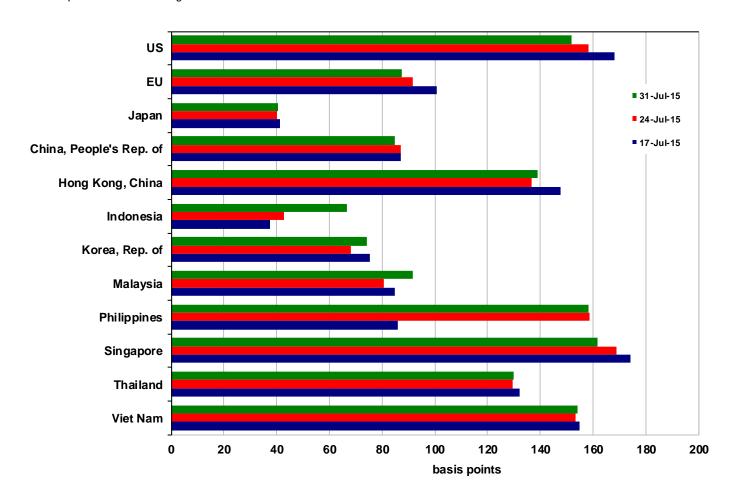


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2- versus 10- Year Yield Spread Chart

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Policy Rate versus Inflation Rate

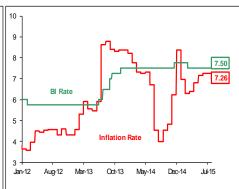
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China, People's Rep. of 4.85 1-year Lending Rate





Indonesia



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

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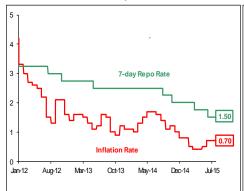
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Source: Bloomberg LP.

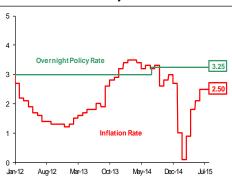
The Hong Kong Monetary Authority maintains a Discount Window Base Rate. Source: Bloomberg LP.

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

Korea, Republic of



Malaysia



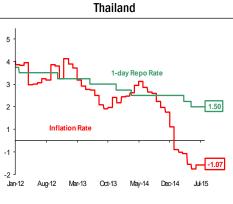
Philippines



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.

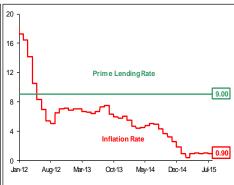
Bank Negara Malaysia uses the overnight policy rate (OPR) as its policy rate. Source: Bloomberg LP.

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



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.

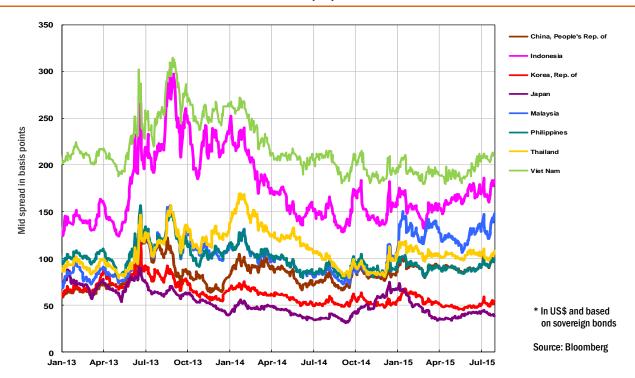
Source: Bloomberg LP.



Credit Default Swap Spreads 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 (27 – 31 July 2015)

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Markets	Auction Date	Type of Security	Average Yield (%)	Coupon (%)	Amount Offered (LCY billion)	Amount Issued (LCY billion)
CN	29-Jul	3-yuear Treasury Bonds	2.79	2.73	30.00	30.00
HK	29-Jul	91-day Exchange Fund Bills	0.02		31.09	31.09
		182-day Exchange Fund Bills	0.03		11.00	11.00
ID	28-Jul	6-month Islamic Treasury Bills	6.80			810.00
		1-year Project-Based Sukuk	7.75		2 500 00	790.00
		3-year Project-Based Sukuk	8.18		2,500.00	930.00
		5-year Project-Based Sukuk	8.50			400.00
JP	28-Jul	2-year Japanese Government Bonds	0.01	0.10	2,500.00	2,499.10
		3-month Treasury Discount Bills	-0.004		5,100.00	5,049.90
KR	27-Jul	91-day Monetary Stabilization Bonds	1.54		1,200.00	1,200.00
		1-year Monetary Stabilization Bonds		1.59	1,100.00	1,010.00
		20-year Korea Treasury Bonds	2.56	3.75	400.00	401.00
MY	30-Jul	10-year Government Investment Issues	4.11	3.99	3.50	3.50
SG		4-week MAS Bills	0.40		0.60	0.60
		12-week MAS Bills	0.52		4.60	4.60
		24-week MAS Bills	0.80		2.30	2.30
TH	27-Jul	28-day Treasury Bills	1.41		15.00	15.00
	28-Jul	90-day Bank of Thailand Bonds	1.41		35.00	35.00
		181-day Bank of Thailand Bonds	1.41		35.00	35.00
		22.38-year Government Bonds	3.66		10.00	9.60
VN	29-Jul	5-year Treasury Bonds	6.40		3,000.00	1,980.00

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

Sources: Local market sources and Bloomberg, LP.



Selected Asia Data Releases (4 - 10 August 2015)

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Economy and Variable	Release Date	Historical Data	Recent Trends
Republic of Korea CPI y-o-y, % JUL	08/04	6/14: 1.7% 7/14: 1.6% 515: 0.5% 6/15: 0.7%	Consumer price inflation in the Republic of Korea stood at 0.7% year-on-year (y-o-y) in June, after posting a 0.5% y-o-y increase in May, buoyed by y-o-y price hikes in eight out of twelve expenditure categories in the Consumer Price Index (CPI).
Philippines CPI y-o-y, % JUL	08/04	6/14: 4.4% 7/14: 4.9% 515: 1.6% 6/15: 1.2%	In the Philippines, the CPI fell to 1.2% y-o-y in June from 1.6% y-o-y in May.
Indonesia GDP y-o-y, % 2Q15	08/05	1Q14: 5.1% 2Q14: 5.0% 4Q14: 5.0% 1 Q15: 4.7%	Economic growth in Indonesia slowed to 4.7% y-o-y in 1Q15 from 5.0% y-o-y in 4Q14, due mainly to weak export performance.
Malaysia Exports y-o-y, % JUN	08/05	5/14: 16.5% 6/14: 8.1% 4/15: -8.8% 5/15: -6.7%	Malaysia's exports contracted 6.7% y-o-y in May, following a decrease of 8.8% y-o-y in April.
Malaysia Industrial Production y-o-y, % JUN	08/05	5/14: 5.9% 6/14: 7.0% 4/15: 4.0% 5/15: 4.5%	Malaysia's industrial production rose 4.5% y-o-y in May following an increase of 4.0% y-o-y in April.
Malaysia Trade Balance MYR billion JUN	08/05	5/14: 5.7 6/14: 4.1 4/15: 6.9 5/15: 5.5	Malaysia's trade surplus narrowed to MYR5.5 billion in May from MYR6.9 billion in April.
Thailand BOT Benchmark Interest Rate % 5-Aug	08/05	7/14: 2.00% 8/14: 2.00% 6/15: 1.50% 7/15: 1.50%	On 10 June, the Bank of Thailand's Monetary Policy Committee decided to keep the 1-day repurchase rate steady at its current level of 1.50%. The committee's decision was based on softening economic momentum in January–April and continuing negative headline inflation.
People's Republic of China Exports y-o-y, % JUL	08/08	6/14: 6.3% 7/14: 14.0% 515: -2.5% 6/15: 2.8%	Exports from the People's Republic of China (PRC) inched up 2.8% y-o-y in June after declining 2.5% y-o-y in May.
People's Republic of China Trade Balance US\$ billion JUL	08/08	6/14: 31.9 7/14: 47.3 5/15: 59.5 6/15: 46.5	The PRC recorded a US\$46.5 billion trade surplus in June, down from a surplus of US\$56.5 billion in May.
People's Republic of China CPI y-o-y, % JUL	08/09	6/14: 2.3% 7/14: 2.3% 515: 1.2% 6/15: 1.4%	Consumer prices in the PRC rose 1.4% y-o-y in June after rising 1.2% y-o-y in May.
Japan BOP Current Account JPY billion JUN	08/10	5/14: 512.9 6/14: –363.9 4/15: 1,326.4 5/15: 1,880.9	Japan's balance of payment surplus expanded to JPY1.9 trillion in May from JPY1.3 trillion in April.

Source: AsianBondsOnline, Bloomberg LP, and Reuters.



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