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Key Developments in Asian Local Currency Markets

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✓ Consumer price inflation in Hong Kong, China was unchanged at 1.7% y-o-y in January, maintaining its December pace due to distortions caused by the timing of the Lunar New Year that led to y-o-y declines in some prices. Consumer price inflation in Japan rose to 1.4% y-o-y in January from 1.0% y-o-y in December primarily due to the faster annual increase in food prices. Consumer prices in Singapore were unchanged in January from the same period a year earlier, following a 0.4% y-o-y increase in December. Meanwhile, core inflation, which excludes accommodation and private road transport costs, rose to 1.4% y-o-y from 1.3% y-o-y.

✓ Japan registered a trade deficit of JPY943.4 billion in January, the first since May 2016. Imports rose 7.9% y-o-y to USD7.0 trillion in January, while exports rose 12.2% y-o-y to JPY6.1 trillion.

Approved foreign investment commitments in the Philippines in Q4 2017 plunged 82.8% y-o-y to PHP21.6 billion from PHP 125.7 billion in Q4 2016. By country of origin, the top three prospective investors were Japan, accounting for 24% of the total; the United States, accounting for 14.9%; and Singapore with 8.3%.

✓ Indonesia sold a 5-year USD-denominated sovereign green sukuk (Islamic bond) on 23 February with a coupon of 3.75%, making it the first Asian economy to sell green bonds internationally on the back of increased interest in climate-friendly investments, and the first economy in the world to issue green bonds that comply with Islamic law. Indonesia raised USD1.25 billion from the sale of its green sukuk, the proceeds of which will be allocated to climate- or environment-related projects.

As a result of its global index review and governance process, Bloomberg announced on 20 February that IDR-denominated debt will be

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Hong Kong, Ch	ina 2.09	0.30	4.	80	25.20
India	7.67	-7.90		8.80	33.00
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eligible for the Global Aggregate Index. Fifty IDR-denominated government bonds with a total market value of USD151.3 billion (as of 31 January 2018) will be included in the global bond index effective 1 June 2018. Analysts expect increased inflows of foreign investments into Indonesia's bond market following the announcement.

✓ Last week, local currency government bond yields rose for all tenors in Indonesia, the Republic of Korea, and Singapore. Yields rose for most tenors in Hong Kong, China; Malaysia; the Philippines; and Thailand. Conversely, yields fell for all tenors in Viet Nam. Meanwhile, yields were barely changed in the PRC due to the week long Lunar New Year holidays. Yield spreads between 2-year and 10-year tenors widened in all markets except in Hong Kong, China. Summary Text of News Articles

Thailand's GDP Expands 4.0% y-o-y in Q4 2017

Thailand's gross domestic product (GDP) grew 4.0% year-on-year (y-o-y) in the fourth quarter (Q4) of 2017, slower than its 4.3% growth in the previous quarter. The expansion was driven by tourism-related sectors and the steady growth of the manufacturing sector. All other nonagriculture sectors saw expanded output except the construction sector, which further declined 5.3% y-o-y after a 1.6% contraction in the previous quarter. Output in the agriculture sector dropped 1.3% y-o-y, a reversal from its 9.7% growth in the previous quarter. On the expenditure side, all components of GDP recorded growth, with exports of services posting the highest growth rate at 9.7% y-o-y. For full-year 2017, Thailand's GDP grew 3.9%, accelerating from 3.3% growth in full-year 2016. It was the fastest expansion since 2012.

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Consumer Price Inflation Steady in Hong Kong, China; Rises in Japan; and Remains Unchanged in Singapore in January

Consumer prices in Hong Kong, China rose 1.7% y-o-y in January, maintaining their December 2017 pace. Discounting the effects of the government's one-off relief measures, consumer prices rose 1.7% y-o-y, also the same as the previous month's pace. Y-o-y increases were recorded for most components of the Consumer Price Index (CPI) in January, except for alcoholic drinks and tobacco, durable goods, and miscellaneous services. The government said that inflation held steady in January as a spike in electricity charges, resulting from the low base effects created by the special fuel rebate a year earlier, was offset by distortions –caused by difference in timing of the Lunar New Year that led to y-o-y price declines for items such as charges for package tours.

Consumer price inflation in Japan rose to 1.4% y-o-y in January from 1.0% y-o-y in December primarily due to accelerated annual increases in food prices of 3.2% y-o-y versus 1.8% y-o-y. Other groups that posted higher annual increases include clothes and footwear, and culture and recreation. Prices of housing and furniture and household utensils continued to contract in January.

Consumer prices in Singapore were unchanged in January from the same period a year earlier, following a 0.4% y-o-y increase in December. Prices of housing and utilities, which account for the largest share of the CPI at 26.2%, contracted further in January, decreasing 3.6% y-o-y after a dip of 2.3% y-o-y in December. Food prices, which comprise 21.7% of the CPI, increased at a slower pace of 1.1% y-o-y in January versus 1.4% y-o-y in the previous month. The Monetary Authority of Singapore's core inflation measure, which excludes accommodation and private road transport costs, rose to 1.4% y-o-y from 1.3% y-o-y. On a month-on-month basis, consumer prices in Singapore contracted 0.2%.

For inflation rate trends in Hong Kong, China, refer to this link: https://asianbondsonline.adb.org/hongkong/data/marketwatch.php?code=policy_rate_and_inflation_trends

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Japan Posts Trade Deficit in January

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Approved Foreign Investments in the Philippines Fall in Q4 2017

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Indonesia Sells Sovereign Green Sukuk

Indonesia sold a 5-year USD-denominated sovereign green *sukuk* (Islamic bond) on 23 February, making it the first Asian economy to sell green bonds internationally amid increased interest in climate-friendly investments. This also made Indonesia the first economy in the world to issue green bonds that comply with Islamic law. Indonesia was able to raise USD1.25 billion from the sale of the green *sukuk*, which carried a coupon of 3.75%. The proceeds of green bonds must be allocated to climate or environment-related projects.

Bloomberg Adds IDR-Denominated Bonds to Global Aggregate Index

Bloomberg announced on 20 February changes to its Bloomberg Barclays fixed-income indices as a result of the information provider's global index review and governance process. Bloomberg said that IDR-denominated debt will be eligible for inclusion in the Global Aggregate Index. Fifty IDR-denominated government bonds with a total market value of USD151.3 billion (as of 31 January 2018) will be included in the global bond index effective 1 June 2018. Analysts expect increased inflows of foreign investments into Indonesia's bond market following the announcement.

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Selected Government Security Yields

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Markets	Latest Closing	Previous Day*	Previous Week*	1-Jan-18*	
US	1.64	0.49	4.86	26.30	
EU	-0.60	0.20	-1.50	14.50	
Japan	-0.19	0.01	-1.31	-2.81	
PRC	3.32	-1.00	-1.00	-51.00	
Hong Kong, China	0.33	0.00	0.00	0.00	
India	8.31	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Korea, Rep. of	1.51	0.00	0.10	-0.30	
Malaysia	3.22	-0.80	1.10	26.00	
Philippines	2.90	-10.97	11.65	46.96	
Singapore	1.43	-0.80		17.40 -36.30	
Thailand	1.22	0.00	0.00	0.00	

3-Month Selected LCY Government Security Yields

Close of 23 February 2018

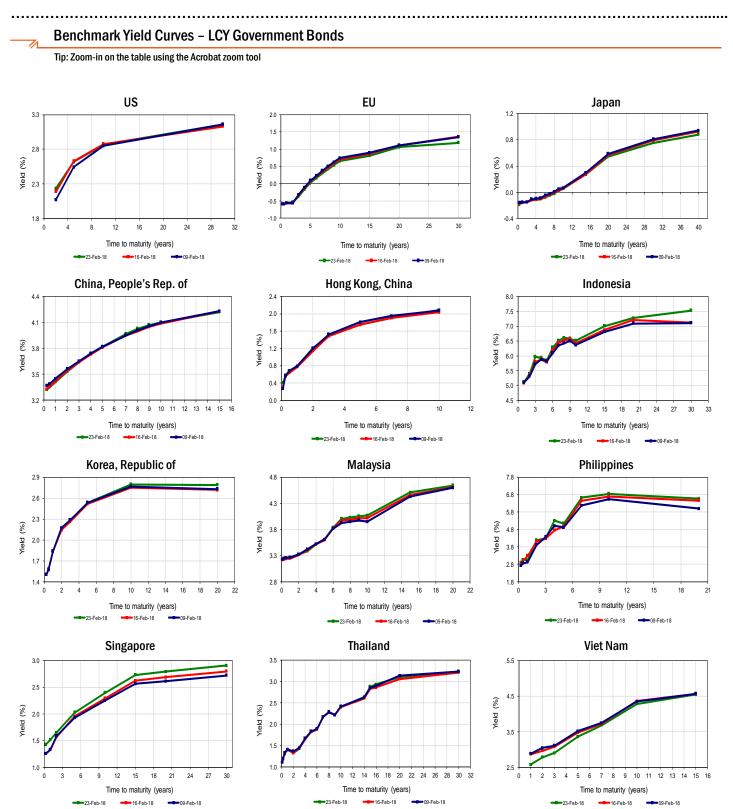
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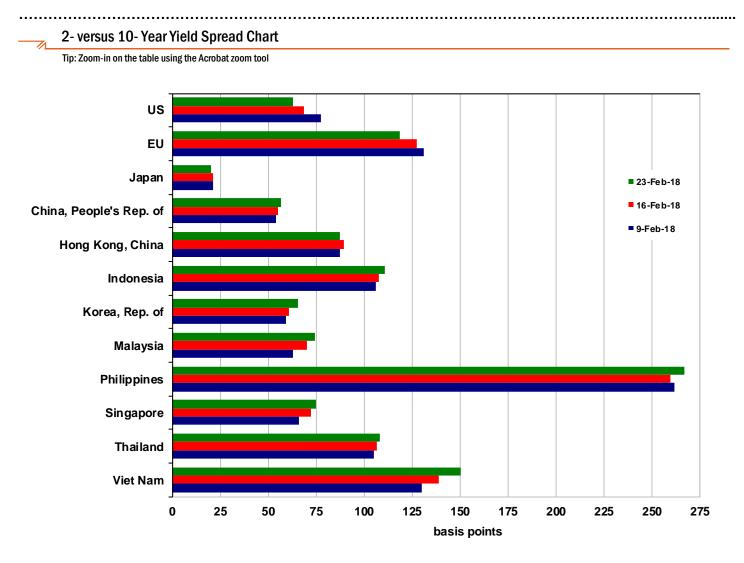
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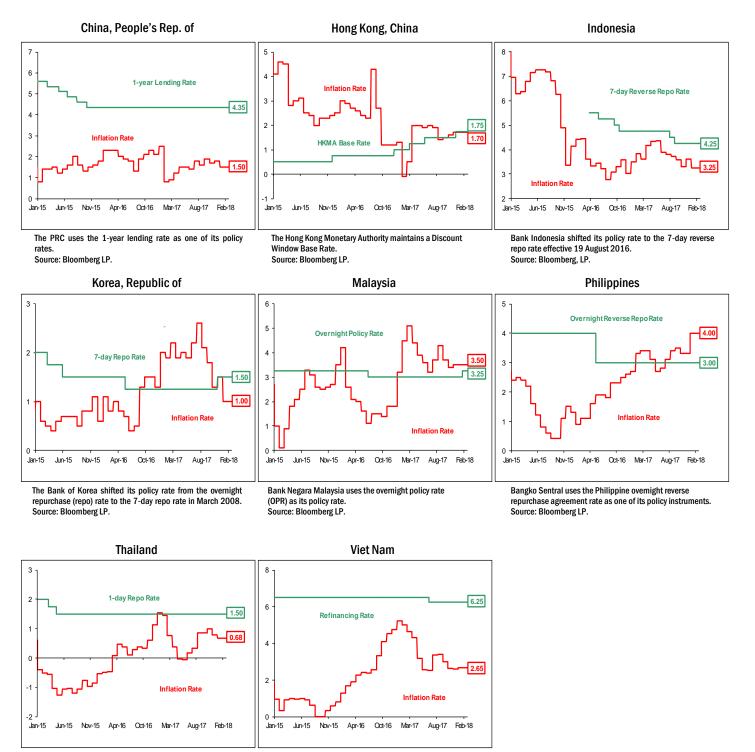
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Policy Rate versus Inflation Rate

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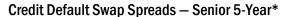
The Bank of Thailand replaced the 14-day repurchase rate with the 1-day repurchase rate in January 2007 as its policy rate. Source: Bloomberg LP. The State Bank of Viet Nam uses a benchmark prime lending rate as its policy rate. Source: Bloomberg LP.

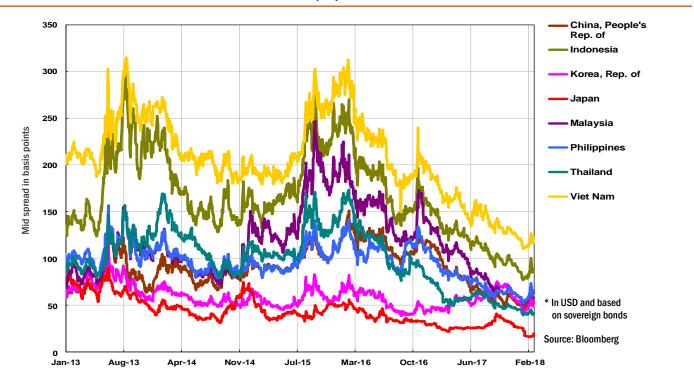
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Credit Default Swap Spreads and Exchange Rate Indexes

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Exchange Rate Indexes (vis-à-vis USD, 2 January 2007=100)



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Markets	Auction Date	Type of Security	Average C Yield (%)	Coupon (%)	Amount Offered (LCY billion)	Amount Issued (LCY billion)
HK	20-Feb	91-day Exchange Fund Bills	0.59		49.70	49.70
		182-day Exchange Fund Bills	0.69		14.00	14.00
		364-day Exchange Fund Bills	0.81		1.30	1.30
ID	20-Feb	182-day Islamic Treasury Bills	4.23			3,000.00
		2-year Project-based Sukuk	5.77	6.25		4,400.00
		4-year Project-based Sukuk	6.07	5.45	8,000.00	680.00
		7-year Project-based Sukuk	6.56	6.13		195.00
		19-year Project-based Sukuk	7.62	6.10		200.00
JP	22-Feb	3-month Treasury Discount Bills	-0.19		4,400.00	4,359.97
		20-year Japanese Government Bonds	0.56		1,000.00	1,145.90
KR	19-Feb	10-year Korea Treasury Bonds	2.81	2.38	1,750.00	1,750.00
	21-Feb	2-year Monetary Stabilization Bonds	2.22		2,510.00	2,510.00
MY	22-Feb	91-day Treasury Bills	3.22		1.50	1.50
PH	20-Feb	20-year Treasury Bond	6.41	6.50	20.00	8.85
SG	20-Feb	28-day MAS Bills	1.05		2.00	2.00
		84-day MAS Bills	0.91		5.80	5.80
	22-Feb	168-day MAS Bills	1.28		3.40	3.40
TH	19-Feb	28-day Treasury Bills	1.16		10.00	10.00
	20-Feb	91-day Bank of Thailand Bonds	1.13		30.00	30.00
		182-day Bank of Thailand Bonds	1.28		30.00	30.00
	21-Feb	13.33-year Government Bonds	2.94	3.70	12.00	12.00
	22-Feb	2-year Bank of Thailand Bonds	1.47	1.34	40.00	40.00
	23-Feb	14-day Bank of Thailand Bonds	1.06		20.00	20.00

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

Sources: Local market sources and Bloomberg, LP.

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Economy and Variable	Release Date	Historical Data	Recent Trends
Viet Nam	02/25 - 02/28	01/17: 7.6	Viet Nam's exports grew 33.1% year-on-year (y-o-y) in January after rising
Exports		02/17: 15.4	21.1% y-o-y in December.
y-o-y, %		12/17: 21.1	
FEB	00/05 00/00	01/18: 33.1	
Viet Nam	02/25 - 02/28	01/17: 1,154	Viet Nam's trade deficit narrow ed to USD300 million in January from USD500 million in December.
Trade Balance USD million		02/17: –1,200 12/17: –500	million in December.
FEB		01/18: -300	
Viet Nam	02/25 - 02/28	01/17: 5.2	Viet Nam's consumer prices rose 2.7% y-o-y in January, up from a 2.6%
Consumer Price Index	02/20 - 02/20	02/17: 5.0	y-o-y gain in December.
у-о-у, %		12/17: 2.6	, - , <u>3</u>
FEB		01/18: 2.7	
Viet Nam	02/25 - 02/28	01/17: 0.7	Industrial production grow th in Viet Nam accelerated to 20.9% y-o-y in
Industrial Production		02/17: 15.2	January from 11.2% y-o-y in December.
у-о-у, %		12/17: 11.2	
FEB		01/18: 20.9	
Hong Kong, China	02/27	12/16: 10.1	Exports in Hong Kong, China grew 6.0% y-o-y in December, up from 7.8%
Exports		01/17: -1.2	y-o-y grow th in November due to steady global demand.
y-o-y, %		11/17: 7.8	
JAN	02/27	12/17: 6.0	Lines Kees, Ohine registered a trade definit of LIKDCO million in December
Hong Kong, China Trade Balance	02/27	12/16:46 01/17:12	Hong Kong, China registered a trade deficit of HKD60 million in December versus HKD40 million in November.
HKD million		11/17: -40	versus FixD40 million in November.
JAN		12/17: -60	
Republic of Korea	02/27	01/17: 1.25	The Bank of Korea maintained its policy rate at 1.50% in its monetary policy
7-Day Repo Rate		02/17: 1.25	meeting on 18 January.
%		12/17: 1.50	- /
27 FEB		01/18: 1.50	
People's Republic of China	02/28	01/17: 51.3	The People's Republic of China's (PRC) manufacturing Purchasing Managers
Manufacturing PMI		02/17: 51.6	Index (PMI) fell to 51.3 in January from 51.6 in December.
Index		12/17: 51.6	
FEB		01/18: 51.3	
Hong Kong, China	02/28	Q3 2016: 2.0	Hong Kong, China's gross domestic product (GDP) grew 3.6% y-o-y in the
GDP		Q4 2016: 3.2	third quarter (Q3) of 2017 after grow th of 3.9% y-o-y in the second quarter
y-o-y, % Q4 2017		Q2 2017: 3.9 Q3 2017: 3.6	(Q2) of 2017.
Japan	02/28	12/16: 3.1	Industrial production in Japan grew 4.4% y-o-y in December following 3.6%
Industrial Production	02/20	01/17: 3.2	y-o-y grow th registered in November.
y-o-y, %		11/17: 3.6	y o y grow arregistered in November.
JAN		12/17: 4.4	
Malaysia	02/28	12/16: 1.8	Malaysia's consumer price inflation inched up to 3.5% y-o-y in December from
Consumer Price Index		01/17: 3.2	3.4% y-o-y in November.
у-о-у, %		11/17: 3.4	
JAN		12/17: 3.5	
Thailand	02/28	12/16: 6.5	Thailand's exports grew 9.3% y-o-y in December, slow er than the 12.4%
Exports		01/17: 8.5	y-o-y grow th posted in in November.
у-о-у, %		11/17: 12.4	
JAN	22/22	12/17: 9.3	The line distance is a second second to LIOD4 544 willing in Descention from
Thailand Trade Balance	02/28	12/16: 2,299 01/17: 1,891	Thailand's trade surplus narrow ed to USD1,544 million in December from USD3,335 million in November.
USD million			USD3,335 million in November.
JAN		11/17: 3,335 12/17: 1,544	
Thailand	02/28	12/16: 3,956	Thailand's current account surplus narrow ed to USD3,856 million in December
Current Account Balance	02,20	01/17: 5,416	from USD5,285 million in November.
USD million		11/17: 5,285	
JAN		12/17: 3,856	
Indonesia	03/01	01/17: 3.5	Consumer price inflation in Indonesia decelerated to 3.3% y-o-y in January
CPI		02/17: 3.8	from 3.6% y-o-y in December.
у-о-у, %		12/17: 3.6	
FEB		01/18: 3.3	
Republic of Korea	03/01	01/17: 11.2	The Republic of Korea's exports surged 22.2% y-o-y in January from grow th
Exports		02/17: 20.2	of 8.9% y-o-y in December.
у-о-у, %		12/17: 8.9	
FEB	00/01	01/18: 22.2	The Depublic of Kennels hade supplies a second to 10000 7 hilling in the
Republic of Korea Trade Balance	03/01	01/17: 3,635	The Republic of Korea's trade surplus narrow ed to USD3.7 billion in January from USD5.5 billion in December.
USD million		02/17: 6,963 12/17: 5,511	
FEB		01/18: 3,721	
Republic of Korea	03/02	12/16: 4.3	The Republic of Korea's industrial production fell 6.0% y-o-y in December
Industrial Production		01/17: 1.3	follow ing a contraction of 1.7% y-o-y in November.
y-o-y, %		11/17: -1.7	
JAN		12/17: -6.0	
Thailand	03/02	01/17: 1.6	Thailand's consumer price inflation rose 0.7% y-o-y in January, slightly
CPI		02/17: 1.4	slow er than the 0.8% y-o-y grow th recorded in December.
y-o-y, %		12/17: 0.8	
FEB		01/18: 0.7	
Malaysia	03/05	12/16: 11.0	Export grow th in Malaysia slow ed to 4.7% y-o-y in December from 14.5%
Exports		01/17: 13.7	y-o-y in November.
y-o-y, %		11/17: 14.5	
JAN Malayaia	00/05	12/17: 4.7	Melovojojo trado ouroluo portevu edite MA/DZ 0 tolline in Desentera fe
Malaysia Trade Balance	03/05	12/16: 5.4 01/17: 4.7	Malaysia's trade surplus narrow ed to MYR7.3 billion in December from MYR10.0 billion in November.
MYR billion		01/17: 4.7 11/17: 10.0	
JAN		12/17: 7.3	

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Gross Domestic Product Chain Volume Measures: QGDP 4th quarter 2017
 Office of the National Economic and Social Development Board (19 February 2018)

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 Thailand's GDP grows at fastest pace in 5 years in 2017 Nikkei Asian Review (19 February 2018)

Consumer Price Inflation Rises in Hong Kong, China and Japan; Remained Unchanged in Singapore

- Consumer Price Indices for January 2018
 Census and Statistics Department (22 February 2017)
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 Statistics Bureau (23 February 2018)
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Japan Posts Trade Deficit in January

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Total Approved Foreign Investments Reached PhP21.6 billion in Q4 2017

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