OCBC Economic Monitor
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Key Highlights:

Global:

- The global growth recovery story gains traction but policymakers desist talk about exit strategies for now. The 24 September FOMC statement gave a more optimistic economic reading, citing that “economic activity has picked up following its severe downturn”. The Fed reiterated its commitment to keep interest rates low for an extended period of time, noting that “inflation will remain subdued for some time” as “substantial resource slack is likely to continue to dampen cost pressures. Meanwhile, the G-20 pledged to “avoid any premature withdrawal of stimulus”, saying the process of crisis recovery and repair is incomplete, and promised to “lay the foundation for sustained and balanced growth in the 21st century”. This includes shifting from public to private sources of demand, reining in excesses for financial institutions, designating G-20 as the premier forum for international economic cooperation, and backing a shift in IMF representation of at least 5% from over-represented to under-represented countries. The IMF upgraded its 2010 growth forecast from 2.5% to 3.1% to reflect improving conditions, while the ADB also upgraded its 2009-2010 forecasts to 3.9% and 6.4% respectively.

- RBA surprised the market and delivered its first rate hike since March 2008, increasing its overnight cash rate by 25bps to 3.25% on 6 Oct. RBA’s move signals a breaking of ranks from G-20 barely weeks after the G-20 leaders pledge. This comes after improved macroeconomic data and increasingly hawkish rhetoric from RBA officials. Moreover, the inflation target is necessarily forward-looking, and consumer inflation expectations have risen even though the September inflation gauge stands at a low 1.3% yoy. The RBA forecasts growth to be 0.5% this year, and rising to 2.25% in 2010 and 3.75% in 2011. This has heightened the possibility of further 25bp increments at the upcoming 2 November and 7 December meetings as well. In our view, policy normalization will probably see the RBA taking the OCR back up to 3.75% by year-end and around 4.5% in 2010, with full normalization back to the 5% region only likely in 2011. The six million dollar question now is who will take up the gauntlet and be the next Asian economy to move. The heir apparent appears to be the Bank of Korea (BOK) who meets this Friday - BOK may be content to leave its policy rate unchanged at a record low of 2% for the eighth consecutive month, but should the statement send a hawkish signal, this may reinforce market speculation for a November hike.

Singapore:

- August industrial output surprised with +12.3% yoy growth, suggesting Q3 GDP growth flash estimate (due in early October) could turn turn positive yoy earlier-than-expected. This could set the stage for another 2009 GDP growth upgrade, possibly from “-4% to -6%” to “-2% to -4%”. Going forward, pharmaceutical growth in yoy terms are likely to remain choppy, but we see the stage as being set for the Singapore economy to return to positive yoy growth earlier-than-expected. Our Q3 and Q4 GDP growth forecast has been uplifted to +0.6% yoy (+5.8% qoq saar) and +1.0% yoy respectively, bringing full-year 2009 growth to -2.8% yoy, with construction to lead, followed by services, and lastly manufacturing. With full-year GDP growth of -2.8% yoy, 2009 would still mark the worst recession for the Singapore economy since 1964 where GDP growth shrank 3.8% yoy.
- While the MAS may keep its monetary policy stance neutral with a zero percent appreciation path, the nuances in the Monetary Policy Statement (MPS) will be important. First, watch if the April 2009 MPS phrases on “the domestic economy is likely to remain below potential till a decisive recovery is seen in Singapore’s export markets” and “there is therefore no reason for any undue weakening of the Singapore dollar” are retained. Second, watch the inflation language – the full-year CPI forecast has already been upgraded to -0.5% to +0.5%, but the release of an official 2010 CPI forecast may point to inflationary pressure reverting to a more normalized 1-2% yoy range. Lastly, should there be any mention of the risks of asset bubbles or specifically in the property market, this could potentially be interpreted as hawkish, even though administrative measures (eg. removal of the IAS and the release of more land sales) are already in place.

Malaysia:

- The Malaysian economy contracted at a slower rate of 3.9% in the second quarter of 2009 (1Q 09: -6.2%), due mainly to higher public spending and positive growth in private consumption. Non-event for USD-MYR movement with near-term cue still taken from USD-SGD and broad dollar trend. The statement coming out from the August BNM MPC saw little change of tone except upgrading the assessment that the economic and financial conditions have improved while keeping the recovery outlook to start taking place in H2 2009 and 2010. Deflationary trend is expected to be only technical in nature. OPR is likely to stay at the current level of 2.00% until H2 2010.
- The country's unemployment rate for Q2 2009 fell to 3.6% from 4.0% in Q1 2009. The next focus will be on Malaysia 2010 budget due on Oct 23.

Indonesia:

- BI kept rates unchanged at 6.50% and projects Q3 GDP growth at 4.2% yoy and full year 2009 growth at 4.0%-4.5% in 2009 before rising to 5.0%-5.5% in 2010. Inflation rate might come in at 3.5%-5.5% in 2009 and 4.0%-6.0% in 2010. The current BI rate seems to remain appropriate in maintaining the growth momentum. BI could start hiking by end-Q1 2010 in tandem with their projection of higher consumption power and pickup in inflation.

China:

- China's economic recovery is well on track according to the August data released in September. However, the equity market was under pressure in the past month due to the concerns over the IPO pipreline eg, China officially launched the Nasdaq-style second board at the end of the September. On the policy front, senior policy makers reiterated the need to keep the current policy intact, and the central bank injected the liquidity into the system for the fourth consecutive week ahead of the National holiday week.
- The trade dispute between China and the US escalated after the US announced the penalty tariff on China's tire products in the beginning of September. As a reaction to the extra tariff, China also launched an anti-dumping investigation against the US auto and chicken parts. The trade dispute also weighed on the market sentiment in September.

US

Real GDP Growth	Quarterly (%, Chained Constant 2000 Price Q-o-Q SAAR)								Yearly (%, Y-o-Y)			
	2008				2009				Historical and Forecast			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3F	Q4F	2007	2008	2009F	2010F
	0.9	2.8	-0.5	-6.3	-5.5	-1.0	1.2	2.0	2.5	1.3	-2.8	1.5

CPI	Monthly CPI Inflation (%, Y-o-Y) 2008-2009												Yearly (%, Y-o-Y)	
	Sep08	Oct08	Nov08	Dec08	Jan09	Feb09	Mar09	Apr09	May09	Jun09	Jul09	Aug09	2008	2009F
	4.9	3.7	1.1	0.1	0.0	0.2	-0.4	-0.7	-1.3	-1.4	-2.1	-1.5	3.9	-0.5

2008-2009	Aug08	Sep08	Oct08	Nov08	Dec08	Jan09	Feb09	Mar09	Apr09	May09	Jun09	Jul09
Export (%, Y-o-Y)	16.9	9.3	5.1	-5.3	-11.3	-21.1	-23.8	-22.1	-26.5	-26.1	-26.1	-25.5
Import (%, Y-o-Y)	11.4	11.1	2.1	-16.0	-15.3	-27.1	-34.3	-24.0	-35.1	-36.3	-33.4	-33.5
Trade Balance $bn	-74.3	-75.9	-75.9	-51.6	-49.3	-44.7	-29.5	-34.3	-39.3	-34.3	-41.4	-50.8

Fed Funds rate (%)	Federal Open Market Committee					Credit Rating and Last Rating Change Standard & Poor's and Moody's Long Term Local Currency
	2009	2009			End of 2009 Forecast	
	Sep	Current Level	Next Meeting	Forecast	Dec	
	0-0.25	0-0.25	05 Nov	No Change	0-0.25	AAA/Stable/A-1+ ; Aaa/P-1 ; (17 March 1995)

Currency Other per USD (Bid Rate)	05 Oct 09	Month-to-Date (% Δ) agst foreign currency	Year-to-Date (% Δ) agst foreign currency
DXY (Dollar Index)	76.88	0.30	-5.44
AUD-USD	0.8744	1.03%	-19.11%
EUR-USD	1.4635	0.00%	-4.49%
GBP-USD	1.5957	0.29%	-8.34%
USD-CNY	6.8263	0.00%	0.06%
USD-JPY	89.77	0.02%	-0.92%
USD-MYR	3.456	-0.09%	0.17%
USD-SGD	1.4102	0.11%	-1.41%
USD-IDR	9550.00	-0.93%	-11.98%
USD-TWD	32.244	0.83%	-1.56%

Stock Market Index	05 Oct 09	Month-to-Date (% Δ)	Year-to-Date (% Δ)
Dow Jones Industrial Average	9487.67	2.99	11.44
NASDAQ	2048.11	5.98	35.02
NASDAQ Other Financial Index	3481.43	5.25	30.52
S&P 500 Financial Sector Index	192.23	3.31	20.81

US Bond Yield and Bond Auction	05 Oct 09	1-Month-Ago	6-Month-Ago	1-Year-Ago
2 Year	0.86	0.93	0.95	1.58
10 Year	3.20	3.44	2.89	3.60
Recent Bond Auction	**Issue Size**	**Tenor**	**Yield**	**Bid – Cover Ratio**
US Treasury Bonds (24 Sep 09)	US$29bn	7-year	3.005%	2.79

Net Debt/GDP	Fiscal balance (% of GDP)		US Treasury International Capital Net Monthly Inflows (US$bn)					
2008	2008	2009F	Feb09	Mar09	Apr09	May09	Jun09	Jul09
42.3%	-5.3	-11.9	-97.0	23.2	-53.2	-66.6	-31.2	-97.52

Eurozone

Real GDP Growth	Quarterly (%, Y-o-Y)								Yearly (%, Y-o-Y)			
	2008				2009				Historical and Forecast			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3^F	Q4^F	2007	2008	2009^F	2010^F
	2.2	1.5	0.5	-1.7	-4.8	-4.9	-3.7	-3.0	2.6	0.6	-4.1	0.5

CPI	Monthly CPI Inflation (%, Y-o-Y) 2008-2009												Yearly (%, Y-o-Y)	
	Sep08	Oct08	Nov08	Dec08	Jan09	Feb09	Mar09	Apr09	May09	Jun09	Jul09	Aug09	2008	2009^F
	3.6	3.2	2.1	1.6	1.1	1.2	0.6	0.6	0.0	-0.1	-0.7	-0.2	3.3	0.3

2009	Aug08	Sep08	Oct08	Nov08	Dec08	Jan09	Feb09	Mar09	Apr09	May09	Jun09	Jul09
Trade Balance EURbn	-10.2	-5.3	-0.8	-7.3	-2.4	-12.3	-1.6	1.2	2.1	1.7	5.4	12.5

ECB 2-week refinancing rate (%)	European Central Bank					Credit Rating and Last Rating Change Standard & Poor's and Moody's Long Term Local Currency
	2009	2009			End of 2009 Forecast	
	Aug	Current Level	Next Meeting	Forecast	Dec	
	1.00	1.00	08 Oct	No change	1.00	AAA/Stable/A-1+ ; Aaa/WR ; (17 March 1995)

Currency Other per EUR (Bid Rate)	05 Oct 09	Month-to-Date (% ∆) agst foreign currency	Year-to-Date (% ∆) agst foreign currency
EUR-AUD	1.6726	1.00%	-15.36%
EUR-SGD	2.0634	0.09%	3.21%
EUR-GBP	0.9168	0.28%	-4.04%
EUR-CNY	9.9903	0.00%	4.68%
EUR-IDR	13976.43	-0.92%	-7.92%
EUR-JPY	131.38	0.02%	3.73%
EUR-MYR	5.0579	-0.07%	4.87%
EUR-TWD	47.19	0.36%	2.92%

Stock Market Index	05 Oct 09	Month-to-Date (% ∆)	Year-to-Date (% ∆)
DAX German Stock Index	5476.60	-3.50	13.85

Euro Bond Yield	05 Oct 09	1-Month-Ago	6-Month-Ago	1-Year-Ago
2 Year	1.21	1.09	1.51	3.28
10 Year	3.13	3.24	3.22	3.92

Net Debt/GDP	Germany Sovereign CDS				Eurozone Fiscal Balance (% of GDP)	
2008	05 Oct 09	1-Month-Ago	6-Month-Ago	1-Year-Ago	2008	2009^F
63.4%	22.49	23.85	44.72	24.84	-1.9	-5.0

Australia

Real GDP Growth	Quarterly (%, Y-o-Y)								Yearly (%, Y-o-Y)			
	2008				2009				Historical and Forecast			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3[F]	Q4[F]	2007	2008	2009[F]	2010[F]
	3.3	2.8	1.8	0.3	0.3	0.6	0.9	1.0	4.0	2.1	0.7	2.0

CPI Inflation	Monthly CPI Inflation (%, Y-o-Y) 2008-2009								Yearly (%, Y-o-Y)	
	08 Q1	08 Q2	08 Q3	08 Q4	09 Q1	09 Q2	09 Q3	09 Q4	2008	2009[F]
	4.2	4.5	5.0	3.7	2.5	1.5			4.4	2.3

2009	Aug08	Sep08	Oct08	Nov08	Dec08	Jan09	Feb09	Mar09	Apr09	May09	Jun09	Jul09
Trade Balance A$bn	0.77	0.97	2.40	0.65	-0.05	0.48	1.44	1.93	-0.33	-0.76	-0.54	-1.56

RBA Cash Rate (%)	Reserve Bank of Australia					Credit Rating and Last Rating Change Standard & Poor's and Moody's Long Term Local Currency
	2009	2009			End of 2009 Forecast	
	Sep	Current Level	Next Meeting	Forecast	Dec	
	3.00	3.25	03 Nov	+ 25 bps	3.75	AAA (27 July 1992) / Aaa (29 July 1999)

Currency Other per AUD (Bid Rate)	05 Oct 09	Month-to-Date (% ∆) agst foreign currency	Year-to-Date (% ∆) agst foreign currency
AUDEUR	0.5974	-1.04%	18.18%
AUDGBP	0.5478	-0.78%	13.30%
AUDJPY	78.50	-1.06%	22.60%
AUDCNY	5.9696	-1.01%	23.71%
AUDSGD	1.2335	-0.91%	21.92%
AUDMYR	3.0216	-1.13%	23.83%
AUDIDR	8349.57	-1.99%	8.80%
AUDTWD	28.1974	-0.66%	21.63%

Stock Market Index	05 Oct 09	Month-to-Date (% ∆)	Year-to-Date (% ∆)
S&P ASX 200	4573.30	-3.59	22.86

Australia Bond Yield	05 Oct 09	1-Month-Ago	6-Month-Ago	1-Year-Ago
2 Year	4.31	4.48	2.94	4.90
10 Year	5.21	5.43	4.43	5.29
Recent Bond Auction	**Issue Size**	**Tenor**	**Yield**	**Bid – Cover Ratio**
Australian Bills (01 Oct 09)	A$300mn	6-month	3.645%	4.3

Net Debt/GDP	Australia Sovereign CDS				Australia Fiscal Balance (% of GDP)	
2008	05 Oct 09	1-Month-Ago	6-Month-Ago	1-Year-Ago	2008	2009[F]
-4.9%	32.78	40.34	121.12	33.31	1.3	-2.0

UK

Real GDP Growth	Quarterly (%, Y-o-Y)								Yearly (%, Y-o-Y)			
	2008				2009				Historical and Forecast			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3[F]	Q4[F]	2007	2008	2009[F]	2010[F]
	2.6	1.7	0.2	-1.9	-4.9	-5.6	-4.1	-3.2	3.0	0.7	-4.4	0.4

CPI	Monthly CPI Inflation (%, Y-o-Y) 2009												Yearly (%, Y-o-Y)	
	Sep08	Oct08	Nov08	Dec08	Jan09	Feb09	Mar09	Apr09	May09	Jun09	Jul09	Aug09	2008	2009[F]
	5.2	4.5	4.1	3.1	3.0	3.2	2.9	2.3	2.2	1.8	1.8	1.6	3.6	2.0

2009	Aug08	Sep08	Oct08	Nov08	Dec08	Jan09	Feb09	Mar09	Apr09	May09	Jun09	Aug09
Trade Balance GBPbn	-7.96	-7.55	-7.64	-7.84	-7.23	-7.60	-6.75	-6.47	-7.01	-6.32	-6.52	-6.48

BOE Rate (%)	Bank of England					Credit Rating and Last Rating Change Standard & Poor's and Moody's Long Term Local Currency
	2009	2009			End of 2009 Forecast	
	Aug	Current Level	Next Meeting	Forecast	Dec	
	0.5	0.5	08 Oct	No change	0.5	AAA (06 Oct 1993) / Aaa (27 Apr 1993)

Currency Other per GBP (Bid Rate)	05 Oct 09	Month-to-Date (% ∆) agst foreign currency	Year-to-Date (% ∆) agst foreign currency
GBPEUR	1.0902	-0.30%	4.38%
GBPAUD	1.8239	0.72%	-11.56%
GBPJPY	143.26	-0.24%	8.30%
GBPCNY	10.8927	-0.31%	9.38%
GBPSGD	2.2498	-0.16%	7.64%
GBPMYR	5.5147	-0.36%	9.51%
GBPIDR	15238.94	-1.21%	-3.89%
GBPTWD	51.4518	0.54%	7.61%

Stock Market Index	05 Oct 09	Month-to-Date (% ∆)	Year-to-Date (% ∆)
FTSE 100 Index	4993.37	-2.74	12.61

UK Bond Yield	05 Oct 09	1-Month-Ago	6-Month-Ago	1-Year-Ago
2 Year	0.77	0.91	1.40	4.03
10 Year	3.44	3.62	3.42	4.41
Recent Bond Auction	**Issue Size**	**Tenor**	**Yield**	**Bid – Cover Ratio**
UK Gov. Bills (02 Oct 09)	GBP 1bn	183-day	0.3958	3.79

Net Debt/GDP	UK Sovereign CDS				UK Fiscal Balance (% of GDP)	
2008	05 Oct 09	1-Month-Ago	6-Month-Ago	1-Year-Ago	2008	2009[F]
48.1%	47.35	57.28	99.42	39.32	-5.5	-12.0

Japan

Real GDP Growth	Quarterly (%, Annualized, SAAR)								Yearly (%, Y-o-Y)			
	2008				2009				Historical and Forecast			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2			2006	2007	2008	2009F
	3.5	-2.8	-5.1	-12.8	-12.4	2.3			2.2	1.9	-0.7	-6.5

CPI	Monthly CPI Inflation (%, Y-o-Y) 2009												Yearly (%, Y-o-Y)	
	Sep08	Oct08	Nov08	Dec08	Jan09	Feb09	Mar09	Apr09	May09	Jun09	Jul09	Aug09	2008	2009F
	2.1	1.7	1.0	0.4	0.0	-0.1	-0.3	-1.0	-1.1	-1.8	-2.3	-2.2	1.4	-0.5

2009	Sep08	Oct08	Nov08	Dec08	Jan09	Feb09	Mar09	Apr09	May09	Jun09	Jul09	Aug09
Export (%, Y-o-Y)	1.5	-7.9	-26.8	-35.0	-45.7	-49.4	-45.5	-39.1	-40.9	-35.7	-36.5	-36.04
Import (%, Y-o-Y)	28.8	7.4	-14.4	-21.5	-31.9	-43.0	-36.6	-35.8	-42.4	-41.9	-40.8	-41.3
Trade Balance JPYbn	90.9	-75.2	-227	-322	-956	82.1	10.3	67.7	298	507	377	183

Overnight Call Rate (%)	Bank of Japan					Credit Rating and Last Rating Change Standard & Poor's and Moody's Long Term Local Currency
	2009	2009			End of 2009 Forecast	
	Aug	Current Level	Next Meeting	Forecast	Dec	
	0.10	0.10	14 Oct	No change	0.10	AA-/Positive/A-1+ ; Aa2/Pos ; (18 May 2009)

Currency Other per 100JPY (Bid Rate)	05 Oct 09	Month-to-Date (% Δ) agst foreign currency	Year-to-Date (% Δ) agst foreign currency
JPY- AUD	1.2727	1.02%	-18.37%
JPY- SGD	1.5705	0.11%	-0.53%
JPY- EUR	0.7607	-0.01%	-3.57%
JPY- GBP	0.6976	0.23%	-7.64%
JPY- CNY	7.60	0.01%	0.96%
JPY- IDR (100)	106.34	-0.94%	-11.21%
JPY- MYR	3.8481	-0.09%	1.06%
JPY- TWD	35.90	0.36%	-0.75%

Stock Market Index	05 Oct 09	Month-to-Date (% Δ)	Year-to-Date (% Δ)
Nikkei 225	9674.49	-3.74	14.00
JASDAQ Banks Index	51.48	-3.31	-33.44
Tokyo Stock Exchg TOPIX Banks Index	137.82	-16.96	-15.88

FX Volatility and Bond Yield	05 Oct 09	1-Month-Ago	6-Month-Ago	1-Year-Ago
3-Month FX Option Volatility	13.65	13.49	15.19	15.87
2 Year	0.24	0.24	0.41	0.74
10 Year	1.27	1.33	1.43	1.46
Recent Bond Auction	**Issue Size**	**Tenor**	**Yield**	**Bid – Cover Ratio**
Japanese Bonds (29 Sep 09)	JPY2.399tn	2-year	0.233%	2.486

Net Debt/GDP	Japan Sovereign CDS				Japan Fiscal Balance (% of GDP)	
2008	05 Oct 09	1-Month-Ago	6-Month-Ago	1-Year-Ago	2008	2009F
85.9%	48.17	38.04	78.85	19.99	-3.8	-4.0

Singapore

Real GDP Growth	Quarterly (%, Y-o-Y)								Yearly (%, Y-o-Y)			
	2008				2009^F				Historical and Forecast			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3^F	Q4^F	2006	2007	2008	2009^F
	6.9	2.2	-0.2	-3.7	-10.1	-3.5	0.6	1.0	7.9	7.7	**1.2**	**-2.8**

CPI	Monthly CPI Inflation (%, Y-o-Y) 2009												Yearly (%, Y-o-Y)	
	Sep08	Oct08	Nov08	Dec08	Jan09	Feb09	Mar09	Apr09	May09	Jun09	Jul09	Aug09	2008	2009^F
	6.7	6.4	5.5	4.3	2.9	1.9	1.6	-0.7	-0.3	-0.5	-0.5	-0.3	6.5	0.5

2009	Sep08	Oct08	Nov08	Dec08	Jan09	Feb09	Mar09	Apr09	May09	Jun09	Jul09	Aug09
NODX (%, Y-o-Y)	-5.7	-15.5	-17.5	-20.8	-34.9	-23.8	-17.0	-19.2	-12.1	-11.0	-8.5	-7.1
Non-oil retained Import (%, Y-o-Y)	13.2	12.4	-8.7	-16.4	-12.5	-18.6	-35.0	-32.6	-28.4	-21.8	-26.0	-27.9
Trade Balance S$bn	2.08	0.55	1.51	0.99	0.79	1.22	4.15	3.6	2.5	2.3	3.7	4.0

3 Month SIBOR (%)				2009	End of 2009 Forecast	Credit Rating and Last Rating Change Standard & Poor's and Moody's Long Term Local Currency
	Jul	Aug	Sep	05 Oct	Dec	
	0.69	0.68	0.68	0.68	0.75	AAA/Stable/A-1+ ; Aaa/P-1 ; (06 March 1995)

Currency Other per SGD (Bid Rate)	05 Oct 09	Month-to-Date (% ∆) agst foreign currency	Year-to-Date (% ∆) agst foreign currency
SGD NEER (OCBC Calculation)	108.98	-0.04%	-1.53%
SGD-AUD	0.8099	0.90%	-17.76%
SGD-EUR	0.4841	-0.14%	-2.81%
SGD-GBP	0.4439	0.18%	-7.01%
SGD-CNY	4.8359	-0.14%	1.69%
SGD-IDR	6765.37	-1.07%	-10.54%
SGD-JPY	63.5926	-0.12%	0.70%
SGD-MYR	2.4492	-0.19%	1.85%
SGD-TWD	22.8422	0.22%	-0.01%

Stock Market Index	05 Oct 09	Month-to-Date (% ∆)	Year-to-Date (% ∆)
Straits Times Index (STI)	2618.09	2.72	51.19

FX Volatility and Bond Yield	05 Oct 09	1-Month-Ago	6-Month-Ago	1-Year-Ago
3-Month FX Option Volatility	6.52	6.58	11.75	9.94
2 Year	0.59	0.50	0.55	1.34
10 Year	2.38	2.45	2.07	3.13
Recent Bond Auction	**Issue Size**	**Tenor**	**Yield**	**Bid – Cover Ratio**
Singapore T-Bills (05 Oct 09)	S$3.5bn	91 Days	0.34%	1.80

Singapore Sovereign CDS				Singapore Fiscal Balance (% of GDP)	
05 Oct 09	1-Month-Ago	6-Month-Ago	1-Year-Ago	2008	2009^F
-	-	-	-	-0.8	-3.5

FX Reserve (Aug 09)	FX Reserve as months of imports (Jun 09)	Total Outstanding debt	Net Debt/GDP ratio (2008)*
US$176.3bn	20.9	S$255.5b	**-81.3%**

*Singapore is a net saver

Malaysia

Real GDP Growth	Quarterly (%, Y-o-Y)								Yearly (%, Y-o-Y)			
	2008				2009				Historical and Forecast			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3[F]	Q4[F]	2006	2007	2008	2009[F]
	7.4	6.7	4.7	0.1	-6.2	-5.7	-2.0	2.8	6.0	6.3	4.7	-2.3

CPI	Monthly CPI Inflation (%, Y-o-Y) 2009												Yearly (%, Y-o-Y)	
	Sep08	Oct08	Nov08	Dec08	Jan09	Feb09	Mar09	Apr09	May09	Jun09	Jul09	Aug09	2008	2009[F]
	8.2	7.6	5.7	4.4	3.9	3.7	3.5	3.0	2.4	-1.4	-2.4	-2.4	5.4	1.5

2008-2009	Aug08	Sep08	Oct08	Nov08	Dec08	Jan09	Feb09	Mar09	Apr09	May09	Jun09	Jul09
Export (%, Y-o-Y)	10.7	15.0	-2.6	-4.9	-14.9	-27.9	-15.9	-15.5	-26.3	-29.7	-22.6	-22.8
Import (%, Y-o-Y)	4.4	11.4	-5.3	-8.6	-22.8	-30.4	-27.3	-28.7	-22.4	-27.8	-20.8	-16.0
Trade Balance MYRbn	12.61	14.74	9.61	11.51	11.54	8.11	11.97	12.5	7.36	10.0	9.11	7.8

Overnight Policy Rate (%)	Bank Negara Malaysia					Credit Rating and Last Rating Change Standard & Poor's and Moody's Long Term Local Currency
	2009	2009			End of 2009 Forecast	
	Sep	Current Level	Next Meeting	Forecast	Dec	
	2.00	2.00	28 Oct	No change	2.00	A+/Stable/A-1 ; A3/P-1 ; (07 October 2003)

Currency Other per MYR (BID Rate)	05 Oct 09	Month-to-Date (% Δ) agst foreign currency	Year-to-Date (% Δ) agst foreign currency
MYR-AUD	0.3305	1.16%	-19.17%
MYR-SGD	0.4076	0.21%	-1.54%
MYR-EUR	0.1975	0.13%	-4.50%
MYR-GBP	0.1811	0.40%	-8.45%
MYR-CNY	1.9735	0.12%	-0.06%
MYR-JPY	25.9555	0.15%	-0.95%
MYR-IDR	2760.91	-0.82%	-12.08%
MYR-TWD	9.3218	0.48%	-1.74%
MYR NEER (OCBC Calculation)	84.40 (31 Jul 09)	-0.59%	-2.35%

Stock Market Index	05 Oct 09	Month-to-Date (% Δ)	Year-to-Date (% Δ)
Kuala Lumpur Composite Index (KLCI)	1,214.96	2.89	37.81

FX Volatility and Bond Yield	05 Oct 09	1-Month-Ago	6-Month-Ago	1-Year-Ago
3-Month FX Option Volatility	7.33	7.43	10.74	10.33
2 Year	2.52	2.57	2.55	3.81
10 Year	4.14	4.17	3.87	4.58
Recent Bond Auction	**Issue Size**	**Tenor**	**Yield**	**Bid – Cover Ratio**
Malaysia T-bill (01 Oct 09)	MYR100mn	6-month	1.938	1.90

Malaysia Sovereign CDS				Malaysia Fiscal Balance (% of GDP)	
25 Aug 09	1-Month-Ago	6-Month-Ago	1-Year-Ago	2008	2009[F]
92.22	96.32	207.11	194.65	-4.6	-7.6

FX Reserve (Aug 09)	FX Reserve as months of imports (May 09)	Gross External Debt Position (Q3 2008)	Net Debt/GDP ratio (2008)
US$84.5bn	7.2	US$ 82.31bn	34.5%

Indonesia

Real GDP Growth	Quarterly (%, Y-o-Y)								Yearly (%, Y-o-Y)			
	2008				2009 Forecast				Historical and Forecast			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3[F]	Q4[F]	2007	2008	2009[F]	2010[F]
	6.3	6.4	6.1	5.2	4.4	4.0	3.5	3.2	5.5	6.1	3.8	4.8

CPI	Monthly CPI Inflation (%, Y-o-Y) 2009												Yearly (%, Y-o-Y)	
	Sep08	Oct08	Nov08	Dec08	Jan09	Feb09	Mar09	Apr09	May09	Jun09	Jul09	Aug09	2008	2009[F]
	12.1	11.8	11.7	11.1	9.2	8.6	7.9	7.3	6.0	3.7	2.7	2.8	9.8	4.9

2009	Aug08	Sep08	Oct08	Nov08	Dec08	Jan09	Feb09	Mar09	Apr09	May09	Jun09	Jul09
Export (%, Y-o-Y)	29.9	29.0	4.7	-1.8	-18.7	-35.0	-32.9	-28.2	-22.9	-28.7	-27.2	-22.7
Import (%, Y-o-Y)	45.4	38.5	40.3	-5.6	-8.0	-27.9	-42.0	-18.1	-45.3	-33.3	-34.7	-34.5
Trade Balance ($ bn)	2.41	2.87	1.97	2.51	2.60	1.87	2.52	2.01	2.07	2.76	2.89	2.60

BI Reference Rate (%)	Bank Indonesia					Credit Rating and Last Rating Change Standard & Poor's and Moody's Long Term Local Currency
	2009	2009			End of 2009 Forecast	
	Sep	Current Level	Next Meeting	Forecast	Dec	
	6.50	6.50	04 Nov	No change	6.50	BB+/Stable/B ; Ba3/Pos ; (18 October 2007)

Currency Other per 10000IDR (Bid Rate)	05 Oct 09	Month-to-Date (% ∆) agst foreign currency	Year-to-Date (% ∆) agst foreign currency
IDR-AUD	1.1964	2.06%	-7.28%
IDR-SGD	1.476	1.10%	13.02%
IDR-EUR	0.7151	1.00%	9.58%
IDR-GBP	0.6557	1.28%	4.84%
IDR-CNY	7.144	0.99%	14.65%
IDR-JPY	93.96	1.00%	13.64%
IDR-MYR	3.617	0.92%	14.79%
IDR-TWD	33.75	1.38%	12.76%
IDR NEER (OCBC Calculation)	21.22 (31 Jul 09)	1.93%	11.02%
Stock Market Index	**05 Oct 09**	**Month-to-Date (% ∆)**	**Year-to-Date (% ∆)**
Jakarta Composite Index (JCI)	2480.41	4.37	80.30
Jakarta Stock Exchange Finance Index	308.42	5.88	68.40

FX Volatility and Bond Yield	05 Oct 09	1-Month-Ago	6-Month-Ago	1-Year-Ago
3-Month FX Option Volatility	12.77	14.00	24.60	14.50
2 Year	7.84	7.95	10.05	11.86
10 Year	9.95	10.61	12.19	13.20
Recent Bond Auction	**Issue Size**	**Tenor**	**Yield**	**% of bid accepted**
Indonesian Gov T-bills (30 Sep 09)	IDR2.582tn	3-month	6.5525%	99.04%

Indonesia Sovereign CDS				Indonesia Fiscal Balance (% of GDP)	
05 Oct 09	1-Month-Ago	6-Month-Ago	1-Year-Ago	2008	2009[F]
198.40	209.13	507.81	513.30	0.1	-2.5

FX Reserve (Aug 09)	FX Reserve as months of imports (May 09)	Gross External Debt Position (Q3 2008)	Net Debt/GDP ratio (2008)
US$57.9bn	6.2	US$ 151.74bn	31.7%

China

Real GDP Growth	Quarterly (%, Y-o-Y)								Yearly (%, Y-o-Y)			
	2008				2009				Historical and Forecast			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3^F	Q4^F	2007	2008	2009^F	2010^F
	10.6	10.1	9.0	6.8	6.1	7.9	9.0	9.9	11.9	9.0	8.3	8.7

CPI	Monthly CPI Inflation (%, Y-o-Y) 2009												Yearly (%, Y-o-Y)	
	Sep08	Oct08	Nov08	Dec08	Jan09	Feb09	Mar09	Apr09	May09	Jun09	Jul09	Aug09	2008	2009^F
	4.6	4.0	2.4	1.2	1.0	-1.6	-1.2	-1.5	-1.2	-1.7	-1.8	-1.2	5.9	-0.4

2009	Sep08	Oct08	Nov08	Dec08	Jan09	Feb09	Mar09	Apr09	May09	Jun09	Jul09	Aug09
Export (%, Y-o-Y)	21.3	19.1	-2.2	-2.8	-17.5	-25.7	-17.1	-22.6	-26.4	-21.4	-23.0	-23.1
Import (%, Y-o-Y)	20.9	15.4	-18.0	-21.3	-43.1	-23.8	-24.9	-22.8	-25.2	-13.0	-14.9	-17.1
Trade Balance $bn	29.37	35.24	40.09	38.98	39.11	4.84	18.6	13.1	13.39	8.33	10.6	15.7

1-Year Lending Rate (%)	People's Bank of China					Credit Rating and Last Rating Change Standard & Poor's and Moody's Long Term Local Currency
	2008-2009				End of 2009 Forecast	
	Sep	Current Level	Next Meeting	Forecast	Dec	
	5.31	5.31	-	-	5.31	A+/Stable/A-1+ ; A1/P-1 ; (31 July 2008)

Currency Other per CNY (Bid Rate)	05 Oct 09	Month-to-Date (% Δ) agst foreign currency	Year-to-Date (% Δ) agst foreign currency
CNY-AUD	0.1675	1.03%	-19.16%
CNY-SGD	0.2066	0.15%	-1.43%
CNY-EUR	0.1001	0.03%	-4.43%
CNY-GBP	0.0918	0.31%	-8.57%
CNY-JPY	13.1532	0.03%	-0.86%
CNY-IDR	1398.96	-0.93%	-12.02%
CNY-MYR	0.5063	-0.08%	0.13%
CNY-TWD	4.7234	0.83%	-1.60%
CNY NEER (OCBC Calculation)	111.32	-0.01%	-2.28%

Stock Market Index	05 Oct 09	Month-to-Date (% Δ)	Year-to-Date (% Δ)
Shanghai Composite Index	2779.43	3.25	51.28

FX Volatility and Bond Yield	05 Oct 09	1-Month-Ago	6-Month-Ago	1-Year-Ago
3-Month FX Option Volatility	1.20	1.25	2.65	7.00
2 Year	1.64	1.71	1.36	3.35
10 Year	3.51	3.5	3.15	3.8
Recent Bond Auction	**Issue Size**	**Tenor**	**Yield**	**Bid – Cover Ratio**
PBoC T-bills (24 Sep 09)	CNY30bn	3-month	1.3280%	-

China Sovereign CDS				China Fiscal Balance (% of GDP)	
05 Oct 09	1-Month-Ago	6-Month-Ago	1-Year-Ago	2008	2009^F
76.22	84.35	142.74	101.64	-0.4	-3.0

FX Reserve (Jun 09)	FX Reserve as months of imports (Jun 09)	Foreign debt (2008)	Net Debt/GDP ratio (2008)
US$2.13tn	24.5	US$374.7bn	11.9%

Taiwan

Real GDP Growth	Quarterly (%, Y-o-Y)								Yearly (%, Y-o-Y)			
	2008				2009				Historical and Forecast			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	2007	2008	2009F	2010F
	6.3	4.6	-1.1	-8.4	-10.2	-7.5			5.7	0.4	-5.0	1.5

CPI	Monthly CPI Inflation (%, Y-o-Y) 2009												Yearly (%, Y-o-Y)	
	Sep08	Oct08	Nov08	Dec08	Jan09	Feb09	Mar09	Apr09	May09	Jun09	Jul09	Aug09	2008	2009F
	3.1	2.4	1.9	1.3	1.5	-1.3	-0.2	-0.5	-0.1	-2.0	-2.3	-0.8	3.5	-1.0

2009	Sep08	Oct08	Nov08	Dec08	Jan09	Feb09	Mar09	Apr09	May09	Jun09	Jul09	Aug09
Export (%, Y-o-Y)	-5.4	-9.6	-22.3	-40.5	-43.3	-25.2	-28.4	-27.4	-26.2	-25.5	-17.7	-19.9
Import (%, Y-o-Y)	5.7	-9.0	-11.8	-42.9	-55.5	-27.8	-43.4	-34.5	-33.8	-28.5	-28.7	-27.9
Trade Balance US$bn	0.91	3.02	1.59	1.86	3.40	1.67	3.41	2.13	3.17	1.76	2.03	1.96

CBRC Taiwan Discount Rate (%)	Central Bank of China					Credit Rating and Last Rating Change Standard & Poor's and Moody's Long Term Local Currency
	2008-2009				End of 2009 Forecast	
	Jul	Current Level	Next Meeting	Forecast	Dec	
	1.25	1.25	16-23 Dec	No change	1.25	AA- (18 Dec 02) / Aa3 (04 Dec 98)

Currency Other per TWD (Bid Rate)	05 Oct 09	Month-to-Date (% Δ) agst foreign currency	Year-to-Date (% Δ) agst foreign currency
TWDAUD	0.0354	0.26%	-17.74%
TWDSGD	0.0437	0.00%	0.46%
TWDEUR	0.0212	-0.80%	-2.80%
TWDGBP	1.9424	-0.57%	-6.94%
TWDJPY	2.7834	-0.16%	1.02%
TWDCNY	0.2116	-0.19%	1.93%
TWDMYR	0.1072	-0.84%	1.85%
TWDIDR	296.08	-1.10%	-10.33%

Stock Market Index	05 Oct 09	Month-to-Date (% Δ)	Year-to-Date (% Δ)
Taiwan Taiex Index	7437.98	-0.95	62.00

FX Volatility and Bond Yield	05 Oct 09	1-Month-Ago	6-Month-Ago	1-Year-Ago
3-Month FX Option Volatility	7.20	6.30	10.80	8.50
2 Year	0.17	0.30	0.69	1.95
10 Year	1.35	1.52	1.55	2.17
Recent Bond Auction	**Issue Size**	**Tenor**	**Yield**	**Bid – Cover Ratio**
Taiwan Bonds (05 Oct 09)	TWD30bn	5-year	0.8000%	-

FX Reserve (Jun 09)	FX Reserve as months of imports	Total Outstanding debt	Net Debt/GDP ratio (2008)
US$325.4bn	**19.1**		**37.3%**

Vietnam

Real GDP Growth	Quarterly (%, Y-o-Y)								Yearly (%, Y-o-Y)			
	2008				2009				Historical and Forecast			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	2006	2007	2008	2009[F]
	7.4	6.5	6.5	6.2	3.1	3.9			7.7	8.4	6.6	4.0

CPI	Monthly CPI Inflation (%, Y-o-Y) 2009												Yearly (%, Y-o-Y)	
	Sep08	Oct08	Nov08	Dec08	Jan09	Feb09	Mar09	Apr09	May09	Jun09	Jul09	Aug09	2008	2009[F]
	27.9	26.7	24.2	19.9	17.5	14.8	11.3	9.2	5.6	3.9	3.3	2.0	23.0	9.0

2009	Oct08	Nov08	Dec08	Jan09	Feb09	Mar09	Apr09	May09	Jun09	Jul09	Aug09	Sep09
Export ytd (%, Y-o-Y)	36.7	34.0	29.5	-24.2	-5.1	2.4	-0.1	-6.8	-9.8	-13.1	-13.9	-14.3
Import ytd (%, Y-o-Y)	42.6	38.4	28.3	-44.8	-43.1	-45.0	-41.0	-37.0	-33.7	-31.7	-27.7	-24.9
Trade Balance ytd $bn	-16.4	-17.0	-18.0	0.4	1.2	1.5	0.4	-0.9	-2.1	-3.4	-5.1	-6.5

Currency Other per10000VND(Bid Rate)	05 Oct 09	Month-to-Date (% Δ) agst foreign currency	Year-to-Date (% Δ) agst foreign currency
VND-USD	0.5604	-0.02%	-2.01%
VND-AUD	0.6408	0.97%	-20.77%
VND-SGD	0.79	0.00%	-3.42%
VND-EUR	0.3832	0.03%	-6.87%
VND-GBP	0.3512	0.29%	-10.21%
VND-MYR	1.9385	0.14%	1.96%
VND-IDR	5352.00	-0.94%	-13.75%

Stock Market Index	05 Oct 09	Month-to-Date (% Δ)	Year-to-Date (% Δ)
Ho Chi Minh Stock Index	557.08	6.55	84.59

Vietnam Bond Yield and Bond Auction	05 Oct 09	1-Month-Ago	6-Month-Ago	1-Year-Ago
2 Year	9.65	9.45	8.88	16.70
10 Year	10.31	10.04	9.54	15.52
Recent Bond Auction	**Issue Size**	**Tenor**	**Yield**	**Bid – Cover Ratio**
Vietnam Development Bank Bonds(24 Aug 09)	VND100bn	1-year	2.98	-

Vietnam Sovereign CDS				Vietnam Fiscal Balance (% of GDP)	
05 Oct 09	1-Month-Ago	6-Month-Ago	1-Year-Ago	2008	2009[F]
196.12	256.60	433.87	421.00	-2.5	-3.6

Legend: A: Advance Release P: Preliminary Release F: Forecast

Source: OCBC BANK, Bloomberg, Reuters, Asia-Pacific Consensus Forecast, CEIC, Focus Economics, World Bank, S&P

Net Debt/GDP ratio: Gross debt minus general government financial assets (cash, deposits, arms-length loans, and minority holdings of traded equities), as a percent of GDP.

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