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GLOBAL MARKETS

Global equity indices up; oil prices up. US stock markets were flat in September with the postponement of QE tapering, a weak labor market, and a fragile economic recovery. The partial federal government shutdown that started on 1 October has created additional uncertainty, driving bond yields up and raising borrowing costs. Meanwhile, commodity prices continue to fall, with the exception of crude oil which posted higher prices due to fears of a US attack on Syria. Gold prices also increased in a sign of demand for safer assets.

Equity Indexes\(^1\)—G3
(Jan 2012 = 100)

Equity Indexes\(^1\)—Emerging Markets
(Jan 2012 = 100)

Commodity Price Indexes
(Jan 2012 = 100)

10-yr Government Bond Yields—G3
(Jan 2012 = 100)

\(^1\)Monthly average equity indexes refer to Morgan Stanley Capital International (MSCI), European Monetary Union (EMU) Index for eurozone, Nikkei 225 Index for Japan, and Dow Jones Industrial Average Index for the United States. Data up to 30 September 2013. Source: ADB calculations using data from Datastream.


Note: Data up to 30 September 2013.
Source: ADB calculations using data from Bloomberg.
EQUITY INDEXES

East Asian equities rally, South and Southeast Asian equities decline. The announced postponement of US Fed’s tapering led to strong gains in emerging Asia’s biggest and more developed stock markets, primarily in East Asia. The rally in mid-September, however, was not enough to lift the monthly average up for South and Southeast Asian equity markets. Meanwhile, Pakistan’s upward trend since the start of 2012 came to a halt after the State Bank of Pakistan raised the key interest rate.

**REMITTANCES**

Inward remittances in South Asia, Philippines show signs of weak recovery. Philippines, Sri Lanka, and Pakistan recorded higher remittance growth in July 2013, with inflows coming from the Middle East. Remittances to Bangladesh fell further with the strong taka discouraging foreign workers from sending more money.

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**Inward Remittances—Southeast Asia (y-o-y, %)**

![Graph showing remittances in Southeast Asia]


Source: ADB calculations using data from CEIC and Haver Analytics.

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**Inward Remittances—South Asia (y-o-y, %)**

![Graph showing remittances in South Asia]


Source: ADB calculations using data from CEIC and Haver Analytics.

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**Inward Remittances from Middle East—Bangladesh, Pakistan, and Philippines (y-o-y, %)**

![Graph showing remittances from Middle East]

Notes: Based on 3-month moving averages. Middle East includes Bahrain, Kuwait, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, and United Arab Emirates. Data for Bangladesh until August 2013.

Source: ADB calculations using data from CEIC.

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**Inward Remittances—Georgia and Kyrgyz Republic (y-o-y, %)**

![Graph showing remittances to Georgia and Kyrgyz Republic]

Notes: Based on quarterly data.

Source: ADB calculations using data from CEIC.
EXCHANGE RATES

Indonesia and South Asian currencies continued to depreciate in September. The depreciation of most East and Southeast Asian currencies stopped after the announcement of a postponement in US Fed tapering. However, high inflation in India, Indonesia, and Pakistan depreciated their local currencies. NIEs posted gains in currency value driven by upbeat growth expectations. Meanwhile, the Republic of Korea saw a stronger Won as exporters sent in more dollars in end-September.

**Exchange Rate Indexes—ASEAN-4 plus Viet Nam**

($ per unit of local currency, Jan 2012 = 100)

US Fed announcement on QE tapering

Note: An increase means appreciation. A decrease means depreciation. Data up to 30 September 2013.
Source: ADB calculations using data from Datastream.

**Exchange Rate Indexes—Central Asia**

($ per unit of local currency, Jan 2012 = 100)

US Fed announcement on QE tapering

Note: An increase means appreciation. A decrease means depreciation. Data up to 30 September 2013.
Source: ADB calculations using data from Datastream.

**Exchange Rate Indexes—NIEs and People’s Republic of China**

($ per unit of local currency, Jan 2012 = 100)

US Fed announcement on QE tapering

PRC = People’s Republic of China, NIE = newly industrialized economy.
Note: An increase means appreciation. A decrease means depreciation. Data up to 30 September 2013.
Source: ADB calculations using data from Datastream.

**Exchange Rate Indexes—South Asia**

($ per unit of local currency, Jan 2012 = 100)

US Fed announcement on QE tapering

Note: An increase means appreciation. A decrease means depreciation. Data up to 30 September 2013.
Source: ADB calculations using data from Datastream.
INFLATION

Inflation remained stable across the region except in Indonesia and Pakistan. Most Asian countries saw stable price growth due to lower cost of food and non-food commodities. Owing to fuel subsidy reductions beginning June 23 and a falling rupiah, Indonesia’s inflation spiked. Meanwhile, India managed to taper consumer price inflation in August to 9.52% from 9.64% in July. Weak demand in Taipei, China led to a minor deflation.

**Headline Inflation**

1. **ASEAN-4 plus Viet Nam**
   - (y-o-y, %)
   - RHS = right-hand side
   - 13-month moving average.
   - Data as of August 2013 for Malaysia and the Philippines.
   - Source: ADB calculations using data from CEIC.

2. **Central Asia**
   - (y-o-y, %)
   - 13-month moving average.
   - Source: ADB calculations using data from CEIC.

3. **NIEs and People’s Republic of China**
   - (y-o-y, %)
   - NIE = newly-industrialized economy.
   - 13-month moving average.
   - Source: ADB calculations using data from CEIC.

4. **South Asia**
   - (y-o-y, %)
   - 13-month moving average.
   - Data as of July 2013 for Bangladesh. Data up to August 2013 for India and Pakistan.
   - Source: ADB calculations using data from CEIC.
POLICY RATES

India and Pakistan raise key rates, other policy rates unchanged. Moderate inflation expectations led most central banks in the region to maintain their key policy rates in September 2013. As part of their efforts to contain rising inflation brought by currency depreciation, Pakistan and India raised their key rates by 50 and 25 basis points respectively. After two consecutive months of increases, Indonesia kept its key rate unchanged in September. Meanwhile, India decided in October to further cut its marginal standing facility (MSF) rate by 50 basis points to 9.0 percent to boost liquidity.

Policy Rates1—ASEAN-4 plus Viet Nam

Policy Rates1—Central Asia

Policy Rates1—NIEs and People’s Republic of China

Policy Rates1—South Asia

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1Bank Indonesia rate (Indonesia); overnight policy rate (Malaysia); reverse repurchase (repo) rate (Philippines); one-day repo rate (Thailand); and refinancing rate (Viet Nam). Data as of 30 September 2013. Source: Datastream.

1Refinancing rate (Azerbaijan); repurchase (repo) rate (Kazakhstan). Data as of 30 September 2013. Source: Datastream.

1One-year lending rate (PRC), Hong Kong base rate (Hong Kong, China); the Bank of Korea base rate (Republic of Korea); and discount rate (Taipei,China). Data as of 30 September 2013. Source: Datastream.

1Repurchase (repo) rate (India); discount rate (Pakistan); and Sri Lanka Central Bank repurchase rate (Sri Lanka). Data as of 30 September 2013. Source: Datastream.
Bank lending steady; Kazakhstan slows down. Bank lending growth across Asia remained relatively high despite QE tapering fears. Indonesia recorded slightly higher bank lending growth in June. Kazakhstan bank loan growth dipped in July 2013 with reforms in the banking sector (i.e. reduction of bank bad loans). House price growth increased in PRC; Taipei, China; and Thailand. Meanwhile Hong Kong, China house prices decreased significantly from its peak in 2013Q1 due to anti-speculative measures by the government, including a doubling of Stamp Duty for transactions over HKD 2 million.

**Bank Lending Growth**

1ASEAN-4 plus Viet Nam

(y-o-y, %)

1Data refer to commercial bank loans (Indonesia and Thailand); commercial bank loans and advances (Malaysia); commercial and universal bank loans net of RRAs (Philippines); and claims on private sector of banking institutions (Viet Nam). Data for Indonesia and the Philippines until June 2013; Viet Nam until May 2013. Source: ADB calculations using data from CEIC.

1South Asia and Kazakhstan

(y-o-y, %)

1Data refer to credit of deposit money banks (Bangladesh), commercial bank loans (Sri Lanka), domestic credit (India and Pakistan), and loans of other depository corporations (Kazakhstan). Data for India until March 2013; data for Pakistan and Sri Lanka until April 2013. Source: ADB calculations using data from CEIC, and Bank of Korea.

**House Price Growth**

1East and Southeast Asia

(y-o-y, %)

1Data refer to authorized institutions’ loans and advances (Hong Kong, China); commercial and specialized bank loans (Republic of Korea); domestic banking unit loans and advances (Singapore); and domestic bank loans and advances (Taipei, China). Data for Republic of Korea until June 2013. Source: ADB calculations using data from CEIC and Bank of Korea.
INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION

Asian industrial production growth mixed. The Republic of Korea, Malaysia, and the Philippines posted minor upticks in industrial production index (IPI) in July, driven partly by rising electronics demand from PRC. Negative annual growth in Thailand was mainly due to the very high base set last year. Slow manufacturing growth in South Asia can be traced to weak export demand.

**Industrial Production Growth¹—ASEAN-4 plus Viet Nam**

(y-o-y, %)

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**Industrial Production Growth²—Central Asia**

(y-o-y, %)

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**Industrial Production Growth¹—NIEs and People’s Republic of China**

(y-o-y, %)

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**Industrial Production Growth¹—South Asia**

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¹3-month moving average.  
²13-month moving average.  
RHS = right-hand scale.  
Source: ADB calculations using data from CEIC.
TRADE GROWTH

Export growth slightly up; import growth still weak amid recovery in developed economies. Rising import demand from recovering developed economies has pushed export growth in the second quarter of 2013. India and ASEAN-4, especially Indonesia, saw declining imports stemming from efforts to curb their current account deficits. Exports from the NIEs to the PRC remained positive although growth has waned.
**GDP GROWTH—G3**

**Japan growth holds up, US recovery threatened by political rifts.** US q-o-q growth rates improved in the second quarter to 2.5 percent from 1.1 percent in the first quarter. A prolonged US government shutdown along with the impending debt ceiling impasse caused by political differences threaten this fragile growth. Eurozone Q1 growth reversed from -0.64 to 1.18 in Q2. With Japan’s growth showing signs of strength with 3.8% in Q2 and 4.1% in Q1, the government has decided to proceed with the planned consumption sales tax hike in April 2014. The government is planning to unveil corporate tax holidays and other measures to minimize the impact of the tax hike on the economy.

**Contributions to GDP Growth—United States**

- **Personal Consumption**
- **Private Domestic Investment**
- **Net Exports**
- **Government Consumption**


**Contributions to GDP Growth—Japan**

- **Private Consumption**
- **Investment**
- **Net Exports**
- **Government Consumption**

Sources: Cabinet Office, Government of Japan.
Economic growth in Asia expected to moderate. Asian economies are expected to post weaker growth in the second half of 2013 due to slower growth in two of biggest economies, PRC and India. The Asian Development Outlook Update 2013 projects PRC to grow at 7.6% in 2013, down from 7.7% in 2012. India is expected to grow at 4.7% in 2013, down from 5.0% in 2012, held back by the pace of structural reforms (See more details in the Asian Development Outlook Update - October 2013).
### Assessment of Financial Vulnerabilities

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Note: The latest figure is compared to the indicator's long-run average (2000-2012). Green font implies a decline in vulnerability; red means an increase in vulnerability.

GDP = gross domestic product, y-o-y = year-on-year, - = unavailable.

1Latest International Monetary Fund Article IV Consultation projections of overall primary balance (excludes interest and investment income) for Brunei Darussalam and of overall balance (including grants and off-budget investment expenditures) for Lao People’s Democratic Republic (Lao PDR). Data for Bangladesh; Hong Kong, China; India; Lao PDR; Pakistan; Singapore; Sri Lanka; Taipei, China; and Thailand are fiscal year; 2011 data for Brunei Darussalam.

2Central government debt for Indonesia, Republic of Korea, and Taipei, China; federal government debt for Malaysia; and national government debt for the Philippines.

3Data are projections for Indonesia and Lao PDR; estimates for Viet Nam. 2011 figures for Kazakhstan and Sri Lanka, 2010 for Pakistan.

4Loans to private sector and non-financial institutions; and deposits (demand, time, savings, foreign currency, bond, and money market instruments—where available) of banking institutions, deposit money banks, and other depository corporations of each economy.

5Data for Brunei Darussalam and Cambodia refer to claims on private sector and nonbank financial institutions of other depository corporations; for People’s Republic of China to financial institution loans; Hong Kong, China to domestic credit; Indonesia to commercial bank loans; Republic of Korea to loans of commercial and specialized banks; Lao People’s Democratic Republic to claims on private sector of deposit money banks; Malaysia to commercial bank loans and advances; Philippines to commercial and universal bank loans net of reverse repurchase arrangements; Singapore to loans and advances of domestic banking units; Taipei, China to domestic banks’ loans and advances; Thailand to commercial bank loans; and Viet Nam to claims on private sector of banking institutions.

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Note: The latest figure is compared to the indicator’s long-run average (2000-2012). Green font implies a decline in vulnerability; red means an increase in vulnerability.

GDP = gross domestic product, Lao PDR = Lao People's Democratic Republic, y-o-y = year-on-year, – = unavailable.

1 Data are estimates for Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Japan, Republic of Korea, Lao PDR, and Myanmar.

2 Short-term external debt includes loans and credits due and debt securities due within a year as defined in the Joint External Debt Hub. Data start 2004 for all countries. June 2012 for Lao PDR and December 2012 for Myanmar.

3 Data for Brunei Darussalam, Philippines, Taipei, China; and Thailand refer to broad money; for Bangladesh, Cambodia, People's Republic of China; Hong Kong, China; Indonesia, Kazakhstan; Republic of Korea; Lao PDR; Malaysia; Pakistan; and Sri Lanka refer to M2; for Myanmar and Viet Nam to money plus quasi-money; for India M3.

4 Refers to number of months of import that can be covered by official reserves; computed as reserves (excluding gold) divided by 12-month moving average of imports (cost of insurance, freight). Latest month when reserves data is available. Import data may be earlier, the same, or later than period indicated.

5 Foreign liabilities and assets of banking institutions, deposit money banks, and other depository corporations.

## Key Indicators

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1 GDP=gross domestic product. Refers to 2013 Q3 for VIE; 2013Q1 for KAZ and SRI. Fiscal year 2012 (ended June 2012) for BAN and PAK. 2 Refers to Industrial/Manufacturing Production. EUZ and US data are seasonally adjusted. Refers to May 2013 for BAN; Jun 2013 for PAK and SRI; July 2013 for IND, INO, MAL, PHI, and EUZ; September 2013 for VIE; 2013 Q4 for KOR. 3 Refers to July 2013 for KOR. 4 Refers to June 2013 for INO, MAL, PHI, and EUZ; September 2013 for VIE; 2013 Q1 for MAL. 5 Refers to July 2013 for BAN; September 2013 for INO, KOR, SRI, THA, and VIE. 6 Refers to US Dow Jones Ind Avg; JPN Nikkei 225; EUZ FTSE 100; BAN Dhaka; PRC-Shanghai Composite; HKG Hang Seng; IND BSE 100; INO JCI; KOR KOSPI; MAL KLCI; PAK KSE100; PHI PSEi; SIN STI; SRI Lanka CSEALL; TAP TWSE; THA SET; and VIE VNINDEX. 7 Value of merchandise trade; euro value for EUZ. Refers to July 2013 for BAN, MAL, PHI, PHI, KOR, SRI, and EUZ; September 2013 for KOR and VIE. 8 Refers to 2014 Q4 for VIE; 2013 Q1 for US; H1 2013 for PRC. Fiscal year 2012 for BAN (ended June 2013) and PAK. 9 Refers to 2014 Q4 for VIE; and US; 2013 Q1 for KAZ; 2013 H1 for PRC. Fiscal year 2012 for BAN (ended June 2013) and PAK. 10 Excludes gold. US, EUZ, and IND sourced from IFS. Refers to May 2013 for VIE; June 2013 for PRC, SRI; July 2013 for INO. 11 Refinancing rate. 13 Refinancing rate.

Source: ADB calculations using data from CEIC, Bloomberg, Datastream, European Central Bank, Eurostat, International Monetary Fund, Reuters, and national sources.