

Asia week ahead: Indian rate decision and key data from China, Taiwan, South Korea

The Reserve Bank of India is expected to cut rates by 25 bps. Key economic data releases include China's purchasing managers' index, Taiwan's inflation, and South Korea's trade, PMI, and inflation



India: RBI expected to cut rate by 25 bps

We expect the Reserve Bank of India to cut its repo rate by 25bps to 5.25% on Friday. Inflation has been very subdued, driven by lower food prices. Growth momentum, meanwhile, is set to moderate in the coming quarters amid external headwinds. The performance of exports has deteriorated sharply. Indian shipments to the US fell by over 30% in September compared to July after the imposition of 50% tariffs.

Taiwan: Inflation expected to decline

Taiwan releases its November CPI inflation data on Friday. We expect the CPI to moderate to 1.3% year-on-year, down from around 1.5% YoY in October. Inflation has remained below 2% since May. Despite this, we expect the central bank to remain on hold at its last meeting of the year in mid-December amid stronger-than-expected growth.

China: Manufacturing PMI expected to rebound slightly

China's purchasing managers' index, out Sunday, will be the highlight of the week. The official November PMI data comes out on Sunday. We expect a modest rebound in the manufacturing PMI to 49.2, up from 49.0 in October. The non-manufacturing PMI has recently been teetering on the edge of contraction territory for the first time since 2022.

South Korea: Exports expected to continue growing, while inflation rises

South Korea releases trade, PMI, and CPI data. Driven by robust semiconductor demand, exports are projected to continue rising in November. Early November data suggest substantial growth in automobile and ship exports as well. The October tariff agreement with the US likely boosted exports, and suggests the manufacturing PMI will move above neutral.

CPI inflation is projected to reach 2.6% YoY in November, mainly due to last year's low base from temporary fuel tax cuts. Gasoline prices rose sharply, largely due to a weaker KRW, while fresh food prices fell amid strong harvests.

Key events in Asia next week

Country	Time (GMT+8)	Data/event	ING	Prev.
Sunday 30 November				
China	0930	NBS Manufacturing PMI	49,2	49
Monday 1 December				
Japan	0830	Nov S&P Manufacturing PMI	48,8	48,8
China	0945	Nov Manufacturing PMI Final	-	50,6
India	1300	Nov IHS S&P Global Manufacturing PMI	-	57,4
Indonesia	0830	Nov IHS S&P Global PMI	-	51,2
	1200	Nov Core Inflation (YoY%)	2,1	2,4
	1200	Nov CPI Inflation (MoM%/YoY%)	-/2.7	0.3/2.9
	1200	Oct Trade Balance (USD bn)	-	4,3
	1200	Oct Exports Growth (YoY%)	-	11,4
	1200	Oct Imports Growth (YoY%)	-	7,2
Philippines	0830	Nov Manufacturing PMI	-	50,1
Taiwan	0830	Nov IHS S&P Global Manufacturing PMI	-	47,7
South Korea	0800	Nov Exports (YoY%)	-	3,5
	0800	Nov Imports (YoY%)	-	-1,5
	0800	Nov Trade Balance (USD bn)	-	6
	0830	Nov IHS S&P Global Manufacturing PMI	50,1	49,4
Tuesday 2 December				
Japan	0750	Nov Monetary Base (YoY%)	-	-7,9
	1300	Consumer Confidence	-	35,8
Australia	0830	Q3 Current Account Balance (AUD bn)	-	-13,7
Singapore	2100	Nov Manufacturing PMI	-	50
South Korea	0700	Nov CPI Growth (MoM%/YoY%)	-/2.6	0.3/2.4
Philippines	0900	Nov PPI (YoY%)	-	1
Wednesday 3 December				
Japan	0830	Nov S&P Services PMI	53,1	53,1
	0830	Nov S&P Composite PMI	51,5	51,5
Australia	0830	Q3 Real GDP (QoQ%/YoY%)	-/	0.6/1.8
China	0945	Nov Services PMI	-	52,6
	0945	Nov Composite PMI	-	51,8
India	1300	Nov IHS S&P Global Services PMI	-	59,5
South Korea	0500	Nov FX Reserve (USD bn)	-	428,8
	0700	Q3 GDP Growth Revised (QoQ%/YoY%)	1.2/1.7	1.2/1.7
Friday 5 December				
Japan	0730	Oct All Household Spending (MoM%/YoY%)	-/	-0.7/1.8
India	1230	RBI Rate Decision	5,25	5,50
	1930	FX Reserves (USD bn)	-	687
South Korea	0700	Oct Current Account Balance NSA	-	13,47
Indonesia	1100	FX Reserves (USD bn)	-	149,9
Philippines	0900	Nov Core CPI (YoY%)	-	2,5
	0900	Nov CPI (MoM%/YoY%)	-/1.8	0.1/1.7
Singapore	1300	Oct Retail Sales (MoM%/YoY%)	-/	-1.4/2.8
Taiwan	1600	Nov CPI (MoM%/YoY%)	-/1.3	0.3/1.5
	1620	Nov FX Reserve (USD bn)	-	600,2

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