

Asia week ahead: PMIs and CPI data take centre stage

PMIs and CPI data will be in focus across the region over the coming week, alongside a rate decision in India and Japan's labour cash earnings



China: PMI in focus

PMI data will be in focus in the week ahead. The National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) will publish the official manufacturing and non-manufacturing PMI on Saturday morning. We are currently expecting a slight uptick in the manufacturing PMI to 50.3 from 50.1, which would send another positive signal for recent growth stabilisation. The Caixin manufacturing PMI is set for release on Monday.

Korea: CPI, PMI and exports data

We expect export growth for Korea to rise 4.4% year-on-year in November compared to the previous month's 4.6%. Strong chip and vessel exports will be the main driver of the growth while

car, petroleum, and home appliances decline. As import growth is likely to stay flat on the back of falling global commodity prices, the trade surplus is expected to widen modestly. The manufacturing PMI release will be closely watched – this has been below 50 for two months and it is expected to decline further in November.

Meanwhile, consumer price inflation is expected to rebound to 1.9% YoY in November from 1.3% in October, mostly related to the fuel subsidy programme and its base effects. We expect inflation to stay below 2% throughout 2025.

India: Rate decision

We expect the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to leave the Repo rate unchanged at 6.5% given the recent surge in CPI inflation to the RBI's tolerance limit of 6%. Lower food inflation pressures should help CPI inflation ease in the first quarter of 2025, creating room for rate cuts.

Indonesia: CPI

November's CPI reading is expected to ease further to 1.5% YoY, near the lower end of Bank Indonesia's target range of 1.5%-3.5%, from 1.7% previously. However, the bar for BI to ease rates in December remains high given the recent weakness in the local currency.

Japan: Labour cash earnings

Real cash earning growth may return back to positive territory with a 0.1% YoY gain in October. With healthy labour cash earnings, we expect the Bank of Japan to deliver a rate hike in December.

Taiwan: PMI and CPI inflation

Taiwan's PMI data is set for release on Monday morning, where markets will watch to see if manufacturing can stay in expansion for the eighth consecutive month after last month's PMI fell to 50.2. Additionally, Taiwan's November CPI inflation is set for release on the coming Thursday, where we are looking for inflation to stay more or less stable at around 1.7% YoY.

Key events in Asia next week

Country	Time (GMT+8)	Data/event	ING	Prev.
Saturday 30 November				
China	0930	Nov Manufacturing PMI	50.3	50.1
Sunday 1 December				
South Korea	0800	Nov Exports (YoY%)	4.4	4.6
	0800	Nov Imports (YoY%)	0	1.7
	0800	Nov Trade Balance (USD bn)	6	3.15
Monday 2 December				
Japan	0830	Nov Jibun Bank Manufacturing PMI Final	49	49
	0750	Nov Monetary Base (YoY%)	-	-0.04
China	0945	Nov Caixin Manufacturing PMI Flash	-	50.3
India	1300	Nov HSBC Manufacturing PMI Final	-	57.3
Indonesia	0830	Nov S&P Global Manufacturing PMI Flash	-	49.2
	1200	Nov CPI (MoM%/YoY%)	-1.5	0.1/2.2
Philippines	0830	Nov S&P Global Manufacturing PMI Flash	-	52.9
Singapore	2100	Nov Manufacturing PMI Flash	-	50.8
Taiwan	0830	Nov S&P Global Manufacturing PMI Flash	-	50.2
South Korea	0830	Nov S&P Global Manufacturing PMI Flash	48	48.3
Tuesday 3 December				
Australia	0830	Q3 Current Account Balance SA	-	-10.7
South Korea	0700	Nov CPI (MoM%/YoY%)	0.1/1.9	0/1.3
Wednesday 4 December				
Japan	0830	Nov Jibun Bank Services PMI Final	50.2	50.2
	0830	Nov Jibun Bank Composite PMI Final	49.8	49.8
Australia	0830	Q3 GDP (QoQ%/YoY%)	-/-	0.2/1
China	0945	Nov Caixin Services PMI Flash	-	52
India	1300	NovHSBC Services PMI Final	-	59.2
Thursday 5 December				
Japan	0700	Dec Reuters Tankan Index	-	5
Australia	0830	Oct Trade Balance (AUD bn)	-	4.609
Philippines	0900	Nov CPI (MoM%/YoY%)	-/-	0.2/2.3
Singapore	1300	Oct Retail Sales (MoM%/YoY%)	-/-	0.4/2
Taiwan	1600	Nov CPI (MoM%/YoY%)	-	0.1/1.7
South Korea	0700	Q3 GDP Growth Final (QoQ%/YoY%)	0.1/1.5	0.1/1.5
Friday 6 December				
Japan	0730	Oct All Household Spending (MoM%/YoY%)	-/-	-1.3/2.8
	0730	Oct Labour Cash Earnings (YoY%)	2.6	2.5
India	1230	RBI Repo Rate	6.50	6.50
Philippines	0900	Oct Unemployment Rate	-	3.7
South Korea	0700	Oct Current Account Balance (USD bn)	-	11.12
Saturday 7 December				
China	1100	Nov Trade Balance (USD bn)	-	95.27
	1100	Nov Exports (YoY%)	-	12.7
	1100	Nov Imports (YoY%)	-	-2.3

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