Asia week ahead: Major China data release and India's inflation report

Next week is rather quiet, with only a few countries in the region releasing major data reports. China will be in the spotlight with several data releases, followed by India's inflation number, Australia's employment survey and Indonesia's trade data

China data dump: M2, industrial production, retail sales, aggregate financing

China will release a huge batch of data next week, the highlights of which will be industrial production and retail sales figures for August. Taking cues from the PMIs released recently, we could see a moderate improvement in industrial production at 4.8% year-on-year (from 3.7% in July). For retail sales, as it is approaching the end of the summer holiday season, we could see slower growth of 2.8% (from 2.5% in July).

India: CPI inflation

India's inflation is likely to come down as prices of tomatoes have fallen by more than 50% month-on-month. However, the price of another crucial food staple – onions – shot up by more than 20% MoM. The net result of this is that the CPI inflation rate for August should slow to 6.7% year-on-year (from 7.44% in July) – still above the top of the RBI's upper inflation target.

Australia: employment change, unemployment rate

Australia will release its labour report for August next week. We expect a partial reversal of the full-time job losses recorded last month, and some decline in the part-time jobs reading, resulting in a 15K increase in total employment. A similar partial reversal of last month's unemployment surge, coupled with ongoing increases in the labour force, could see the unemployment rate dip back down to 3.6% after last month's 3.7% print.

Indonesia: trade data

Exports and imports will remain in contraction for Indonesia while the overall trade surplus should improve slightly for August. Exports could fall by 17.3%YoY while imports could fall by 12.8%YoY. Resurgent global energy prices could impact both exports and imports with the overall trade balance registering at $3.6bn. The trade balance could provide some support for the Indonesian rupiah which has been under pressure of late.

Key events next week

Country	Time (GMT+8)	Data/event	ING	Survey	Prev.
		Monday 11 September			
China	-	Aug FDI (YTD)	-		-4
	-	Money Supply M2 YoY	10.5	10.7	10.7
	-	New Loans CNY	1200	1250	345.9
	-	Aggregate Financing CNY bn	2450	2600	528.2
India	-	Aug Trade balance - USD bn	-2	-2.09	-2.067
	-	Aug Imports - YoY	-15		-17
	-	Aug Exports - YoY	-14		-15.9
Indonesia	1200	Jul Retail Sales Index (YoY%)	-		7.9
Singapore	1030	Q2 Unemployment Rate Final SA	-		1.9
		Tuesday 12 September			
India	2000	Aug CPI Inflation (YoY%)	6.7	7.1	7.44
	2000	Jul Industrial Output (YoY%)	4.8	5	3.7
		Wednesday 13 September			
South Korea	0700	Aug Unemployment Rate	2.9		2.8
		Thursday 14 September			
Japan	0750	Jul Core Machine Orders (MoM%)	-1		2.7
Australia	0930	Aug Unemployment Rate	3.6		3.7
India	1430	Aug WPI Inflation (YoY%)	-		-1.36
		Friday 15 September			
China	1000	Aug Industrial Output (YoY%)	3.8	4	3.7
		1-yr Medium Term Lending Facility rate	2.50%	2.50%	2.50%
	1000	Aug Retail Sales (YoY%)	2.8	2.8	2.5
Indonesia	1200	Aug Trade Balance (Bln of $)	3.6		1.31
	1200	Aug Exports Growth (YoY%)	17.3		-18.03
	1200	Aug Imports Growth (YoY%)	12.8		-8.32

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