

Asia week ahead: Central banks in Indonesia and the Philippines to hike rates

Two central bank meetings will be the highlight for the region next week



Bank Indonesia to hike rates as growth beats estimates

Bank Indonesia will likely hike rates by 50bp to help steady the Indonesian rupiah, which has been under some pressure of late. The third-quarter GDP growth report was better than expected, giving the central bank some room to be aggressive with its tightening now that core inflation is moving higher.

BSP governor to make good on his promise

In the Philippines, Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) will increase policy rates by 75bp next week. Governor Felipe Medalla pre-announced his intention to match any rate hike by the US Federal Reserve and will likely make good on that promise to push the policy rate to 5.0% next

week.

China to leave rates untouched

China's central bank, the People's Bank of China, should keep the 1Y Medium Lending Facility rate unchanged at 2.75% and rollover with no change for the net injection of liquidity. Put simply, we expect no change in monetary policy in terms of interest rates and liquidity. The economy has weakened with the rising number of Covid cases and the relaxing of restrictions since August will not have helped the economy much as the main weakness stems from the partial lockdowns of some cities.

Japan's GDP and inflation

Third quarter GDP in Japan is expected to grow 0.5% quarter-on-quarter, seasonally adjusted, which is a slower pace than the previous quarter. Reopening effects still led the overall growth but higher inflation and the weak yen partially offset the recovery. Meanwhile, CPI inflation should rise to 3.5% year-on-year in October with utilities and other imported goods prices rising.

Other important releases: China's activity data and Australia's jobs report

China will also release activity data next week and we expect almost no growth in retail sales in October despite a long holiday for the month, as shown by the recent PMI numbers. Industrial production should also be slower than the previous month due to soft orders from the external market. Investment activity should speed up slightly due to a pickup in infrastructure investment. However, property investment activities should continue to be in contraction. Meanwhile, October is a quiet month for the job market, and therefore we expect no change in the surveyed jobless rate at 5.5%.

Lastly, Australia releases its jobs report for October. The market consensus expects the unemployment rate to remain at 3.5%.

Asia Economic Calendar

Country	Time	Data/event	ING	Survey	Prev.
Sunday 13 to Wednesday 16 November					
China	--	1Y Medium Lending Facility rate (%)	2.75		2.75
Monday 14 November					
Japan	2350	Q3 GDP (QoQ%)	0.5	0.3	0.9
India	0630	Oct WPI Inflation (YoY%)	-		10.7
	1200	Oct CPI Inflation (YoY%)	-		7.41
	1130	Oct Fiscal Deficit (USD bn)	-		-
	1130	Oct Imports/Exports (USD bn)	-		-
Tuesday 15 November					
Japan	2350	Core Machine Orders (MoM%)			-5.8
China	0200	Oct Industrial Output (YoY%)	4.5	5.2	6.3
	0200	Oct Retail Sales (YoY%)	0.71	0.9	2.5
	0200	Oct Fixed Assets Investments (YoY% YTD)	6.1		5.9
Indonesia	0400	Oct Trade Balance (USD bn)	4.65		4.99
	0400	Oct Imports/Exports Growth (YoY%)	24.2/18.7		22.0/20.3
Wednesday 16 November					
Japan	2350	Oct Imports/Exports (YoY)	50/30		45.9/28.9
	2350	Oct Trade Balance Total Yen	-1549		-2094
Thursday 17 November					
Japan	2330	Oct CPI NSA (YoY %)	3.5		3.0
Australia	0030	Oct Unemployment Rate	-		3.5
	0030	Oct Reserve Assets Total	-		82876
Indonesia	-	Nov 7-Day Reverse Repo	5.25		4.75
Philippines	0700	Policy Interest Rate	5.00		4.25

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