Towards the "NEW NORMAL"

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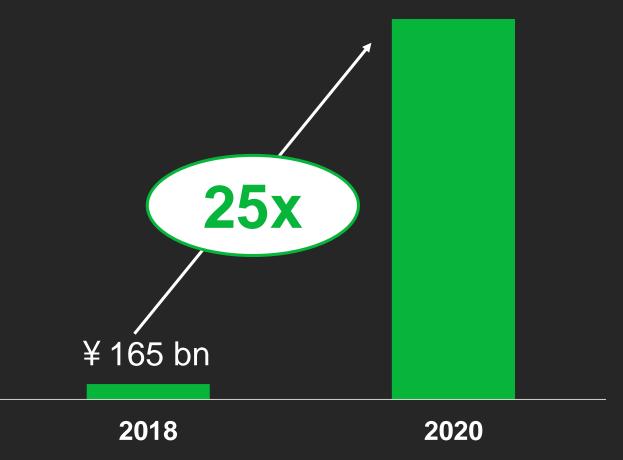
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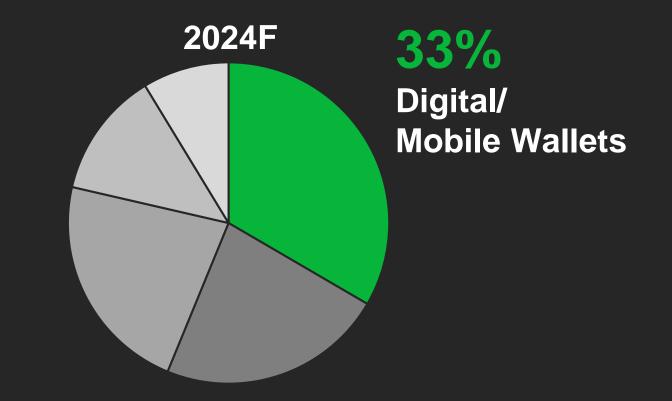
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Digital Payments Volume in Japan

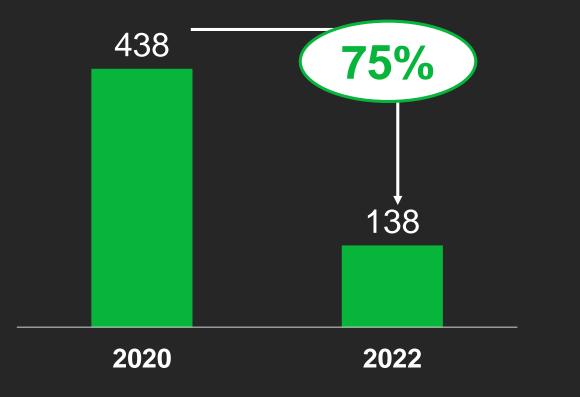
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Digital Payments Gaining Ground



Bank Branches Declining





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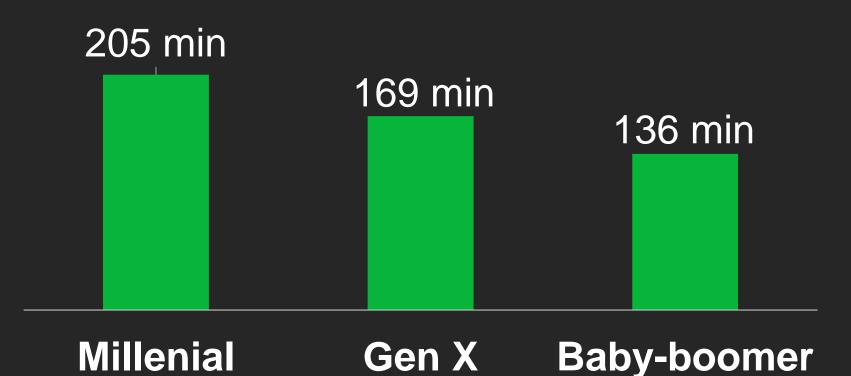


現在9割以上を占める従来型の店舗は全体の4分の1に縮小する

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三井住友フィナンシャルグループ(FG)は19日、傘下行の店舗配置を見直すと発表した。2022年度までに4分の3にあたる300店舗について、業務の多くをIT(情報技術)で効率化し、個人の資産運用相談などに重点を置く「軽量店」に転換。現在9割以上を占める従来型の店舗は全体の4分の1に縮小する。メリハリをつけた店舗運営

Daily Smartphone Usage Time



Disruptors



About LINE

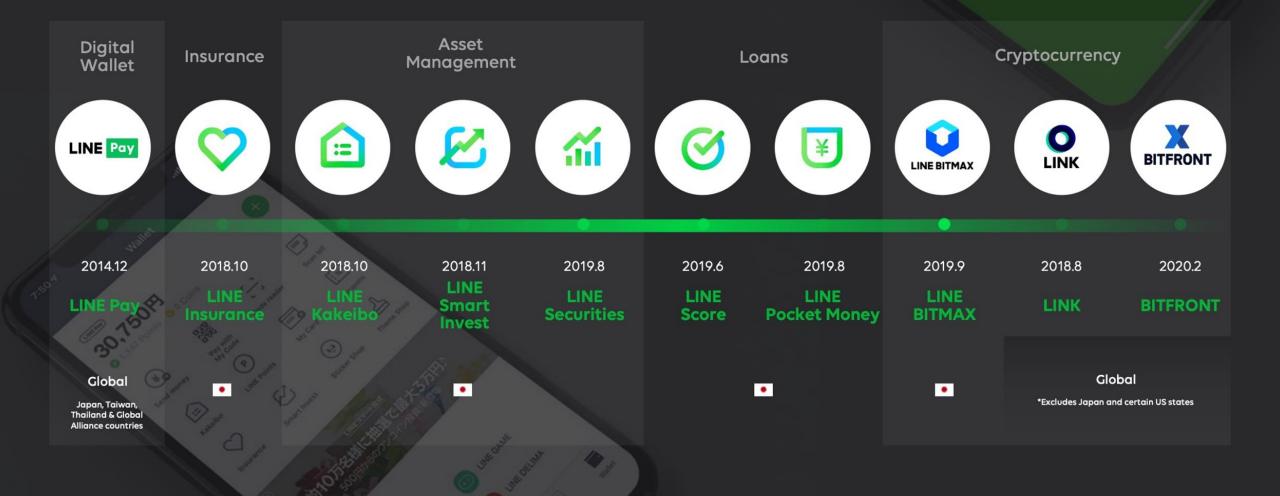
Life on LINE

A platform to support users' lives 24/7



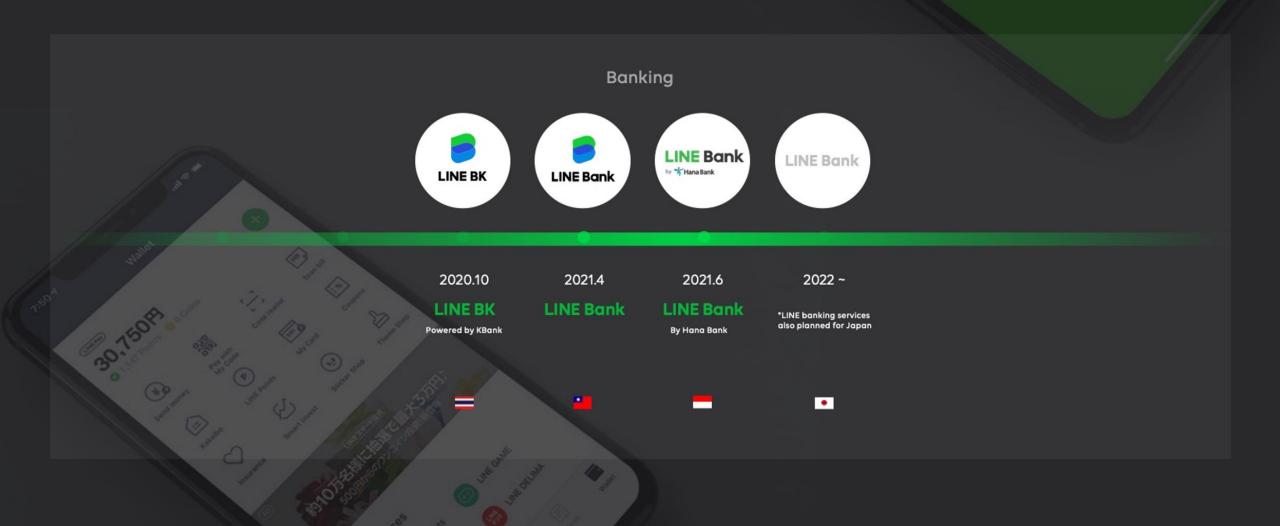
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Fintech Service Roadmap



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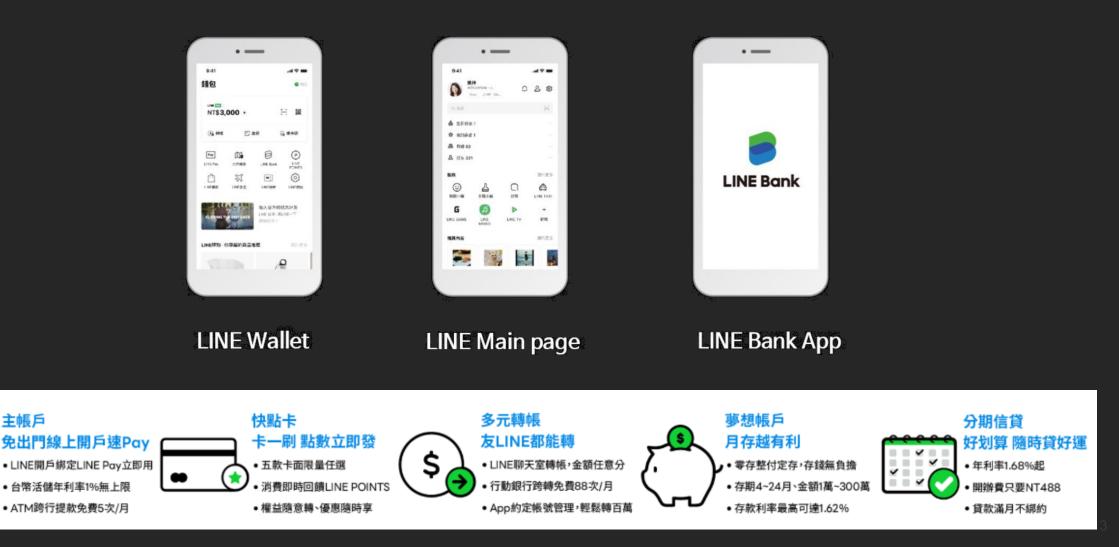


Finance in the Palm of Your Hand



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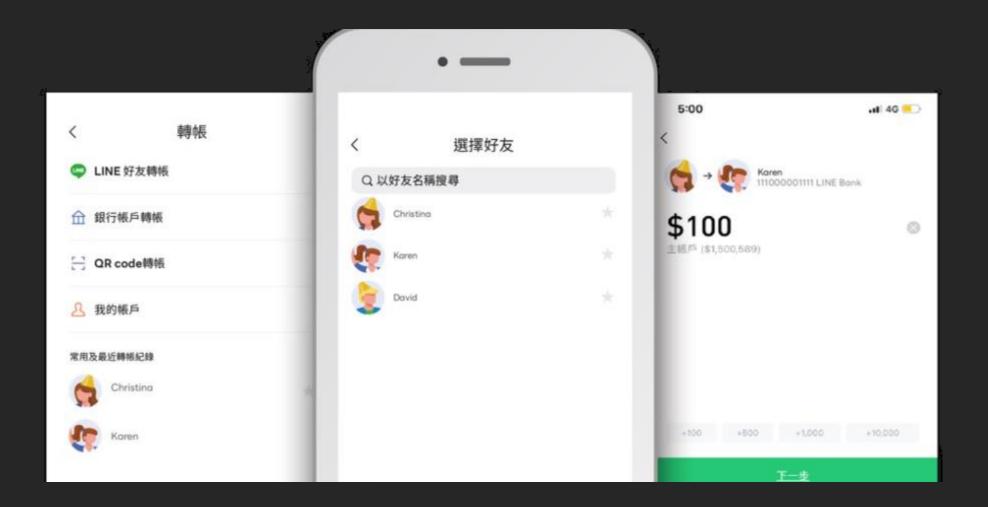
Simple Process & Easy Access

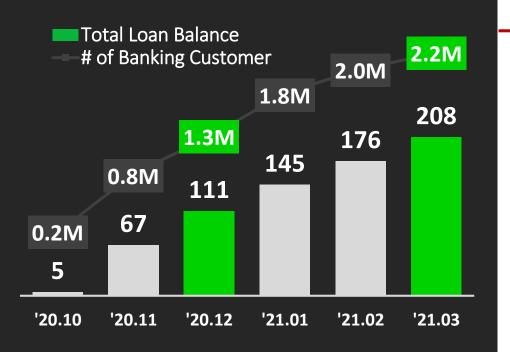


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Free & Easy Remittance to LINE Friends



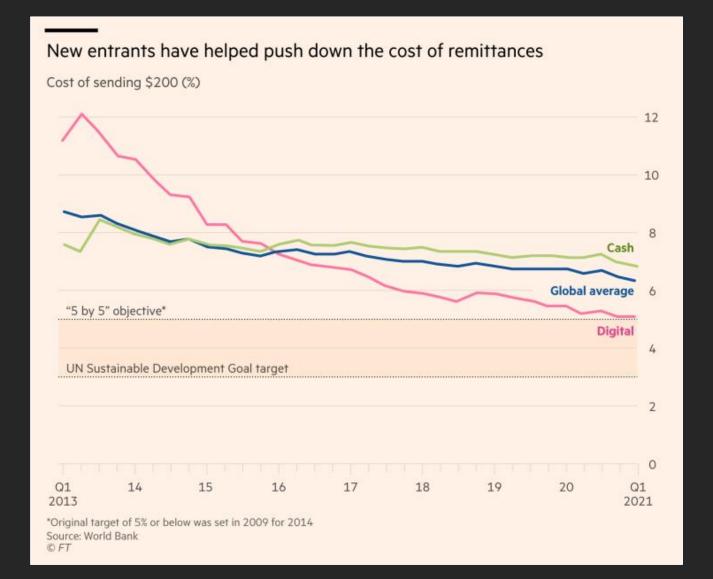


LINE BK

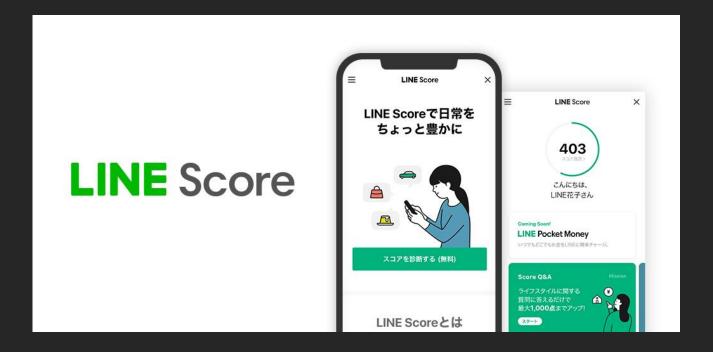


Thanaphotikamjorn, Chief Executive Officer of Kasikorn Line Company Limited, revealed that after launching LINE BK in mid-October 2020, it was found that the response was excellent beyond expectations. By in just 2 months able to achieve the first goal is It has more than 1 million LINE BK users, while the total amount of financial transactions exceeds 6,000 million baht. There are more than 20,000 customers applying for a loan line per day, according to figures show that 30% of those who have a loan limit have never had a loan elsewhere. In line with the goals, companies that want LINE BK to be a financial service that everyone can access, unlocking restrictions for those with no fixed income and no payslip.

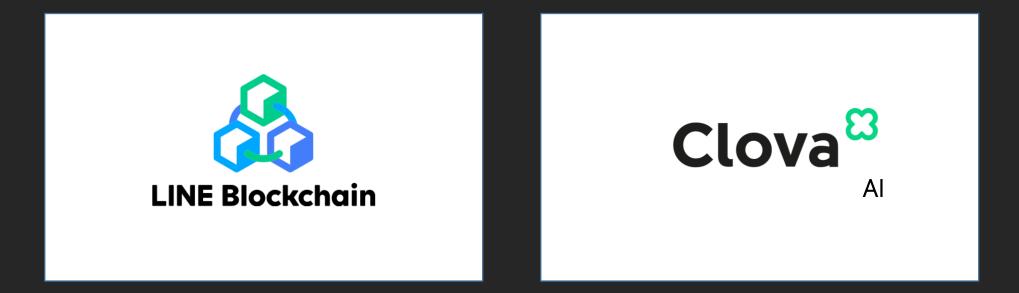
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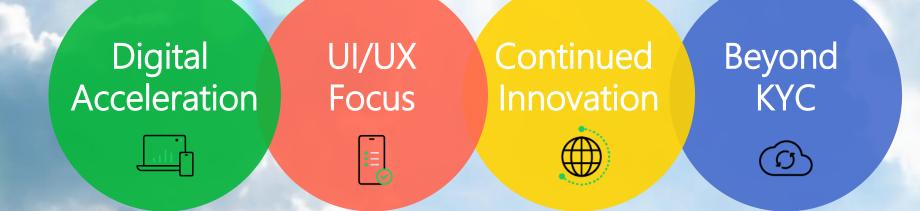
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Returning Saving to Customers



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ASIAN DEVELOPMENT OUTLOOK 2021

Asia's short-term economic outlook

Donghyun Park Principal Economist, Asian Development Bank

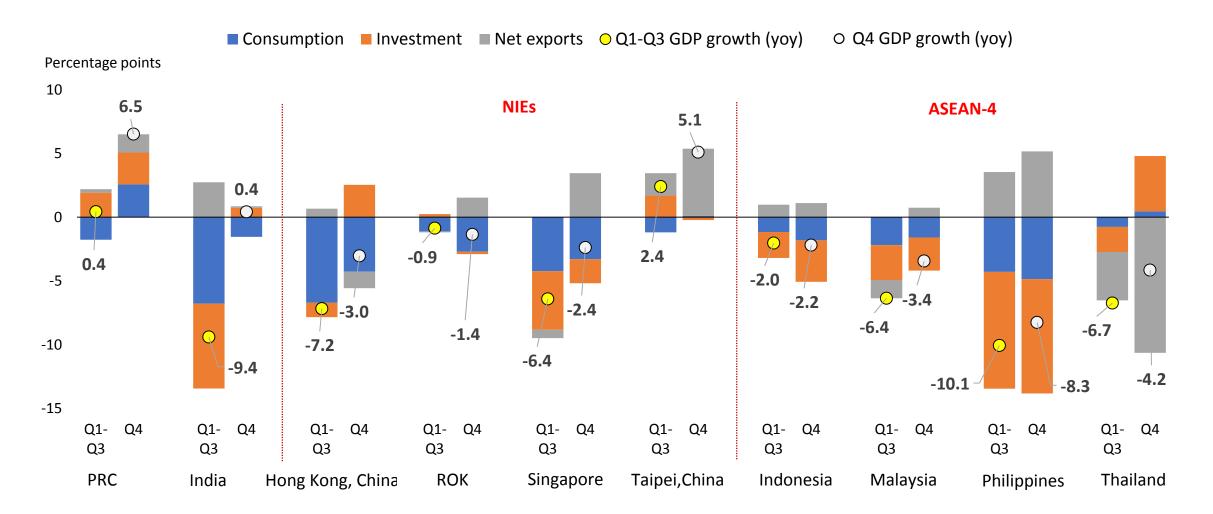
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Economies are turning the corner at different speeds.

Growth improved in most large regional economies in Q4, but to varying degrees, supported by improving domestic and external conditions.



PRC = People's Republic of China, ROK = Republic of Korea, yoy = year on year.

Data refers to calendar year quarters.

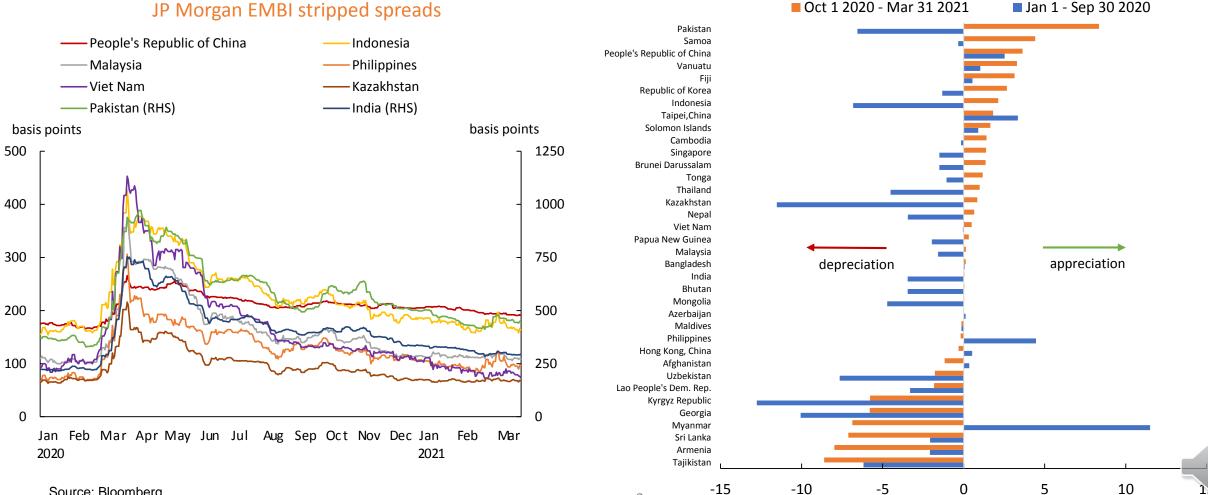
Source: CEIC Data Company.

Buttressed by the economic recovery and substantial policy support, financial conditions and risk sentiment continued to improve.

Risk premiums continued to recede since late 2020, but widened slightly in March on rising US bond vields

Most regional currencies strengthened against the USD since Q4 2020, but a few continued to depreciate

%



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Source: Bloomberg.

Economic activity in developing Asia is projected to rebound...

The outlook is positive, but recovery paths vary.

	2020	2021	2022		2020	2021	2022
East Asia	1.8	7.4	5.1	South Asia	-6.0	9.5	6.6
Hong Kong, China	-6.1	4.6	4.5	Bangladesh	5.2	6.8	7.2
People's Republic of China	2.3	8.1	5.5	India	-8.0	11.0	7.0
Republic of Korea	-1.0	3.5	3.1	Pakistan	-0.4	2.0	4.0
Taipei,China	3.1	4.6	3.0				
				Central Asia	-1.9	3.4	4.0
Southeast Asia	-4.0	4.4	5.1	Kazakhstan	-2.6	3.2	3.5
Indonesia	-2.1	4.5	5.0	Uzbekistan	1.6	4.0	5.0
Malaysia	-5.6	6.0	5.7				
Philippines	-9.6	4.5	5.5	The Pacific	-5.8	1.4	3.8
Singapore	-5.4	6.0	4.1	Fiji	-19.0	2.0	7.3
Thailand	-6.1	3.0	4.5	Papua New Guinea	-3.3	2.5	3.0
Viet Nam	2.9	6.7	7.0				
Developing Asia	-0.2	7.3	5.3	Excluding NIEs	0.0	7.7	5.6

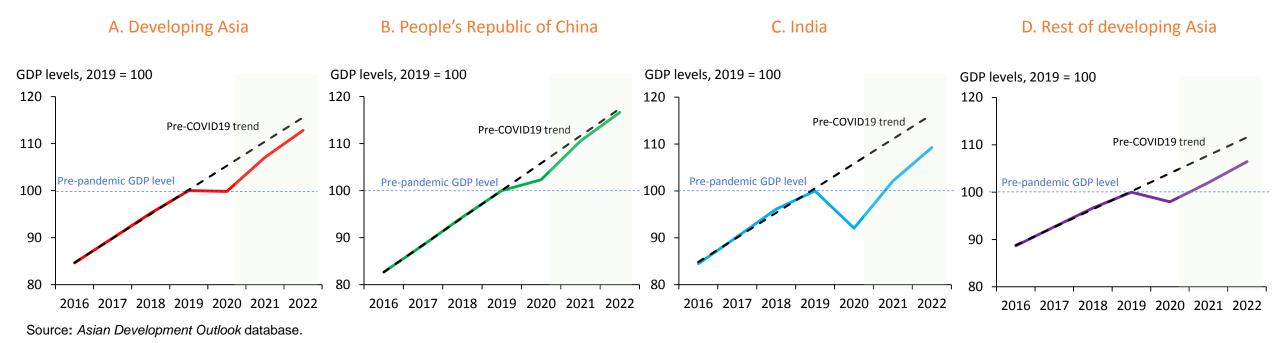
GDP growth in developing Asia, in %

Note: Data for Bangladesh, India, and Pakistan are on fiscal year basis, with FY2021 ending 30 June 2021 for Bangladesh and Pakistan and ending 31 March 2022 for India.

Source: Asian Development Outlook database.

...but the path of GDP will remain below its pre-pandemic trend, to varying degrees.

Developing Asia contracted mildly as resilience in the PRC offset weaknesses elsewhere



In a still uncertain environment, risks remain tilted to the downside.

- The most significant threat to the outlook is an unfavorable evolution of the COVID-19 pandemic—significant renewed outbreaks, and delayed vaccine programs.
- Other risks to the outlook include geopolitical tensions (including between the US and the PRC), political turmoil, supply chain bottlenecks, and possible tightening of financial conditions.

Key updates in ADO Supplement July 2021: New COVID-19 wave, and uneven vaccination progress

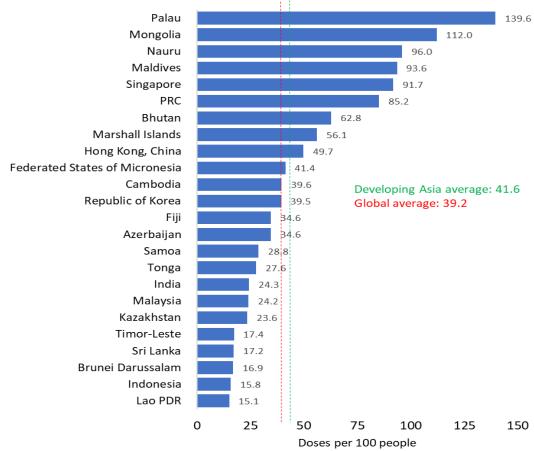
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A new wave of COVID-19 cases arose in 2021, peaking in mid-May

New cases, 7-day moving average, Central Asia – Fast Asia per million population Southeast Asia South Asia Pacific Developing Asia 250 31 Mar 2021 200 150 100 50 n Apr May Jun Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Feb Mar Apr May Jun Mar Jul Jan 2020 2021

Covid-19 daily cases

Vaccination is progressing in many economies, but developing Asia is still far from achieving herd immunity



Total doses administered per 100 people

Note: Vertical line on 31 March 2021 denotes the data cutoff for the April 2021 ADO. Data is as of end of June.

Source: ADB COVID-19 Policy Database, https://covid19policy.adb.org/cases.

Note: Developing Asia average is a population-weighted average. Only economies with 15 doses per 100 people or more are shown. Sources: Bloomberg (accessed 1 July 2021).

Divergent recovery continues, with many outbreakaffected economies downgraded.

GDP growth (%)									
	2021		2022			2021		2022	
	April ADO 2021	July ADOS	April ADO 2021	July ADOS		April ADO 2021	July ADOS	April ADO 2021	July ADOS
East Asia	7.4	7.5 🔺	5.1	5.1	Southeast Asia	4.4	4.0 🔻	5.1	5.2 🔺
Hong Kong, China	4.6	6.2 🔺	4.5	3.4 🔻	Indonesia	4.5	4.1 🔻	5.0	5.0
People's Rep. of China	8.1	8.1	5.5	5.5	Malaysia	6.0	5.5 🔻	5.7	5.7
Republic of Korea	3.5	4.0 🔺	3.1	3.1	Philippines	4.5	4.5	5.5	5.5
Taipei,China	4.6	5.6 🔺	3.0	3.0	Singapore	6.0	6.3 🔺	4.1	4.1
					Thailand	3.0	2.0 🔻	4.5	4.9 🔺
South Asia	9.5	8.9 🔻	6.6	7.0 🔺	Viet Nam	6.7	5.8 🔻	7.0	7.0
India	11.0	10.0 🔻	7.0	7.5 🔺					
					The Pacific	1.4	0.3 🔻	3.8	4.0 🔺
Central Asia	3.4	3.6 🔺	4.0	4.0					
Kazakhstan	3.2	3.4 🔺	3.5	3.5					
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GDP growth (%)

▲ = upgraded forecast, ▼ = downgraded forecast, no sign = unchanged.

Source: Asian Development Outlook database.



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Pandemic's costs and remedies

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Counting the costs; thinking through remedies

Loss of output

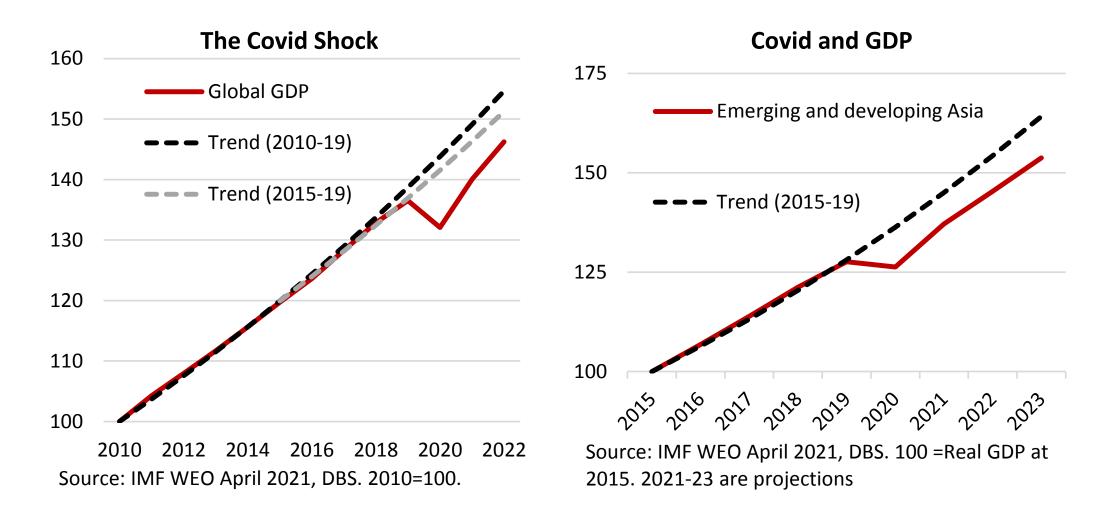
Rise in public debt

Private sector balance sheet

Remedies



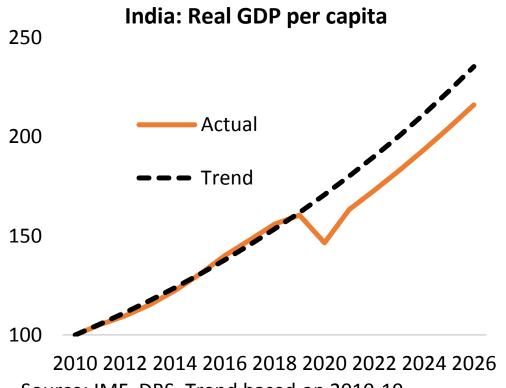
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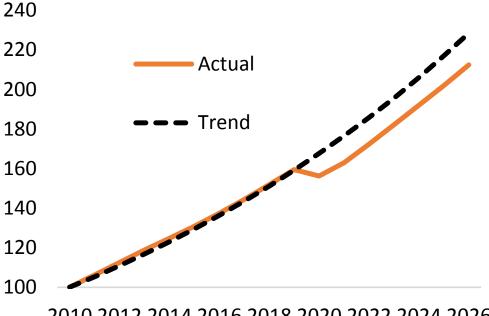
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Loss of output



Source: IMF, DBS. Trend based on 2010-19 average growth of 5.5%. Data beyond 2020 are IMF forecasts

Indonesia: Real GDP and trend

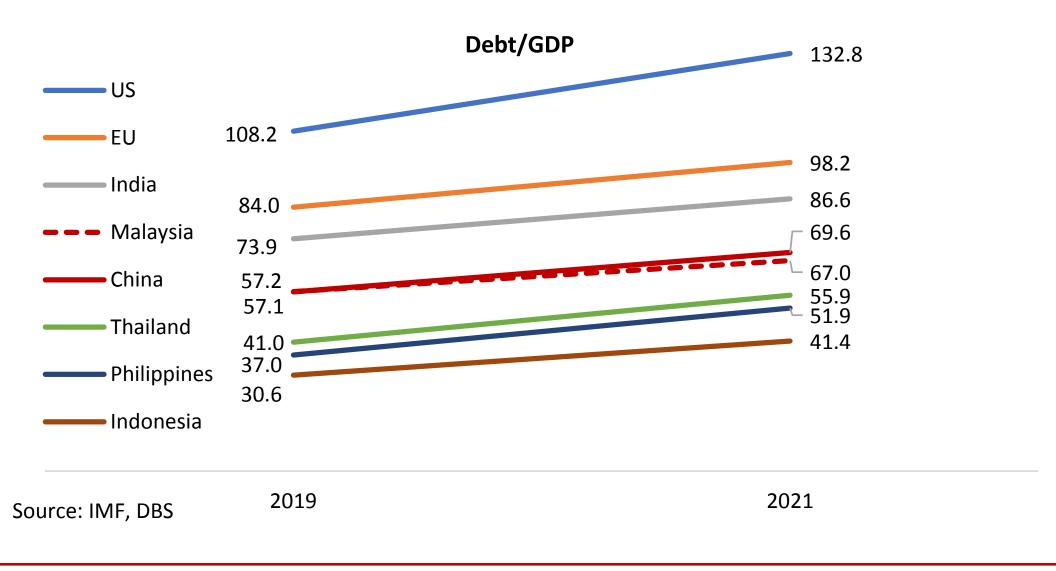


2010 2012 2014 2016 2018 2020 2022 2024 2026

Source: IMF, DBS. Trend based on 2010-19 average growth of 5.3%. Data beyond 2020 are IMF forecasts



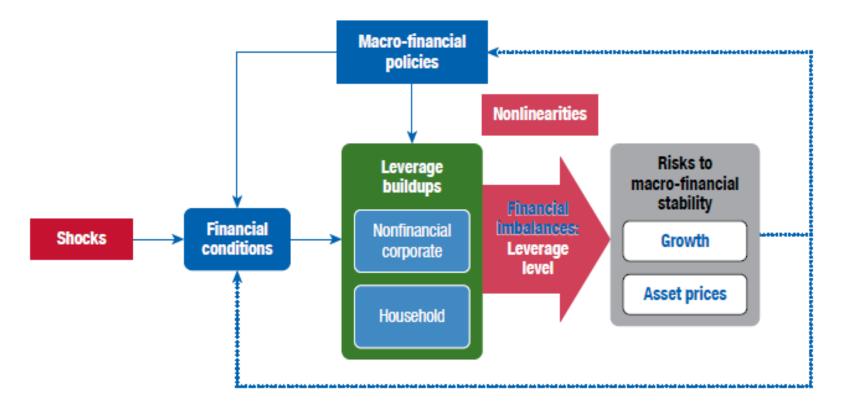
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Leverage as an Amplifier of Shocks

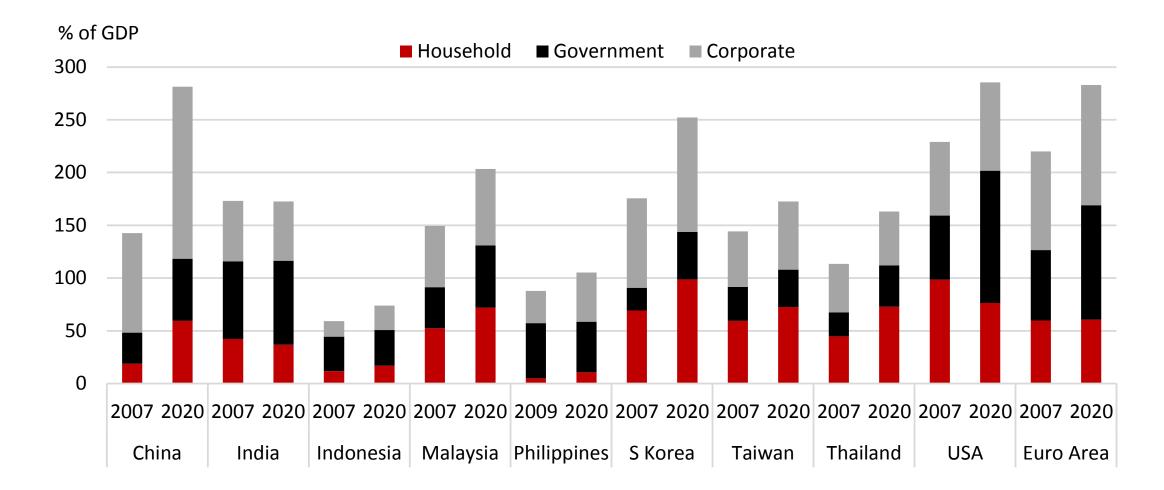


Source: IMF staff, based on Adrian and others 2019.

Note: "Nonlinearities" indicates that the impact of financial conditions on macro-financial stability may be amplified in the presence of elevated financial vulnerabilities, such as a high level of leverage.



Private sector balance sheet





Remedies

Recognise the forthcoming decline in y*, r*, and u*

Recognise the limitation of conventional fiscal and monetary policies

Don't give up on globalisation, re-energise multilateralism

Embrace regional pacts, supply chains, and tech platforms

Consider higher taxes on wealth, especially property

Use technology to enhance public sector transfers and spending on growth-critical areas



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Between a rock and a hard place: Asia-pacific amid Sino-US tension

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China-US trade war put Asian economies in a straitjacket

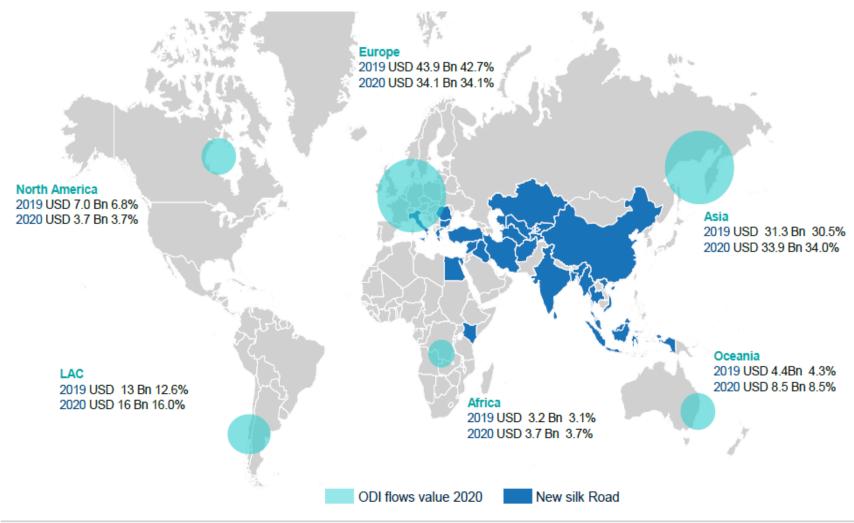
Many Asian Economies show a great trade dependence on China and the US

Export markets/	Ch	ina	US		
Import suppliers Asia	Export	Import	Export	Import	
Hong Kong	55.2 (1**)	44.8 (1)	8.10 (2)		
Taiwan	28.0 (1)	19.3 (1)	11.6 (3)	11.7 (3)	
Korea	26.8 (1)	19.9 (1)	12.1 (2)	11.0 (2)	
Japan	19.5 (1)	22.4 (1)	19.1 (2)	10.8 (1)	
India	5.10 (3)	14.5 (1)	16.0 (1)	6.50 (2)	
Indonesia	15.1 (1)	23.7 (1)	10.3 (3)		
Malaysia	14.5 (1)	20.1 (1)	8.80 (3)	7.10 (4)	
Philippines	12.9 (4)	19.6 (1)	15.7 (1)	7.20 (4)	
Singapore	12.3 (1)	13.4 (1)		11.4 (3)	
Thailand	12.0 (1)	19.9 (1)	11.1 (2)	6.70 (3)	
Vietnam	16.9 (3)	27.6 (1)	19.5 (1)	5.40 (4)	

* *: The figures in the brackets stands for its ranking among all the trade partners

Source: CEIC and BBVA Research

China's ODI flows tilted towards Asia during the pandemic



Note: The bubbles are indicative and do not exactly represent the size of ODI flows and stocks. Source: AEI, MOFCOM and BBVA Research

Financial linkages among the US, China and ASEAN

- The trade and investment linkages have been amply analysed and unanimously verified, but it begs the question of any significant impact of China's financial markets on ASEAN financial market and its comparison with that of the US.
- By analysing higher frequencies financial market data based on Sign Restriction SVAR model, we observe that equity markets in ASEAN are growingly synchronised with China, while the RMB exchange rate also shows strong synchronisation with ASEAN FX market. The synchronization between China and the ASEAN stock and FX markets are comparable with the US impact during tranquil time but less during the crisis time.
- For stock market spillover, worsening expectations of China's economic outlook, which does have a significantly impact on the economic outlook of Latam countries, particularly commodity exporters, as a result, also impacts ASEAN stock markets.
- For exchange rate market spillover, the risk of currency (mis)management which has the potential to trigger currency wars and beggar-thy-neighbour global dynamics, thus, ASEAN adjusts exchange rate to maintain export competitiveness.
- However, bonds in China show no co-movement with ASEAN bonds due to the closed capital account in China.

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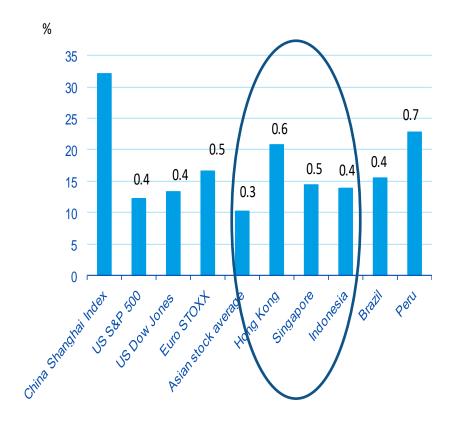
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Reactions of ASEAN stock, bond and FX market from the shocks from the US and China

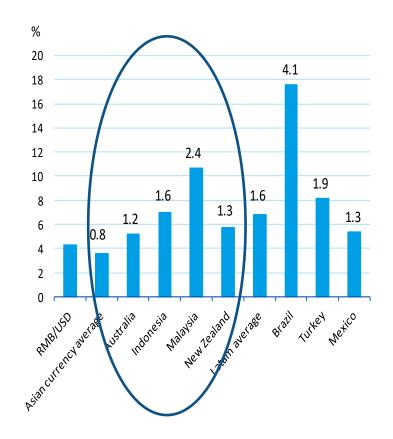
	US bond	US stock	China bond	China stock	RMB/USD	Asian bond	Asian stock	Asian currency /USD
US bond shock	1	0.39	0.01	0.06	0.01	0.31	0.20	-0.01
US stock shock		1	0.00	0.12	-0.04	0.09	0.44	-0.20
China bond shock			1	0.03	-0.01	0.00	0.02	-0.04
China stock shock				1	-0.06	-0.03	0.32	-0.20
RMB/USD shock					1	0.05	0.10	0.30
Asian bond shock						1	-0.05	0.25
Asian stock shock							1	-0.52
Asian currency/USD shock								1

Some stylized facts of China's financial markets linkages with ASEAN

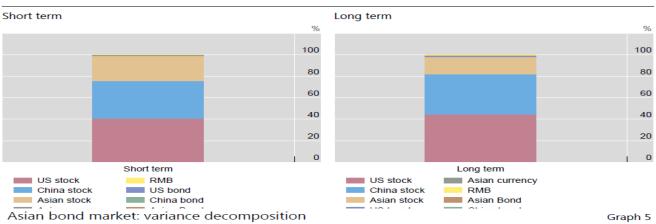
CHINA'S STOCK MARKET HAS STRONG SPILLOVER EFFECT TO ASEAN STOCK MARKET (Black figures indicate elasticity)

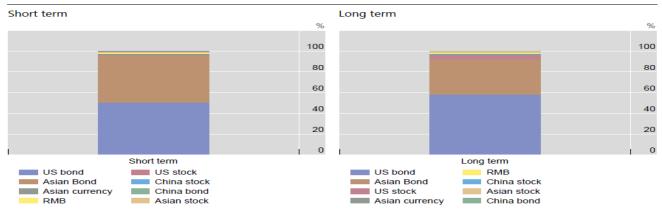


RMB EXCHANGE RATE CHANGE ALSO TRIGGERED THE ASEAN FX MARKET VOLATILITIES (Black figures indicate elasticity)



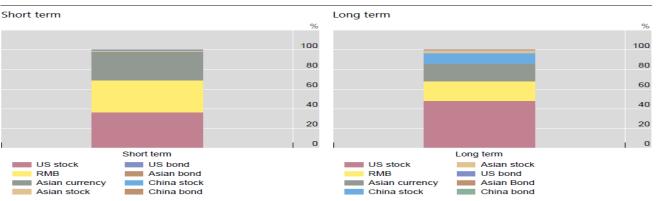
Asian stock market: variance decomposition





Source: authors' estimates.





Graph 6

Graph 4

Source: authors' estimates.

Sino-US relations: what's next?

- Key words from Biden Administration: "Compete, Confront, Cooperate"; "extreme compete"; "compete not conflict"
- US new strategies against China: emphasizing the value difference; trying to find more allies globally with similar value
- China's new strategies against US: selective "tit-for-tat"; separation between economy and geopolitics
- The change of China's attitudes towards the potential US allies: from "any one but the US" to " cut the tail to feed the dog"
- The extreme competition between China and the US could last as long as 15 years from now on: some triggers could change the situation, including (i) leadership change in China or the US; (ii) the change of relative power in economy or military capacity; or (iii) in face of a common threat.
- Which side will win the competition? Depending on which can better handle their domestic affairs



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