

Risks and Challenges to the Outlook

- Double dip in the US economy—continued difficulty in housing and job markets
- European fiscal problems—failed fiscal consolidation could instigate financial instability
- Further widening trade imbalances between advanced and emerging economies—spreading protectionism and currency wars

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Macroeconomic management beyond the crisis

- The recovery relying heavily on fiscal and monetary stimulus—transition to privatedemand-driven growth is crucial
- Need to reaffirm prudence and discipline in fiscal and monetary policy
- Effective management of post-crisis challenges (e.g. rebalancing, asset bubbles, capital flows) through an appropriate mix of fiscal, monetary, and exchange rate policies is necessary

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Implications for Banking Environment

Macroeconomic conditions and policies

- Gradual recovery expected to continue
- Limited rise in interest rates: limited improvement in interest income
- Stock market improvement: less attractive bank deposits
- Lackluster housing markets
- SME soundness

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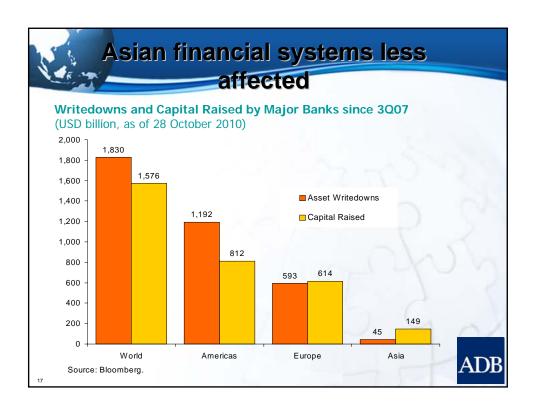
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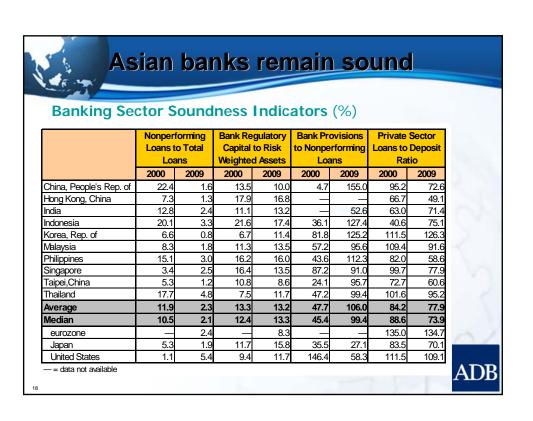
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Implications for Banking Environment

New capital and liquidity standards

- Basel III include strengthening Tier 1 capital; introducing a leverage ratio, measures to promote the buildup of counter-cyclical capital buffers, and short and medium-term quantitative liquidity ratios.
- SIFIs may face additional capital, liquidity or other supervisory requirements
- Regulatory uncertainties and potential costs pose challenges







Immediate Challenges

- Remain vigilant
- Build agile responses
- Diversify portfolio
- Strengthen liquidity provision
- Improve long-term profitability

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Challenges for Asian Financial Systems

- Reform should allow for development challenges—balance regulation and innovation
- Support economic growth and development
- Strengthen legal and institutional framework
- Develop local currency bond markets
- Establish national and cross-border crisis management and resolution mechanisms

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