ASEAN+3 Regional Economic Outlook – July 2023 Update

ASEAN+3 Growth Momentum to Remain Intact as Risks Recede

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ASEAN+3 on track to grow by 4.6 percent in 2023, with inflation expected to be lower at 3.0 percent

**ASEAN+3: Real GDP Growth**
(Percent, year-on-year)

**ASEAN+3: Consumer Price Inflation**
(Percent, year-on-year)

Source: National authorities via Haver Analytics, and AMRO staff estimates.  
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Downside risks have receded since April

Legend:
- Low impact
- Medium impact
- High impact

Perennial Risks:
- Climate change transition
- Natural disasters
- Cyber attacks
- Pandemics

Regional Risk Map (July 2023)

- Short Term (up to 2 years):
  - Financial spillovers from tight(er) US monetary policy
  - Spike in global commodity prices
  - Faltering economic recovery in China
  - Recession in the US and Europe

- Medium Term (2 to 5 years):
  - Financial spillovers from tight(er) US monetary policy
  - Recession in the US and Europe
  - Economic decoupling between US and China

- Long Term (> 5 years):
  - Perennial Risks

Imminence
Growth in the US and EU is expected to remain moderate amid continued disinflation, easing fears of recession.

United States and Euro Area: Real GDP Growth
(Percent, year-on-year)

United States and Euro Area: CPI Inflation
(Percent, year-on-year)

United States and Euro Area: Probability of Recession
(Percent)

Source: National authorities via Haver Analytics.

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Source: Bloomberg.
Note: Data refer to the median forecasted probability of recession in the next 12 months, derived from economist surveys conducted by Bloomberg and from forecasts submitted by various banks.
Services sector strength underpins economic activities in the US and EU, while manufacturing sector remains lacklustre

**United States: Manufacturing and Services PMI**  
(Index, seasonally adjusted)

**Euro Area: Manufacturing and Services PMI**  
(Index, seasonally adjusted)

Source: S&P Global via Haver Analytics.  
Note: A reading above 50 indicates an expansion in activities, while a reading below 50 indicates a contraction.
Weak global demand would still weigh on goods exports, but tourism recovery to provide some support to growth

Selected ASEAN+3: Export Growth
(Percent, year-on-year)

Source: National authorities; AMRO staff calculation.
Note: Goods exports data are not available for Brunei, Cambodia, Lao PDR, and Myanmar. Services exports data are not available for Brunei and Myanmar.

Selected ASEAN+3: International and Domestic Tourist Arrivals
(Index, 2019 = 100)

Source: National authorities via Haver Analytics; AMRO staff calculations.
Note: Excludes Lao PDR due to data unavailability. ASEAN-5 = Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore and Thailand. CMV = Cambodia, Myanmar and Vietnam. Data are up to April 2023 for the Plus-3 (excluding China) and CMV, and up to December 2022 for ASEAN-5.
Resilient domestic demand continues to support growth

Selected ASEAN+3: Contribution to Real GDP Growth
(Percent, year-on-year)

Selected ASEAN+3: Retail Sales
(Percent, year-on-year)

Source: National authorities via Haver Analytics; AMRO calculations.
Note: Statistical discrepancies are not shown. Excludes Cambodia, China, Lao PDR, Myanmar, and Vietnam due to data unavailability.

Source: National authorities via Haver Analytics; AMRO staff calculations.
Note: Calculated on a 3-month moving average basis, based on local currency values for all economies except Indonesia and Thailand (volume). ASEAN-6 includes Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and Vietnam.
Inflation is moderating due mainly to lower commodity prices

**ASEAN+3: Average Headline and Core Inflation**
(Percent, year-on-year)

**World: Commodity Prices**
(Index, 2019 = 100)

Source: National authorities via Haver Analytics; AMRO staff calculation.
Note: Average headline and core inflation refer to the respective trim means, which exclude outliers. Core inflation excludes food and energy.

Note: Wheat price refers to Kansas City wheat, natural gas refers to Henry Hub Natural Gas.
### AMRO Staff Baseline Growth Estimates and Forecasts, 2023–24

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Inflation forecast has been revised downwards for most economies

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Key messages

• ASEAN+3 is on track to expand by 4.6 percent in 2023.
  ➢ Growth in ASEAN+3 will be anchored by domestic demand.
  ➢ Recovery in tourism would partially offset weak goods exports.

• Headline inflation is expected to moderate further to 3.0 percent in 2023 due mainly to lower global commodity prices.

• Downside risks have receded slightly primarily on account of better-than-expected improvement in the global economy.
Thank you

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