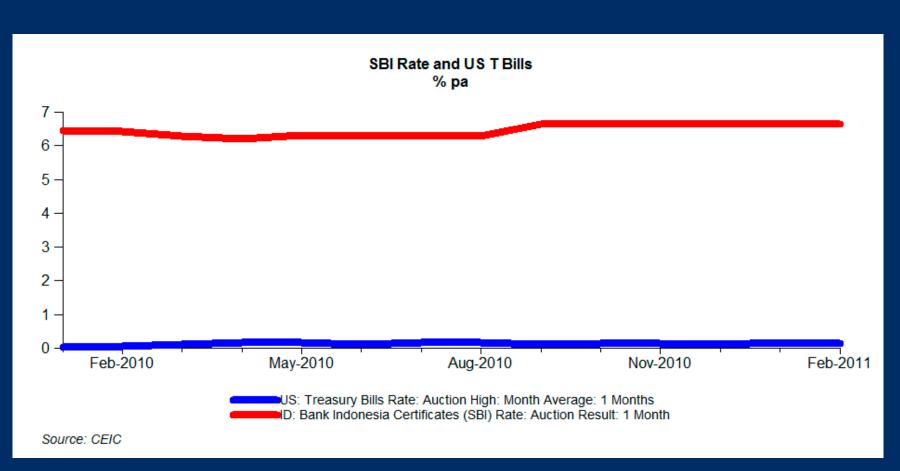


Managing Economy under volatile capital flows

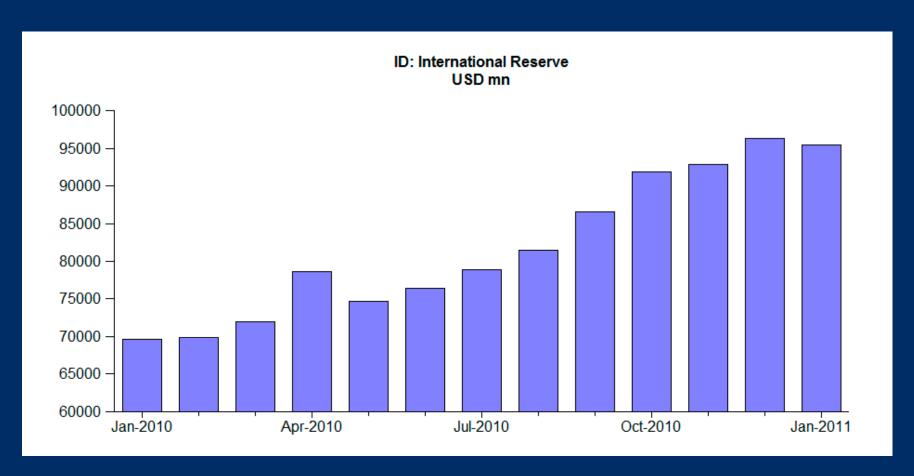
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BI rate and US Funds Rate: spreads remain high





Foreign Reserves steadily increases





Capital inflows to EM

Capital Inflows to Emerging Markets

(Percent of GDP, mostly Q2 2010, 4Q moving average, z score)

	Net capital inflows	FDI, net	PI, net	Equities, net	Equities, liabilities	Debt, net	Debt, liabilities	OI, net	OI, liabilities
India	1.1	0.6	1.7		1.4	- 		0.2	0.4
Indonesia	0.9	0.4	1.0		0.2	1.6		0.5	0.7
Korea	0.6	-1.7	2.0	0.8	1.2	1.4	1.0	-0.7	-0.4
Malaysia	0.0	-1.6	1.4	-1.3	0.2	1.9	2.0	-1.1	0.8
Taiwan POC	1.4	-0.2	-1.2	-0.7	0.6	-0.4	0.5	2.3	0.9
Thailand	0.2	-1.2	-0.5	***	0.6		-1.0	0.6	0.5
Argentina	-0.4	-0.8	0.5	0.8	-0.2	0.2	0.1	0.6	0.4
Brazil	1.1	-0.5	2.0	3.1	2.8	0.8	0.8	0.2	0.8
Chile	-0.9	-0.6	-0.8	-2.3	0.2	1.6	0.2	0.2	1.7
Mexico	0.5	-2.1	0.9		-0.1	1.2	1.3	0.7	0.8
Peru	0.2	0.1	0.7	-0.5	-0.2	1.1	1.1	-0.2	-0.2
Hungary	-0.9	-1.4	-0.2	-0.4	-0.3	0.0	-0.2	0.2	-0.4
Poland	2.0	-0.8	2.3	1.6	2.5	1.8	1.6	0.4	0.3
Russia	0.4	-1.4	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.8	0.5	0.4	-0.5
Israel	0.1	-0.8	-0.9	-3.6	-1.4	3.0	6.6	0.8	0.1
South Africa	1.1	-0.3	1.0	0.4	0.2	1.5	1.5	0.1	-0.7
Turkey	1.1	-0.1	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.4	1.6	0.0

Sources: Haver, IFS, and IMF staff estimates.

Note: The heat map measures the amount of capital flows in percent of GDP (four-quarter moving average) relative to the period average. The deviation is expressed in terms of standard deviations. No color signifies a standard deviation under 1, yellow between 1 and 1.5, orange 1.5 and 2, red 2 and 3, and dark red greater than 3 standard deviations. Pl is portfolio investment, Ol is other investment.

Capital Inflow

Demand driven or supply driven?
If demand driven:

Current account deficit → exchange rate appreciation will worsen the situation

Supply driven: looking for higher return

→ allow appreciation (not much on Fiscal and monetary policy)



Good problem: managing

capital inflow

A : Allow inflow of money (shifts LM right) → Can be inflationary

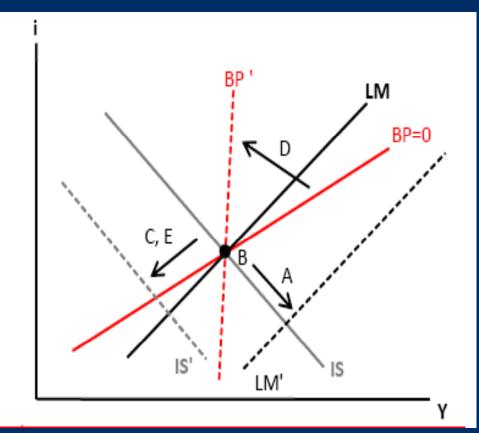
B : Sterilize inflow by building reserves, OMO (stay at

B) → Can prolong inflows by keeping interest rates high

C : Allow appreciation (shifts IS and BP left) → Exports lose competitiveness

D : Impose capital controls (moves BP upward, steeper slope) → Lose efficiency; have to finance investment through higher cost domestic funds rather than borrowing from abroad at lower cost

E : Fiscal contraction (shifts IS left) → Can be recessionary; politically difficult



World Bank, 2010



Impossible Trinity

Inflation: keep exchange rate at the expense of monetary policy?

Exchange rate: nominal or real appreciation

Capital Mobility: macro prudential, supply side



Good problem: managing capital inflows

Push and pull factor:

• Low interest rate (negative interest rates) push capital to EM → supply driven vs higher return at EM, including Indonesia, but local absorptive capacity is limited

Policy options

- Exchange rate appreciation vs sterilization
- Restriction on capital inflow, more on macro prudential (SBI)
- Tighter fiscal policy? Not possible due problem of infrastructure
- Accelerate debt repayment
- Trade liberalization
- More IPOs
- Infrastructure development. THIS IS the most important
- IF we do not handle this capital inflow issue carefully, there is potential for economic bubble:

Risk of oil price

Do nothing scenario:

Higher oil price → pressure on budget→ inflation overhang→ fisher effect→ expected inflation → bond market → reverse capital outflow

Fuel price adjustment:

Adjust gasoline price → inflation increase → realized expected inflation → no more inflation overhang → macrostabilty, though inflaton maybe higher

