

Financial Services

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Impact of RMB Appreciation on HK Enterprises

Financial Center is the Place for

Capital Raising

- Equity market tier 1 capital
- Bond market tier 2 capital and senior debt
- Loan Market origination, syndication, bilateral

Financial Hedging

- FX spot, forward, options and other derivatives
- Interest rate spot, forward, options, interest rate swap, cross currencies swap and other derivatives
- Equity and index futures, option, swap
- Credit derivatives



Financial Center is the Place for

Commodity Hedging

- Agricultural futures and options wheat, soybeans etc
- Metal futures and options copper, nickel etc
- Precious metal futures and options gold, silver etc
- Energy futures and options crude oil, heating gas etc

Secondary Market Trading

- Intermediaries provide liquidities for all major financial products
- Reduce transaction costs and increase marketability of issues and products
- Good liquidity attracts speculators, which further increase liquidity



Financial Center is the Place for

Investment

- Fund Managers for traditional investment equity and bond
- Alternative Investment Fund Managers Hedged Funds, Real estate, commodities
- Pension Fund, endowment, institutional investors

Structuring and Financial Engineering

- Sophisticated wealth management products notes linked to equity, interest rates, commodities, index or their combinations
- Highly structured deals for specific purposes, such as tax, organizational structure, capital structuring etc



Major Attributes of Financial center

Market Size

Hong Kong is too small – Mainland's size is a strong support

Infrastructure

 Tax, legal structure, market efficiency, clearing and settlement

Talents

 The more talents you have, the better the market will be, and in turn attract even more talents



RMB Offshore Center

Current Situation

- Only cash transactions
- No RMB clearing outside the Mainland no delivery of RMB in inter-bank trades outside the Mainland
- Only non-deliverable forward (NDF) exists
- Though improved, the NDF market is not very liquid and does not reflect true supply and demand



RMB Offshore Center

Issues to consider

- RMB clearing and settlement in HK
- Who can buy and sell RMB?
- Any limits on transaction?
- What are interest rates for RMB in HK?
- Can banks lend out the RMB deposit offshore RMB loan market?



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Implications

- Develop a RMB interest rate market that is more driven by supply and demand
- Accumulation of RMB deposit outside the Mainland
- Condition for developing bond market Euro RMB bond market
- Corporations access to capital through RMB bond and loan
- Onshore and offshore RMB markets drive the liberalization of financial markets in the Mainland



RMB Offshore Bond Market

Issues to consider

- RMB currency and bond clearing and settlement in HK
- Who can buy the RMB bond?
- Any limits on transaction?
- What are the interest rates?
- What should be the benchmark yield curve?
- Can international investors participate?
- Domestic or international offering?
- Retail or institutional?



Commodity Exchange / Contracts

Issues to consider

- Three exchanges in the Mainland already
- Corporations in the Mainland are target users
- Currency denomination of contracts
 - If RMB hedgers will use exchanges in the Mainland, and there are offshore RMB issues
 - If USD or other major currencies Why hedgers should use exchange in HK instead of London or US?
- No natural demand in HK
- Expertise in HK





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