# Asia: Trends in housing and finance David Carbon MD, Economic and Currency Research January 12, 2009

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## Trends in housing and finance

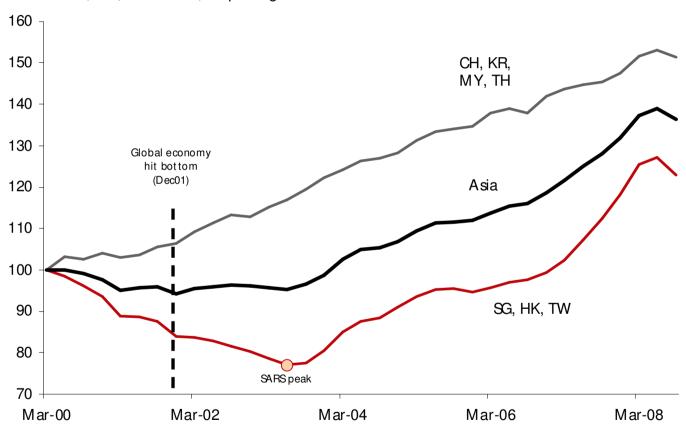
- Price trends
- Bank exposure trends
- GDP / lending outlook



## Price trends since 2000/01

## Asia ? property prices

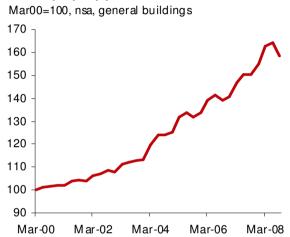
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# Some steady climbers

#### China? property prices



### Korea ?property prices



#### Thailand? property prices



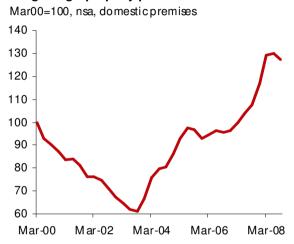
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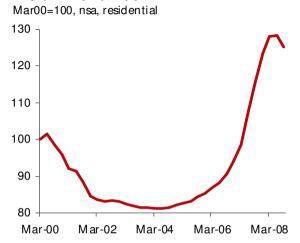


## Some U-shaped, V-shaped climbers

#### Hong Kong? property prices



#### Singapore ? property prices



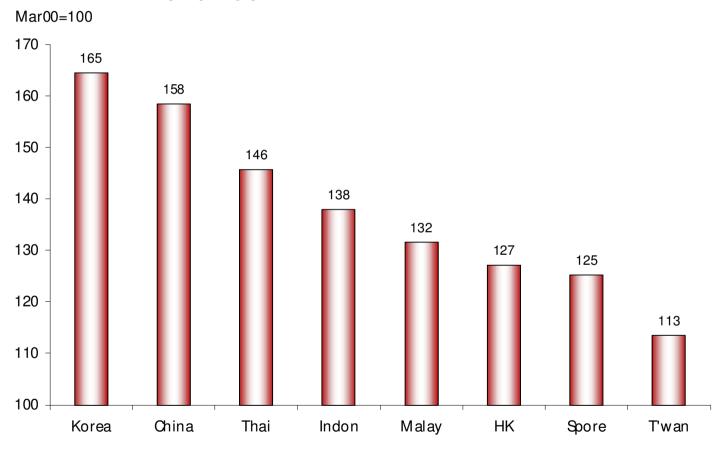
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## **Prices relative to Mar00**

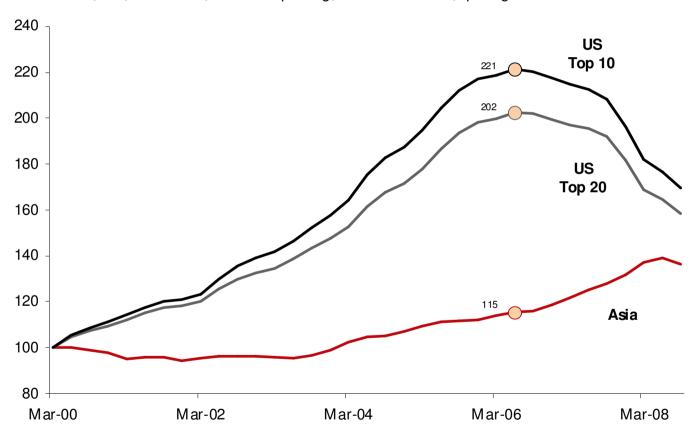
## Asia ? residential property price levels as at 3Q08



# No bubble, at least by US standards

## Asia and US? property prices

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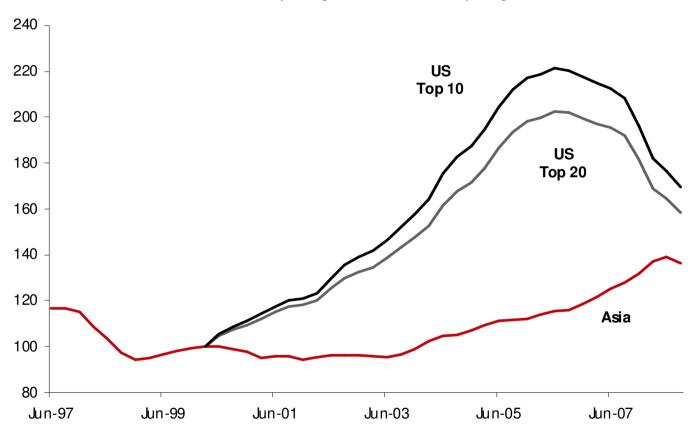




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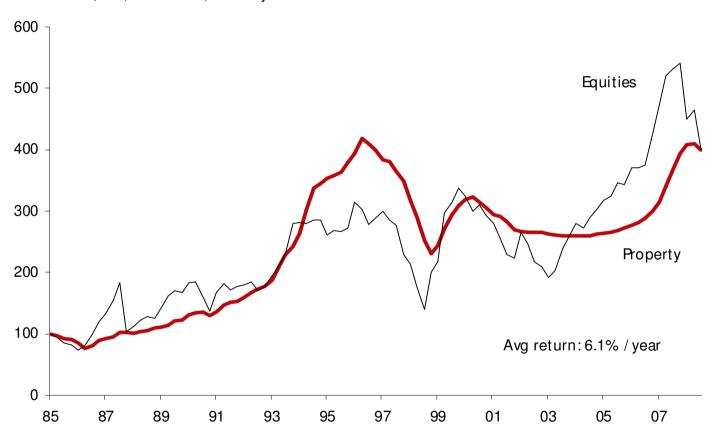




# Singapore since 1997/98

## Singapore ? property prices and equity markets

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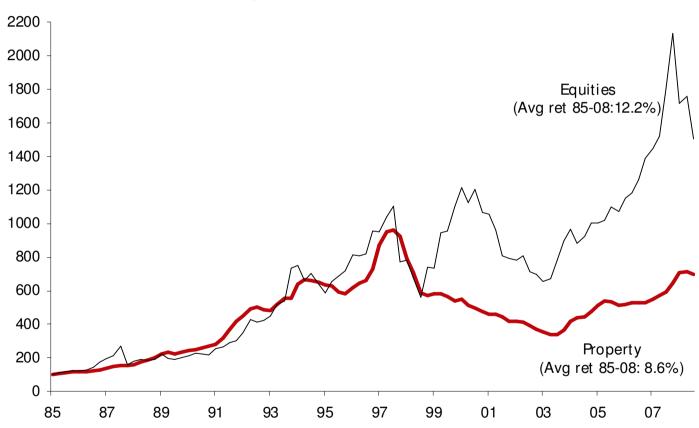




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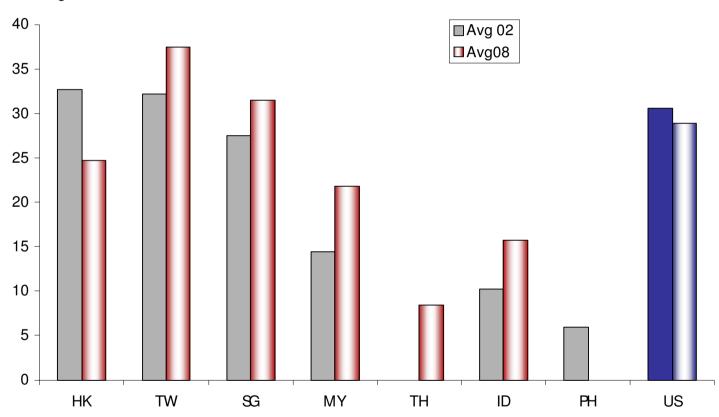
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# **Bank exposure since 2002**

## Asia ? bank exposure to residential property

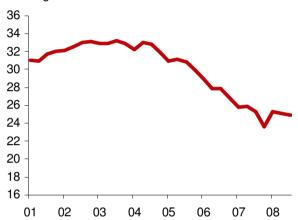
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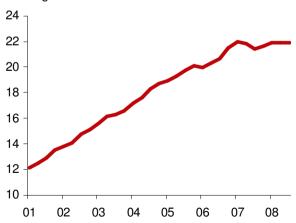
#### HK? bank exposure to property

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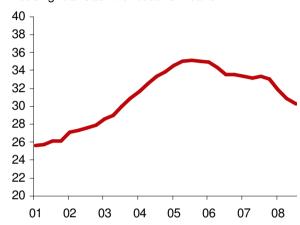
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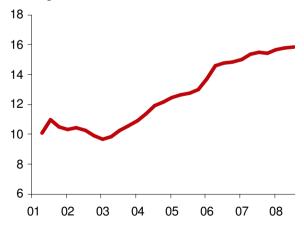
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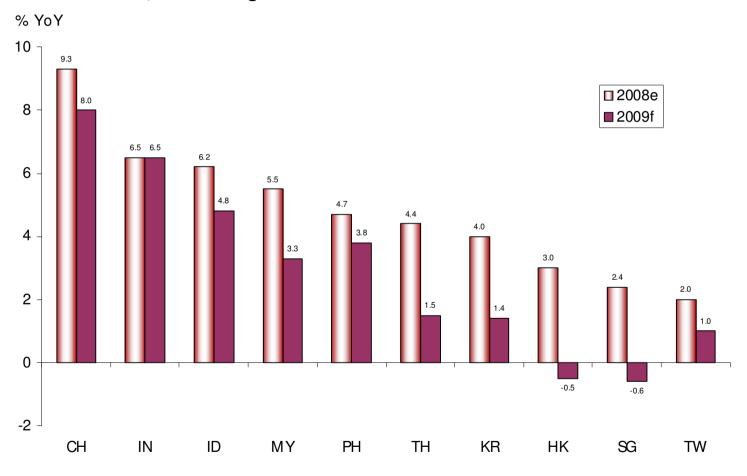
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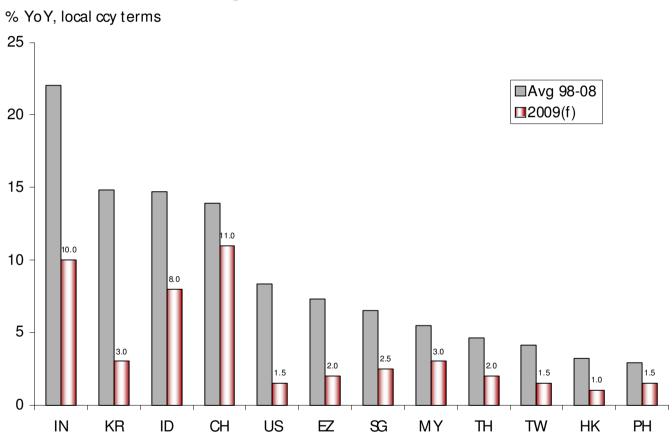
## **Outlook for 2009**

Asia 10 ? 2008, 2009 GDP growth forecasts



# Loan growth: 2009

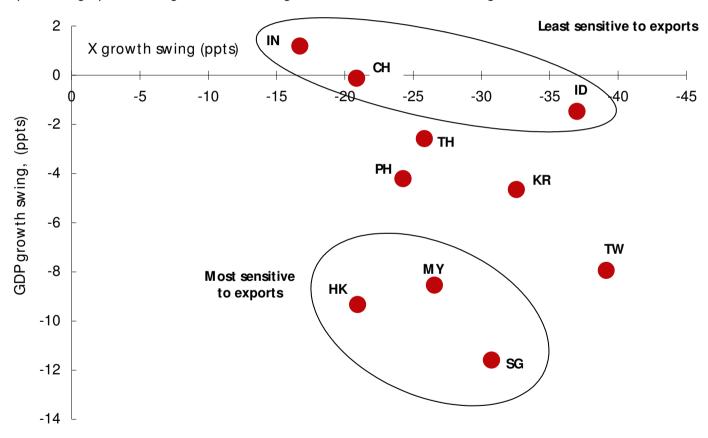
## Asia? nominal bank loan growth



## Asia: who's vulnerable?

## Asia ? export swings and GDP swings in 2000-2001 downturn

percentage point swings in X and GDP growth, 2000-2001, annual avg data



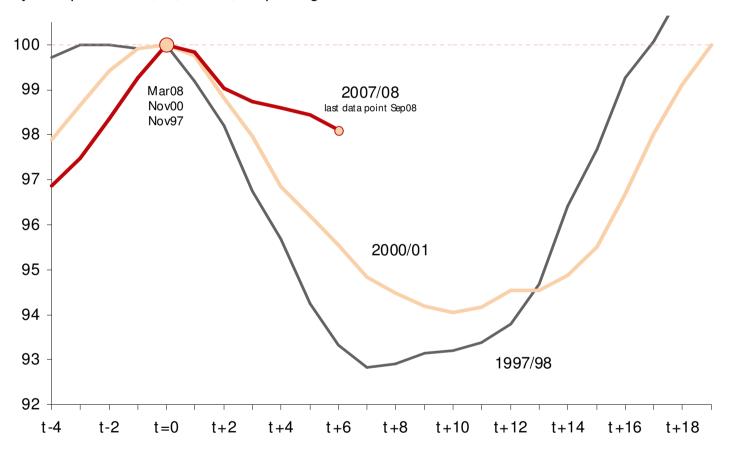
## Slowdown milder than 2000. Why?

- 1. US matters less than ever before
  - Asia's incremental domestic demand growth now nearly equal to the US
- 2. Housing-led vs hi-tech led
  - Much more indirect hit to Asia
  - Real vs financial
- 3. Asia not just emerging from crisis as in 99/00
  - Asia's domestic demand nearly comatose in 1998/99
  - The only growth it enjoyed came from exports / the US tech boom
  - When that went, so did Asia's growth

## Asia: milder slowdown

## Asia 8 ? industrial production

cyclical peak = 100, sa, 3mma, simple avg



# Asia: recovery before US

## US and Asia? industrial production in 2000/01

94

92

Jan-00

Jul-00

Jan-01

Jul-01

cyclical peak = 100, sa, 3mma

104

100

98

96 -

Jan-02

Jul-02

Jan-03

Jul-03



US

Jan-04

## Summary

- Prices increases have been modest in most countries
- Asia has spent the past 10 years deleveraging
- But GDP growth outlook for 2009 very low
- Loan growth will be below average
- Downturn in Asia should be less sharp than in 2000/01
- Last-in, first-out: Asia to recover more quickly

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