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#### Growth, Spillovers and Policy Options in the Pacific

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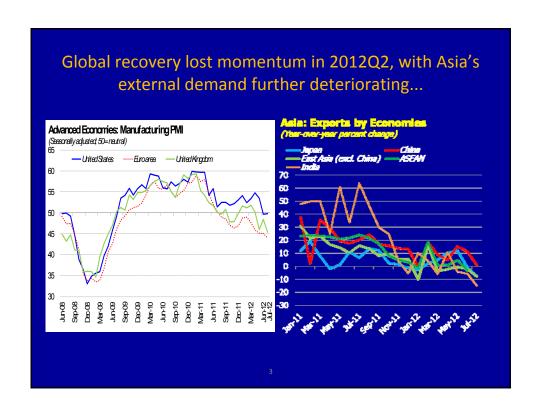
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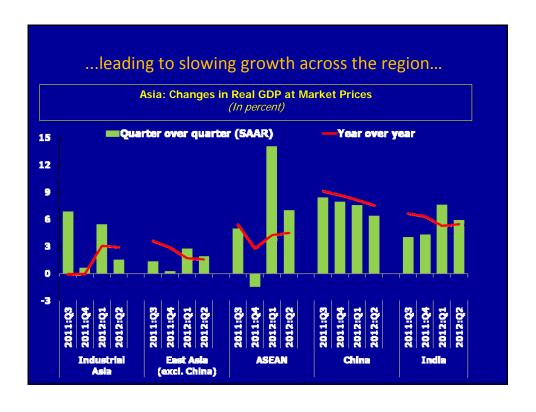
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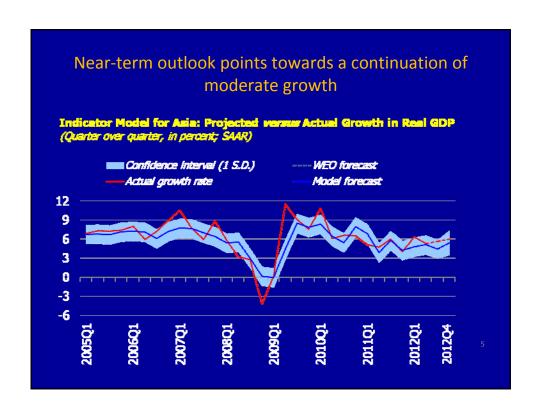
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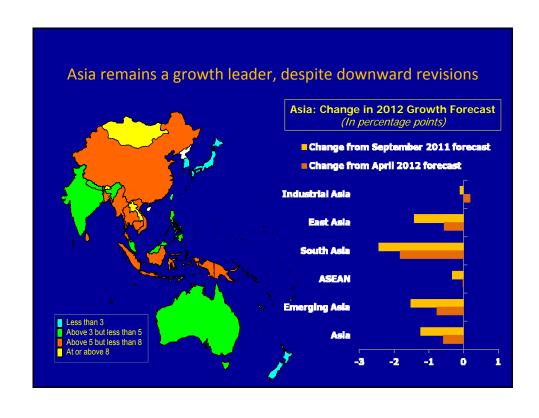
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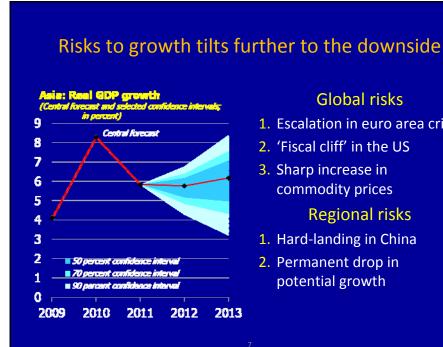
- The global and regional environment
- Channels of spillover to the Pacific
- How might Pacific island countries respond in the short run?
- What has happened to long-term growth in PICs?
- What can be done to raise long-term growth?











#### Global risks

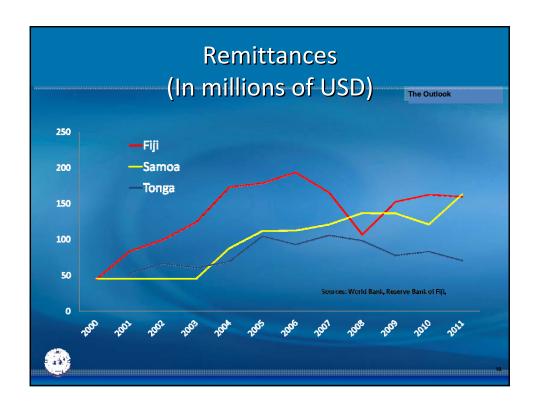
- 1. Escalation in euro area crisis
- 2. 'Fiscal cliff' in the US
- 3. Sharp increase in commodity prices

#### Regional risks

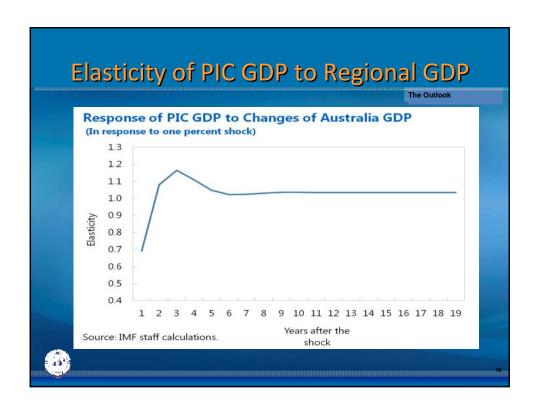
- 1. Hard-landing in China
- 2. Permanent drop in potential growth

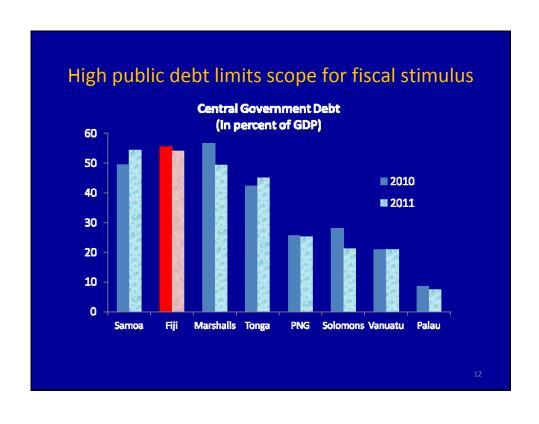
Channels of Spillovers to the Pacific

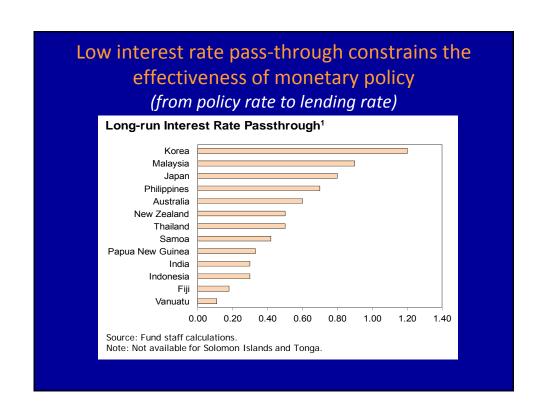
- Remittances (Samoa, Tonga, Tuvalu, Fiji)
- Tourism (Palau, Samoa, Vanuatu, Fiji)
- Trade flows
- Terms of trade via commodities
- Financial: mainly through trust funds (Kiribati, Tuvalu)

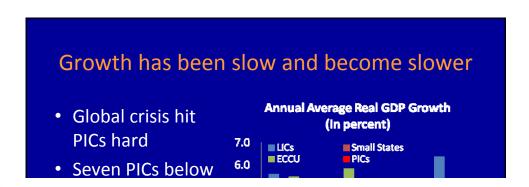












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