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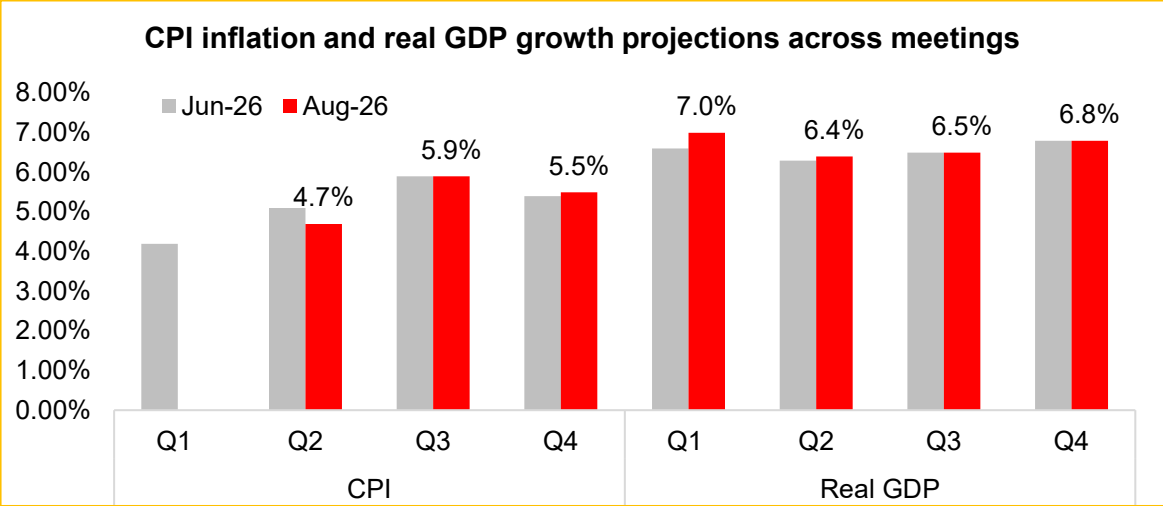
RBI maintains pause on rates and stance with inflation dynamics seen to improve after Q3FY27

The Reserve Bank of India led Monetary policy committee (MPC) held its policy benchmark rate as well as the neutral policy stance. The outcome was along expected lines. The overall guidance was mildly doveish, with CPI inflation expected to moderate after peaking in Q3FY27; importantly this uptick in inflation was said to be on supply concerns rather than being broad based. Domestic growth conditions were classified to be resilient, with real GDP growth projected slightly higher. Liquidity conditions were said to be kept at sufficient levels. Lastly, statement around remaining vigilant and resolute in aligning inflation with target was reiterated. Markets will continue to watch progress around monsoon, geopolitical conditions as well as volatility in crude oil prices.

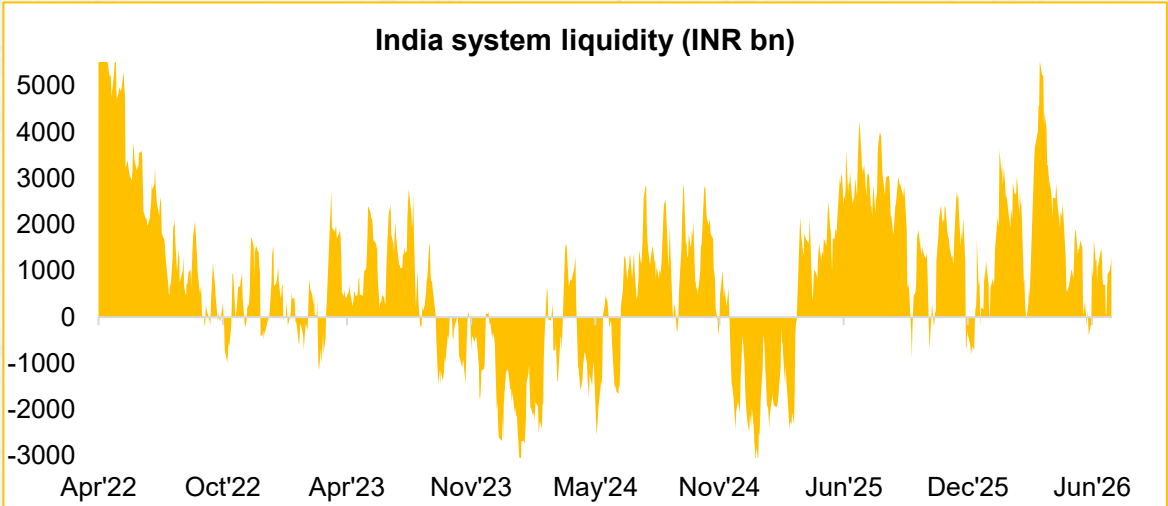
Below are the highlights of the policy meeting:

- India FY27 CPI inflation is now seen at 5% (from 5.1% early projection), with Q2 at 4.7%, Q3 at 5.9%, and Q4 at 5.5%. Risks to projections were evenly balanced, with upside risks seen from El Nino conditions and volatility crude oil prices, and downside risks from proactive supply management and adequate food stocks were noted.
- During the policy meeting, governor emphasized that the uptick in CPI inflation during Q3 was not broad based, and repeated that the headline reading will continue to remain the policy target.
- Growth conditions were marked as resilient, with FY27 real GDP growth now seen at 6.7% amid risks evenly balanced. Optimism around agriculture measures by the GOI, continuing impact of GST rate rationalization, strong capacity utilization and continued thrust on infrastructure spends was noted. Downside risks to growth from turbulent global economy as well as El Nino conditions were also noted.
- Confidence around India's external metrics was also noted given manageable current account deficit, adequate forex reserves, strong services exports, India trade agreements as well as buoyancy in remittances. Liquidity conditions are said to remain ample on FCNR flows and peak by Sep, though this will be partly reversed by a potential increase in currency in circulation as well as on maturity of forward shorts.
- **The outcome was largely along expected lines, with overall guidance hinting towards limited urgency for raising rates in the near term unless dynamics for inflation become unfavorable. Markets will continue to watch monsoon progress along with evolving geopolitical tensions. In the backdrop of this, we continue to remain constructive around the near end of the yield curve.**

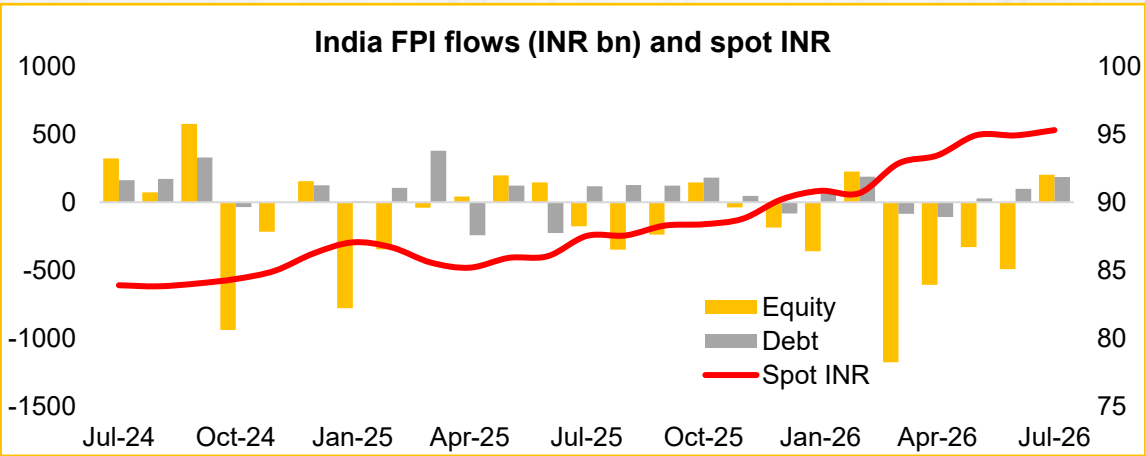
FY27 CPI inflation lower, while growth revised upwards; liquidity surplus said to peak around Sep



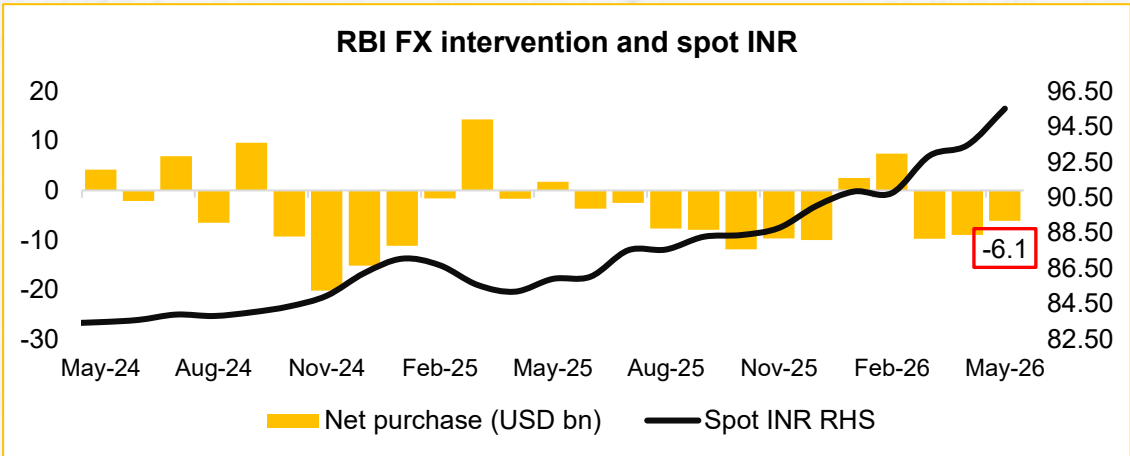
India CPI inflation was revised lower by 10 bps, while real GDP growth was revised upwards during the Aug meeting.



India system liquidity surplus is said to peak around Sep with foreign capital flows, but is expected to moderate with seasonal rise in currency in circulation as well as on maturity of forward shorts



FPIs have turned net buyers in Jul, with inflows seen in both debt and equity markets. This was despite escalating tensions in the West Asia.



The RBI intervened continued to intervene in May-26, but at a slower pace than in the past months.

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