



RMB Tracker

April 2014

RMB Tracker – What is it?

Monthly reporting and statistics on renminbi (RMB) progress towards becoming an international currency.

Press release

20% countries crossing the RMB river

As volumes continue to rise, 21 countries now use the renminbi for at least 10% of their payments with China. Which are they, and where to focus your next business development effort?

23 August 2012

The monthly SWIFT RMB Tracker continues to monitor the steady progress of the RMB as international payments currency and a safer asset class. These countries assisting – or not – the RMB for their payments with China and Hong Kong:

- In July 2012, the trend towards use continues to rise and most used payments currency with a market share of 6.4%, versus 6.2% in June 2012. As per our most recent RMB Tracker, the renminbi has established the South African Rand, with a share of 5.2%, as the second most used currency in the world.
- The RMB continues to lead payments with China and Hong Kong. July 2012, 20% of countries had at least 10% of their payments value in renminbi. On average, 4% of all payments, with China and Hong Kong, are in RMB. Strong growth in all the G20 countries, Singapore and the UK, and also Canada and Germany show good development, as do the US, Japan and Australia remains true.

RMB moving up one position to #11

The first graph shows the RMB's market share in July 2011 and July 2012 in customer and institutional payments versus its immediate neighbours, the South African Rand (ZAR) and the Canadian dollar (CAD). RMB is now #11 with 6.4% market share compared to #10 and 5.0% one year ago. It has overtaken the ZAR remaining at 6.4% market share and pulling clear to the ZAR with 5.0%.

Country	July 2011	July 2012
RMB	5.0%	6.4%
ZAR	6.4%	6.4%
CAD	5.0%	5.0%

To be part of the top five payments currencies, the RMB market share has to reach 7%. The EUR and USD remain the most used payments currencies with 6.7% and 31% respectively.

SWIFT RMB Tracker, July 2012

RMB x 17

Value of RMB payments increased 17-fold since October 2010, the most spectacular growth of any major currency.

10 July 2012

The monthly SWIFT RMB Tracker takes a look back at the growth of the renminbi for offshore payments since October 2010 when SWIFT began tracking the currency and the value of dollar messages. Compared to any other top 25 payments currency, RMB had the most spectacular growth and continues to maintain progress:

- Chinese RMB payments grew in value by 17.4 times from October 2010 to June 2012. No other currency has had a three-fold increase during the period except payments across currencies grew by 1.7 times. An Arab RMB jumped from position #12 in October 2010 to #11 in June 2012 as the #1 most used end-user payments currency, nearly to overtake the South African Rand (ZAR) currently at #11.
- SWIFT also sees a 67% to 80% increase in the number of customer and institutional processing RMB payments from June 2011 to June 2012. Top RMB payments banks increased the number of RMB relationships by 10% in that same period, from an average of 91 to 115 correspondents. Another good indicator for growing international adoption.

RMB payments spectacular growth by 17.4 times

The first graph shows the evolution of payment currencies from October 2010 to June 2012. The RMB has grown substantially more than any institutional payments in its value grew by 17.4 times compared to an increase of 1.7 times for all currencies on average. The only other major currency with a significant increase was the Russian Ruble (RUB), which grew by 2.2 times in that same period.

RMB payments spectacular growth by 17.4 times

SWIFT RMB Tracker, June 2012

The yuan-yen tango

Ample opportunity for China and Japan to promote their domestic currencies for bilateral trade settlement

23 June 2012

This month's SWIFT RMB Tracker takes a closer look at payments between China and Japan, following the start of direct trading between their currencies at the end of May. There is a paucity of opportunity for the world's second and third largest economies to promote their respective currencies, since, currently the majority of payments between them is done in a third currency, namely the USD.

- USD is the most used currency between China/Hong Kong and Japan with a share of 52.4% in customer initiated payments in May 2012. 27 currencies account with 43.2%.
- RMB is third with 1.8%, CNY is fourth with 1.3%, and EUR is the fifth currency with 0.4%.
- May 2012 was a good month for RMB payments overall, with a growth of 22.2% in value versus April 2012. Payments across all currencies grew by 12.5%, increasing to market share to 6.4% (6.3% in April 2012). RMB is still used payments currency #10.

USD is still the most used currency between China/Hong Kong and Japan

Our first chart shows that the USD takes a lead as the most used currency between China/Hong Kong and Japan for customer initiated payments in May 2012, with a share of 52.4%. The second most used currency is the yen with 13.2%. From Japan's perspective, the yen is used in 34.2% of exports to China/Hong Kong payments received by Japan, and 25.2% for imports payments sent to Japan. Overall, RMB was only used in 1.7% of customer initiated payments between China/Hong Kong and Japan.

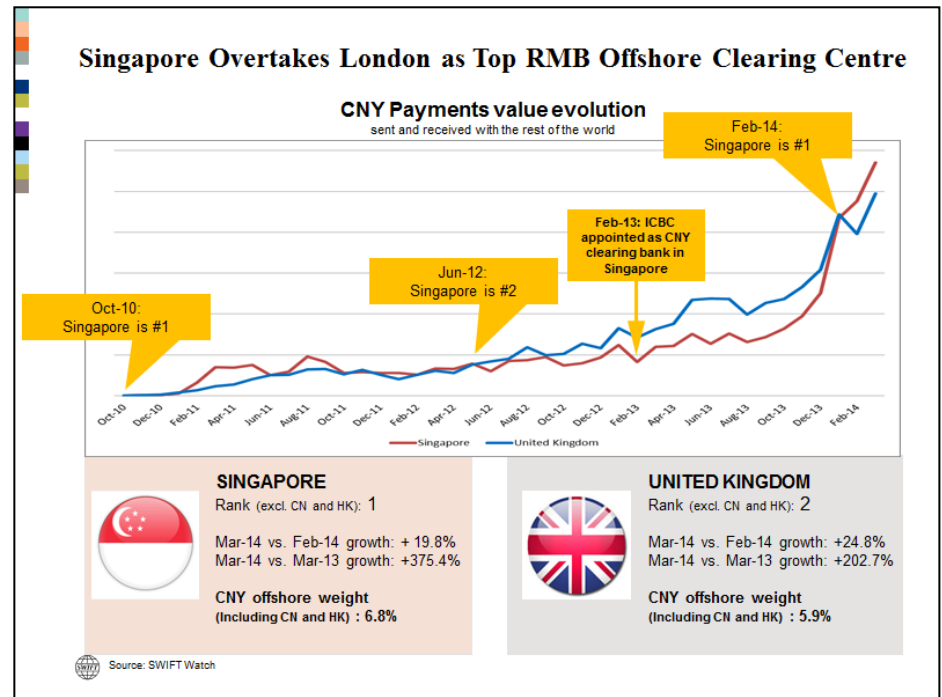
Currency	Share
USD	52.4%
JPY	13.2%
RMB	1.8%
CNY	1.3%
EUR	0.4%

Since SWIFT only tracks customer initiated payments and not returns to customer banks, there is a bias.



April RMB Tracker:

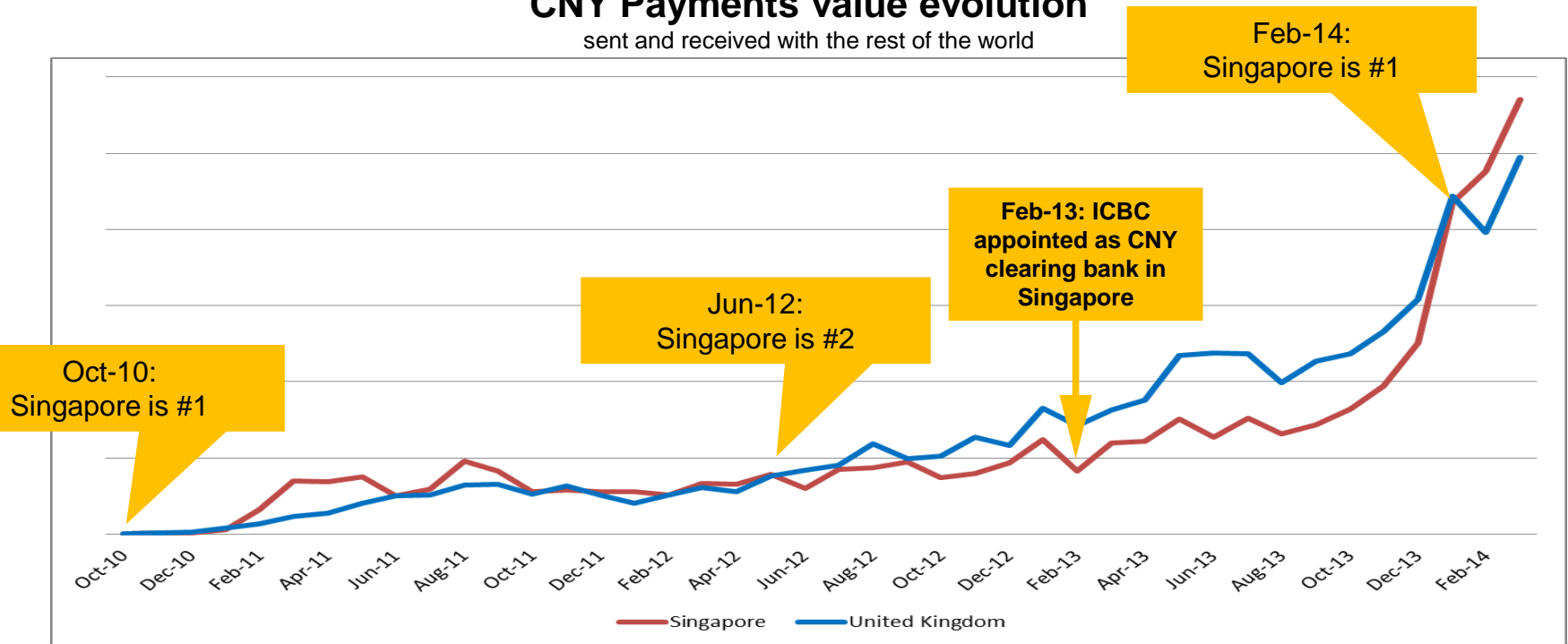
- Singapore Overtakes London as Top RMB Offshore Clearing Centre After Hong Kong
- Singapore's RMB payments value increased by 375% between March 2013 and March 2014
- Singapore's weight represents 6.8% of the overall RMB payments value, London now carries the weight of 5.9%.
- RMB strengthened its position as the seventh-ranked global payments currency with a new record-high activity share of 1.62% (from 1.42% in February 2014).
- At a global level, RMB payments increased in value by 29.0% in March 2014 compared to February 2014, when all currencies increased by 13.4% during that same period.



Singapore Overtakes London as Top RMB Offshore Clearing Centre

CNY Payments value evolution

sent and received with the rest of the world



SINGAPORE

Rank (excl. CN and HK): 1

Mar-14 vs. Feb-14 growth: + 19.8%
Mar-14 vs. Mar-13 growth: +375.4%

CNY offshore weight
(Including CN and HK) : 6.8%



UNITED KINGDOM

Rank (excl. CN and HK): 2

Mar-14 vs. Feb-14 growth: +24.8%
Mar-14 vs. Mar-13 growth: +202.7%

CNY offshore weight
(Including CN and HK) : 5.9%

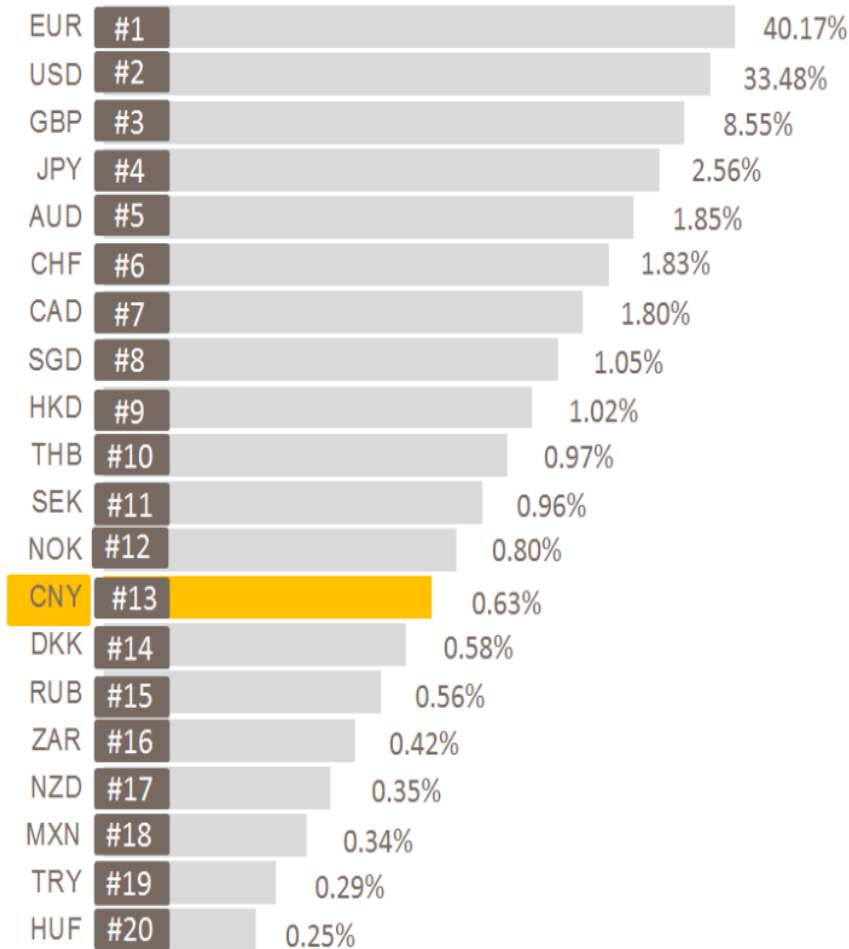


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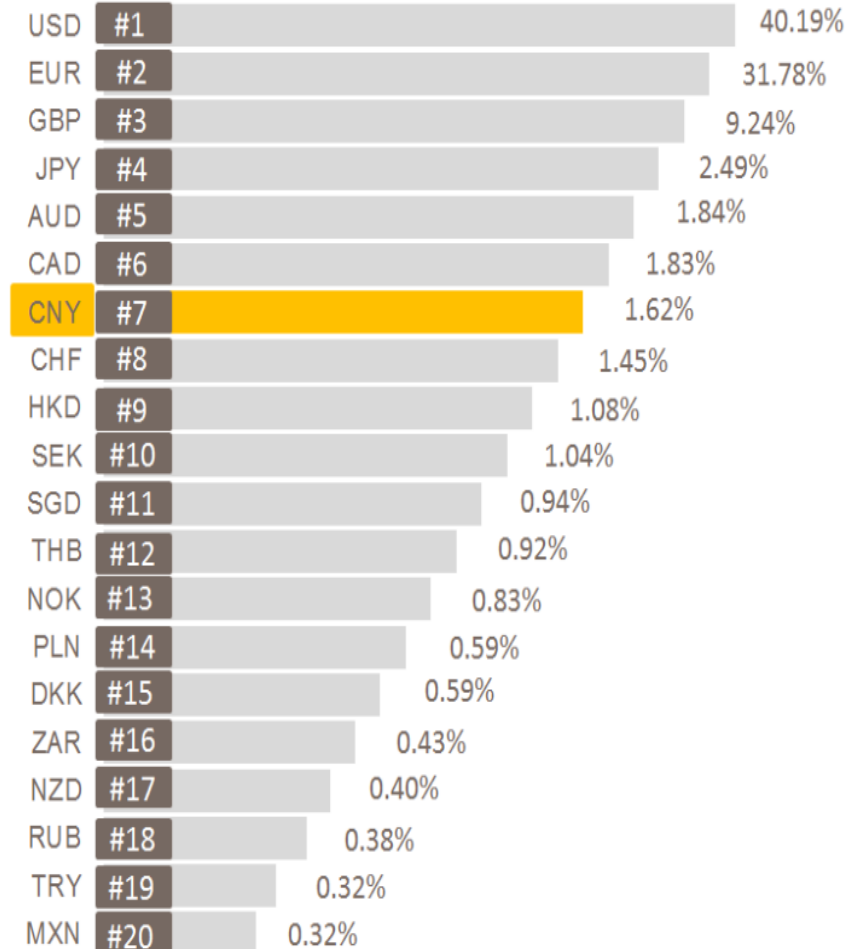
RMB as world payments currency in value

Customer initiated and institutional payments. Inbound + Outbound traffic. Based on value.

Jan 2013

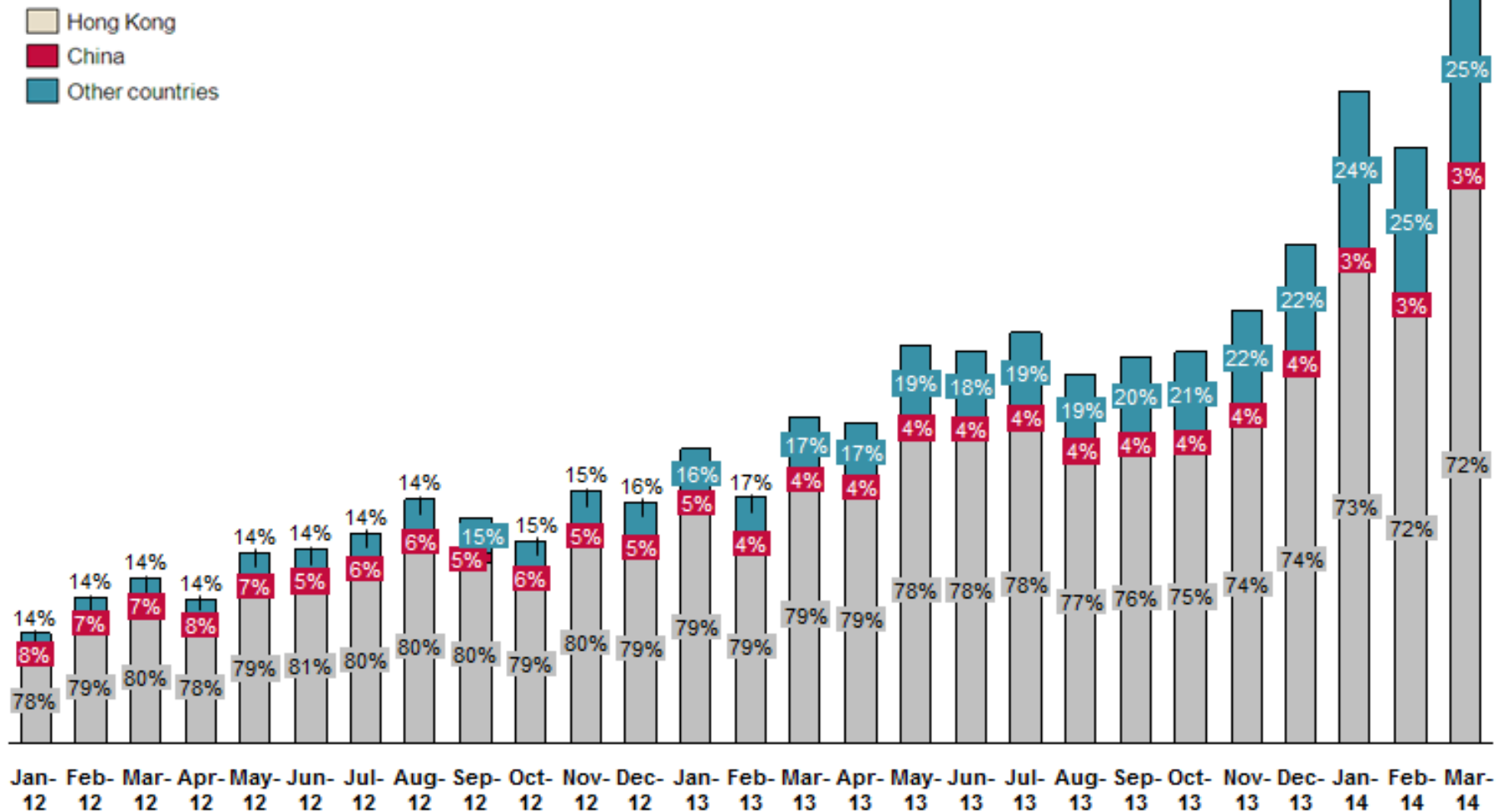


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RMB payments evolution

Customer initiated and institutional payments. Inbound + Outbound traffic. Based on value.



Source: SWIFT Watch

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