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<b>International organisations:</b>								
IMF	Sep 11	4.3	--	--	--	4.5	World Economic Outlook, Sep 2011.	
	Nov 11	4	--	--	--	4 to 5	2011 Article IV Consultation, 16 Nov 2011.	
	Apr 12	2.6	--	--	--	3.8	World Economic Outlook, Apr 2012.	
	Oct 12	1.8	--	--	--	3.8	World Economic Outlook, Oct 2012.	
ADB	Sep 11	4.7	--	--	--	3.3	Asian Development Outlook 2011 update, Sep 2011.	
	Apr 12	3	--	--	--	3.8	Asian Development Outlook 2012, Apr 2012.	
	Oct 12	1.6	--	--	--	3.8	Asian Development Outlook 2012 update, Oct 2012.	
<b>Consensus Economics (Mean of selected private sector economic forecasters):</b>								
	Apr 12	3	4.1	4.1	--	4.3	Asia Pacific Consensus Forecasts, Apr 2012.	
	May 12	2.7	4.3	4.9	--	4.3	Asia Pacific Consensus Forecasts, May 2012.	
	Jun 12	2.6	4.5	5.4	--	4.4	Asia Pacific Consensus Forecasts, Jun 2012.	
	Jul 12	2.4	4.2	5.3	--	4.4	Asia Pacific Consensus Forecasts, Jul 2012.	
	Aug 12	2.1	4	5.4	--	4.4	Asia Pacific Consensus Forecasts, Aug 2012.	
	Sep 12	1.8	3.9	5.5	--	4.1	Asia Pacific Consensus Forecasts, Sep 2012.	
	Oct 12	1.6	3.9	5.3	--	4.1	Asia Pacific Consensus Forecasts, Oct 2012.	
	Nov 12	1.6	3.9	5.6	--	4	Asia Pacific Consensus Forecasts, Nov 2012.	
<b>Private sector analysts:</b>								
(a) <i>Financial institutions</i>								
Bank of China (HK)	Dec 11	3.5	6	4.8	3	5.5	5	Economic Review, Dec 2011.
	Aug 12	2.5	--	--	--	--	5	Bank of China (HK), 6 Aug 2012.
	Nov 12	1.5	--	--	--	--	4.2	Bank of China (HK), Nov 2012.
HSBC	Dec 11	3.1	5	3	--	--	5.3	Macro Global Economics First Quarter 2012.
	Apr 12	3.3	--	--	--	--	5.3	Macro Asian Economics, 13 Apr 2012.
	Jun 12	3.1	5.1	4	--	--	5.3	Macro Asian Economics Third Quarter 2012.
	Oct 12	2	5	3.5	--	--	4.4	Macro Asian Economics Fourth Quarter 2012.
Standard Chartered Bank	Jan 12	2.9	--	--	--	--	3.5	Economics Weekly, 17 Jan 2012.
	May 12	2.9	--	--	--	--	3.5	Economics Weekly, 4 May 2012.
	Aug 12	2.3	--	--	--	--	3.5	Standard Chartered Bank, 7 Aug 2012.
	Nov 12	1.8	--	--	--	--	4	Economics Weekly, 9 Nov 2012.
Bank of America Merrill Lynch	Dec 11	3.9	--	--	--	--	4.5	Hong Kong Commerical Daily, 13 Dec 2011.
	Oct 12	1.4	--	--	--	--	4.3	Bank of America Merrill Lynch, Oct 2012.
Bank of East Asia	Jan 12	3.5	--	--	--	--	3	Bank of East Asia, 11 Jan 2012.
	Apr 12	3.5	--	--	--	--	3.5	Bank of East Asia, 27 Apr 2012.
	May 12	3	--	--	--	--	--	Bank of East Asia, 10 May 2012.
	Jul 12	2.5	--	--	--	--	4	Bank of East Asia, 31 Jul 2012.
	Nov 12	1.5	--	--	--	--	4	Bank of East Asia, 7 Nov 2012.

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Citigroup	Apr 12	3	3.1	-0.5	--	--	4	Asia Macro and Strategy Outlook, 20 Apr 2012.
	Jul 12	2.5	3.8	-0.5	--	--	4	Asia Macro and Strategy Outlook, 27 Jul 2012.
	Oct 12	2.2	4.4	-0.5	--	--	3.8	Asia Macro and Strategy Outlook, 26 Oct 2012.
CLSA	Mar 12	2	4	4.7	--	--	5.3	Eye on Asian Economies 2Q 2012.
	Jun 12	1.4	2.8	5.7	--	--	4.7	Eye on Asian Economies 3Q 2012.
	Sep 12	0.9	4.1	8.8	--	--	4.3	Eye on Asian Economies 4Q 2012.
Credit Suisse	Dec 11	3	3.9	4.5	--	--	4.9	Emerging Markets Quarterly, 7 Dec 2011.
	Mar 12	3	4	3.8	--	--	4.9	Emerging Markets Quarterly, 14 Mar 2012.
	Jun 12	2	3.8	5.7	--	--	4.7	Emerging Markets Quarterly, 14 Jun 2012.
	Sep 12	1.4	3.6	6.3	--	--	4.1	Emerging Markets Quarterly, 27 Sep 2012.
Daiwa Capital Markets	May 12	1.5	3.8	7.5	--	--	3.5	Hong Kong Economy, 31 May 2012.
	Sep 12	0.9	--	--	--	--	4.8	Regional Economy, 25 Sep 2012.
Deutsche Bank	Jan 12	3	5.2	1.2	--	--	4.6	Asia Economics Monthly, 12 Jan 2012.
	Apr 12	2	2.7	2.2	--	--	4.3	Asia Economics Monthly, 5 Apr 2012.
	Jul 12	1.5	2.5	6.7	--	--	4.9	Asia Economics Monthly, 23 Jul 2012.
	Oct 12	1.5	3.8	6.6	--	--	4	Asia Economics Monthly, 15 Oct 2012.
Hang Seng Bank	Jan 12	4	--	--	--	--	4.5	Hong Kong Economic Monitor, Jan 2012.
	Jun 12	3	--	--	--	--	4	Hong Kong Economic Monitor, Jun 2012.
	Jul 12	2	--	--	--	--	4	Hong Kong Economic Monitor, Jul 2012.
	Aug 12	2	--	--	--	--	4.2	Hong Kong Economic Monitor, Aug 2012.
	Sep 12	2	--	--	--	--	3.8	Hong Kong Economic Monitor, Sep 2012.
	Oct 12	1.5	--	--	--	--	3.8	Hong Kong Economic Monitor, Oct 2012.
JP Morgan Chase Bank	Jan 12	3	--	--	--	--	4.6	JP Morgan Chase Bank, 11 Jan 2012.
	May 12	2.8	--	--	--	--	4.4	JP Morgan Chase Bank, 4 May 2012.
	Aug 12	1.9	--	--	--	--	3.8	JP Morgan Chase Bank, 1 Aug 2012.
	Nov 12	1.2	--	--	--	--	4	JP Morgan Chase Bank, 5 Nov 2012.
Morgan Stanley Asia	May 12	2	3.5	4.2	--	--	4.5	Hong Kong Economics, 11 and 23 May 2012.
	Sep 12	1.2	3.5	4.2	--	--	4.2	Hong Kong Economics, 12 September 2012.
UBS	Jan 12	1.6	--	--	--	--	4	UBS, 11 Jan 2012.
	May 12	1.6	--	--	--	--	4.3	UBS, 3 May 2012.
	Aug 12	1.6	--	--	--	--	4.8	UBS, 2 Aug 2012.
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<b>(b) Others</b>								
Economist Intelligence Unit	Apr 12	2.8	4.2	3.3	--	--	3.6	Country Forecast, Apr 2012.
	May 12	2.8	4.2	3.3	--	--	4	Country Forecast, May 2012.
	Jun 12	2.6	4.2	3.7	--	--	4	Country Forecast, Jun 2012.
	Jul 12	2.6	2.9	3.2	--	--	4.2	Country Forecast, Jul 2012.
	Aug 12	1.8	3	2.3	--	--	3.9	Country Forecast, Aug 2012.
	Sep 12	1.5	3	4.7	--	--	3.7	Country Forecast, Sep 2012.
	Oct 12	1.6	3.2	7	--	--	3.7	Country Forecast, Oct 2012.
	Nov 12	1.6	3.2	7	--	--	4.1	Country Forecast, Nov 2012.
Standard & Poor's	Dec 11	2.5 to 3	--	--	--	--	2.5 to 3	RatingsDirect on the Global Credit Portal, 16 Dec 2011.
	Jul 12	2.7	--	--	--	--	--	Asia-Pacific Real GDP Growth Forecasts, 12 Jul 2012.
	Oct 12	1.8	--	--	--	--	4	Asia-Pacific Sovereigns, 9 October 2012.
Fitch Ratings	Dec 11	3.2	--	--	--	--	4.5	Sovereign Data Comparator, Dec 2011.
	May 12	2	--	--	--	--	4	Fitch Ratings, 7 May 2012.
	Jul 12	2	--	--	--	--	4	Fitch Ratings, 31 Jul 2012.
	Oct 12	1.2	--	--	--	--	3.6	Hong Kong Rating Report, 3 Oct 2012.
Moody's credit ratings	Sep 12	1.8	--	--	--	--	--	Now News, 20 Sep 2012.
Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce	Jan 12	2 to 4	--	--	--	--	5	HKGCC, 11 Jan 2012.
	Apr 12	2	--	--	--	--	5	HKGCC, 27 Apr 2012.
	Aug 12	1.5	--	--	--	--	4	HKGCC, 1 Aug 2012.
	Nov 12	1 to 2	--	--	--	--	4	HKGCC, 5 Nov 2012.
University of Hong Kong	Jan 12	2 to 3	--	--	--	--	4	2012 Q1 HK Macroeconomic Forecast, 4 Jan 2012.
	Apr 12	3 to 4	--	--	--	--	--	2012 Q2 HK Macroeconomic Forecast, 2 Apr 2012.
	Jul 12	2 to 2.5	--	--	--	--	--	2012 Q3 HK Macroeconomic Forecast, 11 Jul 2012.
	Oct 12	1.6	3.8	6.8	--	--	4.3	2012 Q4 HK Macroeconomic Forecast, 10 Oct 2012.

**Observation :**

The latest forecasts of real GDP growth for 2012 as a whole from the private sector analysts listed above have generally been marked down when compared to the forecasts put out early in the year. They are now mostly in the range of 1% to 2%, averaging at around 1.5%. The forecast rates of change in consumer prices are mostly in the range of 3.5% to 4.5%, averaging at around 4.1%.