There is a tendency in some quarters to exaggerate the RMB's role. Thus, the key message about the renminbi today is that the speculative element has dissipated. While this has caused some commentators to claim that the RMB market is losing confidence, the truth is rather more prosaic. What we are seeing today is a genuine trade and business activity without the speculative element.
attracting a strong investor order of RMB4.4 billion. Lanxess, the United Arab Emirates has recently completed its debut investor appetite for the ability to access well-known names. The success of these issues is hardly surprising given the strong investor interest that preceded the offer. In addition, trading for the bonds issued in 2012 for instance is still active at the all-time highs.

Another valuable development has been the growth in the overall trading interest. An important new innovation has been the RMB interest rate funded (irf) bond, as issued by the Temasek Methods Association, based upon data from eight participating banks. Nevertheless, there is still room for further improvements such as a faster growth in the number of banks quoting rates and the narrowing of interest rate spreads.

As an interesting recent development for trading irf bonds in London outside Asia trading hours. Although banks such as Standard Chartered have been making moves in London for some time to assure the market trading irf bonds, in June 2012 it was also possible to trade irf bonds on the back of extensive lobbying by the Chinese authorities. As large European banks have become more comfortable with trading irf bonds, it is evident that the local bank trading desks dealing RMB outside Asia will continue to evolve. On this point, it is also worth noting that SWIFT irf of the RMB denominated payment volumes on its network is now outside China and Hong Kong.

Trade settlement

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Another valuable development has been increasing FX activity among trade counterparties. One of the reasons for this has been the greater variety of issuers and a broader range of investors. There is also a sense that the offshore market is maturing rapidly and becoming an environment in which appreciable volumes can be regularly executed. There is also a sense that the market has entered a consolidation phase with less ‘froth’, which makes the completion of everyday business more practicable. The situation today set against the amplitude of the settlement process. The Central Moneymarkets Unit operated by the HKMA is automatically linked with Euroclear and Clearstream, so Euroclear investors with accounts with any of these European dealing mechanisms only have to open a single account with a Subsidiary in LONDON outside Asia trading hours. A further important success factor is the simplicity of the settlement process. The Central Moneymarkets Unit operated by the HKMA is automatically linked with Euroclear and Clearstream, so Euroclear investors with accounts with any of these European dealing mechanisms only have to open a single account with a Subsidiary in LONDON outside Asia trading hours.

A further factor was the wider appreciation that the currency could not always be assumed to be a one-way bet and that deposits being made for speculative rather than investment purposes declined sharply. In December 2011, RMB grew by 32.6% and the average declined by -0.3%. In addition, there was more lending into China as a result of regulatory changes. As an aside, it is also interesting to note that the value of payments sent and received by countries other than China and Hong Kong (as reported by the BIAC) have actually increased significantly – to 13% from 10% in October 2010. Furthermore, as highlighted in Figure 1, 2011 seen an overall volume of 79% is growing strongly in conjunction with payment volumes in other currencies.

Figure 1: SWIFT Payments January 2011–February 2012 (based on value)

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