

## ANZ-ROY MORGAN SOUTH KOREA CONSUMER CONFIDENCE

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### SOUTH KOREA CONSUMER CONFIDENCE FELL IN DECEMBER

#### HIGHLIGHTS

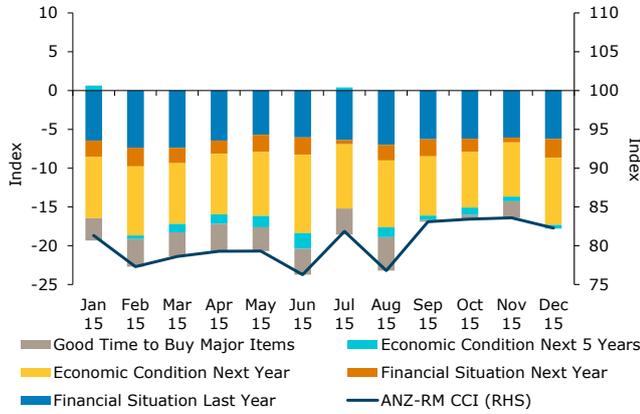
- ANZ-Roy Morgan South Korea Consumer Confidence fell by 1.3pts to 82.3 in December, compared with 83.6 last month.
- In terms of personal finances now 11% (up 1ppt) of respondents said their families are 'better off' financially than this time last year, compared to 42% (up 2ppts) that said their families are 'worse off'.
- Now, under a quarter of respondents, 24% (down 3ppts), expect their family will be 'better off' financially this time next year, while 36% (up a large 6ppts) expect their family to be 'worse off' financially.
- Thinking of economic conditions in South Korea going forward, a fifth (20%; down 4ppts) of respondents expect South Korea will have 'good times' economically over the next 12 months, compared to 63% (up 4ppts), that expect 'bad times' economically.
- Over the longer-term, now 37% (down 1ppt) of respondents expect South Korea will have 'good times' financially during the next five years and a slightly higher number – 40% (down 1ppt) – expect 'bad times' financially for South Korea.
- Now 36% (up a large 9ppts) of respondents say now is a 'good time to buy' major household items, while 36% (down 2ppts) say now is a 'bad time to buy' major household items.

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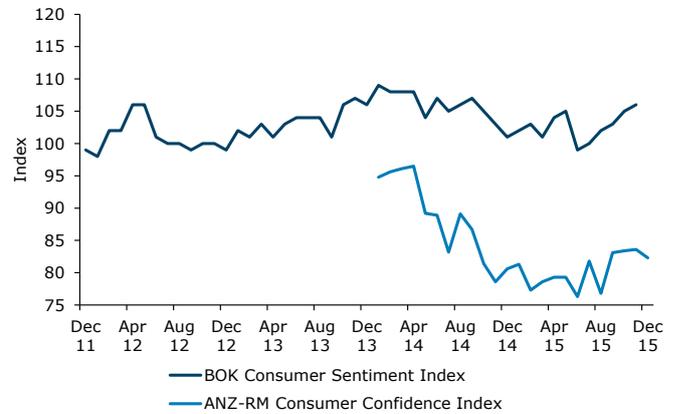
"The impact of the post-MERS recovery has peaked, yet household sentiment still managed to beat the level in the same month last year. Private consumption in Korea is expected to hold up in Q4.

However, with the end of the post-MERS recovery, policymakers can no longer stay put, as the improvement of economic sentiment failed to be sustained, exactly consistent with the recent assessment by the Bank of Korea. Today's data reinforces our call for cutting the interest rate by 50bps in H1 2016."

**FIGURE 1. ANZ-ROY MORGAN SOUTH KOREA CONSUMER CONFIDENCE INDEX**



**FIGURE 2. ANZ-ROY MORGAN SOUTH KOREA CONSUMER CONFIDENCE VS BOK CONSUMER SENTIMENT INDEX**



Source: Roy Morgan, ANZ Research

**FIGURE 3. ANZ-ROY MORGAN SOUTH KOREA CONSUMER CONFIDENCE**

		Jul 15	Aug 15	Sep 15	Oct 15	Nov 15	Dec 15
<b>ANZ-Roy Morgan Consumer Confidence Index</b>		<b>81.8</b>	<b>76.8</b>	<b>83.1</b>	<b>83.4</b>	<b>83.6</b>	<b>82.3</b>
<b>Sub-Index</b>							
<b>1. Financial situation compared with a year ago</b>	Balance	-31.9	-35.0	-31.4	-31.0	-30.3	-31.1
	Better off, %	10.7	10.0	10.2	11.2	9.7	11.4
	Worse off, %	42.6	45.0	41.6	42.2	40.0	42.5
<b>2. Financial situation next year</b>	Balance	-2.7	-10.0	-11.0	-8.6	-3.1	-12.2
	Better off, %	28.1	23.3	24.2	25.8	26.5	23.4
	Worse off, %	30.8	33.3	35.2	34.4	29.6	35.6
<b>3. Economic conditions next year</b>	Balance	-41.4	-43.1	-38.2	-35.8	-34.9	-43.3
	Good, %	21.6	20.4	23.4	23.2	23.6	19.8
	Bad, %	63.0	63.5	61.6	59.0	58.5	63.1
<b>4. Economic conditions next 5 years</b>	Balance	2.0	-6.4	-2.9	-4.8	-3.1	-2.4
	Good, %	40.7	35.9	38.3	37.2	37.9	37.4
	Bad, %	38.7	42.3	41.2	42.0	41.0	39.8
<b>5. Now a good time/bad time to buy major items</b>	Balance	-16.8	-21.5	-1.0	-2.6	-10.6	0.4
	Good, %	27.4	24.8	35.4	34.0	27.4	36.2
	Bad, %	44.2	46.3	36.4	36.6	38.0	35.8
<b>Inflation expectation</b>	%	2.6	2.5	2.3	2.5	2.4	5.0

Source: Roy Morgan, ANZ Research

## OBJECTIVE

ANZ-Roy Morgan Consumer Confidence Survey is a survey of South Korea's consumer sentiment and expectations. The results are presented in the form of a headline Consumer Confidence Index and Inflation Expectation. Conventionally, economists rely on 'hard' economic data, such as retail sales, in assessing the sentiment of households. However, there are often time lags between the collection and release of data by the national statistical authorities. Therefore, ANZ and Roy Morgan develop this consumer confidence index and aim to release the results in the same month the survey is conducted.

## DATA COLLECTION

The survey elicits respondents' expectation of inflation and prices. Data are collected from samples of at least 1,000 people per month (12,000 per annum) by telephone. The robust, representative sample is quota-controlled by gender and age. Disaggregation is available by age, gender, household income, occupation, education, employment status and area.

## SURVEY QUESTIONS

As opposed to other consumer sentiment surveys, one distinctive feature of the ANZ-Roy Morgan survey is its elicitation technique. More importantly, the questions ask about confidence in economic and financial situations – not about feelings. In the core consumer confidence survey, five categories of core questions such as economic wellbeing, financial conditions, price level, and inflation expectation are being asked.

## CONSUMER CONFIDENCE INDEX

ANZ-Roy Morgan Consumer Confidence Index is a diffusion index. The index indicates the relative strength of 'good' versus 'bad' or 'better off' versus 'worse off'. The index is computed through taking the arithmetic mean of the net balances (% saying good minus % saying bad) of the five core questions and adding 100. It is a very transparent methodology. As the study is conducted consistently in every data collection, the change of the index can provide a good gauge of consumer confidence over time.

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