



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

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September 2023

In August 2023, the RMB has retained its position as the fifth most active currency for global payments by value, with a share of 3.47%. Overall, RMB payments value increased by 18% compared to July 2023, whilst in general all payments currencies increased by 4.02%.

In terms of international payments excluding payments within the Eurozone, the RMB ranked 6th with a share of 2.59% in August 2023.

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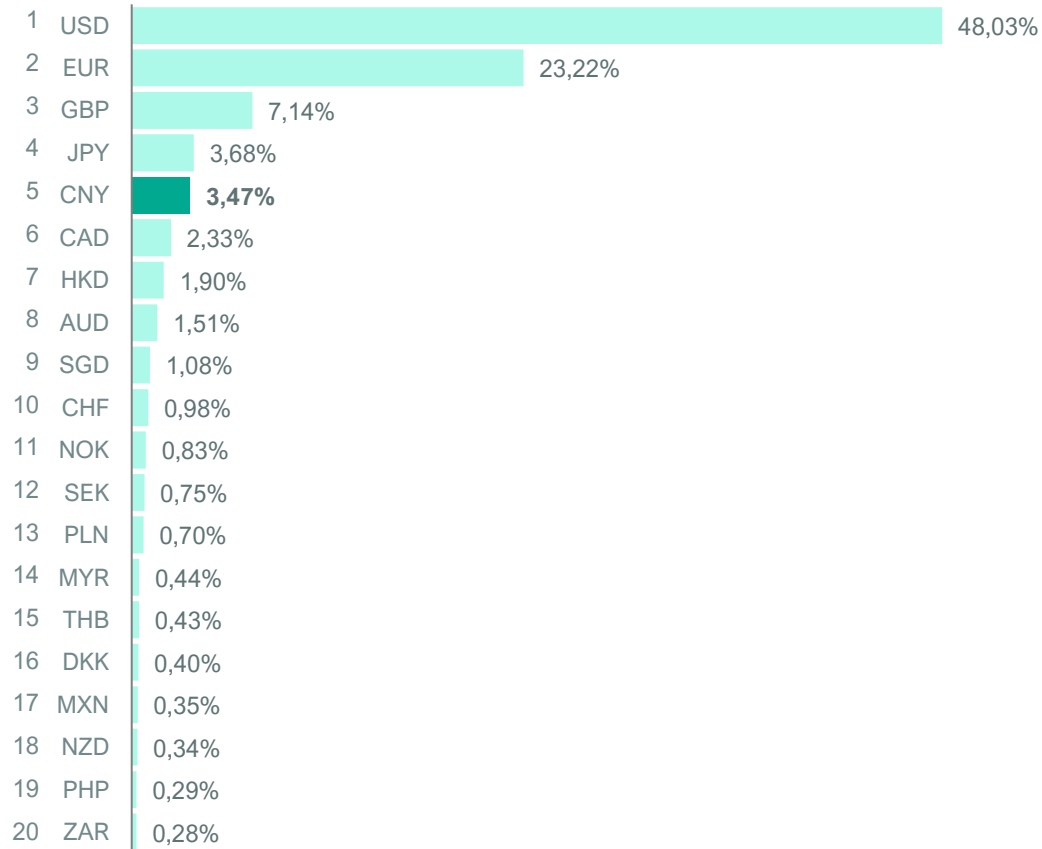


RMB's share as a global payment's currency & International payment's currency

Live and delivered, MT 103, MT 202 (Customer initiated and institutional payments), and ISO equivalent, Messages exchanged on Swift. Based on value.

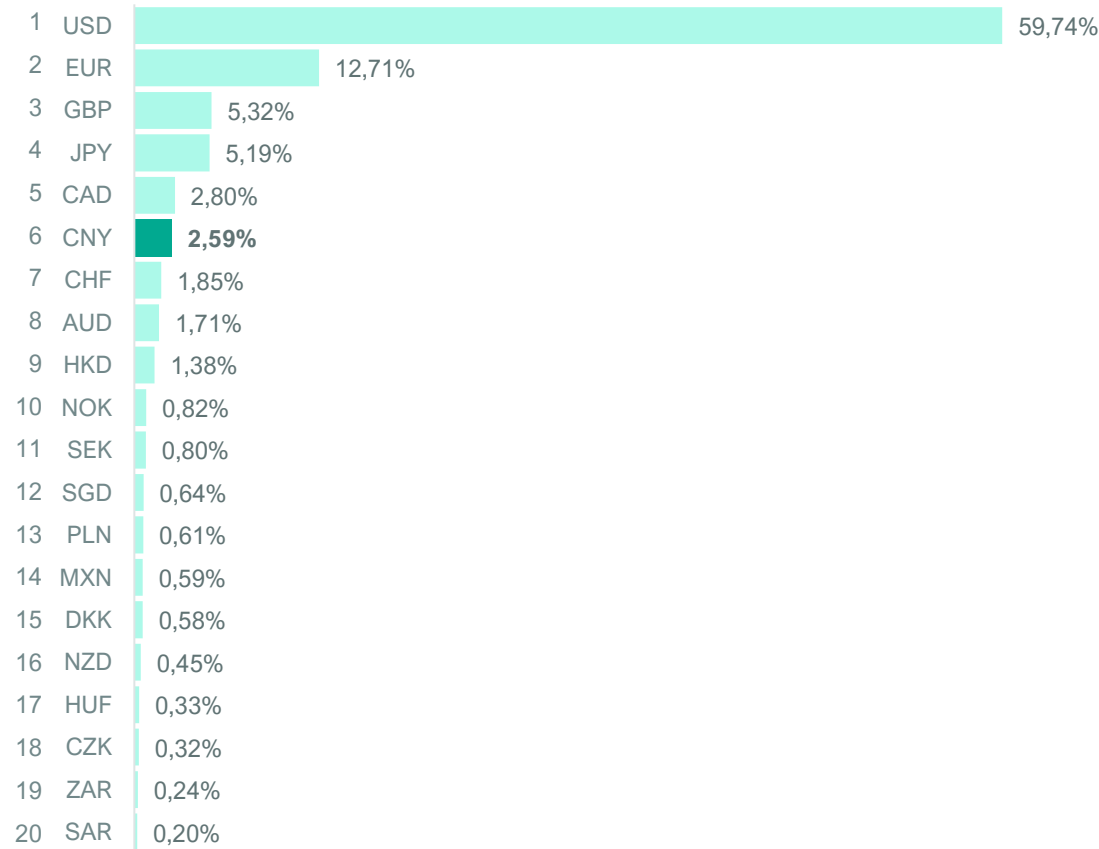
RMB's share as a global payment's currency

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RMB's share as an international payment's currency - Excluding payments within Eurozone

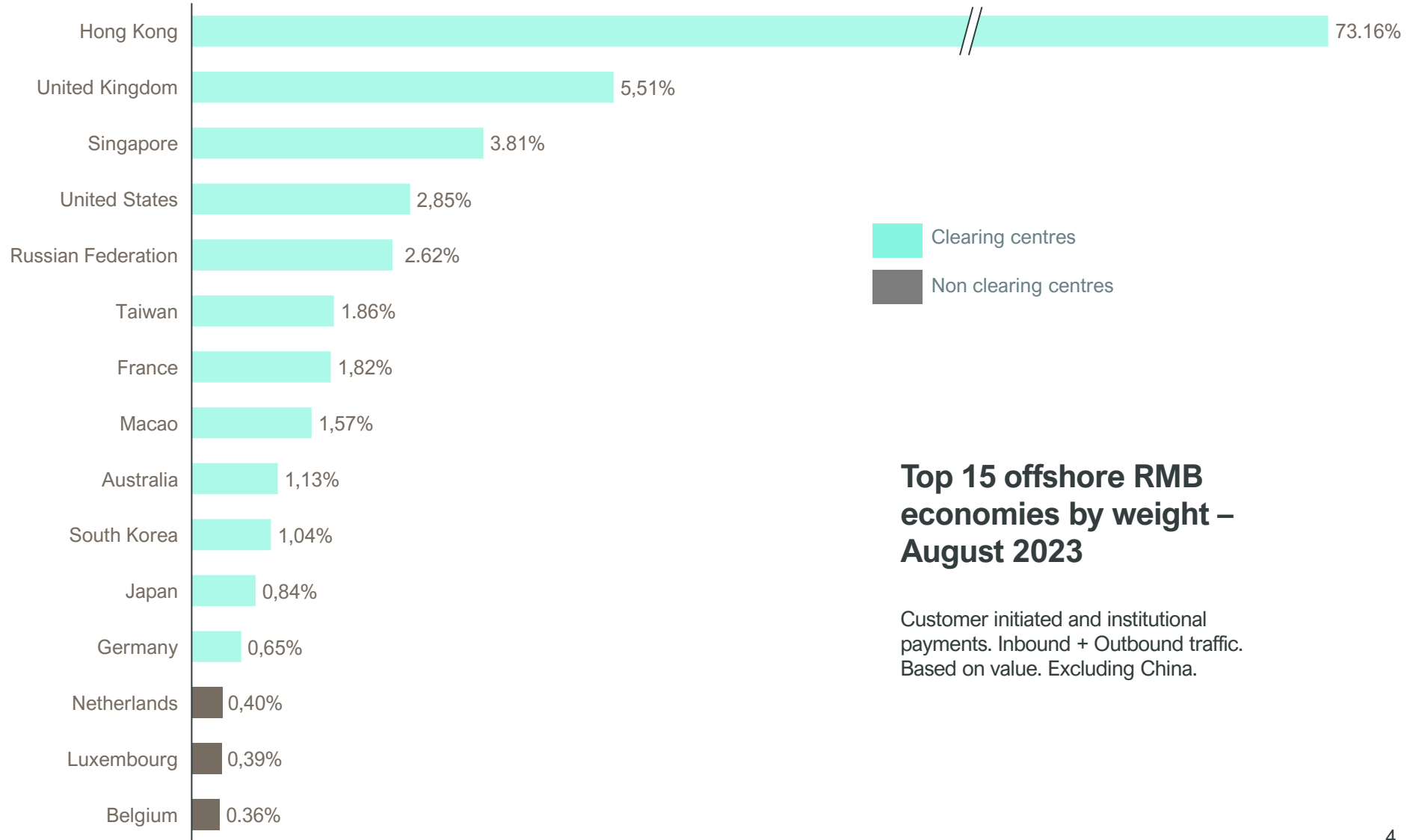
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Top 15 offshore RMB economies by weight – August 2023

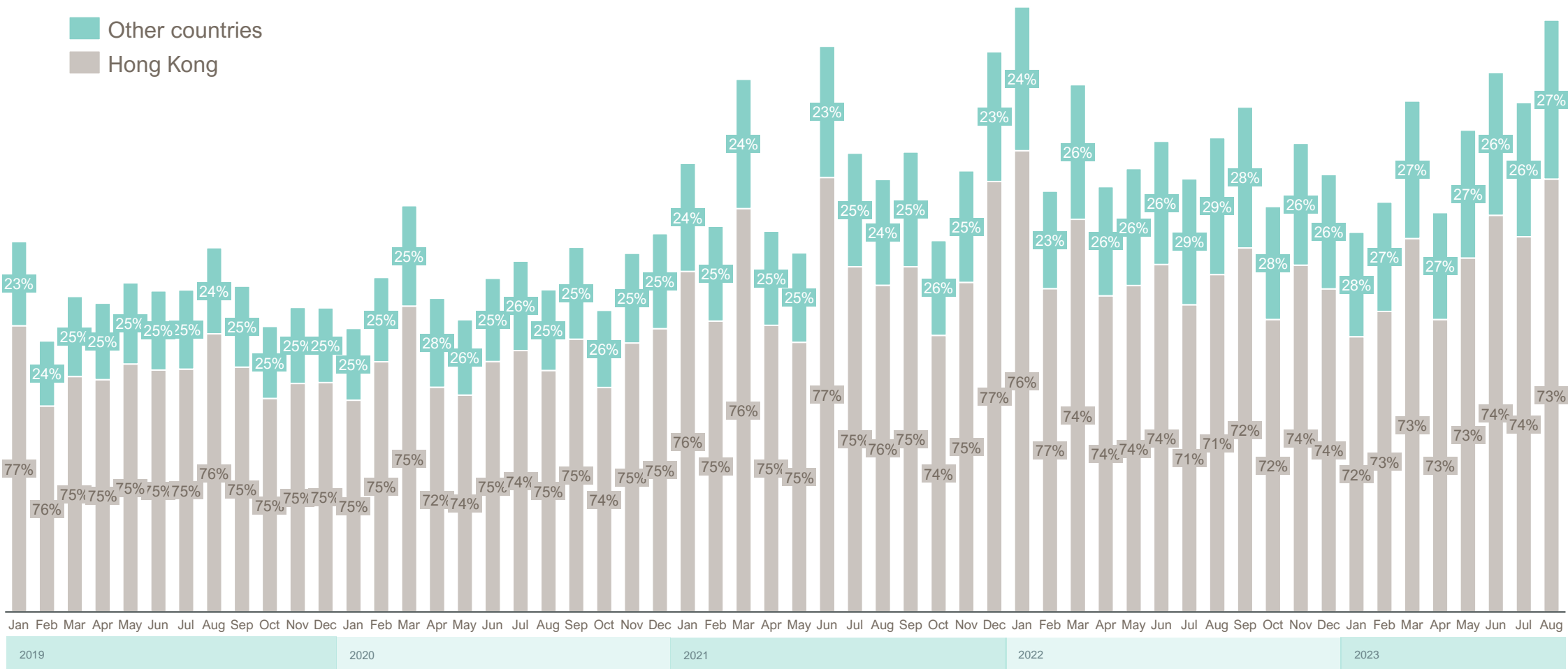
Customer initiated and institutional payments. Inbound + Outbound traffic. Based on value. Excluding China.

Offshore RMB payments evolution

Customer initiated and institutional payments. Excluding China.

Messages exchanged on Swift. Based on value.

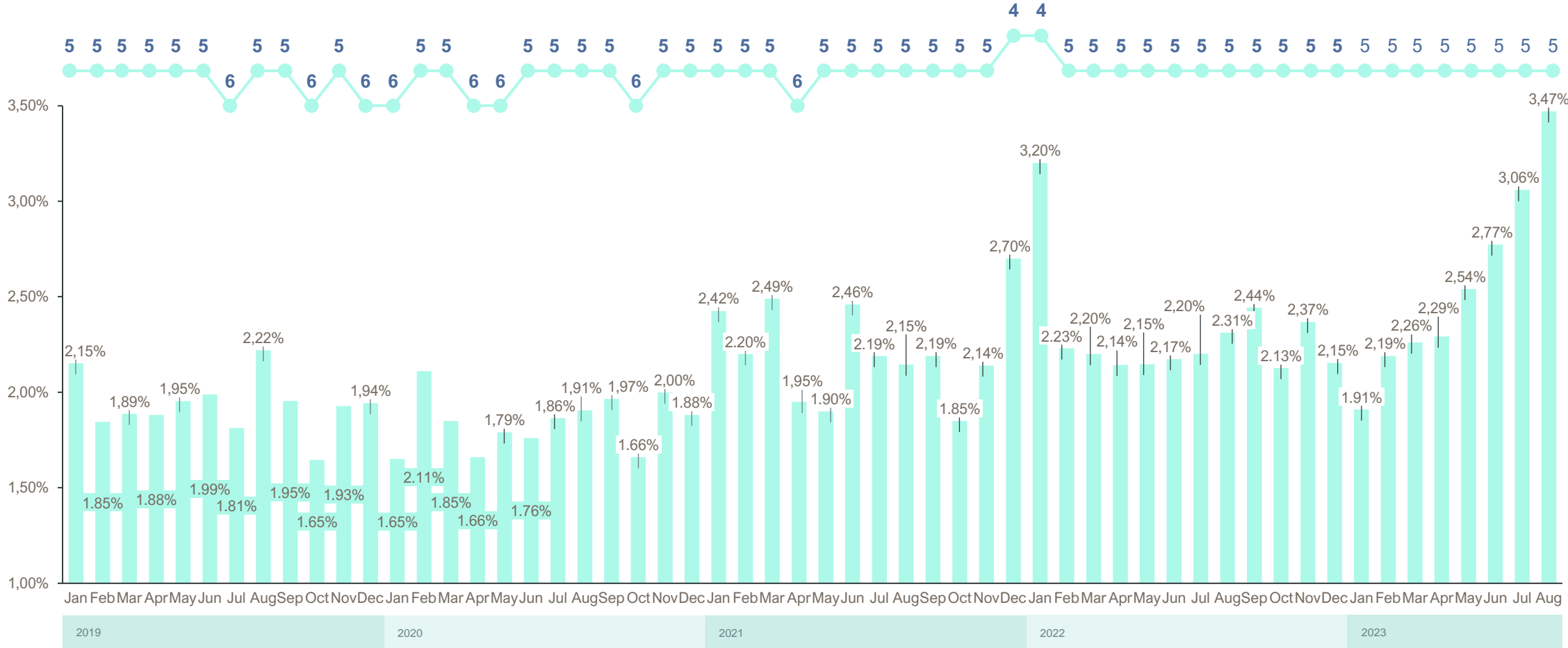
Other countries
Hong Kong



Evolution of RMB's share as a global payment's currency

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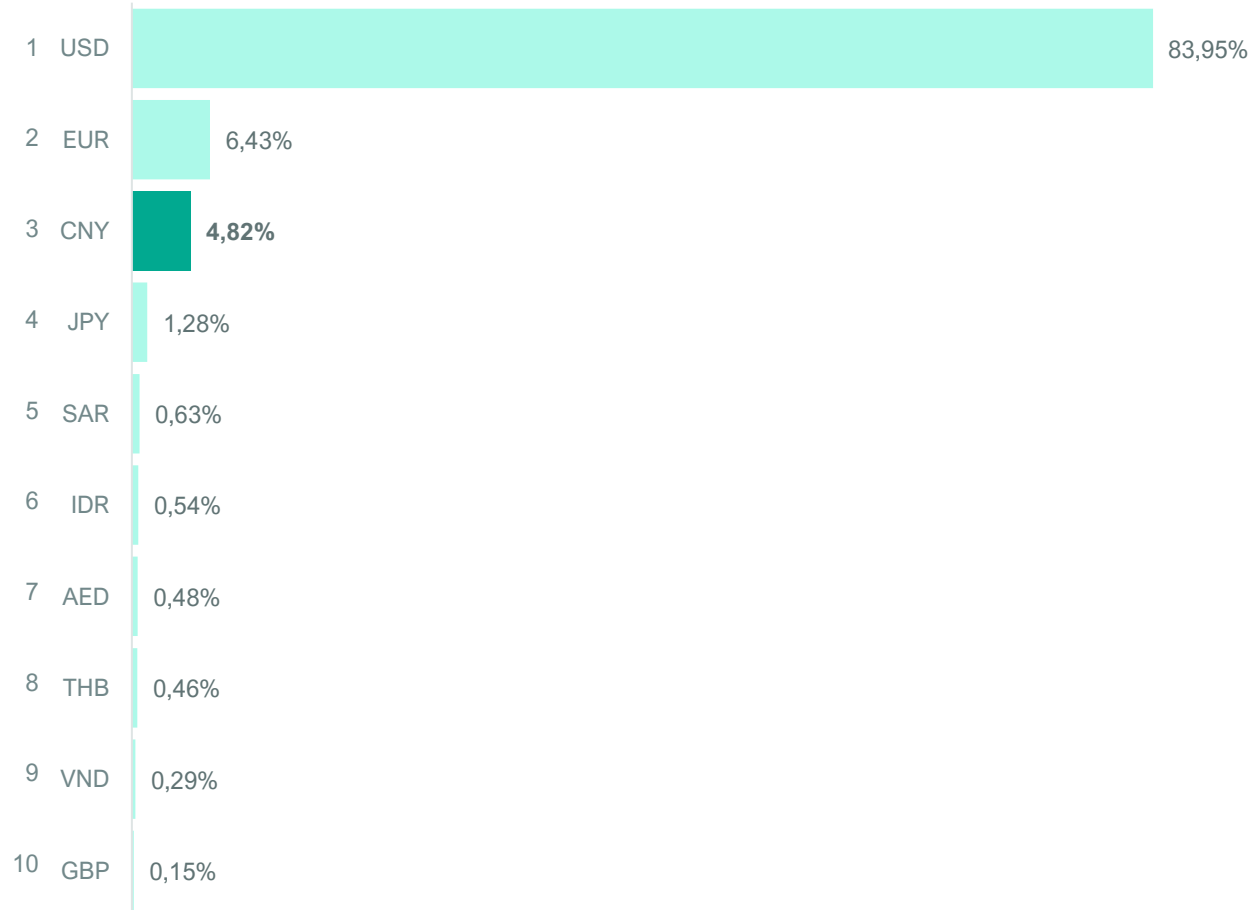
● RMB Ranking
 ■ RMB Share



RMB's share as a global currency in trade finance market

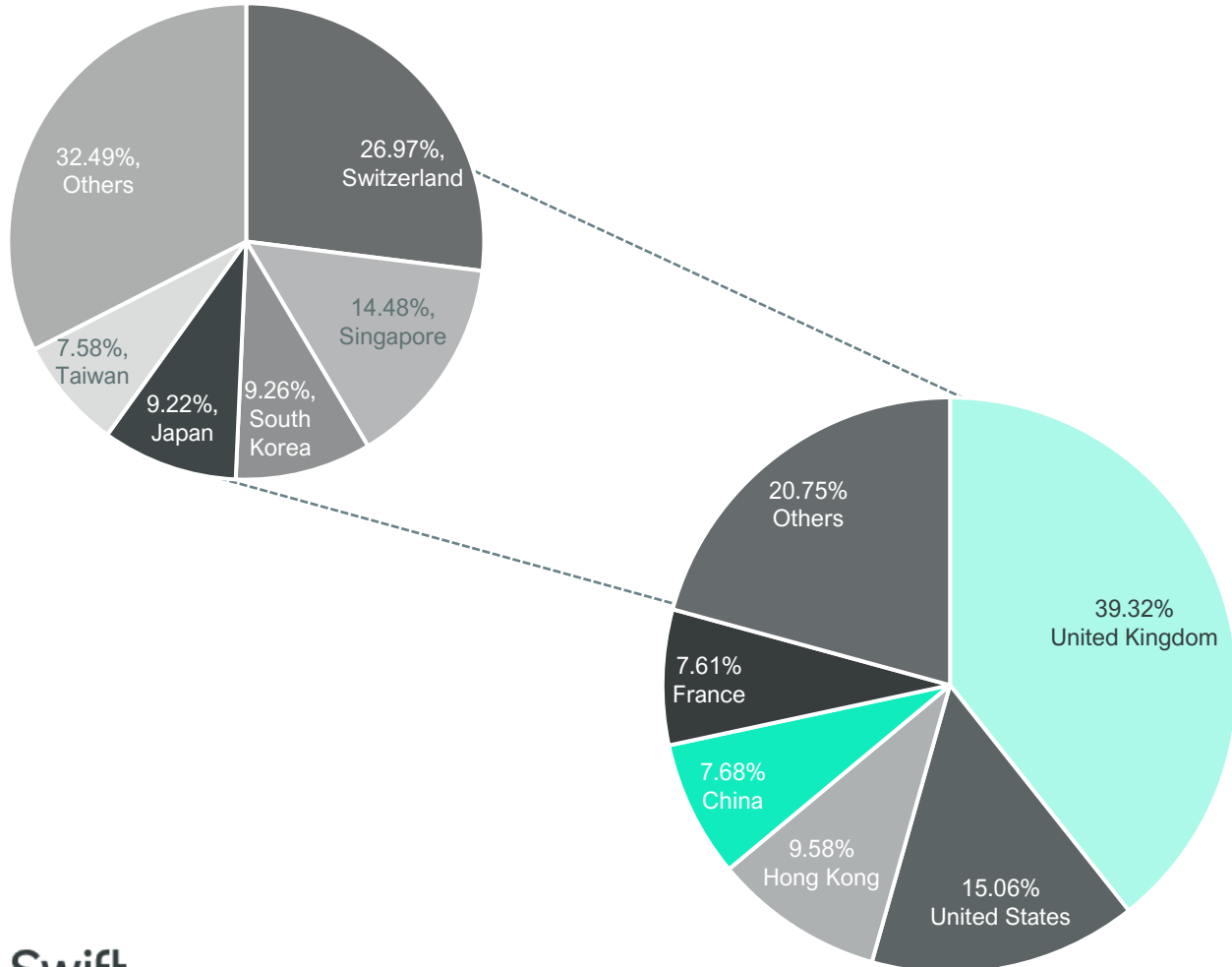
Live and delivered, **inter-group only** MT 400 and MT 700.
Messages exchanged on Swift. Based on value.

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Top economies doing FX Spot transactions in RMB

FX confirmations, including central banks, inter-group only.
MT 300 messages exchanged on Swift. Based on value.
August 2023



Currency used in FX Spot

FX confirmations, including central banks, inter-group only.
MT 300 messages exchanged on Swift.
Based on value, currency bought sent.
August 2023

POSITION	SPOT
1	USD
2	EUR
3	GBP
4	CNY
5	JPY
6	CAD
7	AUD
8	CHF
9	HKD
10	KRW

Insights behind recent data fluctuations

Following Europe's migration to the ISO 20022 standard for domestic and cross-border payments in March 2023, Swift has become aware of a change in market practice in the region.

A number of European central banks are now using camt.xxx reporting messages for liquidity management and to inform commercial banks of their open credit lines instead of MT 202 payment instruction messages that they used previously for these notification purposes. This behaviour shift creates a more accurate classification of financial data going forward, but also has the effect of excluding these previously counted messages from the RMB tracker data. This new market practice has led to a decrease of EUR by 15% over the past six months. As more markets and payments shift to the new standard, there could be similar changes in market practice in other parts of the world that would, in turn, lead to some recalibration in the overall data and currency positions.

Due to this change in market practice, Swift has decided to remove the history in our currency rankings.

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