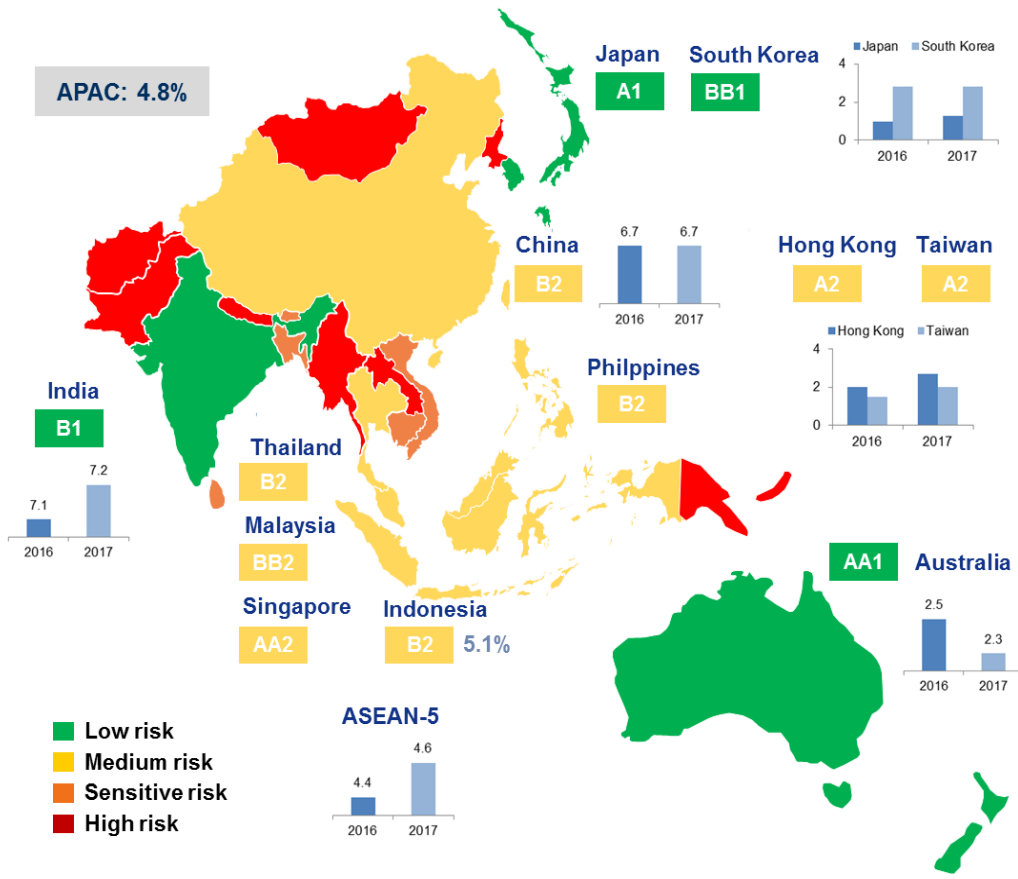


Asia-Pacific: The Trade Boost

GDP growth in 2017 (forecast) and country risk ratings as of Q2 2017



Growth in the **Asia-Pacific region** is picking up and should reach +4.8% in 2017

Reasons include:

- The resilience of **China**, whose GDP is forecast to expand by +6.7%
- The improvement in **global trade**. Most ASEAN countries and regional trade hubs are indeed at the forefront of rising activity