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Exhibit 1: Economic indicators for Jan-Feb

YoY% or otherwise specified	Jan-Feb 2014	Jan-Feb 2013
CPI	2.3	2.6
PPI	(1.8)	(1.6)
Exports	(1.6)	23.6
Imports	10.0	5.0
Trade Balance (US\$/bn)	8.9	44.2
FAI (YTD YoY %)	17.9	21.2
Industrial production (YTD YoY %)	8.6	9.9
Retail Sales (YTD YoY %)	11.8	12.3
M2	13.3	15.2
New loans (RMB/bn)	1964.5	1690
Total social financing (RMB/bn)	3518.7	3615.1

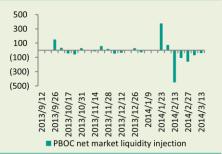
Source(s): NBS, Bloomberg, ABCI Securities

**Exhibit 2: Government target for 2014** 

2014 target	2013 target	2013 (Actual)
7.5	7.5	7.7
3.5	3.5	2.6
17.5	18.0	19.6
14.5	14.5	13.1
7.5	8.0	7.6
13.0	13.0	13.6
1350	1200	1060.1
2.1	2.0	1.9
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Source(s): 2014 Government Work Report, NBS, Bloomberg, ABCI Securities

Exhibit 3: PBOC maintain tight liquidity management since 2014 (RMB bn)



Source(s): Bloomberg, ABCI Securities

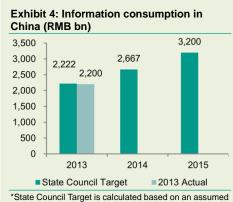
# NPC: Major reforms and beneficiaries

The 12th National People's Congress (NPC) successfully concluded on March 13. This year's NPC commenced with Premier Li Keqiang's first government work report, shedding insights on policies to stabilize and restructure China's economy. Economic and social targets for 2014 were laid out during the session, with discussion focusing heavily on reengineering new drivers to achieve sustainable growth. Challenges in 2014 will include slowing economic activities, as revealed by the lower FAI, industrial production, and retail sales in 2M14. Nevertheless, the Chinese government's determination to reform may suggest a new vision for China: economy will be driven by market forces, while sustainable growth and environmental concerns would be prioritized over breakneck economic growth. We believe this year the government would achieve greater success in implementing its aims than its predecessors.

Promised reforms for sustainable growth. China maintains a 7.5% growth target for 2014 and promises extensive reforms in economic structure. The relatively modest growth projection after decades of rapid growth suggests the Chinese leaders are starting to prioritize economic sustainability, environmental protection and social stability. Its days of chasing rapid economic growth are over, and the government vows to wage wars against pollution and reduces the pace of investment to a decade-low. Although economic indicators in 2M14 showed signs of a slowdown, the promised reforms will encourage private investment, reduce government's red tape and accelerate paces in environmental protection, resulting in a more stable rebound in economic activities over the next few months.

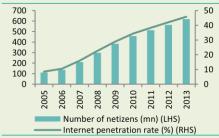
Deepening financial reform. In 2014, financial reform will be mainly focused on interest rate liberalization, exchange rate trading band expansion, development of deposit insurance system, internet banking regulation, and establishment of regional banks funded by private capital. The government will manage market expectation by encouraging more innovations in financial products and services, as the reform aims to create a more sophisticated financial market sustainable for long-term development. For monetary policy, PBOC will maintain a prudent stance and apply policy tools when needed. Nonetheless, we believe an RRR cut is unlikely, since the current policy tools enable flexible and adept liquidity management. China Cinda (1359 HK), PICC Group (1339 HK), and China Galaxy Securities (6881 HK) will be the main beneficiaries of China's financial reform in 2014, in our view.

Consumption is the key growth driver. In 2014, the government will pursue for more information consumption with the implementation of "Broadband China" project, which will upgrade the current mobile network to 4G, accelerate development of the IT industries, and stimulate investment in network infrastructure. Increase in information consumption will be favorable to Tencent (700 HK), Kingsoft (3888 HK), and ZTE (763 HK). In addition, logistics was emphasized in this year's government work report. We believe that improvement in logistics infrastructure will encourage private



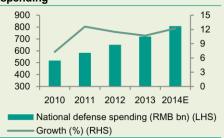
\*State Council Target is calculated based on an assume 20% YoY growth Source(s): MIIT, PRC State Council, ABCI Securities

#### Exhibit 5: China's netizens



Source(s): CNNIC, ABCI Securities

# Exhibit 6: Central budget for military spending



Source(s): Ministry of Finance, ABCI Securities

# Exhibit 7: Urbanization rate in China (%)



Source(s): NBS, 2014 Report On the Work of the Government, ABCI Securities

consumption and reduce additional costs transferred to consumers. To support the domestic economy, the government also plans to increase the total national expenditure to RMB 15.3037tn in 2014 (excluding payments for local government bonds). Among the major expenditures, spending on environmental protection and guaranteed housing will rise; national defense is budgeted to be RMB 808.23bn, up 12.2% YoY, benefiting AviChina (2357 HK) and China all access (633 HK).

Policies to facilitate agricultural reform. The government will continue to support the agricultural industry by deploying comprehensive measures to ensure stable price and supply. Moreover, strong support will be offered to rural improvement, which includes promoting national and local water conservancy projects, increasing procurement of new machineries, optimizing crop varieties, and enhancing rural infrastructure. Rural land system reform will be on track to grant farmers more property rights and guide the flow of land use rights. We expect First Tractor (38 HK), Sound Global (967 HK), and Sinofert (297 HK) to capitalize on relevant reforms in the sector.

Accelerating urbanization. With the targeted urbanization rate of 54.6%, the government is set to speed up the process. Gradually, rural residents will be able to obtain permanent residency in small-and medium-sized cities; children of new urban residents will have better access to education in the cities; basic public services will be available to all urban residents. In the future, about 100 mn rural residents will move to urban regions. The government will re-develop urban slum towns inhabited by about 100 mn citizens, and guide 100 mn citizens to migrate to central and western regions to facilitate urbanization. We expect urbanization to spur additional investments, stimulate private demand and enhance social mobility essential to modernize China. We believe that China State Construction (3311 HK) and Fosun International (656 HK) will gain on the arising opportunities.

Environmental protection initiatives. As China realizes that the enormous cost of pollution will eventually hinder economic growth, environmental protection became the key focus in this year's NPC. The government not only established specific targets to reduce pollution, but also will transform the ways that energy is generated and consumed. Clean energy will be used more widely in electricity generation; smart grid will be integrated in energy distribution; application of green technology will increase; new pricing mechanism for gas and water consumption will be in place. We believe these strengthened environmental efforts will have positive impacts on China Everbright International Ltd (257 HK), Beijing Enterprises Water (371 HK), Guodian Tech (1296 HK), BYD company (1211 HK), GCL-Poly Energy (3800 HK), Singyes Solar (750 HK), China Gas Holdings Ltd (384 HK), ENN Energy (2688 HK), Huaneng Renewables (958 HK), and Xinjiang Goldwind (2208 HK).

**Healthcare and population policy.** The government is set to increase healthcare spending for urban and rural residents in 2014. It is expected that spending on public health services per capita, individual contribution and government subsidies for residents will be

Exhibit 8: environmental m	Reduction etrics (%)	in	major
Metric	2014 target	2013	2012
Energy consumption per unit of GDP	3.90	3.70	3.60
carbon dioxide emissions per unit of GDP	4.00	4.36	5.02
Emissions of sulfur dioxide	2.00	3.48	4.52
Chemical oxygen demand	2.00	2.93	3.05
Ammoniacal nitrogen	2.00	3.14	2.62
Nitrogen oxides emissions	5.00	4.72	2.77
Water consumption per 10,000 yuan of value-added of industry	5.20	5.7	8.00

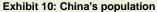
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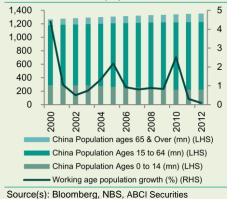
Exhibit 9: Central budget for healthcare spending (RMB)

Year	Avg. medical subsidies*	Spending on public health services per capita
2009	80	
2010	120	15
2011	200	25
2012	240	25
2013	280	30
2014E	320	35

<sup>\*</sup> Subsidies to new rural cooperative medical care system and basic medical insurance for non-working urban residents

Source(s): Ministry of Finance, ABCI Securities





raised in 2014. Insurance for serious illness will also increase. For the healthcare sector, we recommend Fosun Pharma (2196 HK) and Sihuan Pharma (460 HK). Regarding China's population policy, the government will relax its grip by allowing married couples to have two children if one of the parents is an only child. We believe the demographic change will be positive to Hengan International (1044 HK), Mengniu Dairy (2319 HK), and Goodbaby (1086 HK) in the long term.

Industrial restructuring towards new strategic industries. Industrial restructuring is also crucial to upgrading the Chinese economy. There is a genuine need for China to restructure many industries so as to move up the value chain, reduce overcapacity, and fight pollution. In addition, the country's leading position in traditional low-end manufacturing industries is threatened by neighboring countries, which are competitive in production and labor costs. China will gradually steer away from many traditional industries to develop new industries identified as strategically important to economic growth.



			C	hina E	conom	ic Indi	cators							
						2013							2014	
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb
Real GDP (YoY%)			7.7			7.5			7.8			7.7		
Export Growth (YoY%)	25.0	21.8	10.0	14.7	1.0	(3.1)	5.1	7.2	(0.3)	5.6	12.7	5.8	10.6	(18.1)
Import Growth (YoY%)	28.8	(15.2)	14.1	16.8	(0.3)	(0.7)	10.9	7.0	7.4	7.6	5.3	6.5	10.0	10.1
Trade Balance (USD/bn)	29.2	15.3	(0.9)	18.2	20.4	27.1	17.8	28.5	15.2	31.1	33.8	32.3	31.9	(22.99)
Retail Sales Growth (YoY%)	12.	3	12.6	12.8	12.9	13.3	13.2	13.4	13.3	13.3	13.7	13.6	11.	8
Industrial Production (YoY%)	9.9	)	8.9	9.3	9.2	8.9	9.7	10.4	10.2	10.3	10.0	9.7	8.6	6
PMI - Manufacturing (%)	50.4	50.1	50.9	50.6	50.8	50.1	50.3	51.0	51.1	51.4	51.4	51.0	50.5	50.2
PMI - Non-manufacturing (%)	56.2	54.5	55.6	54.5	54.3	53.9	54.1	53.9	55.4	56.3	56.0	54.6	53.4	55.0
FAI(YTD) (YoY%)	21.	2	20.9	20.6	20.4	20.1	20.1	20.3	20.2	20.1	19.9	19.6	17.	9
CPI (YoY%)	2.0	3.2	2.1	2.4	2.1	2.7	2.7	2.6	3.1	3.2	3.0	2.5	2.5	2.0
PPI (YoY%)	(1.6)	(1.6)	(1.9)	(2.6)	(2.9)	(2.7)	(2.3)	(1.6)	(1.3)	(1.5)	(1.4)	(1.4)	(1.6)	(2.0)
M2(YoY%)	15.9	15.2	15.7	16.1	15.8	14.0	14.5	14.7	14.2	14.3	14.2	13.6	13.2	13.3
New Lending (RMB/bn)	1070.0	620.0	1060.0	792.9	667.4	860.5	699.9	711.3	787.0	506.1	624.6	482.5	1320	644.5

**World Economic/Financial Indicators** 

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E	Equity Indi		
	Closing price	Chg. WTD (%)	P/E
	U.S.		
DJIA	16,108.89	(2.09)	15.10
S&P 500	1,846.34	(1.69)	17.02
NASDAQ	4,260.42	(1.75)	30.62
MSCI US	1,768.09	(1.71)	17.27
	Europe		
FTSE 100	6,553.78	(2.37)	17.00
DAX	9,017.79	(3.56)	16.94
CAC40	4,250.51	(2.65)	25.39
IBEX 35	9,950.30	(2.10)	17.76
FTSE MIB	20,591.82	(0.21)	N/A
Stoxx 600	324.51	(2.57)	18.98
MSCI UK	1,930.62	(2.42)	16.78
MSCI France	119.28	(2.49)	25.03
MSCI Germany	123.48	(3.54)	16.10
MSCI Italy	58.93	(0.07)	N/A
	Asia		
NIKKEI 225	14,391.16	(5.78)	19.62
S&P/ASX 200	5,343.20	(2.18)	19.67
HSI	21,541.04	(4.94)	10.03
HSCEI	9,251.08	3 (4.72)	6.92
CSI300	2,129.91	(1.77)	9.93
SSE Composite	2,008.36	6 (2.41)	10.10
SZSE Composite	1,078.45	(2.16)	28.27
MSCI China	57.42	(4.19)	9.04

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	Global Cor	nmodities					
	Unit	Price	Chg. WTD (%)	Volume (5- day avg.)			
	Ene	rgy					
NYMEX WTI	USD/bbl	98.22	(4.25)	280,624			
ICE Brent Oil	USD/bbl	107.57	(1.31)	142,745			
NYMEX Natural Gas	USD/MMBtu	4.38	(5.11)	105,705			
Australia Newcastle Steam Coal Spot fob <sup>2</sup>	USD/Metric Tonne	74.30	N/A	N/A			
	Basic Metals						
LME Aluminum Cash	USD/MT	1,698.75	(1.44)	11,162			
LME Aluminum 3 -mth. Rolling Fwd.	USD/MT	1,741.00	(1.36)	38,022			
CMX Copper Active	USD/lb.	298.35	(5.48)	670			
LME Copper 3- mth Rolling Fwd.	USD/MT	6,415.00	(5.41)	87,842			
TSI CFR China Iron Ore Fines Index <sup>3</sup>	USD	111.50	(2.36)	N/A			
	Precious	Metals					
CMX Gold	USD/T. oz	1,372.20	2.54	169,775			
CMX Silver	USD/T. oz	21.24	1.49	48,982			
NYMEX Platinum	USD/T. oz	1,480.60	(0.20)	11,835			
	Agricultura	I Products	s				
CBOT Corn	USD/bu	481.50	0.10	2,444			
CBOT Wheat	USD/bu	679.00	5.07	87			
NYB-ICE Sugar	USD/lb.	17.82	(1.05)	63,860			
CBOT Soybeans	USD/bu.	1,388.75	(4.72)	1,212			
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Bond Yields 8	& Key Ra	ites
	Yield (%)	Chg. WTD
US Fed Fund Rate	0.25	0.00
US Prime Rate	3.25	0.00
US Discount Window	0.75	0.00
US Treasury (1 Mth)	0.0507	0.00
US Treasury (5 Yr)	1.5196	(11.7)
US Treasury (10 Yr)	2.6463	(14.2)
Japan 10-Yr Gov. Bond	0.6350	0.70
China 10-Yr Gov. Bond	4.4800	0.00
ECB Rate (Refinancing)	0.25	0.00
1-Month LIBOR	0.1550	(0.15)
3 Month LIBOR	0.2334	(0.23)
O/N SHIBOR	1.8765	(11.8)
1-mth SHIBOR	3.8680	(71.8)
3-mth HIBOR	0.3750	0.07
Corporate Bonds	(Moody'	s)
Aaa	4.42	(4.00)
Baa	5.11	(3.00)

# Note:

- Data sources: Bloomberg
   Finance LP, National Bureau
   of Statistics of China, ABCIS
   (updated on date of report)
- Australia Newcastle Steam
   Coal Spot fob is the Australia
   Newcastle 6700 kc GAD fob
   Steam Coal Spot price
   published by McCloskey
- TSI CFR China Iron Ore
   Fines Index is calculated with
  the 62% Fe specification,
  spot price

Currency								
	Euro/USD	GBP/USD	AUD/USD	USD/JPY	USD/CHF	USD/CNY	USD/HKD	USD/CNY NDF 12-Mth
Spot Rate	1.3861	1.6622	0.9013	101.66	0.8754	6.1446	7.7649	6.2105
Chg. WTD (%)	(0.10)	(0.54)	(0.61)	1.59	0.29	(0.28)	(0.05)	(1.02)



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Market return: 5-year average market return rate from 2009-2013

Time horizon of share price target: 12-month

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Rating	Definition
Very high	2.6 ≤180 day volatility/180 day benchmark index volatility
High	1.5 ≤ 180 day volatility/180 day benchmark index volatility < 2.6
Medium	1.0 ≤180 day volatility/180 day benchmark index volatility < 1.5
Low	180 day volatility/180 day benchmark index volatility < 1.0

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