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### Exhibit 1: Economic indicators for Oct 2013

| YoY% or otherwise<br>specified | Oct<br>2013 | Sept<br>2013 |
|--------------------------------|-------------|--------------|
| CPI                            | 3.2         | 3.1          |
| PPI                            | (1.5)       | (1.3)        |
| Exports                        | 5.6         | (0.3)        |
| Imports                        | 7.6         | 7.4          |
| Trade Balance<br>(US\$/bn)     | 31.1        | 15.2         |
| FAI (YTD%)                     | 20.1        | 20.2         |
| Industrial production          | 10.3        | 10.2         |
| Retail Sales                   | 13.3        | 13.3         |
| M2                             | 14.3        | 14.2         |
| New loans (RMB/bn)             | 506.1       | 787          |

Source(s): National Bureau of Statistics, Bloomberg

# Exhibit 2 Industrial production is trending up (YTD YoY%)



Source(s): National Bureau of Statistics, Bloomberg

## Exhibit 3: External trade is steadily recovering (YoY%)



Source(s): National Bureau of Statistics, Bloomberg

## October data – Recovery on track

Entering 4Q13, the Chinese economy recorded an accelerated recovery in manufacturing and exports, boosting the government's confidence and determination to restructure its economy in the coming decade. The October economic data confirms a mild recovery. Looking forward, we believe economic policies will remain accommodative and lagged impacts of consumption, investment, and fiscal stimulus will be felt as the quarter progresses.

Inflation pressure is looming but still under control. In October, CPI was 3.2% YoY, driven mainly by the food price CPI that accelerated to 6.5% YoY. Within the food category, prices of fresh vegetables grew 31.5% YoY. CPI of other product categories stayed mostly the same as the previous month. However, decline in PPI widened to 1.5% YoY. The factory-gate deflation was mainly driven by the larger-than-expected decline in prices of "Means of production". We expect CPI to continue rising in 4Q, but the index will remain below the target of 3.5% YoY. We also anticipate that deflation in PPI will continue to narrow for the rest of the year.

YTD FAI growth stabilized above 20%. For October, the YTD FAI growth came in slightly lower than expected at 20.1% YoY (September: 20.2%YoY). The mild deceleration was mainly caused by the decline in real estate investment. The YoY growth rates of the floor space under construction and newly started buildings were lower than that of September. In addition, investment in construction sector further contracted, contributing to the lower-than-expected FAI growth in October. As the economy stabilizes, we expect economic growth to be driven more by consumption than FAI.

Industrial production growth was higher than expected. Industrial production in October grew 10.3% YoY, the highest since December 2012. Continuous improvement in growth of industrial production and PMI indicate recovery in China's manufacturing sector. Although the improvement could be partly attributed to the low base last year, we believe the consistent growth among major product categories for the past 10 months unanimously point to a sustainable recovery, and that the positive momentum will continue in the near future.

**Retail sales recorded flat growth.** October's retail sales grew 13.3% YoY, the same as September, with seven out of the 14 product categories under the "Retail sales of goods" showing slower growth. Among which, "Garments, Footwear, Hats, Knitwear" and "Catering services" registered high single-digit growth. We expect that retail sales in November and December to improve on sales promotion for the festive season.

High-flying trade data for October. Trade in October was better than expected. Exports/imports grew 5.6%/7.6% YoY (September: -0.3%/7.4% YoY) while trade balance increased to US\$ 31.1 billion (September: US\$ 15.2 billion). The positive trade data reflects that China's economy is stabilizing on the back of strong domestic demand and recovering developed markets. Looking ahead to November and December, we believe that imports will continue to improve on strong domestic demand. Exports, however, may suffer from the uncertain outlook in Europe and the still vulnerable external



trade environment indicated by the lower-than-expected transaction volume in the latest China Export and Import Fair.

New loans and M2 growth reflect prudent monetary policies are still in play. M2 growth for October was higher than expected at 14.3% YoY (September: 14.2% YoY), while new loans was much lower than expected at RMB 506.1 billion. We believe the accelerated M2 growth was mainly a result of low-base effect rather than strong credit demand. Moreover, we believe the lower new loans number in October can be attributed to the 'holiday effect' and the lower desire for banks to increase lending as their full-year targets are almost fulfilled. In our view, a similar trend in M2 growth and new loans will persist for the rest of the year.



|                              |       |       | С     | hina E | conomic | Indicat | ors   |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|--------|---------|---------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
|                              | 2012  |       |       | 2013   |         |         |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|                              | Oct   | Nov   | Dec   | Jan    | Feb     | Mar     | Apr   | May   | Jun   | Jul   | Aug   | Sep   | Oct   |
| Real GDP (YoY%)              |       |       | 7.9   |        |         | 7.7     |       |       | 7.5   |       |       | 7.8   |       |
| Export Growth (YoY%)         | 11.6  | 2.9   | 14.1  | 25.0   | 21.8    | 10.0    | 14.7  | 1.0   | (3.1) | 5.1   | 7.2   | (0.3) | 5.6   |
| Import Growth (YoY%)         | 2.4   | 0     | 6     | 28.8   | (15.2)  | 14.1    | 16.8  | (0.3) | (0.7) | 10.9  | 7.0   | 7.4   | 7.6   |
| Trade Balance (USD/bn)       | 32.11 | 19.63 | 31.6  | 29.2   | 15.3    | (0.9)   | 18.2  | 20.4  | 27.1  | 17.8  | 28.5  | 15.2  | 31.1  |
| Retail Sales Growth (YoY%)   | 14.5  | 14.9  | 15.2  |        | 12.3    | 12.6    | 12.8  | 12.9  | 13.3  | 13.2  | 13.4  | 13.3  | 13.3  |
| Industrial Production (YoY%) | 9.6   | 10.1  | 10.3  |        | 9.9     | 8.9     | 9.3   | 9.2   | 8.9   | 9.7   | 10.4  | 10.2  | 10.3  |
| PMI - Manufacturing (%)      | 50.2  | 50.6  | 50.6  | 50.4   | 50.1    | 50.9    | 50.6  | 50.8  | 50.1  | 50.3  | 51.0  | 51.1  | 51.4  |
| PMI - Non-manufacturing (%)  | 55.5  | 55.6  | 56.1  | 56.2   | 54.5    | 55.6    | 54.5  | 54.3  | 53.9  | 54.1  | 53.9  | 55.4  | 56.3  |
| FAI(YTD) (YoY%)              | 20.7  | 20.7  | 20.6  |        | 21.2    | 20.9    | 20.6  | 20.4  | 20.1  | 20.1  | 20.3  | 20.2  | 20.1  |
| CPI (YoY%)                   | 1.7   | 2     | 2.4   | 2.0    | 3.2     | 2.1     | 2.4   | 2.1   | 2.7   | 2.7   | 2.6   | 3.1   | 3.2   |
| PPI (YoY%)                   | (2.8) | (2.2) | (1.9) | (1.6)  | (1.6)   | (1.9)   | (2.6) | (2.9) | (2.7) | (2.3) | (1.6) | (1.3) | (1.5) |
| M2 (YoY%)                    | 14.1  | 13.9  | 13.8  | 15.9   | 15.2    | 15.7    | 16.1  | 15.8  | 14.0  | 14.5  | 14.7  | 14.2  | 14.3  |
| New Lending (RMB/bn)         | 505.2 | 522.9 | 454.3 | 1070.0 | 620.0   | 1060.0  | 792.9 | 667.4 | 860.5 | 699.9 | 711.3 | 787.0 | 506.1 |

#### **World Economic/Financial Indicators**

| E                 | Equity Indi   | ces             |       |
|-------------------|---------------|-----------------|-------|
|                   | Closing price | Chg.<br>WTD (%) | P/E   |
|                   | U.S.          |                 |       |
| DJIA              | 15,761.78     | 0.00            | 15.28 |
| S&P 500           | 1,770.61      | 0.00            | 16.76 |
| NASDAQ            | 3,919.23      | 0.00            | 23.53 |
| MSCI US           | 1,692.30      | 0.00            | 16.94 |
|                   | Europe        | !               |       |
| FTSE 100          | 6,716.29      | 0.12            | 20.28 |
| DAX               | 9,082.02      | 0.04            | 14.91 |
| CAC40             | 4,267.10      | 0.16            | 18.35 |
| IBEX 35           | 9,725.50      | (0.22)          | 56.49 |
| FTSE MIB          | 18,951.04     | (0.06)          | 391.4 |
| Stoxx 600         | 323.12        | 0.12            | 20.92 |
| MSCI UK           | 1,982.06      | 0.00            | 20.17 |
| MSCI France       | 118.76        | 0.00            | 21.05 |
| MSCI<br>Germany   | 124.65        | 0.00            | 14.34 |
| MSCI Italy        | 54.55         | 0.00            | 97.92 |
|                   | Asia          |                 |       |
| NIKKEI 225        | 14,269.84     | 1.30            | 20.78 |
| S&P/ASX 200       | 5,387.14      | (0.25)          | 22.57 |
| HSI               | 23,069.85     | 1.43            | 10.45 |
| HSCEI             | 10,582.90     | 1.85            | 7.90  |
| CSI300            | 2,315.89      | 0.34            | 10.84 |
| SSE<br>Composite  | 2,109.47      | 0.16            | 10.56 |
| SZSE<br>Composite | 1,004.94      | 0.71            | 37.19 |
| MSCI China        | 60.75         | 0.00            | 9.52  |
| MSCI<br>Hong Kong | 11,924.40     | 0.00            | 10.79 |
| MSCI Japan        | 725.59        | 0.00            | 15.98 |

| Global Commodities                                      |                     |            |                 |                         |  |  |  |  |
|---|---------------------|------------|-----------------|-------------------------|--|--|--|--|
|   | Unit                | Price      | Chg.<br>WTD (%) | Volume (5-<br>day avg.) |  |  |  |  |
|   | Energy              |            |                 |                         |  |  |  |  |
| NYMEX WTI   | USD/bbl             | 94.35      | (0.26)          | 246,114                 |  |  |  |  |
| ICE Brent Oil   | USD/bbl             | 105.44     | 0.30            | 239,007                 |  |  |  |  |
| NYMEX Natural Gas                                       | USD/MMBtu           | 3.56       | 0.08            | 120,519                 |  |  |  |  |
| Australia Newcastle<br>Steam Coal Spot fob <sup>2</sup> | USD/Metric<br>Tonne | 80.60      | N/A             | N/A                     |  |  |  |  |
| Basic Metals  |                     |            |                 |                         |  |  |  |  |
| LME Aluminum Cash                                       | USD/MT              | 1,771.25   | 0.00            | 23,353                  |  |  |  |  |
| LME Aluminum<br>3 -mth. Rolling Fwd.                    | USD/MT              | 1,815.00   | 0.00            | 32,272                  |  |  |  |  |
| CMX Copper Active                                       | USD/lb.             | 326.60     | 0.37            | 54,239                  |  |  |  |  |
| LME Copper 3- mth<br>Rolling Fwd.                       | USD/MT              | 7,167.50   | 0.00            | 47,733                  |  |  |  |  |
| TSI CFR China<br>Iron Ore Fines Index <sup>3</sup>      | USD                 | 135.90     | 0.44            | N/A                     |  |  |  |  |
|   | Precious            | Metals     |                 |                         |  |  |  |  |
| CMX Gold  | USD/T. oz           | 1,281.50   | (0.24)          | 129,220                 |  |  |  |  |
| CMX Silver  | USD/T. oz           | 21.31      | (0.06)          | 37,550                  |  |  |  |  |
| NYMEX Platinum  | USD/T. oz           | 1,439.20   | (0.26)          | 8,051                   |  |  |  |  |
|   | Agricultura         | I Products | S               |                         |  |  |  |  |
| CBOT Corn   | USD/bu              | 430.50     | 0.88            | 227,859                 |  |  |  |  |
| CBOT Wheat  | USD/bu              | 651.75     | 0.31            | 61,384                  |  |  |  |  |
| NYB-ICE Sugar   | USD/lb.             | 18.12      | 0.22            | 49,785                  |  |  |  |  |
| CBOT Soybeans   | USD/bu.             | 1,294.50   | (0.12)          | 96,410                  |  |  |  |  |

| Bond Yield<br>Interest    |              | ′           |
|---------------------------|--------------|-------------|
|                           | Yield<br>(%) | Chg.<br>WTD |
| US Fed Fund<br>Rate       | 0.25         | 0.000       |
| US Prime Rate             | 3.25         | 0.000       |
| US Discount<br>Window     | 0.75         | 0.000       |
| US Treasury<br>(1 Mth)    | 0.0355       | 0.000       |
| US Treasury<br>(5 Yr)     | 1.4118       | 0.000       |
| US Treasury<br>(10 Yr)    | 2.7477       | 0.000       |
| Japan 10-Yr<br>Gov. Bond  | 0.5970       | 0.003       |
| China 10-Yr<br>Gov. Bond  | 4.2500       | 0.030       |
| ECB Rate<br>(Refinancing) | 0.25         | (0.25)      |
| 1-Month LIBOR             | 0.1685       | 0.00        |
| 3 Month LIBOR             | 0.2394       | 0.002       |
| O/N SHIBOR                | 3.6000       | (0.16)      |
| 3-Month HIBOR             | 0.3807       | 0.001       |
| Corporate Bonds           | (Moody       | 's)         |
| Aaa                       | 4.57         | 0.03        |
| Baa                       | 5.33         | 0.04        |

#### 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
- 3. TSI CFR China Iron Ore Fines Index is calculated with the 62% Fe specification, spot price

|                 |          |         |         | Currer  | псу     |         |         |                       |
|-----------------|----------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|-----------------------|
|                 | Euro/USD | GBP/USD | AUD/USD | USD/JPY | USD/CHF | USD/CNY | USD/HKD | USD/CNY NDF<br>12-Mth |
| Spot Rate       | 1.3385   | 1.6016  | 0.9371  | 99.09   | 0.9209  | 6.0914  | 7.7528  | 6.1595                |
| Chg. WTD<br>(%) | 0.13     | (0.01)  | (0.15)  | (0.04)  | 0.07    | (0.01)  | (0.01)  | (0.02)                |



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| Rating | Definition   |
|--------|--|
| Buy    | Stock return ≥ Market return rate                      |
| Hold   | Market return – 6% ≤ Stock return < Market return rate |
| Sell   | Stock return < Market return – 6%                      |

Stock return is defined as the expected % change of share price plus gross dividend yield over the next 12 months

Market return: 5-year average market return rate from 2007-2011

Time horizon of share price target: 12-month

#### Definition of share price risk

| 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       |
|           |   |

We measure share price risk by its volatility relative to volatility of benchmark index. Benchmark index: Hang Seng Index.

Volatility is calculated from the standard deviation of day to day logarithmic historic price change. The 180-day price volatility equals the annualized standard deviation of the relative price change for the 180 most recent trading days closing price.

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