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#### Exhibit 1: China's GDP growth (YoY %)



Source(s): NBS, ABCI Securities estimates

# China NPC conference: More strategic changes on the way

The National People's Congress (NPC) is set to convene on March 5, 2014. This year's NPC will deliberate on major issues pivotal to China's reform and economic development in the coming years. We believe the annual government report to be delivered at NPC for approval will address strategic economic topics and provide guidance on future policy orientations. We expect that the session will focus on maintaining economic growth, urbanization, population control policies, reforms in SOE sector, and strengthening environmental protection.

Balanced economic growth is prioritized. NPC will continue to support the government's efforts to cultivate a consumption-led economy and diversify economic structure. We believe details on expanding private consumption and policies to stimulate development in high-tech industries will be revealed during the session. In addition, measures to crack down lavish spending by government officials will be proposed.

**Urbanization will accelerate.** Urbanization, as a critical driver of economic growth in the next decade, is expected to be discussed at length during the NPC. Main issues, including Infrastructure construction, such as urban rail and IT network establishment, as well as complementary policies on social mobility and social security benefits, are likely to be covered.

Easing of one-child policy may be implemented nationwide in 2014. Relaxation of the "One-child" policy, which allows families to have two children if one of the parents is an only child, was announced by the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress in November 2013. We believe the new policy would be implemented nationwide starting from 2014 to ensure sustainable population growth and a healthy age distribution.

**SOE** sector reform to enhance efficiency and competitiveness. SOE sector reform is likely to have a clearer direction after the NPC. We expect utilization of private capital in industries dominated by SOE, loosening of government control in certain industries, and reform within state-owned firms would be emphasized to promote economic efficiency and competitiveness of local companies.

Fortifying environmental protection. The session will continue to address multiple issues challenging social stability, including serious pollution problems in the country resulted from years of pursuing high economic growth. The government's determination to resolve the pressing pollution issues can be seen in recent efforts, such as deemphasizing GDP growth and setting up a RMB 10 billion fund to reduce air pollution. More stringent legislations and tightened oversight on resource-intensive and high-pollution industries can be expected in 2014.



			Chin	a Ecor	omic I	ndicate	ors						
						2013							2014
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan
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
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
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
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	
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	
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
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
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	
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
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)
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
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

# World Economic/Financial Indicators Global Commodities

	Equity Indic	200	
	Closing price	Chg. WTD (%)	P/E
	U.S.		
DJIA	16,130.40	(0.15)	15.14
S&P 500	1,840.76	0.12	17.01
NASDAQ	4,272.78	0.68	N/A
MSCI US	1,763.91	0.17	17.25
	Europe		
FTSE 100	6,801.92	2.08	16.40
DAX	9,652.39	(0.10)	15.43
CAC40	4,327.80	(0.28)	22.55
IBEX 35	9,986.30	(1.45)	19.12
FTSE MIB	20,364.13	(0.35)	97.57
Stoxx 600	334.50	0.35	22.15
MSCI UK	2,004.57	2.00	16.46
MSCI France	120.99	(0.17)	22.21
MSCI Germany	132.22	0.01	15.13
MSCI Italy	58.81	0.27	97.04
	Asia		
NIKKEI 225	14,766.53	3.17	20.18
S&P/ASX 200	5,408.24	1 0.97	19.81
HSI	22,664.52	2 1.64	10.27
HSCEI	10,057.52	2 1.25	7.48
CSI300	2,308.66	0.57	10.97
SSE Composite	2,142.55	5 1.26	10.76
SZSE Composite	1,157.20	1.65	31.52
MSCI China	60.56	1.25	9.56
MSCI Hong Kong	11,822.08	3 0.36	10.95
MSCI Japan	756.00	3.45	15.09

Global Commodities								
	Unit	Price	Chg. WTD (%)	Volume (5- day avg.)				
Energy								
NYMEX WTI	USD/bbl	102.54	2.23	233,644				
ICE Brent Oil	USD/bbl	110.04	0.88	95,587				
NYMEX Natural Gas	USD/MMBtu	5.70	9.40	199,424				
Australia Newcastle Steam Coal Spot fob <sup>2</sup>	USD/Metric Tonne	75.80	N/A	N/A				
Basic Metals								
LME Aluminum Cash	USD/MT	1,721.75	1.13	45,048				
LME Aluminum 3 -mth. Rolling Fwd.	USD/MT	1,766.00	1.17	27,596				
CMX Copper Active	USD/lb.	329.40	0.90	50,709				
LME Copper 3- mth Rolling Fwd.	USD/MT	7,195.00	0.63	33,182				
TSI CFR China Iron Ore Fines Index <sup>3</sup>	USD	124.40	0.97	N/A				
	Precious	s Metals						
CMX Gold	USD/T. oz	1,321.60	0.23	143,104				
CMX Silver	USD/T. oz	21.86	2.05	66,003				
NYMEX Platinum	USD/T. oz	1,420.80	(0.65)	9,563				
Agricultural Products								
CBOT Corn	USD/bu	449.25	0.90	184,679				
CBOT Wheat	USD/bu	612.75	2.38	75,038				
NYB-ICE Sugar	USD/lb.	16.16	3.39	92,856				
CBOT Soybeans	USD/bu.	1,359.50	1.64	123,775				

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)	0.0101	0.00
US Treasury (5 Yr)	1.4720	(5.26)
US Treasury (10 Yr)	2.7033	(3.95)
Japan 10-Yr Gov. Bond	0.6050	0.60
China 10-Yr Gov. Bond	4.5100	2.00
ECB Rate (Refinancing)	0.25	0.00
1-Month LIBOR	0.1540	(0.05)
3 Month LIBOR	0.2346	(0.13)
O/N SHIBOR	2.4030	(87.5)
1-mth SHIBOR	5.2942	(19.9)
3-mth HIBOR	0.3761	(0.10)
Corporate Bonds	(Moody	s)
Aaa	4.50	1.00
Baa	5.13	0.00

# 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	1.3755	1.6721	0.9023	102.16	0.8887	6.0764	7.7554	6.1119
Chg. WTD (%)	0.45	(0.16)	(0.12)	(0.35)	0.43	(0.17)	0.00	(0.03)



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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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