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#### Exhibit 1: Nov'13 Economic indicators

| YoY% or otherwise<br>specified | Nov<br>2013 | Oct<br>2013 |
|--------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| CPI                            | 3.0         | 3.2         |
| PPI                            | (1.4)       | (1.5)       |
| Exports                        | 12.7        | 5.6         |
| Imports                        | 5.3         | 7.6         |
| Trade Balance<br>(US\$/bn)     | 33.8        | 31.1        |
| FAI (YTD%)                     | 19.9        | 20.1        |
| Industrial production          | 10.0        | 10.3        |
| Retail Sales                   | 13.7        | 13.3        |
| M2                             | 14.2*       | 14.3        |
| New loans (RMB/bn)             | 560*        | 506.1       |
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\*Forecast Source(s): National Bureau of Statistics, Bloomberg ABCI Securities

# November data bring cheers

China's newly released indicators for November posted solid growth, reflecting acceleration in consumption and exports as well as moderation in inflation. As the stronger-than-expected macro data confirm the effectiveness of recent supportive measures, we expect the Chinese government will continue to pursue reform in key policy areas with the goal of sustaining healthy economic growth. With major GDP drivers strengthening, we believe that the Chinese economy will sustain the growth momentum in the remainder of the year and the Chinese government will maintain an accommodative policy stance to facilitate economic rebalancing in 2014.

Inflation pressure slowed. November CPI growth fell to 3.0% YoY (-0.1% MoM) from October's 3.2% YoY. Food prices rose by 5.9% YoY (-0.2% MoM) and remain as the key driver of CPI. With the improved weather, vegetables prices dropped by 3.8% MoM, which helped contain food inflation. Non-food CPI was stable, edging up 1.6% YoY, and was echoed by the narrowing PPI decline of 1.4% YoY. We forecast that CPI will remain stable in December with the annual rate concluding at 2.7% YoY.

YTD FAI growth moderated. The YTD growth of FAI moderated to 19.9% YoY (October: 20.1% YoY). The mild slowdown was mainly caused by weaker-than-expected growth in the manufacturing sector. Primary and tertiary sector still posted strong growth of 31.7% and 21.5%. Real estate investment remained resilient, with YTD growth of 19.5% YoY in November (October: 19.2% YoY). In order to accelerate urbanization, we believe the government will encourage more FAI in infrastructure and railways in coming months.

Output inventories is returning to normal level. Industrial production grew by a meager 10 % YoY in November (October: 10.3% YoY), revealing the slowdown in restocking activities within the manufacturing sector. Overall, November industrial production data indicates that demand for industrial goods dropped slightly and the trend is likely to continue in the coming months.

**Retail sales recorded an accelerating growth.** November's retail sales grew by 13.7% YoY (October: 13.3% YoY). Consumption appears to be in an uptrend, in which demand for consumer discretionary further expanded. Among which, "Household Appliances and AV Equipment" went up by 19.6% YoY and "Furniture" jumped by 24.8% YoY.

Strong trade data boosted by low-base effect and stabilizing external demand. Trade in November was better than expected. Exports/imports grew by 12.7%/5.3% YoY (October: 5.6%/7.6% YoY), while trade balance increased to US\$ 33.8 billion (October: US\$ 31.1 billion). The positive trade data reflect that China's economy is stabilizing on the back of strong domestic demand and the recovering developed markets. For December, we believe that external trade will exhibit a high single-digit growth.



| China Economic Indicators    |       |       |        |        |        |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|------------------------------|-------|-------|--------|--------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
|                              | 201   | 2     |        | 2013   |        |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|                              | Nov   | Dec   | Jan    | Feb    | Mar    | Apr   | May   | Jun   | Jul   | Aug   | Sep   | Oct   | Nov   |
| Real GDP (YoY%)              |       | 7.9   |        |        | 7.7    |       |       | 7.5   |       |       | 7.8   |       |       |
| Export Growth (YoY%)         | 2.9   | 14.1  | 25.0   | 21.8   | 10.0   | 14.7  | 1.0   | (3.1) | 5.1   | 7.2   | (0.3) | 5.6   | 12.7  |
| Import Growth (YoY%)         | 0     | 6     | 28.8   | (15.2) | 14.1   | 16.8  | (0.3) | (0.7) | 10.9  | 7.0   | 7.4   | 7.6   | 5.3   |
| Trade Balance (USD/bn)       | 19.63 | 31.6  | 29.2   | 15.3   | (0.9)  | 18.2  | 20.4  | 27.1  | 17.8  | 28.5  | 15.2  | 31.1  | 33.8  |
| Retail Sales Growth (YoY%)   | 14.9  | 15.2  |        | 12.3   | 12.6   | 12.8  | 12.9  | 13.3  | 13.2  | 13.4  | 13.3  | 13.3  | 13.7  |
| Industrial Production (YoY%) | 10.1  | 10.3  |        | 9.9    | 8.9    | 9.3   | 9.2   | 8.9   | 9.7   | 10.4  | 10.2  | 10.3  | 10    |
| PMI - Manufacturing (%)      | 50.6  | 50.6  | 50.4   | 50.1   | 50.9   | 50.6  | 50.8  | 50.1  | 50.3  | 51.0  | 51.1  | 51.4  | 51.4  |
| PMI - Non-manufacturing (%)  | 55.6  | 56.1  | 56.2   | 54.5   | 55.6   | 54.5  | 54.3  | 53.9  | 54.1  | 53.9  | 55.4  | 56.3  | 56    |
| FAI(YTD) (YoY%)              | 20.7  | 20.6  |        | 21.2   | 20.9   | 20.6  | 20.4  | 20.1  | 20.1  | 20.3  | 20.2  | 20.1  | 19.9  |
| CPI (YoY%)                   | 2     | 2.4   | 2.0    | 3.2    | 2.1    | 2.4   | 2.1   | 2.7   | 2.7   | 2.6   | 3.1   | 3.2   | 3     |
| PPI (YoY%)                   | (2.2) | (1.9) | (1.6)  | (1.6)  | (1.9)  | (2.6) | (2.9) | (2.7) | (2.3) | (1.6) | (1.3) | (1.5) | (1.4) |
| (YoY%)                       | 13.9  | 13.8  | 15.9   | 15.2   | 15.7   | 16.1  | 15.8  | 14.0  | 14.5  | 14.7  | 14.2  | 14.3  | 14.2* |
| New Lending (RMB/bn)         | 522.9 | 454.3 | 1070.0 | 620.0  | 1060.0 | 792.9 | 667.4 | 860.5 | 699.9 | 711.3 | 787.0 | 506.1 | 560*  |

**World Economic/Financial Indicators** 

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|---|----|-----|----|----|

| E                 | Equity Indi   | ces             |       |
|-------------------|---------------|-----------------|-------|
|                   | Closing price | Chg.<br>WTD (%) | P/E   |
|                   | U.S.          |                 |       |
| DJIA              | 16,025.53     | 0.03            | 15.50 |
| S&P 500           | 1,808.37      | 0.18            | 16.96 |
| NASDAQ            | 4,068.75      | 0.15            | 25.11 |
| MSCI US           | 1,728.33      | 0.19            | 17.22 |
|                   | Europe        |                 |       |
| FTSE 100          | 6,567.38      | 0.23            | 16.17 |
| DAX               | 9,205.12      | 0.36            | 15.69 |
| CAC40             | 4,139.03      | 0.23            | 17.74 |
| IBEX 35           | 9,533.60      | 1.42            | 54.81 |
| FTSE MIB          | 18,290.91     | 0.92            | 275.3 |
| Stoxx 600         | 317.65        | 0.36            | 20.98 |
| MSCI UK           | 1,936.85      | 0.12            | 16.11 |
| MSCI France       | 115.50        | 0.16            | 22.63 |
| MSCI<br>Germany   | 126.36        | 0.29            | 15.19 |
| MSCI Italy        | 52.47         | 0.85            | 96.61 |
|                   | Asia          |                 |       |
| NIKKEI 225        | 15,611.31     | 2.04            | 22.55 |
| S&P/ASX 200       | 5,143.55      | (0.82)          | 21.51 |
| HSI               | 23,744.19     | 0.00            | 10.77 |
| HSCEI             | 11,382.16     | 0.05            | 8.45  |
| CSI300            | 2,453.32      | 0.04            | 11.48 |
| SSE<br>Composite  | 2,237.49      | 0.02            | 11.22 |
| SZSE<br>Composite | 1,066.35      | 0.99            | 28.99 |
| MSCI China        | 65.43         | 0.31            | 10.33 |
| MSCI<br>Hong Kong | 12,243.64     | 0.50            | 10.93 |
| MSCI Japan        | 777.56        | 1.64            | 16.70 |

| Global Commodities                                      |                     |          |                 |                         |  |  |
|---|---------------------|----------|-----------------|-------------------------|--|--|
|   | Unit                | Price    | Chg.<br>WTD (%) | Volume (5-<br>day avg.) |  |  |
|   | Ene                 | rgy      |                 |                         |  |  |
| NYMEX WTI   | USD/bbl             | 98.59    | 0.96            | 259,111                 |  |  |
| ICE Brent Oil   | USD/bbl             | 110.27   | (1.20)          | 200,650                 |  |  |
| NYMEX Natural Gas                                       | USD/MMBtu           | 4.25     | 3.21            | 175,758                 |  |  |
| Australia Newcastle<br>Steam Coal Spot fob <sup>2</sup> | USD/Metric<br>Tonne | 83.95    | N/A             | N/A                     |  |  |
|   | Basic I             | Metals   |                 |                         |  |  |
| LME Aluminum Cash                                       | USD/MT              | 1,747.25 | 0.72            | 24,831                  |  |  |
| LME Aluminum<br>3 -mth. Rolling Fwd.                    | USD/MT              | 1,793.00 | 0.79            | 35,809                  |  |  |
| CMX Copper Active                                       | USD/lb.             | 325.90   | 0.32            | 43,893                  |  |  |
| LME Copper 3- mth Rolling Fwd.                          | USD/MT              | 7,135.00 | 0.18            | 58,002                  |  |  |
| TSI CFR China<br>Iron Ore Fines Index <sup>3</sup>      | USD                 | 139.40   | 0.14            | N/A                     |  |  |
|   | Precious            | s Metals |                 |                         |  |  |
| CMX Gold  | USD/T. oz           | 1,246.50 | 1.42            | 141,511                 |  |  |
| CMX Silver  | USD/T. oz           | 20.05    | 2.67            | 40,920                  |  |  |
| NYMEX Platinum  | USD/T. oz           | 1,385.10 | 2.12            | 9,762                   |  |  |
| Agricultural Products                                   |                     |          |                 |                         |  |  |
| CBOT Corn   | USD/bu              | 435.50   | 0.29            | 109,885                 |  |  |
| CBOT Wheat  | USD/bu              | 647.50   | (0.54)          | 41,980                  |  |  |
| NYB-ICE Sugar   | USD/lb.             | 16.47    | (0.72)          | 50,502                  |  |  |
| CBOT Soybeans   | USD/bu.             | 1,345.25 | 1.49            | 103,047                 |  |  |
|   |                     |          |                 |                         |  |  |

| Bond Yield<br>Interest    |              | ′           |
|---------------------------|--------------|-------------|
|                           | Yield<br>(%) | Chg.<br>WTD |
| US Fed Fund<br>Rate       | 0.25         | 0.00        |
| US Prime Rate             | 3.25         | 0.00        |
| US Discount<br>Window     | 0.75         | 0.000       |
| US Treasury<br>(1 Mth)    | 0.0203       | 0.00        |
| US Treasury<br>(5 Yr)     | 1.4675       | (1.95)      |
| US Treasury<br>(10 Yr)    | 2.8225       | (3.28)      |
| Japan 10-Yr<br>Gov. Bond  | 0.6630       | (0.60)      |
| China 10-Yr<br>Gov. Bond  | 4.2500       | 0.030       |
| ECB Rate<br>(Refinancing) | 0.25         | 0.00        |
| 1-Month LIBOR             | 0.1685       | 0.00        |
| 3 Month LIBOR             | 0.2426       | 0.18        |
| O/N SHIBOR                | 3.5580       | (14.2)      |
| 3-Month HIBOR             | 0.3779       | (0.14)      |
| Corporate Bonds           | (Moody       | 's)         |
| Aaa                       | 4.72         | 10.00       |
| Baa                       | 5.46         | 10.00       |

#### 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
- 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       | 1.3747   | 1.6453  | 0.9119  | 103.10  | 0.8897  | 6.0712  | 7.7533  | 6.1155                |
| Chg. WTD<br>(%) | 0.30     | 0.64    | 0.19    | (0.18)  | 0.25    | 0.19    | 0.02    | 0.33                  |



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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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