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#### **Exhibit 1: August economic indicators**

| YoY% or otherwise specified  | August'14 | June'14 |
|------------------------------|-----------|---------|
| PMI - Manufacturing          | 51.1      | 51.7    |
| PMI - Non Manufacturing      | 54.4      | 54.2    |
| CPI                          | 2.0       | 2.3     |
| PPI                          | (1.2)     | (0.9)   |
| Exports                      | 9.4       | 14.5    |
| Imports                      | (2.4)     | (1.6)   |
| Trade Balance (US\$/bn)      | 49.8      | 47.3    |
| FAI (YTD%)                   | 16.5      | 17.0    |
| Industrial production        | 6.9       | 9.0     |
| Retail Sales                 | 11.9      | 12.2    |
| M2                           | 12.8      | 13.5    |
| New loans (RMB/bn)           | 702.5     | 385.2   |
| Aggregate financing (RMB/bn) | 957.4     | 273.7   |

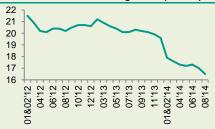
Source(s): NBS, PBOC, Bloomberg, ABCI Securities

Exhibit 2: Economic indicators for July and August

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|-----------------------------------|-------|-------|
| YoY% or otherwise specified       | 2014  | 2013  |
| FAI (YTD YoY%)                    | 14.5  | 20.8  |
| Real estate investment (YTD YoY%) | 10.9  | 16.9  |
| Industrial production             | 8.0   | 10.1  |
| Retail sales                      | 12.1  | 13.4  |
| Exports                           | 11.9  | 6.1   |
| Imports                           | (1.8) | 9.0   |
| CPI                               | 2.2   | 2.7   |
| PPI                               | (1.1) | (1.9) |

Source(s): NBS, ABCI Securities

#### Exhibit 3: China FAI YTD growth (YoY %)



Source(s): NBS, Bloomberg, ABCI Securities

## Exhibit 4: China industrial production growth (YoY %)



Source(s): NBS, Bloomberg, ABCI Securities

## China's growth eased in August

China's August indicators demonstrated continued weakness as FAI, retail sales and industrial production rose at slower-than-expected paces, raising apprenhension of an economic downturn. Weakening domestic demand is the key concern. Although the economy still created 9.7 million new jobs in 8M14, up by 100,000 over the same period last year, prolonged slowdown extending into 3Q14 will present challenges to the eocnomy. We expect China to continue launching pro-growth targeted measures and momentum will be restored in 4Q14. Nonetheless, we forecast China's GDP growth will slow to 7.2% YoY for 3Q14.

FAI growth weighed down by sluggish real estate development. FAI's 8M14 growth was 16.5% YoY vs. the 17.0% YoY in 7M14. The government policies to boost infrastructure and public housing investments failed to provide a significant boost to the FAI growth on the weakening streak in the real estate sector, whose investment only rose 13.2% YTD YoY. In particular, the residential property sector saw negative growth in newly started floor space and sales. We expect FAI growth will continue to be hampered by the real estate sector.

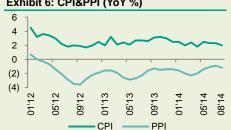
Industrial production shows downward pressure. Industrial production increased at the slowest pace since December 2008 at 6.9% YoY in August, significantly lower than July's growth of 9.0% YoY. Average daily production of electricity declined by 2.2% YoY and 1.7% MoM in August, while the average daily production of "Automobile" and "Consumer Cars" remained unchanged, signaling lower levels of industrial activities and slacking consumer demand. In our view, industrial production will gradually improve starting from 4Q14.

Retail sales to turn around soon. Retails sales growth in August reached 11.9% YoY, lower than the 12.2% YoY in July. Improvement was seen on a MoM basis with August growth edging up to 0.92% vs. 0.87% in July. Most product categories registered positive MoM increase, with specific products showing strong rebounds. "Gold, Silver, and Jewelry" and "Communication Appliances" went up 7.3% YoY and 31.8% YoY in August, compared to -11.7% YoY and 24.2% YoY in July. Therefore, we believe a turnaround in retail sales will occur in the short term.

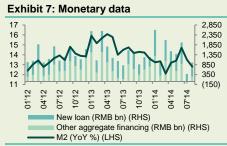
Inflation remains tepid. CPI growth tapered to 2% YoY while PPI declined by 1.2% YoY in August. The slower growth of CPI was mainly caused by the 0.1% MoM decline in non-food prices that offset the increase in food prices (+0.7% MoM). Moreover, the widened decline in PPI reflected fallen prices of major commodity products, such as crude oil, coal, and steel, as well as the remaining impact of excess capacity. With inflation remaining tepid, the government should have more room to implement more new stimulus measures.

**Monetary data is normalizing.** Aggregate financing in August reached RMB 957.4 bn (July: RMB 273.7 bn), in which new loans reached RMB 702.5 bn (July: RMB 385.2 bn). Meanwhile, M2 in August grew by 12.8 % YoY (July: 13.5% YoY). The monetary data shows that credit growth is normalizing after the temporary

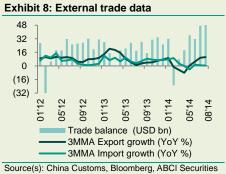




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**External trade recap – further improvement in sight.** China's external trade improved in August. Exports surged to 9.4% YoY, while import declined by 2.4% YoY. The diverging trends in exports and imports resulted in a record-high trade surplus of US\$ 49.84bn. The external trade figures suggest a more favorable external environment for China's export sector going forward. In addition, the upcoming orders for the holiday season would give China's exports more support in the next few months.

fluctuation in July. With the government's targeted easing measures

in place, we believe the monetary data will remain at healthy levels.



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|------------------------------|-------|-------|---------|-------|---------|---------|---------|--------|---------|-------|---------|-------|-------|-------|
|                              |       | 2013  |         |       |         |         | 2014    |        |         |       |         |       |       |       |
|                              | Jul   | Aug   | Sep     | Oct   | Nov     | Dec     | Jan     | Feb    | Mar     | Apr   | May     | Jun   | Jul   | Aug   |
| Real GDP (YoY%)              |       |       | 7.8     |       |         | 7.7     |         |        | 7.4     |       |         | 7.5   |       |       |
| Export Growth (YoY%)         | 5.1   | 7.2   | (0.3)   | 5.6   | 12.7    | 5.8     | 10.6    | (18.1) | (6.6)   | 0.9   | 7.0     | 7.2   | 14.5  | 9.4   |
| Import Growth (YoY%)         | 10.9  | 7.0   | 7.4     | 7.6   | 5.3     | 6.5     | 10.0    | 10.1   | (11.3)  | 0.8   | (1.6)   | 5.5   | (1.6) | (2.4) |
| Trade Balance (USD/bn)       | 17.8  | 28.5  | 15.2    | 31.1  | 33.8    | 32.3    | 31.9    | (23.0) | 7.7     | 18.5  | 35.9    | 31.6  | 47.3  | 49.8  |
| Retail Sales Growth (YoY%)   | 13.2  | 13.4  | 13.3    | 13.3  | 13.7    | 13.6    | 11.8    | 3      | 12.2    | 11.9  | 12.5    | 12.4  | 12.2  | 11.9  |
| Industrial Production (YoY%) | 9.7   | 10.4  | 10.2    | 10.3  | 10.0    | 9.7     | 8.6     | i      | 8.8     | 8.7   | 8.8     | 9.2   | 9.0   | 6.9   |
| PMI - Manufacturing (%)      | 50.3  | 51.0  | 51.1    | 51.4  | 51.4    | 51.0    | 50.5    | 50.2   | 50.3    | 50.4  | 50.8    | 51.0  | 51.7  | 51.1  |
| PMI - Non-manufacturing (%)  | 54.1  | 53.9  | 55.4    | 56.3  | 56.0    | 54.6    | 53.4    | 55.0   | 54.5    | 54.8  | 55.5    | 55.0  | 54.2  | 54.4  |
| FAI(YTD) (YoY%)              | 20.1  | 20.3  | 20.2    | 20.1  | 19.9    | 19.6    | 17.9    | 9      | 17.6    | 17.3  | 17.2    | 17.3  | 17.0  | 16.5  |
| CPI (YoY%)                   | 2.7   | 2.6   | 3.1     | 3.2   | 3.0     | 2.5     | 2.5     | 2.0    | 2.4     | 1.8   | 2.5     | 2.3   | 2.3   | 2.0   |
| PPI (YoY%)                   | (2.3) | (1.6) | (1.3)   | (1.5) | (1.4)   | (1.4)   | (1.6)   | (2.0)  | (2.3)   | (2.0) | (1.4)   | (1.1) | (0.9) | (1.2) |
| M2(YoY%)                     | 14.5  | 14.7  | 14.2    | 14.3  | 14.2    | 13.6    | 13.2    | 13.3   | 12.1    | 13.2  | 13.4    | 14.7  | 13.5  | 12.8  |
| New Lending (RMB/bn)         | 699.9 | 711.3 | 787.0   | 506.1 | 624.6   | 482.5   | 1,320   | 644.5  | 1,050   | 774.7 | 870.8   | 1080  | 385.2 | 702.5 |
| Aggregate Financing (RMB bn) | 819.1 | 1,584 | 1,411.3 | 864   | 1,226.9 | 1,232.2 | 2,580   | 938.7  | 2,081.3 | 1,550 | 1,400.0 | 1,970 | 273.7 | 957.4 |

**World Economic/Financial Indicators** 

| E                 | Equity Indi   | ces             |       |
|-------------------|---------------|-----------------|-------|
|                   | Closing price | Chg.<br>WTD (%) | P/E   |
|                   | U.S.          |                 |       |
| DJIA              | 16,987.51     | 0.00            | 15.55 |
| S&P 500           | 1,985.54      | 0.00            | 17.92 |
| NASDAQ            | 4,567.60      | 0.00            | 97.88 |
| MSCI US           | 1,899.82      | 0.00            | 18.40 |
|                   | Europe        |                 |       |
| FTSE 100          | 6,789.38      | (0.26)          | 16.99 |
| DAX               | 9,651.98      | 0.01            | 17.86 |
| CAC40             | 4,425.64      | (0.36)          | 26.72 |
| IBEX 35           | 10,865.40     | (0.22)          | 21.47 |
| FTSE MIB          | 20,891.35     | (0.85)          | 767.0 |
| Stoxx 600         | 343.78        | (0.14)          | 20.56 |
| MSCI UK           | 2,007.42      | 0.00            | 17.06 |
| MSCI France       | 124.19        | 0.00            | 28.27 |
| MSCI<br>Germany   | 128.56        | 0.00            | 17.97 |
| MSCI Italy        | 61.09         | 0.00            | 1,019 |
|                   | Asia          |                 |       |
| NIKKEI 225        | 15,948.29     | 9 0.00          | 20.83 |
| S&P/ASX 200       | 5,473.4       | 5 (1.04)        | 18.90 |
| HSI               | 24,356.99     | 9 (0.97)        | 10.59 |
| HSCEI             | 10,834.73     | 3 (1.63)        | 7.55  |
| CSI300            | 2,437.19      | 9 (0.05)        | 10.84 |
| SSE<br>Composite  | 2,339.14      | 4 0.31          | 11.17 |
| SZSE<br>Composite | 1,304.20      | 0.73            | 31.34 |
| MSCI China        | 66.29         | 9 0.00          | 9.94  |
| MSCI<br>Hong Kong | 13,101.6      | 1 0.00          | 11.24 |
| MSCI Japan        | 806.47        | 7 0.00          | 15.73 |

| Global Commodities                                      |                     |          |                 |                         |  |  |  |
|---|---------------------|----------|-----------------|-------------------------|--|--|--|
|   | Unit                | Price    | Chg.<br>WTD (%) | Volume (5-<br>day avg.) |  |  |  |
| Energy  |                     |          |                 |                         |  |  |  |
| NYMEX WTI   | USD/bbl             | 91.39    | (0.95)          | 310,023                 |  |  |  |
| ICE Brent Oil   | USD/bbl             | 96.77    | (0.35)          | 164,332                 |  |  |  |
| NYMEX Natural Gas                                       | USD/MMBtu           | 3.89     | 0.86            | 122,593                 |  |  |  |
| Australia Newcastle<br>Steam Coal Spot fob <sup>2</sup> | USD/Metric<br>Tonne | 65.80    | N/A             | N/A                     |  |  |  |
| BasicMetals   |                     |          |                 |                         |  |  |  |
| LME Aluminum Cash                                       | USD/MT              | 1,992.50 | 0.00            | 18,185                  |  |  |  |
| LME Aluminum 3 -mth. Rolling Fwd.                       | USD/MT              | 2,029.00 | 0.00            | 41,892                  |  |  |  |
| CMX Copper Active                                       | USD/lb.             | 6,864.50 | 0.00            | 16,435                  |  |  |  |
| LME Copper 3- mth<br>Rolling Fwd.                       | USD/MT              | 6,838.00 | 0.00            | 52,617                  |  |  |  |
| TSI CFR China<br>Iron Ore Fines Index <sup>3</sup>      | USD                 | 82.00    | (1.91)          | N/A                     |  |  |  |
|   | Precious            | Metals   |                 |                         |  |  |  |
| CMX Gold  | USD/T. oz           | 1,235.60 | 0.33            | 136,626                 |  |  |  |
| CMX Silver  | USD/T. oz           | 18.65    | 0.24            | 39,556                  |  |  |  |
| NYMEX Platinum  | USD/T. oz           | 1,370.60 | 0.01            | 13,932                  |  |  |  |
| Agricultural Products                                   |                     |          |                 |                         |  |  |  |
| CBOT Corn   | USD/bu              | 336.25   | (0.66)          | 117,737                 |  |  |  |
| CBOT Wheat  | USD/bu              | 496.50   | (1.19)          | 40,175                  |  |  |  |
| NYB-ICE Sugar   | USD/lb.             | 16.29    | (0.18)          | 79,566                  |  |  |  |
| CBOT Soybeans   | USD/bu.             | 981.75   | (0.36)          | 105,309                 |  |  |  |

| Bond Yields               | & Key Ra     | ites                 |
|---------------------------|--------------|----------------------|
|                           | Yield<br>(%) | Chg.<br>WTD<br>(Bps) |
| US Fed Fund<br>Rate       | 0.25         | 0.00                 |
| US Prime Rate             | 3.25         | 0.00                 |
| US Discount<br>Window     | 0.75         | 0.00                 |
| US Treasury<br>(1 Mth)    | 0.0000       | 0.00                 |
| US Treasury<br>(5Yr)      | 1.8087       | (0.82)               |
| US Treasury<br>(10 Yr)    | 2.5978       | (1.27)               |
| Japan 10-Yr<br>Gov. Bond  | 0.5780       | 0.00                 |
| China 10-Yr<br>Gov. Bond  | 4.2900       | (1.00)               |
| ECB Rate<br>(Refinancing) | 0.05         | (10.0)               |
| 1-Month LIBOR             | 0.1536       | 0.08                 |
| 3 Month LIBOR             | 0.2346       | 0.23                 |
| O/N SHIBOR                | 2.8510       | (0.20)               |
| 1-mth SHIBOR              | 4.0080       | 1.60                 |
| 3-mth HIBOR               | 0.3650       | 0.21                 |
| Corporate Bonds           | (Moody       | s)                   |
| Aaa                       | 4.12         | 2.00                 |
| Baa                       | 4.79         | 4.00                 |

#### Currency USD/CNY NDF Euro/USD GBP/USD AUD/USD USD/JPY USD/CHF USD/CNY USD/HKD 12-mth Spot pr. Spot Rate 1.2924 1.6244 0.9021 107.25 0.9363 6.1414 7.7509 6.2418 Chg. WTD (0.30)(0.15)(0.19)0.08 (0.33)(0.10)(0.00)(0.21)(%)

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



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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 2009-2013

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.

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