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#### Exhibit 1: 2013 annual economic indicators

YoY% or otherwise specified	2013*	2012
GDP	7.6	7.7
CPI	2.7	2.6
PPI	(1.9)	(1.7)
Exports	8.0	7.9
Imports	7.1	4.3
Trade Balance (US\$/bn)	268.0	231.1
FAI (YTD%)	20.0	20.6
Industrial production	9.7	9.9
Retail Sales	13.1	14.3
M2	14.0	13.8
New loans (RMB/bn)	8,949.7	8,203.5

\* Forecast

Source(s): Bloomberg, ABCI Securities

#### Exhibit 2: 4Q economic indicators

YoY% or otherwise specified	4Q'13*	3Q'13
GDP	7.5	7.7
CPI	3.1	2.8
PPI	(1.4)	(1.7)
Exports	8.0	3.9
Imports	6.4	8.4
Trade Balance (US\$/bn)	97.2	61.5
FAI (YTD%)	20.0	20.2
Industrial production	10.1	10.1
Retail Sales	13.6	13.4
M2	14.0	14.2
New loans (RMB/bn)	1,680.7	2198.2
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\* Forecast

Source(s): Bloomberg, ABCI Securities

### Exhibit 3: Dec economic indicators

YoY% or otherwise specified	Dec'13*	Nov'13
CPI	3.0	3.0
PPI	(1.3)	(1.4)
Exports	5.8	12.7
Imports	6.5	5.3
Trade Balance (US\$/bn)	32.3	33.8
FAI (YTD%)	20.0	19.9
Industrial production	9.9	10.0
Retail Sales	13.7	13.7
M2	14.0	14.2
New loans (RMB/bn)	550.0	624.6

\* Forecast

Source(s): Bloomberg, ABCI Securities

# Economic data preview for Dec & 2013

2013 was a challenging year for China. The Fed's QE tapering and the slow recovery of global economy posed external risks to the Chinese economy. Domestically, new reform measures, liquidity squeeze in June and December, and high leverage in financial system also exerted siginificant impacts on the country. Nonetheless, we believe China would post a moderate GDP growth of 7.5% and 7.6% YoY for 4Q13E and 2013E. As the government continues to implement new reforms, the economic momentum would gain pace and in our view, and China's long-term outlook remains positive.

Expect external trade to show a mixed picture. We believe data on international trade would display mixed signals. Export growth, import growth, and trade balance are forecasted to be 5.8% YoY, 6.5% YoY and US\$ 32.3bn, respectively, for December (November actual: 12.7% YoY, 5.3% YoY, and US\$ 33.8bn). The weak export growth expected is largely a result of the post-holiday effects in the U.S. and Europe, while the stronger growth in import is believed to be propelled by the increasing demand from the Chinese consumers. In sum, we expect external trade for 2013 would achieve a high single-digit YoY growth.

Flat growth in FAI and industrial production. Although the government is rebalancing the economy towards a consumption-led model, more short-term projects were conducted last year to stabilize the FAI. Actual decline in PMI and expected reduction in export growth suggest industrial production might fall slightly. Therefore, we expect FAI growth for 2013 and industrial production growth for December to be 20.0% YoY and 9.9% YoY.

**Stable CPI and an improving PPI.** For December, we believe the food price inflation was low and prices of other non-food items prices were stable. CPI therefore would not fluctuate much for the month. Moreover, continuous improvement in global and domestic economy should accelerate improvement in PPI. For December, we expect CPI growth to be 3.0% YoY, while decline in PPI would narrow to 1.3% YoY.

**Retail sales momentum to continue.** As the 2014 Spring Festival approaches, consumer demand is likely to increase, giving a boost to retail sales. Since the festival will fall early in January 2014, we believe the pre-holiday purchase has already started by the end of last year. Thus, we expect that retail sales growth to be 13.7% YoY for December.

Prudent monetary stance to moderate M2 growth and new loans. The PBOC has retained its firm grip on the monetary front in China, even during liquidity squeeze in December last year. Historical pattern suggests that new loan issuance typically declines towards the end of the year. Therefore, we expect that M2 growth and new loans for December to be 14.0% YoY and RMB 550bn, lower than

those in November.



			Chi	na Ecor	nomic I	ndicate	ors						
	2012						2013						
	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec*
Real GDP (YoY%)	7.9			7.7			7.5			7.8			7.5
5Export Growth (YoY%)	14.1	25.0	21.8	10.0	14.7	1.0	(3.1)	5.1	7.2	(0.3)	5.6	12.7	5.8
Import Growth (YoY%)	6	28.8	(15.2)	14.1	16.8	(0.3)	(0.7)	10.9	7.0	7.4	7.6	5.3	6.5
Trade Balance (USD/bn)	31.6	29.2	15.3	(0.9)	18.2	20.4	27.1	17.8	28.5	15.2	31.1	33.8	32.3
Retail Sales Growth (YoY%)	15.2		12.3	12.6	12.8	12.9	13.3	13.2	13.4	13.3	13.3	13.7	13.7
Industrial Production (YoY%)	10.3		9.9	8.9	9.3	9.2	8.9	9.7	10.4	10.2	10.3	10.0	9.9
PMI - Manufacturing (%)	50.6	50.4	50.1	50.9	50.6	50.8	50.1	50.3	51.0	51.1	51.4	51.4	51.0
PMI - Non-manufacturing (%)	56.1	56.2	54.5	55.6	54.5	54.3	53.9	54.1	53.9	55.4	56.3	56.0	54.6
FAI(YTD) (YoY%)	20.6		21.2	20.9	20.6	20.4	20.1	20.1	20.3	20.2	20.1	19.9	20.0
CPI (YoY%)	2.4	2.0	3.2	2.1	2.4	2.1	2.7	2.7	2.6	3.1	3.2	3.0	3.0
PPI (YoY%)	(1.9)	(1.6)	(1.6)	(1.9)	(2.6)	(2.9)	(2.7)	(2.3)	(1.6)	(1.3)	(1.5)	(1.4)	(1.3)
M2(YoY%)	13.8	15.9	15.2	15.7	16.1	15.8	14.0	14.5	14.7	14.2	14.3	14.2	14.0
New Lending (RMB/bn)	454.3	1070.0	620.0	1060.0	792.9	667.4	860.5	699.9	711.3	787.0	506.1	624.6	550

World Economic/Financial Indicators

<sup>\*</sup> Forecast (excluding PMI - Manufacturing and PMI - Non-manufacturing); Real GDP is for 4Q13

E	Equity Indic	ces				
	Closing price	Chg. WTD (%)	P/E			
	U.S.					
DJIA	16,425.10	(0.27)	15.89			
S&P 500	1,826.77	(0.25)	17.24			
NASDAQ	4,113.68	(0.44)	26.05			
MSCI US	1,747.33	(0.26)	17.41			
	Europe					
FTSE 100	6,739.62	0.13	16.61			
DAX	9,442.43	0.08	16.04			
CAC40	4,226.58	(0.50)	18.10			
IBEX 35	9,939.10	1.44	67.58			
FTSE MIB	19,239.38	0.66	435.8			
Stoxx 600	327.43	(0.06)	21.62			
MSCI UK	1,986.20	(0.01)	16.53			
MSCI France	118.15	(0.47)	23.17			
MSCI Germany	129.58	(0.08)	15.66			
MSCI Italy	55.19	0.71	101.5			
Asia						
NIKKEI 225	15,814.37	7 (2.93)	22.85			
S&P/ASX 200	5,316.99	0.62)	21.81			
HSI	22,712.78	3 (0.46)	10.30			
HSCEI	10,236.12	2 (1.92)	7.59			
CSI300	2,238.00	(2.30)	10.70			
SSE Composite	2,047.32	2 (1.72)	10.29			
SZSE Composite	1,044.67	7 (1.97)	28.52			
MSCI China	60.97	7 (1.15)	9.63			
MSCI Hong Kong	12,043.85	5 (0.36)	10.91			
MSCI Japan	799.16	6 (0.93)	17.18			

Global Commodities							
	Unit	Price	Chg. WTD (%)	Volume (5- day avg.)			
	Ene	rgy					
NYMEX WTI	USD/bbl	93.79	(0.18)	177,682			
ICE Brent Oil	USD/bbl	107.36	0.44	153,931			
NYMEX Natural Gas	USD/MMBtu	4.33	0.49	103,754			
Australia Newcastle Steam Coal Spot fob <sup>2</sup>	USD/Metric Tonne	84.25	N/A	N/A			
	Basic N	/letals					
LME Aluminum Cash	USD/MT	1,735.25	0.46	18,852			
LME Aluminum 3 -mth. Rolling Fwd.	USD/MT	1,782.50	0.56	23,731			
CMX Copper Active	USD/lb.	334.85	(0.19)	33,819			
LME Copper 3- mth Rolling Fwd.	USD/MT	7,325.00	0.14	31,813			
TSI CFR China Iron Ore Fines Index <sup>3</sup>	USD	134.80	(0.15)	N/A			
	Precious	Metals					
CMX Gold	USD/T. oz	1,238.30	(0.02)	121,435			
CMX Silver	USD/T. oz	20.07	(0.72)	37,226			
NYMEX Platinum	USD/T. oz	1,411.10	(0.22)	8,363			
Agricultural Products							
CBOT Corn	USD/bu	427.00	0.83	96,129			
CBOT Wheat	USD/bu	605.50	(0.04)	35,849			
NYB-ICE Sugar	USD/lb.	16.15	0.44	31,201			
CBOT Soy beans	USD/bu.	1,267.75	(0.28)	80,552			

Bond Yie	lds 8	Key Ra	tes
		Yield (%)	Chg. WTD
US Fed Fund Rate	I	0.25	0.00
US Prime Ra	ite	3.25	0.00
US Discount Window		0.75	0.00
US Treasury (1 Mth)		0.0051	0.00
US Treasury (5 Yr)		1.6856	(4.77)
US Treasury (10 Yr)		2.9540	(4.08)
Japan 10-Yr Gov. Bond		0.6970	(4.40)
China 10-Yr Gov. Bond		4.6700	8.00
ECB Rate (Refinancing	)	0.25	0.00
1-Month LIBO	OR	0.1625	(0.22)
3 Month LIBC	DR	0.2394	(0.05)
O/N SHIBOR		2.8750	(13.1)
1-mth SHIBC	R	5.9250	(27.6)
3-mth HIBOR	2	0.3750	(0.14)
Corporate Bo	nds	(Moody	s)
	Aaa	4.56	(1.00)
	Baa	5.35	(4.00)

# 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

Currency								
	Euro/USD	GBP/USD	AUD/USD	USD/JPY	USD/CHF	USD/CNY	USD/HKD	USD/CNY NDF 12-Mth
Spot Rate	1.3627	1.6381	0.8919	104.36	0.9057	6.0512	7.7545	6.1135
Chg. WTD (%)	0.28	(0.23)	(0.29)	0.48	(0.06)	0.01	(0.01)	0.05



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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

Definition
2.6 ≤180 day volatility/180 day benchmark index volatility
1.5 ≤ 180 day volatility/180 day benchmark index volatility < 2.6
1.0 ≤180 day volatility/180 day benchmark index volatility < 1.5
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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