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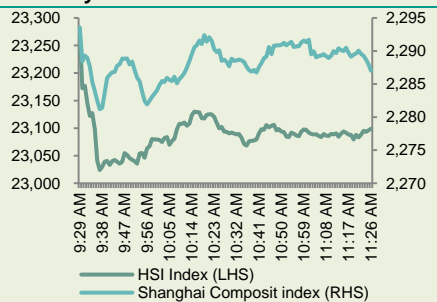
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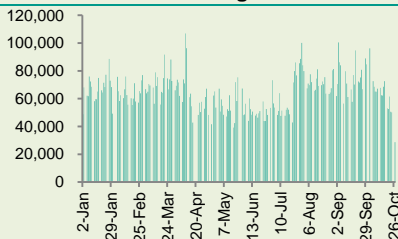
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Exhibit 1: Markets' negative reactions to the delay on Oct 27



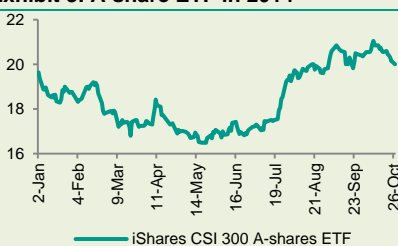
Source(s): Bloomberg, ABCI Securities

Exhibit 2: H-share trading volume in 2014



Source(s): Bloomberg, ABCI Securities

Exhibit 3: A-share ETF in 2014



Source(s): Bloomberg, ABCI Securities

Exhibit 4: Stock categories that may benefit from the Program

Theme	Ticker	Company
A-H share valuation discrepancies	998 HK	CITICB
	1988 HK	MSB
	2333 HK	Great Wall Motor
	338 HK	Sinopec Shanghai
	3993 HK	CMOC
Stocks unavailable in the past	700 HK	Tencent
	27 HK	Galaxy entertainment
	13 HK	Hutchison
	1299 HK	AIA
Brokerage firms eligible for the Program	6881 HK	Galaxy
	1788 HK	Guotai Junan International
	665 HK	Haitong International
	218 HK	Shenyin Wanguo

Source(s): Bloomberg, ABCI Securities

SH-HK stock connect program delayed – a short-term pain

On October 26, 2014, the Hong Kong Stock Exchange announced the Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect Program (Program) would be postponed until relevant approval is received. We believe the delay would have negative repercussions in the Hong Kong and mainland stock markets, but the Program in general would benefit both equity markets in the long run. Moreover, the delay would allow more preparation time for both the participants and exchanges. In terms of investment opportunities, we maintain our view that three major categories will benefit: (1) Stocks with large A-H share valuation discrepancies; (2) Shares in technology, gambling, business conglomerates sectors; (3) Brokerage firms with operations in Hong Kong and Shanghai.

Delay of the Program is no pleasant news for both markets. In general, the Program's delay may signal to the market that China is still hesitant to open up its capital market on market volatility concerns. In addition, delay of the Program would increase the financial burden of the participating financial institutions, which have been ramping up their infrastructure and resources prior to the expected launch date. The Shanghai Stock Composite and the Hang Seng Index both fell in the morning trading session on Oct 27 on uncertainties surrounding the program launch.

The wait, however, should be worthwhile. For investors in Hong Kong and overseas markets, a better access to the mainland stock market would allow investors to tap into its huge growth potential. The mainland stock market would also need to increase the inflow of foreign funds and exposure to international investors in order to achieve a more balanced development. Therefore, we believe the impact of the Program is largely positive despite the short-term repercussions caused by the delay.

A blessing in disguise? Even though the delay of the Program disappoints the investment community, the extra time available would allow participating organizations to better prepare for the Program; the regulators and exchanges in Shanghai and Hong Kong could also improve the current mechanism to address investors' concerns over the major differences of the two markets. Furthermore, the delay may enable the Program to commence in a more stable environment amid China's economic restructuring and help reduce volatility.

Certain stock categories will benefit. We maintain that the Program will have positive impacts on the Hong Kong stock market. In particular, several stock categories will be boosted by the mutual market access: 1) Stocks with large A-H share valuation discrepancies that enable profitable arbitrage trading; 2) Stocks in technology, gambling, and conglomerates sector with international business exposure, as these counters are unavailable for trading in the mainland stock market previously; 3) Brokerage firms with operations in Hong Kong and Shanghai, as their business volume will be boosted.



China Economic Indicators

	2013					2014								
	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep
Real GDP (YoY%)	---	7.8	---	---	7.7	---	---	7.4	---	--	7.5	--	---	7.3
Export Growth (YoY%)	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	15.3
Import Growth (YoY%)	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)	7.0
Trade Balance (USD/bn)	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	30.9
Retail Sales Growth (YoY%)	13.4	13.3	13.3	13.7	13.6	11.8		12.2	11.9	12.5	12.4	12.2	11.9	11.6
Industrial Production (YoY%)	10.4	10.2	10.3	10.0	9.7	8.6		8.8	8.7	8.8	9.2	9.0	6.9	8.0
PMI - Manufacturing (%)	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	51.1
PMI - Non-manufacturing (%)	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	54.0
FAI(YTD) (YoY%)	20.3	20.2	20.1	19.9	19.6	17.9		17.6	17.3	17.2	17.3	17.0	16.5	16.1
CPI (YoY%)	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	1.6
PPI (YoY%)	(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)	(1.8)
M2(YoY%)	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	12.9
New Lending (RMB/bn)	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	857.2
Aggregate Financing (RMB bn)	1,584	1,411.3	864	1,226.9	1,232.2	2,580	938.7	2,081.3	1,550	1,400	1,970	273.7	957.7	1052.2

World Economic/Financial Indicators

Equity Indices				Global Commodities				Bond Yields & Key Rates			
	Closing price	Chg. WTD (%)	P/E	Unit	Price	Chg. WTD (%)	Volume (5-day avg.)		Yield (%)	Chg. WTD (Bps)	
U.S.				Energy				US Fed Fund Rate	0.25	0.00	
DJIA	16,805.41	0.00	15.13	NYMEX WTI	USD/bbl	81.04	0.04	217,342	US Prime Rate	3.25	0.00
S&P 500	1,964.58	0.00	17.57	ICE Brent Oil	USD/bbl	85.83	(0.35)	257,200	US Discount Window	0.75	0.00
NASDAQ	4,483.72	0.00	69.39	NYMEX Natural Gas	USD/MMBtu	3.64	0.44	95,596	US Treasury (1 Mth)	0.0152	0.51
MSCI US	1,876.88	0.00	17.98	Australia Newcastle Steam Coal Spot fob ²	USD/Metric Tonne	63.30	N/A	N/A	US Treasury (5Yr)	1.5103	1.47
Europe				Basic Metals				US Treasury (10 Yr)	2.2818	1.33	
FTSE 100	6,427.94	0.61	16.29	LME Aluminum Cash	USD/MT	1,959.50	0.00	17,400	Japan 10-Yr Gov. Bond	0.4740	0.40
DAX	9,057.09	0.77	16.56	LME Aluminum 3 -mth. Rolling Fwd.	USD/MT	1,968.00	0.00	42,507	China 10-Yr Gov. Bond	3.8400	(1.00)
CAC40	4,160.99	0.78	25.52	CMX Copper Active	USD/lb.	6,744.00	0.00	6,897	ECB Rate (Refinancing)	0.05	0.00
IBEX 35	10,426.50	0.84	21.38	LME Copper 3- mth Rolling Fwd.	USD/MT	6,690.00	0.00	35,128	1-Month LIBOR	0.1520	(0.52)
FTSE MIB	19,616.80	0.62	174.2	Precious Metals				3 Month LIBOR	0.2331	0.18	
Stoxx 600	329.39	0.68	19.93	CMX Gold	USD/T. oz	1,229.80	(0.16)	118,838	O/N SHIBOR	2.4822	3.70
MSCI UK	1,883.59	0.00	16.18	CMX Silver	USD/T. oz	17.19	0.05	30,888	1-mth SHIBOR	3.8322	(1.38)
MSCI France	115.56	0.00	26.37	NYMEX Platinum	USD/T. oz	1,254.10	0.26	7,076	3-mth HIBOR	0.3757	0.00
MSCI Germany	120.08	0.00	16.52	Agricultural Products				Corporate Bonds (Moody's)			
MSCI Italy	56.61	0.00	167.8	CBOT Corn	USD/bu	349.50	(0.99)	156,406	Aaa	3.96	9.00
Asia				CBOT Wheat	USD/bu	513.25	(0.87)	49,433	Baa	4.71	5.00
NIKKEI 225	15,388.72	0.63	19.96	NYB-ICE Sugar	USD/lb.	16.15	(1.40)	44,883			
S&P/ASX 200	5,458.95	0.86	18.91	CBOT Soybeans	USD/bu.	980.50	(0.28)	99,846			
HSI	23,143.23	(0.68)	10.08								
HSCEI	10,311.58	(0.77)	7.18								
CSI300	2,368.83	(0.91)	10.54								
SSE Composite	2,290.44	(0.51)	11.06								
SZSE Composite	1,302.39	0.44	31.43								
MSCI China	62.26	0.00	9.32								
MSCI Hong Kong	12,704.71	0.00	10.89								
MSCI Japan	763.93	0.00	14.88								

Currency								
	Euro/USD	GBP/USD	AUD/USD	USD/JPY	USD/CHF	USD/CNY	USD/HKD	USD/CNY NDF 12-mth Spot pr.
Spot Rate	1.2696	1.6100	0.8797	107.91	0.9503	6.1162	7.7569	6.2400
Chg. WTD (%)	0.20	0.06	0.05	0.23	0.17	0.00	0.01	0.10

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



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Rating	Definition
Buy	Stock return \geq Market return rate
Hold	Market return - 6% \leq 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	$2.6 \leq 180 \text{ day volatility} / 180 \text{ day benchmark index volatility}$
High	$1.5 \leq 180 \text{ day volatility} / 180 \text{ day benchmark index volatility} < 2.6$
Medium	$1.0 \leq 180 \text{ day volatility} / 180 \text{ day benchmark index volatility} < 1.5$
Low	$180 \text{ day volatility} / 180 \text{ day benchmark index volatility} < 1.0$

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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