# THE CASE FOR CHINA A SHARES 菲利普斯公司

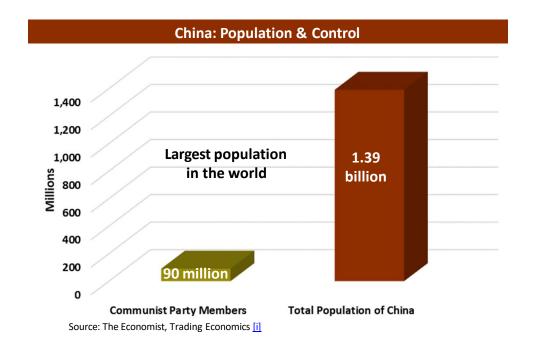




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## **Understanding China**

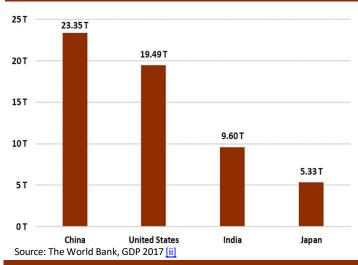
- ☐ The centralization of power and industry has been a characteristic of Chinese society dating back to its dynastic era. Today, this system has evolved to 90 million communists controlling 1.39 billion citizens. President Xi Jinping (a lifetime appointee) has modernized the concentrated system of industrialization with unprecedented economic growth.
- ☐ In order to maintain the economic growth derived from this centralized system, Chinese policy is engineered for stability by providing:
  - ☐ Free healthcare
  - ☐ Targeted poverty alleviation
  - ☐ Governmental regulation of stock markets geared towards protecting the profits of local investors
  - ☐ Highly subsidized industrial policies
  - ☐ Free education



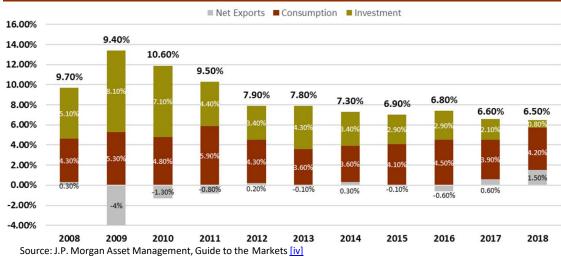


## China Is Too Big To Ignore

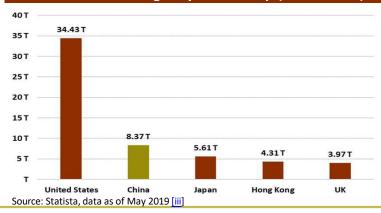
#### **Country GDP by Purchasing Power Parity (PPP)**



**China Real GDP Contribution: Y/Y Percent Change** 





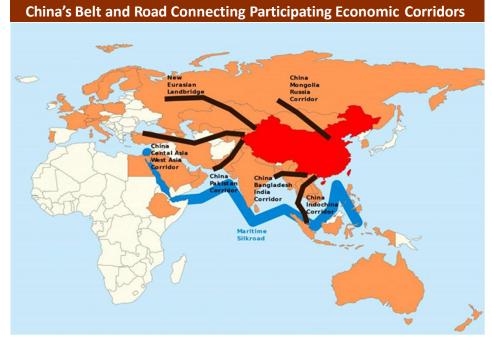


- ☐ Largest economy in the world in PPP terms:
  - ☐ Largest manufacturer in the world
  - $\hfill \square$  Largest online retail market in the world
  - ☐ Largest share of global green house gas emissions (28%)
  - ☐ Largest investor in renewable energy
- $\hfill \square$  China is transitioning to a consumption driven economy.
- $\hfill \square$  Second largest equity market in the world.
- ☐ Third largest fixed income market in the world.



## China's Belt and Road Initiative

- ☐ Through the multinational aspirations of the Marshall Plan, the United States rebuilt the infrastructure of a world ravaged by the Second World War.
- ☐ The unprecedented investment opportunities for American companies derived from the new multinational economic order allowed them to profit immensely from community development and the revitalization of infrastructure. once thought unsalvageable
- ☐ This open and advantageous foreign policy allowed the United States to export goods cheaply to its many trading partners, branding the nation as the nexus of global trade.
- ☐ But today, the United States has descended into policies of bilateral trade circumventing opportunities for growth through the rapidly developing global markets.



**Examples:** If you would have invested \$1,000 in the following stocks at the end of WWII, here's what those positions would be worth today:

- ☐ Johnson & Johnson would be worth \$7.5 million + dividends today
- ☐ Exxon Mobil/Standard Oil would be worth \$2.4 million today [xiv]

- ☐ China has ascended to become the driving force behind the newest evolution of multinational trade in the largest change in global order post-WWII.
- ☐ Through its Belt and Road Initiative, China aspires to restore the "ancient Silk Road," while simultaneously industrializing regions of the Middle East, Latin America, Africa, and Asia.
- ☐ The investment opportunities in Chinese industry serve as the modern equivalent to those derived from the United States at the turn of the last economic era.
- ☐ The scale of this initiative would have been unimaginable during the beginning of the last economic era, and the magnitude of profits from it are as equally unimaginable today.

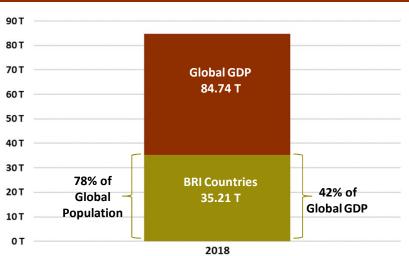


## China's Belt and Road Initiative



#### Belt and Road Countries as a % of Global GDP (in USD)





Source: China's Belt and Road Portal, IMF; Copyright Stratfor 2019 [vi]

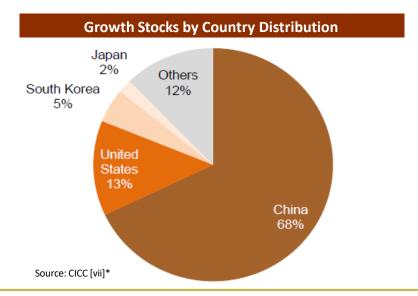
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- ☐ <u>Increased infrastructure spending</u> (over \$1 trillion in infrastructure projects: railways, roads, and pipelines to gain control of cost-effective trade routes to easily export surplus resources to participating countries) funded by low-interest loans to participating countries.
- $\begin{tabular}{ll} \hline $\square$ \hline The extensive reach of the initiative whose participant nations produce 48\% of the world's GDP and contain 78\% of the global population. \\ \hline \end{tabular}$
- ☐ <u>Massive government subsidies</u> of raw materials to meet the demand of local and international community development projects to build factories, power plants, schools, and domestic dwellings.
- lacktriangledown Increased consumption on account of job creation and wage growth due to increased demand.



## China's Investment Landscape

- ☐ China's equity market expansion is influencing global markets:
  - $lue{}$  4 of the top 10 global banks are from China
  - ☐ 6 of the top 10 companies in the Asia Pacific Ex- Japan are from China
- lacksquare China is the world's best place to search for growth stocks.
- ☐ China has 68% of the world's mid-cap, high-growth listed companies in consumer, healthcare, and technology sectors



Top 10 Global Banks

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Rank	Company	Country	Assets (USD)
1	ICBC	China	\$4.21 trillion
2	CC Bank Corp.	China	\$3.63 trillion
3	Ag. Bank of China	China	\$3.44 trillion
4	Bank of China	China	\$3.26 trillion
5	JP Morgan Chase	U.s	\$3.10 trillion
6	MUFJ Financial Group	Japan	\$2.89 trillion
7	<b>HSBC Holdings</b>	England	\$2.65 trillion
8	BNP Paribas	France	\$2.65 trillion
9	Bank of America	U.S.	\$2.64 trillion
10	China Development Bank	China	\$2.47 trillion
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Source: Bloomberg, L.P. [viii]

Rank	Company	Country	Market Value (USD)
1	Tencent	China	\$265.38 million
2	Alibaba	China	\$225.47 million
3	Taiwan Semi.	Taiwan	\$199.86 million
4	Samsung	S. Korea	\$175.91 million
5	AIA Group	<b>Hong Kong</b>	\$120.64 million
6	CC Bank Corp.	China	\$79.39 million
7	Ping An Insurance	China	\$57.15 million
8	China Mobile	China	\$55.06 million
9	Reliance Industries	India	\$52.91 million
10	Industrial Com. Bank	China	\$48.14 million
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Source: Bloomberg, L.P. [ix]\*



Top 10 Companies: Asia Pacific Ex-Japan

## Is China Just a House of Cards?

#### Are China's GDP Numbers Fabricated?

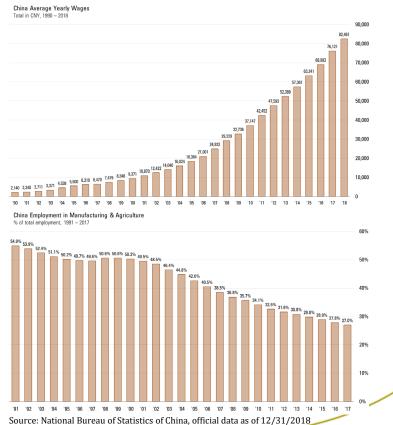
Source: Bloomberg LP, data as of 12/31/2017

The prior system was driven by provincial accounting and a tendency by local Chinese officials to inflate growth numbers to reflect their economic performance and enhance their chances for promotion. In recent years, the National Bureau of Statistics has started adjusting these numbers down to control for local bias, moving from the provincial reporting model to a more centralized accounting model.

#### China Nominal GDP Growth Official vs. Adjusted, 2007 - 2017 25% 10% '17 23.2% 9.3% 18.3% 18.5% 10.4% 10.2% 7.0% 7.9% 10.9% 7.9% 15.4% 9.9% 6.5% 6.2% 6.6% 6.8% -Adjusted 23.2% 16.3% 8.8%

#### Are the New Numbers Real?

The revised system relies more on actual economic output and hard data that is difficult to fabricate, such as nominal wages and infrastructure spending. Nominal wages in China have been in a steady uptrend for more than a decade, in turn pushing low-end/low wage agriculture and manufacturing jobs to other countries such as Vietnam and India.

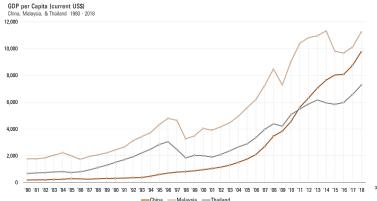




## More Proof China's GDP is Real

#### Chinese GDP Per Capita Is Not Out of The Ordinary Comparably

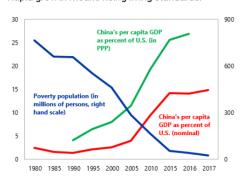
Using International Monetary Fund data and estimates, the Chinese economy is not out of the ordinary when compared to other comparable Asian countries, another indication that the move to centralize economic reporting is inspiring confidence.



Source: International Monetary Fund, World Economic Outlook (April 2019)

#### Growing from strength-to-strength

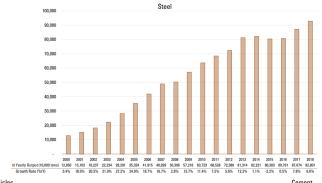
Rapid growth means rising living standards.



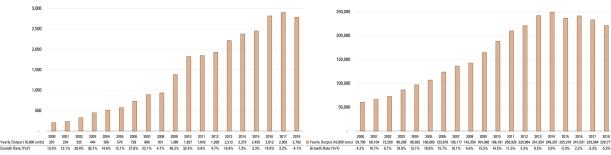
Sources: CEIC, National Bureau of Statistics of China statistical yearbook.

#### **Industrial Production**

Chinese industrial production in core materials/products such as steel, cement, and cars/trucks remain strong; lending additional confidence to overall GDP growth numbers.



Motor Vehicles 300,000 Cement



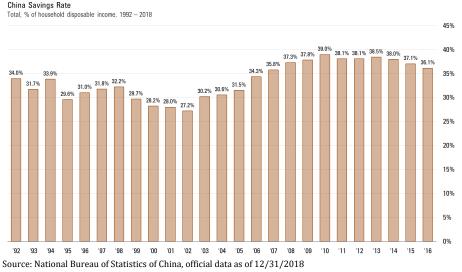
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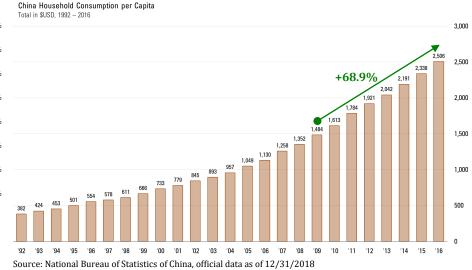


## Unlocking the Chinese Savings Phenomena

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The savings rate in China is one of the highest in the world, trending higher throughout the 90s before peaking in 2010. The rate of savings has begun to moderate in recent years as household consumption and spending has accelerated. "Unlocking" the Chinese savings phenomena is one of, if not the most, important metric to watch for future economic expansion.







## Addressing Retirement & Healthcare as Impediments to Growth & Consumption

#### Addressing Two of the Biggest Hold-Backs to Increased Consumption

China has recently rolled out a more stable, Western-style pension policy for citizens, similar to our own Social Security system, which has dramatically stabilized and innovated health care for its citizens. To China's credit, the Chinese government has recognized these two issues as vitally important to future growth as China's youngest generations have given all indications they like to spend and consume.

China's Social Security System					
Category	Contribution*		Description		
	Employer Rates	<b>Employee Rates</b>			
Pension	Around 10%-22%	Around 8%	An individual can receive a pension based on the amount in their individual fund after retirement $% \left( 1\right) =\left( 1\right) \left( 1$		
Medical	Around 5%-12%	Around 2%	In the event of illness/non-occupational injury, an employee can have part of the treatment cost covered by medical insurance		
Unemployment	Around 2%	Around 1%	In the event of redundancy, the employee may claim unemployment for a maximum of 24 months		
Maternity	Around 0.5%-1%	_	During maternity leave, the employee receives reimbursement from this insurance fund		
Work-related injury	Around 0.5%-2%	_	The work-related injury fund covers the cost of treatment should an occupational injury/illness occur		
Housing fund	Around 5%-12%	Around 5%-12%	Designed to ensure that workers save to purchase housing		

<sup>\*</sup>The contribution amount in each category is calculated by utilizing the employee's payment base figure and multiplying it by the different percentages required by each local government entity.

Source: "China's Social Security System", China Briefing (9/25/2017)



Source: "Medical Research in China", British Medical Journal (2/14/2018)



## What Are China A-Shares?

China A-Shares represent China's domestic onshore stock market, one that has been largely off-limits to non-domestic Chinese citizens until recently. The A-share market opens more opportunities for global investors to take part in China's dynamic economy that is taking shape as the country shifts away from exports and manufacturing and more toward innovation, consumer consumptions, and services.

A-shares are a much larger, more diverse, and liquid universe of companies than the offshore H-share market, that is more easily accessed by foreign retail and institutional investors.

With a market cap of almost \$8.37 trillion USD, the 3,400 listed A-share companies now represent the second-largest stock market in the world, behind only the U.S. market.

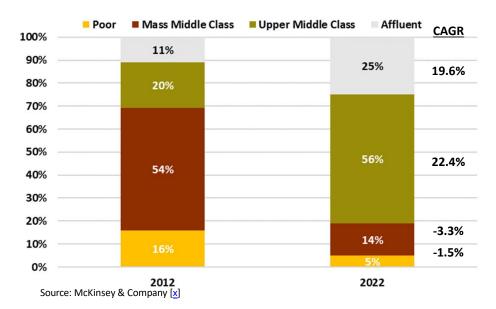
Currently, 80% of A-share trading is done by China retail investors.



## Why China A-Shares

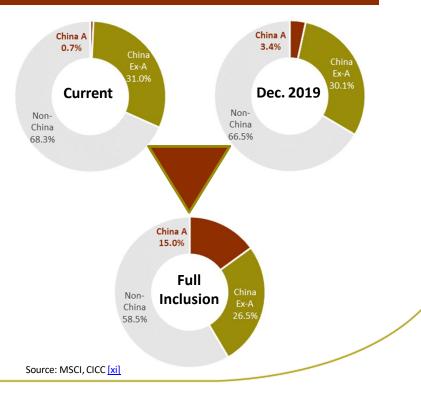
☐ The magnitude of China's middle class growth is transforming the nation and its composition of private consumption; the rise of the upper middle class leads to higher income, which translates to a higher propensity to consume more.

#### **Urban Private Consumption by Income Segment:** % of Tot. China Pop.



☐ Increased A-share inclusion into the MSCI indices will drive positive fund inflows into the A-share market; total incremental fund inflows between June 2019 – December 2019 are projected to be \$80 billion USD.

#### **Benchmark Inclusion Into The MSCI EM Index**





## **A-Share Market Nuances**



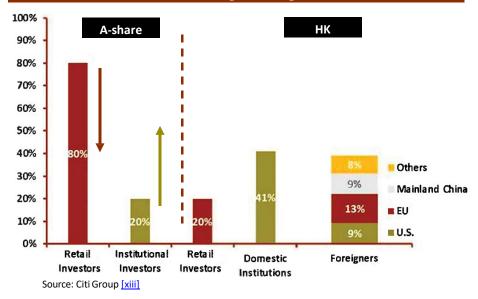
- ☐ The A-Share market is currently dominated by retail investors, and therefore leads to higher equity turnover:
  - ☐ Due to the tendency of retail investors buying or selling stocks based on emotion, rather than fundamental valuations, the market is highly liquid and prone to volatility.
  - ☐ China's universal capital gains tax of 20% means there is no delineation between short- and long-term capital gains.
- □ Currently, valuation is less important as the institutional investor (approximately 20% of investor base) bases decisions on relative valuation (P/E, P/B, PEG, Dividend Yield, etc.).
- ☐ Shareholders have no voting rights in the A-share market.
- □ Contrary to how the performance of U.S. based mutual fund managers are evaluated (quarterly and annually), China mutual fund managers are evaluated on a weekly basis due to the short-term trading mentality and higher equity turnover dynamics associated with the China-A share market; this further supports the need to take an active role in the China-A share market versus a passive allocation.



## **A-Share Market Nuances**

- ☐ In order to protect domestic investors, the government administers trading halts "for the protection of investors" and to promote "the maintenance of an orderly market."
  - ☐ Trading halts are typically implemented if a security's price moves plus or minus 10% in a single trading day.
- ☐ If the government deems that a company is not running "sufficient operations," (lack of profitability over a 2-yr. period) the company is forced to liquidate assets in order to make up the revenue needed to compensate losses.
  - ☐ A company running insufficient operations faces tighter regulation of stock price movement in the governments attempt to limit losses to retail investors.
- ☐ The necessity for A-Share companies to perform at benchmarks set by the government often result in the manipulation of goodwill on company balance sheets.
  - ☐ Management does not necessarily follow GAAP or IFRS accounting standards for the treatment of goodwill.
  - ☐ Management tends to test and revalue goodwill when its convenient to over, or understate, the value of total assets on its balance sheet.
- ☐ The Chinese Technology Innovation Board:
  - ☐ Created to allow the successful launch of tech IPOs
  - ☐ Circumvents the typical market protocol that only profitable companies are allowed IPO's in the Chinese A-Share market
  - ☐ Is paramount for successful capital-raising leading to profitability of not yet profitable companies

#### A-share and HK Stock Exchange Trading Value Market Share





## CICC's Global Network

CICC is a full-service investment bank with an extensive network covering 28 provinces and municipalities across China, and offices in six international financial hubs, including Hong Kong, New York, Singapore, London, San Francisco, and Frankfurt.

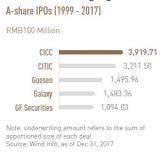


Source: CICC Equity Research Portal, as of 8/27/2019



## Award Winning Capital Markets Team

Leveraging its distinct international DNA and vast team of industry experts, CICC has solidified its place as the premier China-focused investment bank.



#### No.1 Chinese underwriter in investment-grade offshore USD bonds issued by Chinese issuers since 2015

JP Morgan 11.92

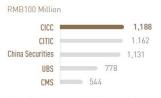
Note: underwriting amount refers to the sum of

apportioned size of each deal

Source: Dealogic, as of Dec 31, 2017

Overseas IPOs by Chinese Companies (1997 - 2017)

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No.1 Underwriter of Central SOE-issued

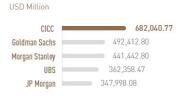
Corporate Bonds by Size Underwritten

Source: Wind, from 2009 to 2017. Privately placed corporate bonds are not included

## USD Million CICC 5,626.27 CITIC 3,740.98 Haitong 2,524.23 CMS 2,136.53 Guotai Junan 2,090.70

Source: Bloomberg, 2015 - 2017; ranking of Chinese brokers by underwriting volume

#### No.1 in China M&A League Table Since 1997



Source: Dealogic, as of Dec 31, 2017

Source: CICC Equity Research Portal, as of 8/27/2019

## Frontrunner in M&As with High Client Diversity

Global No.1 in China M&As for 5 consecutive years

## Maintaining No.1 position in domestic M&As and ranking No.1 in A-share M&A and reorganization deals in 2017

- China Resources transfer of ~15% Vanke shares to Shenzhen Metro at RMB31.2 billion
- NARI Technology acquisition of smart grid assets under State Grid via RMB26.5 billion share offering
- Zoomlion sale of 80% stake in environmental industry subsidiary at RMB11.6 billion

### Continuing in-depth overseas business development, with remarkable cross-border M&A performance

- GLP USD16.1 billion privatization in SGX
- CEFC China acquisition of Rosneft shares at USD8.0 billion
- Yancoal Australia acquisition of Coal & Allied Industries from Rio Tinto at USD3.1 billion and JV establishment with Glencore at USD1.2 billion

## Keeping leadership in Hong Kong market and creating value through industrial consolidation

- CNBM HKD34.4 billion merger of Sinoma via share swap
- Taobao China HKD22.4 billion investment into Sun Art Retail
- Alibaba HKD19.9 billion privatization of Intime Retail

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## **CICC Equity Research**

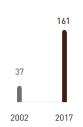
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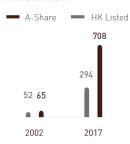
- · Global macroeconomics
- · Global investment strategies
- Global commodities
- · Finance (banking, insurance, securities)
- · Technology, media, the internet
- · Real estate
- Energy (oil, gas, coal)
- Industrial materials (steel, construction materials, chemicals, nonferrous metals, paper and packaging)
- · Heavy industry (construction and engineering, machinery, defense)
- Consumer discretionary (retail, home appliances, electronics, textiles, apparel, light industry, tourism, hotels)
- · Consumer staples (food, beverages, agriculture)
- · Health care
- · Automobiles and auto parts
- Transportation (infrastructure, transportation systems)
- Utilities (IPP, environmental services, alternative energy, electrical equipment)

#### **ACHIEVEMENTS**

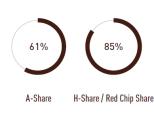
Rapidly Growing China Research Team



Listed Companies Covered by Research Team



Total Coverage of Listed Companies by Market Capitalization



Note: As of Jun 30, 2018

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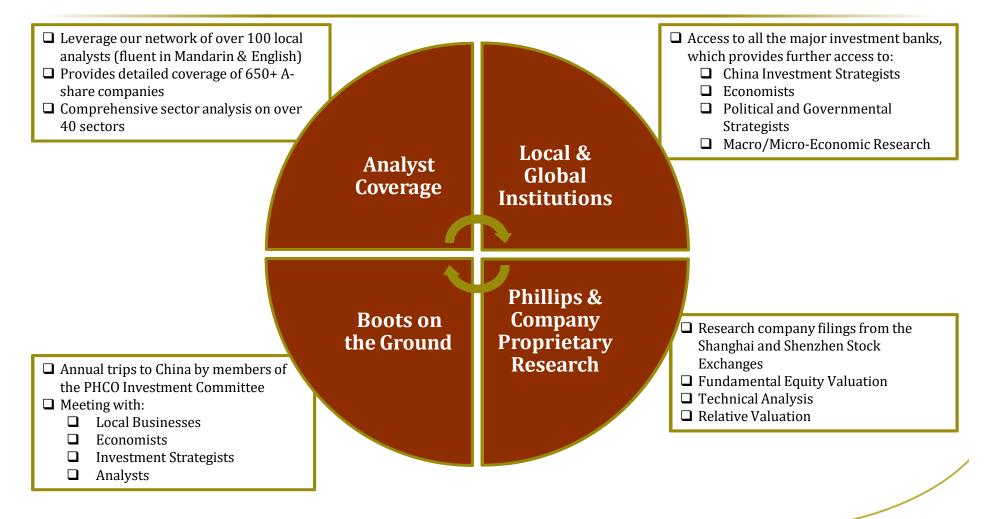


## **Investment Themes**

Technology, Media & Telecom Key Investment Themes		Phillips & Co. Target Area	
	<ul> <li>Local innovation upgrade cycle</li> <li>Growing access to smartphones, computers, and internet</li> <li>Expansion of technology into consumer and enterprise markets</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Vertical internet marketplaces &amp; technology enabled services</li> <li>Processing and automation</li> <li>Big data and cloud computing</li> <li>IT outsourcing</li> </ul>	
Consumer Goods & Services	Key Investment Themes	Phillips & Co. Target Area	
	<ul> <li>Marginal propensity to consume more as disposable income grows</li> <li>E-commerce outgrowing traditional consumer facing models</li> <li>Convenience upgrade: D.I.Y. to D.I.F.M.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Consumer products appealing to upgraded consumer demands</li> <li>Mobile-enabled online-to-offline models</li> <li>Logistics services for enhancing online-to-offline service models</li> </ul>	
Healthcare	Key Investment Themes	Phillips & Co. Target Area	
	<ul> <li>Growth of aging population</li> <li>Strong private spending and emerging prevalence of insurance driven growth</li> <li>Growing awareness and efficacy of traditional practices through adoption of new technologies</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Healthcare delivery and diagnostic platforms</li> <li>Consumer healthcare opportunities with strong brand differentiation</li> <li>Healthcare lifestyle upgrade in rural and large disease areas</li> </ul>	
Industrials/Defense	Key Investment Themes	Phillips & Co. Target Area	
	<ul> <li>Manufacturing upgrade cycle related to Belt &amp; Road</li> <li>Transforming supply dynamics from low-end to high-end steel</li> <li>Expansion of roads, bridges, railways, and pipelines to western China</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Financial firms investing in Belt &amp; Road projects</li> <li>Basic materials/metals used for upgrading steel from low-end to premium-quality</li> <li>Heavy machinery and logistics for enhancing the speed and quality of infrastructure projects</li> </ul>	



## Research Process





## **A-Share Investment Mechanics**

- ☐ Phillips & Company, through Pershing, BNY Mellon, and Citi Bank, has direct access to the Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect, which allows foreign investors to purchase direct A-share companies on both the Shanghai and Shenzhen Stock Exchanges.
- BNY Mellon also has one of the largest FOREX trading desks on Wall Street which allows you to purchase local Chinese currency direct in your account at Phillips & Company.

## **Trading Process**

Exchange USD for CNY

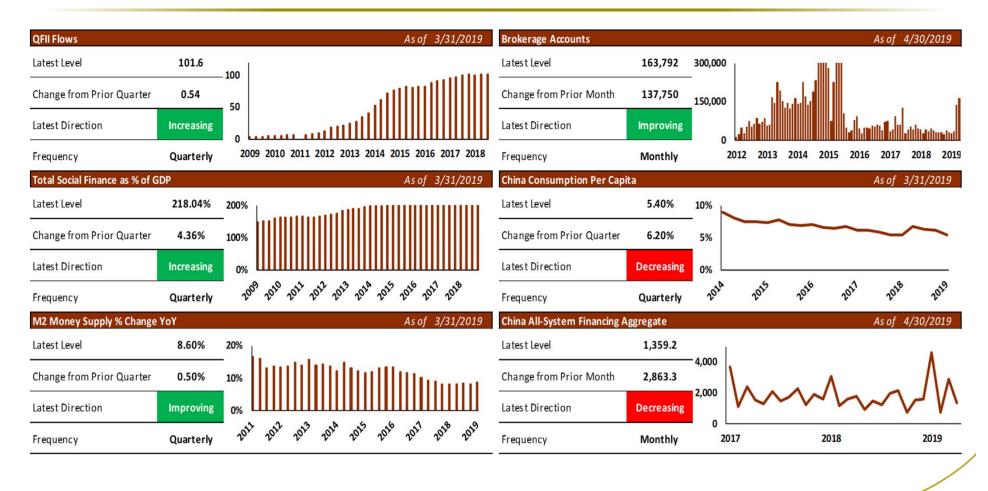
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Select A-Share Companies To Invest In Place Trades
Through ShanghaiHong Kong Stock
Connect
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Due to the time change between the U.S. and China, trades may take longer to complete than illustrated above.



## **Key Indicators To Watch**





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## Resources

- I. <a href="https://tradingeconomics.com/china/population">https://tradingeconomics.com/china/population</a>
- II. <a href="https://data.worldbank.org/indicator/NY.GDP.MKTP.PP.KD?end=2018&locations=CN-US-IN-IP&start=2018&view=bar">https://data.worldbank.org/indicator/NY.GDP.MKTP.PP.KD?end=2018&locations=CN-US-IN-IP&start=2018&view=bar</a>
- III. <a href="https://www.statista.com/statistics/270126/largest-stock-exchange-operators-by-market-capitalization-of-listed-companies/">https://www.statista.com/statistics/270126/largest-stock-exchange-operators-by-market-capitalization-of-listed-companies/</a>
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