

# Chinese Bonds

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# Risks

The value of investments and the income from them can go down as well as up so you may get back less than you invest.

## **Bond investments**

These funds invests in bonds whose price is influenced by movements in interest rates, changes in the credit rating of bond issuers, and other factors such as inflation and market dynamics. In general, as interest rates rise the price of a bond will fall. The risk of default is based on the issuer's ability to make interest payments and to repay the loan at maturity. Default risk may, therefore, vary between different government issuers as well as between different corporate issuers.

## **Corporate bonds**

Due to the greater possibility of default an investment in a corporate bond is generally less secure than an investment in government bonds.

## **High yield bonds**

Sub-investment grade bonds are considered riskier bonds. They have an increased risk of default which could affect both income and the capital value of the Fund investing in them.

## **Overseas Markets**

These funds invests in overseas markets and so the value of investments can be affected by changes in currency exchange rates.

## **Currency Hedging**

Currency hedging is used to substantially reduce the risk of losses from unfavourable exchange rate movements on holdings in currencies that differ from the dealing currency. Hedging also has the effect of limiting the potential for currency gains to be made.

## **Emerging Markets**

These funds invests in emerging markets which can be more volatile than other more developed markets.

## **Derivatives**

These funds may make increased and more complicated use of derivatives and this may result in leverage. In such situations performance may rise or fall more than it would have done otherwise. These funds may be exposed to the risk of financial loss if a counterparty used for derivative instruments subsequently defaults.

## **Other**

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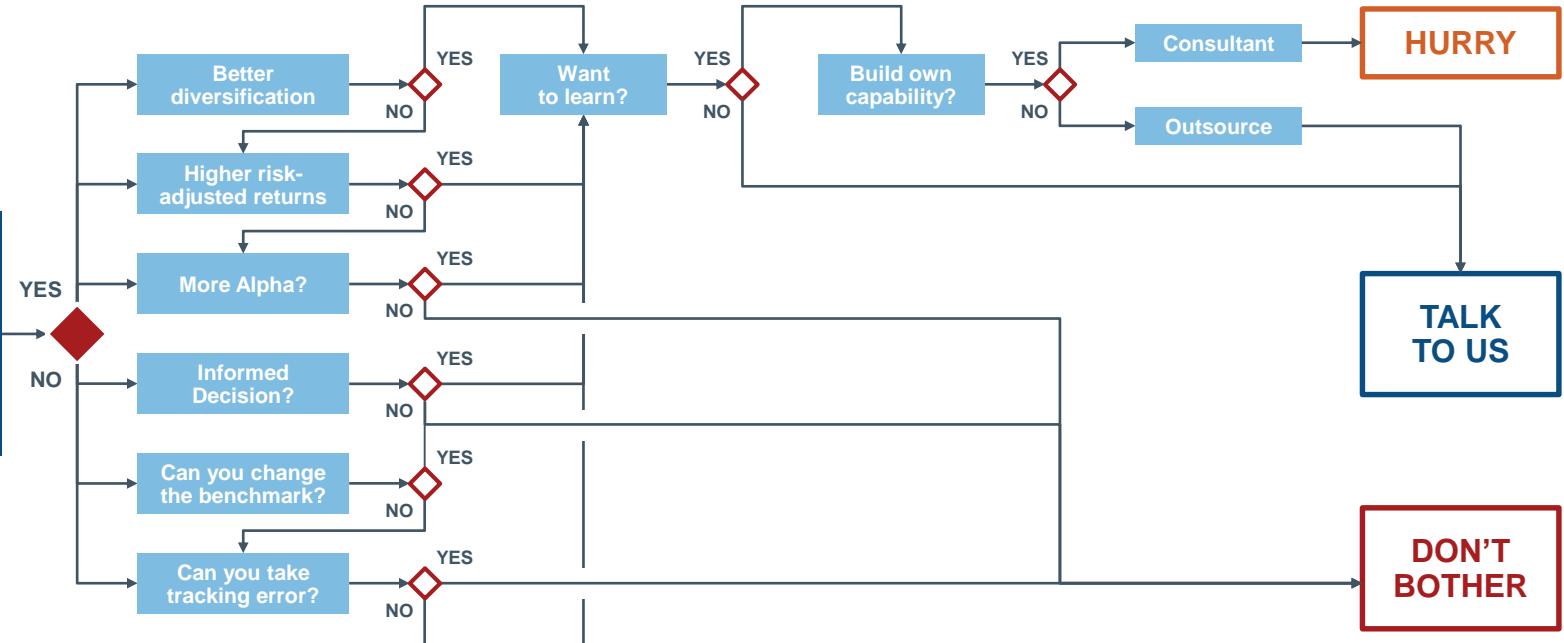
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# Do you want to invest in China?

## Decision tree

**Do you want to invest in China?**



Source: Fidelity International, 2019.

# Index inclusion will bring further inflows

**2017**

Reviewing

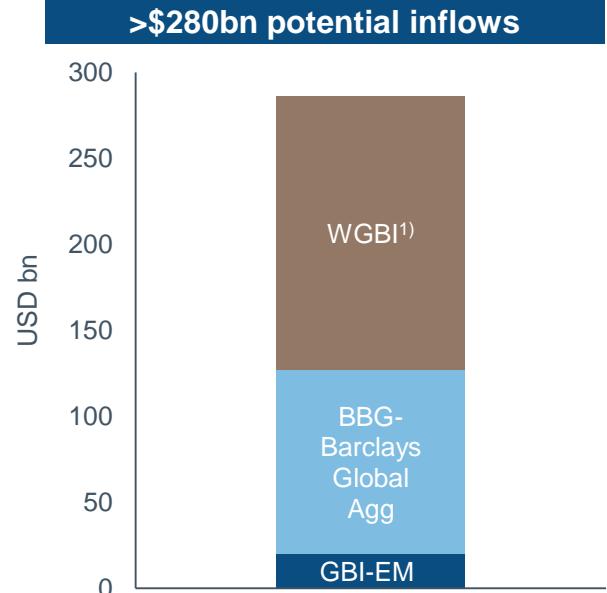
- Global Agg. + China Index
- EM Local Currency Government + China Index



- FTSE World Government Bond Index
- EM Govt Bond Index
- Asian Govt Bond Index
- Asia Pacific Govt Bond Index

**2018**

Bloomberg-Barclays Global Aggregate Index



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# 6% by end 2020

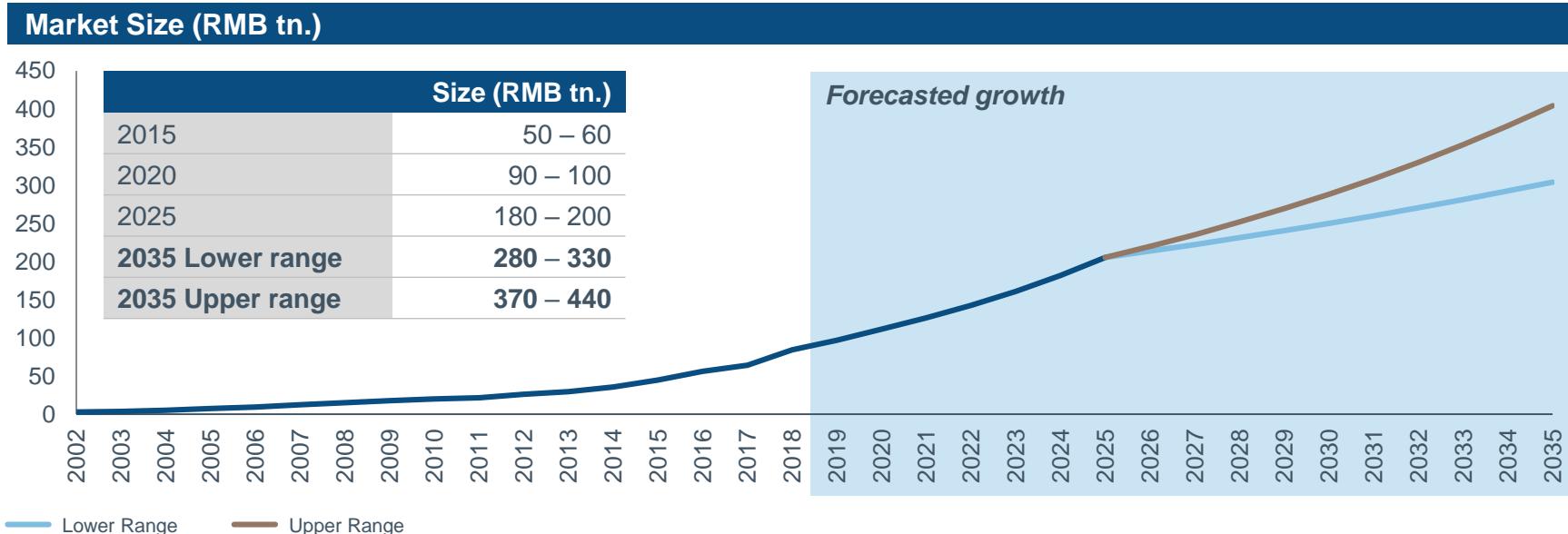
## Pro Forma Impact on key Indices

Projected	Count	MV (USD bn)	MV (%)	
<b>Global Aggregate Index:</b>				
+ 100% China (Full Weight in Nov 2020)	364	3,323	6.06%	4th place after USD, EUR, JPY
+ 5% China (April 2019 Scaling Factor)	364	166	0.32%	11th place
<b>Global Treasury Index:</b>				
+ 100% China (Full Weight in Nov 2020)	159	1,551	5.24%	5th place after USD, EUR, JPY, GBP
+ 5% China (April 2019 Scaling Factor)	159	78	0.28%	16th place
<b>Asia-Pacific Aggregate Index:</b>				
+100% China (Full Weight in Nov 2020)	364	362	23.83%	2nd place after JPY
+5% China (April 2019 Scaling Factor)	364	18	1.54%	5th place
<b>EM Local Currency Government Index:</b>				
+ 100% China	159	1,551	42.07%	1st place
+ 5% China	159	78	3.50%	9th place

Source: Bloomberg, as of 31 January 2019 projected universe.

# Further growth potential

## Size of China onshore bond market



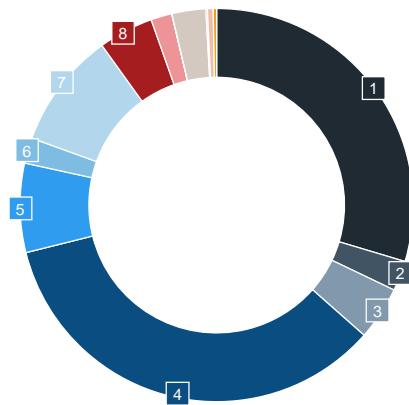
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# Evolution of China's onshore CNY bond market

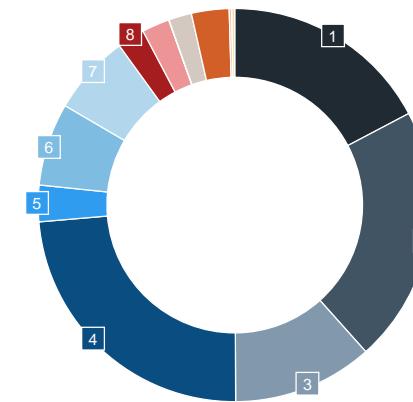
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Rapidly developing, not yet developed

2012 Industry breakdown



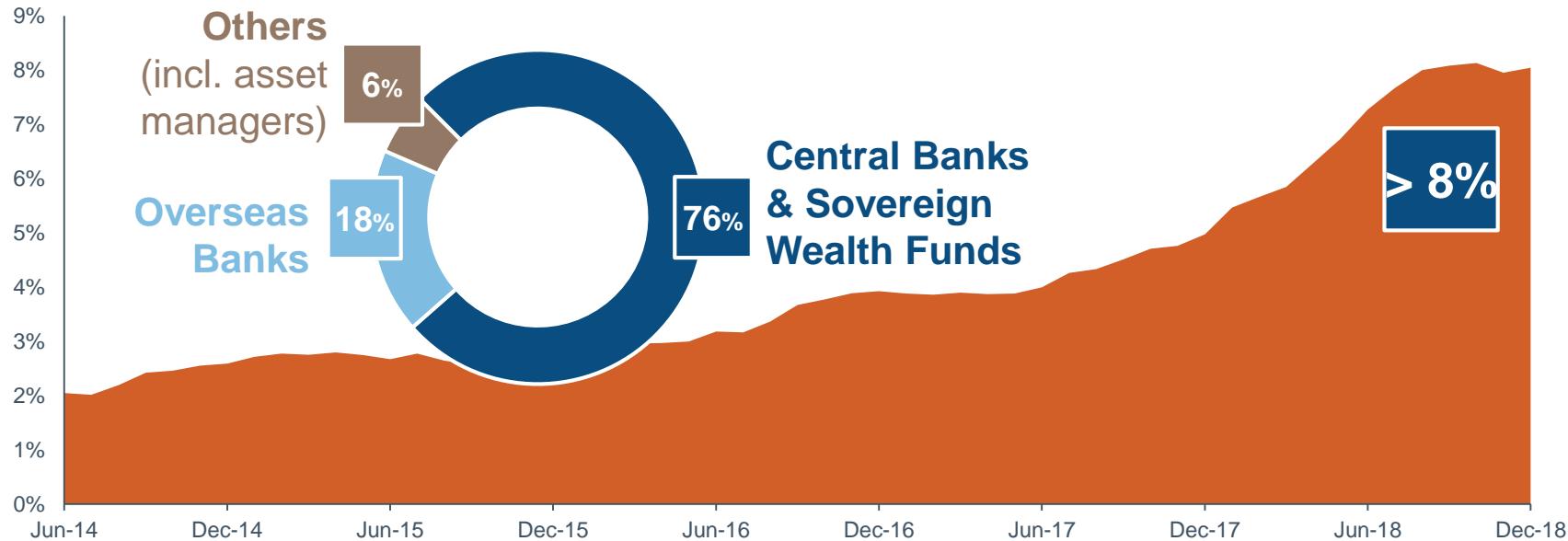
2018 Industry breakdown



Source: Fidelity International, WIND, December 2018. 1) Chinese Government Bonds

# Foreign participation increasing

## Foreign ownership of China Government Bonds



Source: Bloomberg, Chinabond, Fidelity International, December 2018.  
Pie Chart : CEIC, Morgan Stanley.

# Low correlation offers diversification benefits

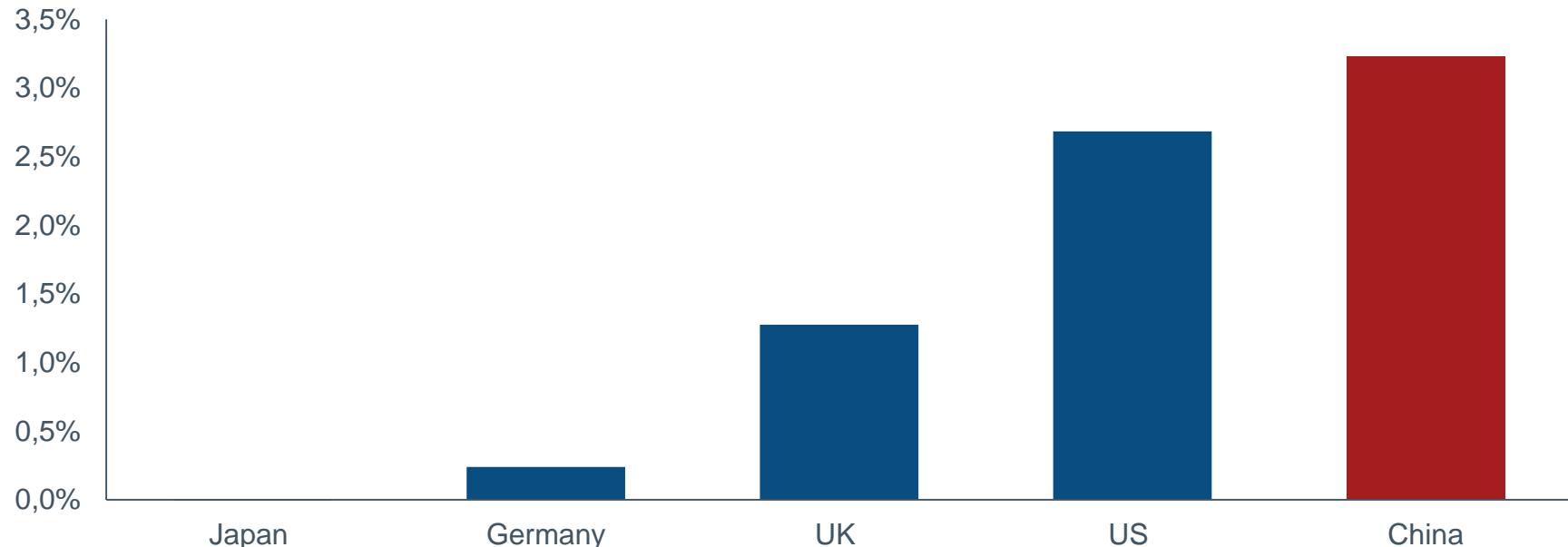
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	Onshore RMB Bond	Asian IG	Asian HY	US IG	Euro IG	EM Corp USD	Asian Equity	US Equity	Euro Equity	US Treasury
Onshore RMB Bond	1.00									
Asian IG	-0.11	1.00								
Asian HY	-0.16	0.86	1.00							
US IG	-0.12	0.88	0.74	1.00						
Euro IG	-0.08	0.66	0.59	0.80	1.00					
EM Corp USD	-0.20	0.92	0.92	0.83	0.67	1.00				
Asian Equity	-0.17	0.61	0.79	0.58	0.52	0.75	1.00			
US Equity	-0.14	0.44	0.63	0.38	0.40	0.61	0.82	1.00		
Euro Equity	-0.17	0.41	0.57	0.41	0.53	0.58	0.71	0.82	1.00	
US Treasury	0.23	0.40	0.06	0.44	0.20	0.13	-0.13	-0.26	-0.30	1.00

Source: Bloomberg, ICE BofAML Bond Indices, J.P. Morgan Indices, MSCI Equity Indices based on 10-years to 31<sup>st</sup> July 2018. The table uses a linear color scale from 0 = green to 1 = red. For offshore RMB Bond, data since January 2011. For Onshore RMB Bond, data since January 2013.

# Chinese government bonds offer higher yields

## 10-year government bond yields



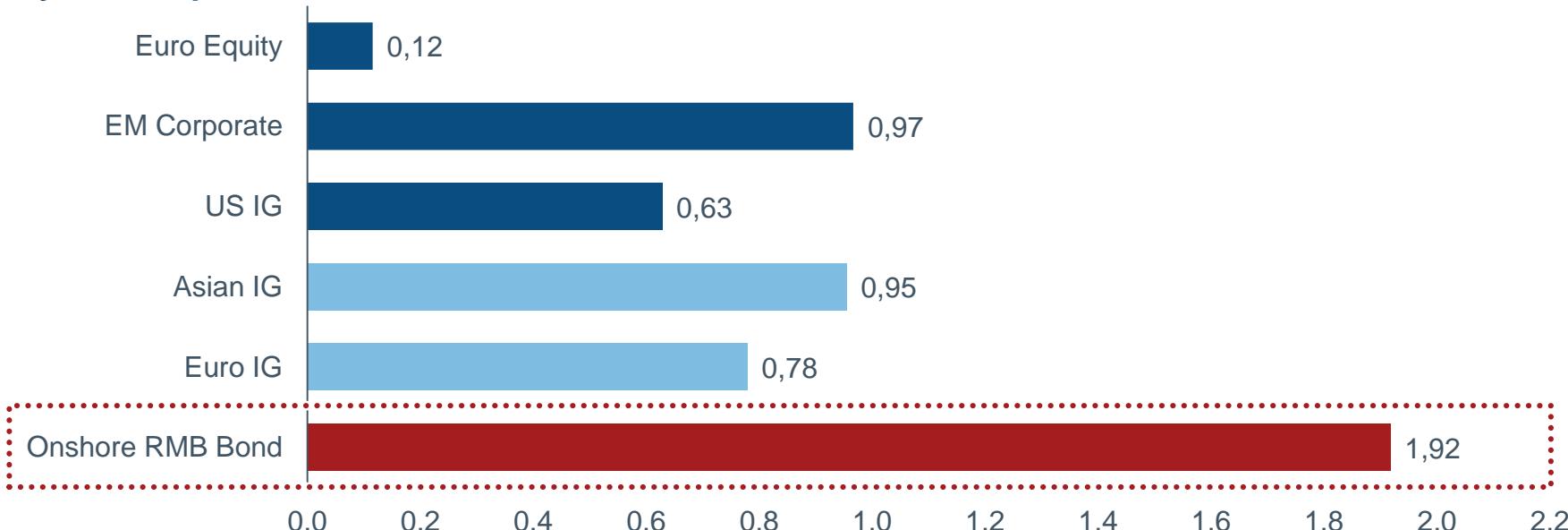
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Source: Bloomberg, Fidelity International, February 2019.

# Attractive risk-adjusted returns

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## 5-year Sharpe ratio of asset classes



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Source: Fidelity International, Bloomberg, ICE BofAML Bond Indices, J.P. Morgan Indices, ChinaBond, MSCI Equity Indices based on 5-years to September 2018.  
US 3-Month T-bill was used for Sharpe ratio calculation.

# Performance

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## Backtesting including China

	Ann. Std. Dev.	Cumulative Return
<b>Global Agg</b>	4.47%	7.13%
<b>Global Agg + 5% CGB</b>	4.36%	7.76%
<b>Global Agg + 10% CGB</b>	4.27%	8.39%
<b>Global Agg + 20% CGB</b>	4.12%	9.66%
<b>WGBI</b>	2.86%	16.62%
<b>WGBI<sup>1)</sup> + 5% CGB</b>	2.78%	16.82%
<b>WGBI<sup>1)</sup> + 10% CGB</b>	2.72%	17.01%
<b>WGBI<sup>1)</sup> + 20% CGB</b>	2.69%	17.38%

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Source: Barclays, Bloomberg, Factset, FTSE Russell, ICE, Fidelity International as of January 2019.

Note: Analysis period is from 31/12/2013 to 31/01/2019. Chinese Government Bond (CGB) returns represented by ICE China Government Index (G0CN). Returns shown are USD unhedged. 1) World Government Bond Index

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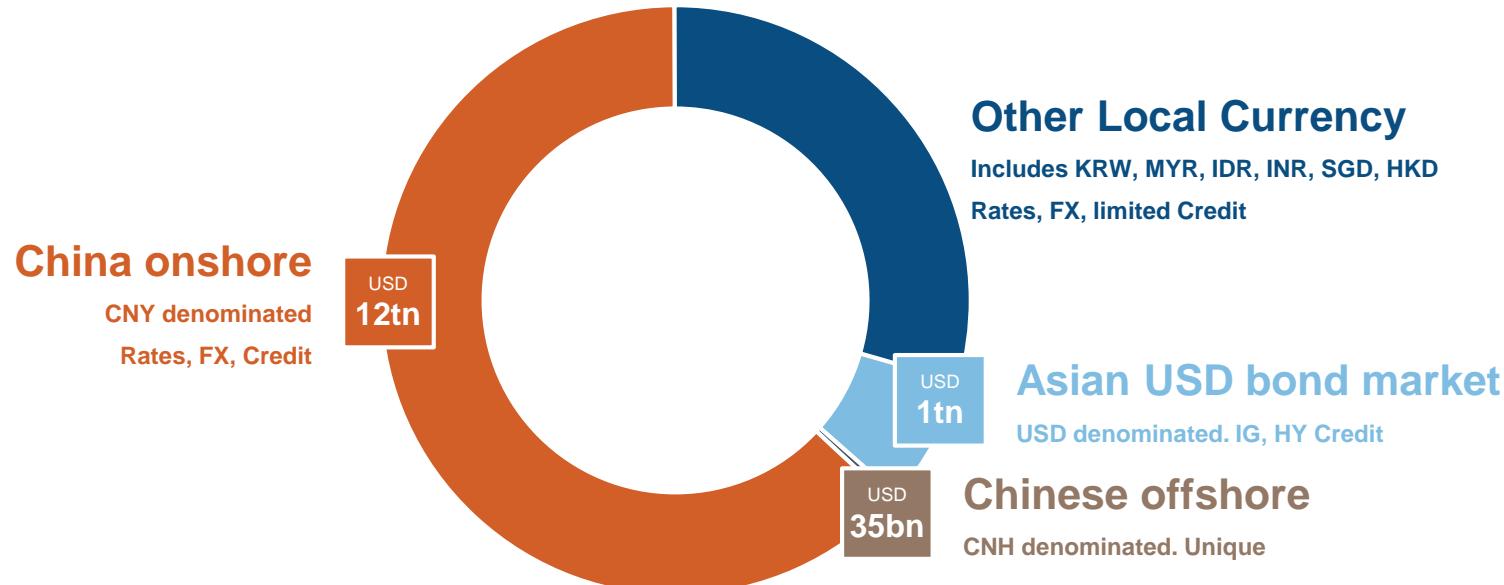
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# Asia's bond market

## Three quite different ways to buy China



Source: Fidelity International, ICE BofAML ADOL and CNHJ Indices, 2019.

# Accessing China onshore

## Various options



Source: Fidelity International, 2019. 1) Chinese Interbank Bond Market; 2) QFII = Qualified Foreign Institutional Investors; RQFII = Renminbi QFII

# Onshore China bond market investor base

## Growing in depth and breadth

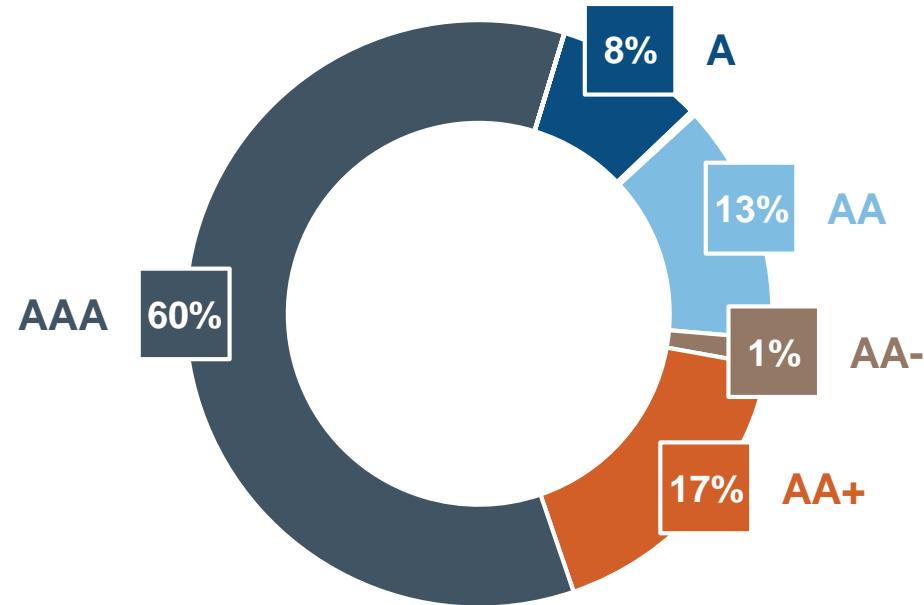


Source: Chinabond, Goldman Sachs Global Investment Research, 2018.

# Onshore China bond universe

## Investment grade by international standards

Onshore Credit Rating	International Equivalent
AAA	~AA/A
AA	~BBB/BB
A	~B



Source: Wind, Fidelity International. Credit rating comparison is indicative.

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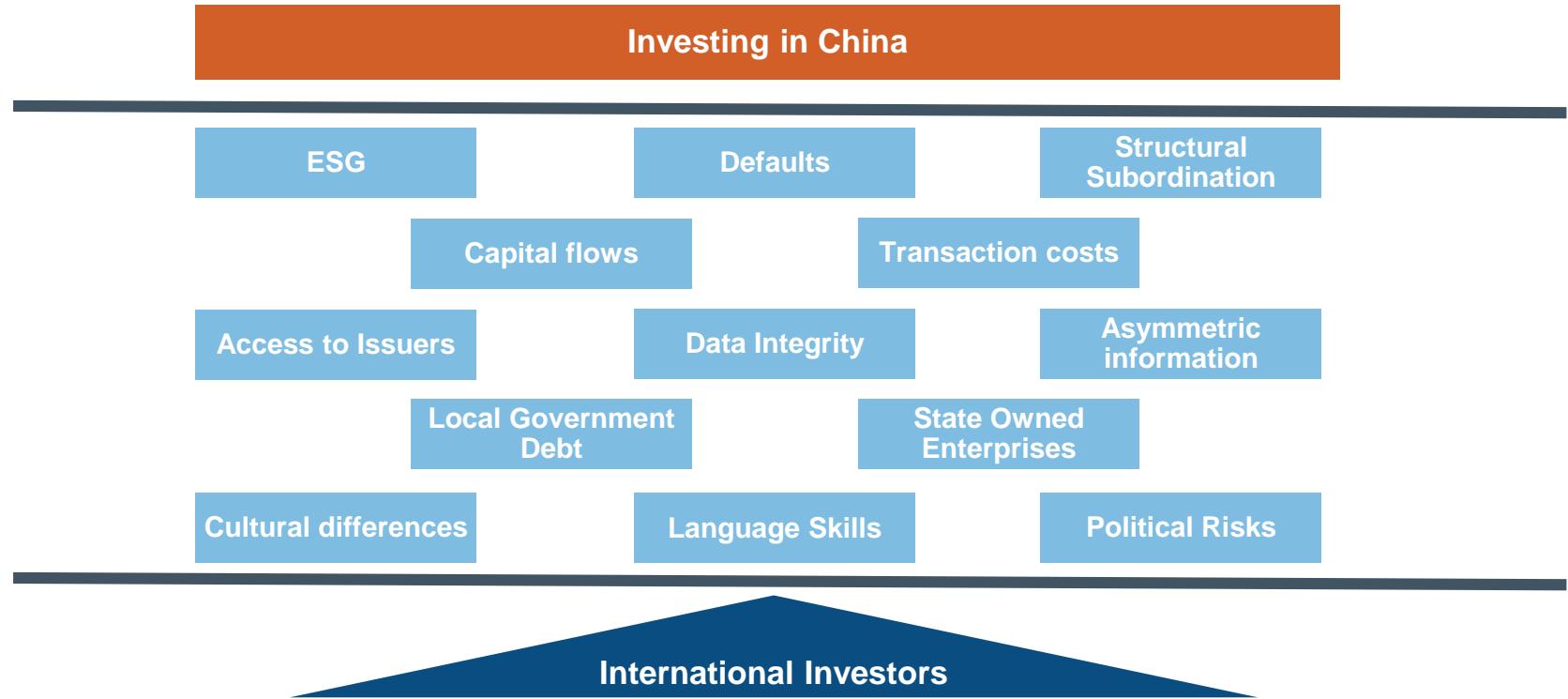
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# Is China any different?



Source: Fidelity International, 2019.

# Key developments in China

## Structural improvements

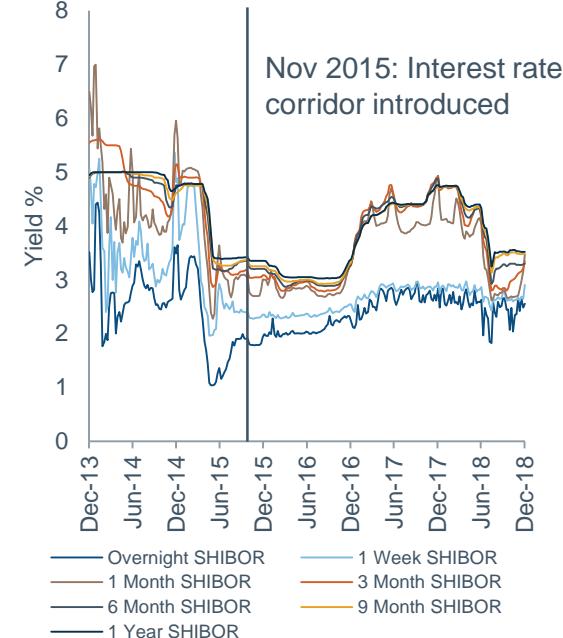
### Onshore credit differentiation



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Source: Bloomberg; Fidelity International, December 2018.

### Monetary policy mechanism



Source: PBOC; Bloomberg; Fidelity International, December 2018.

### Controlled currency



Source: Bloomberg; Fidelity International, December 2018.

# Chinese government bonds

Reflecting the evolution of the financial system

Historical 10-year Chinese Government, Chinese Development Bank, and AAA Bond Yield



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Source: Bloomberg, Fidelity International, 2019. 1) Wealth Management Products; 2) Macro Prudential Assessment

# China policy responses

## Monetary easing bias to continue

INCREASING EASING BIAS

1. Jan 2018: 1st targeted 50-100bps RRR cut
2. Apr: 2nd 100bps RRR cut
3. **Early June: Medium-term Lending Framework (MLF) expanded to include lower grade AA+ and AA onshore corporate bonds**
4. Late June: 3rd RRR cut of 50bps across 5 SOE banks and 12 joint stock banks which would release around RMB500-700bn liquidity into the market to support debt-to-equity program
5. **Mid July: Providing banks with additional funding through MLF to support additional loan supply and buying of lower rated onshore bonds**
6. Mid July: Fine tuning Asset Management Product (AMP) rules
7. Early Oct: 4th 100 bps RRR cut
8. **Late Oct: Launched public consultation for personal income tax deduction**
9. **Mid Nov: PBoC's Shanghai unit will introduce more debt financing tools to support fundraising of POEs**
10. Early Jan 2019: The PBOC delivered a blanket 100bps RRR cut
11. **End Jan 2019: CBS (Central Bank Bills Swap) to improve liquidity of Bank's perpetual bonds**

Source: Fidelity International, January 2019.

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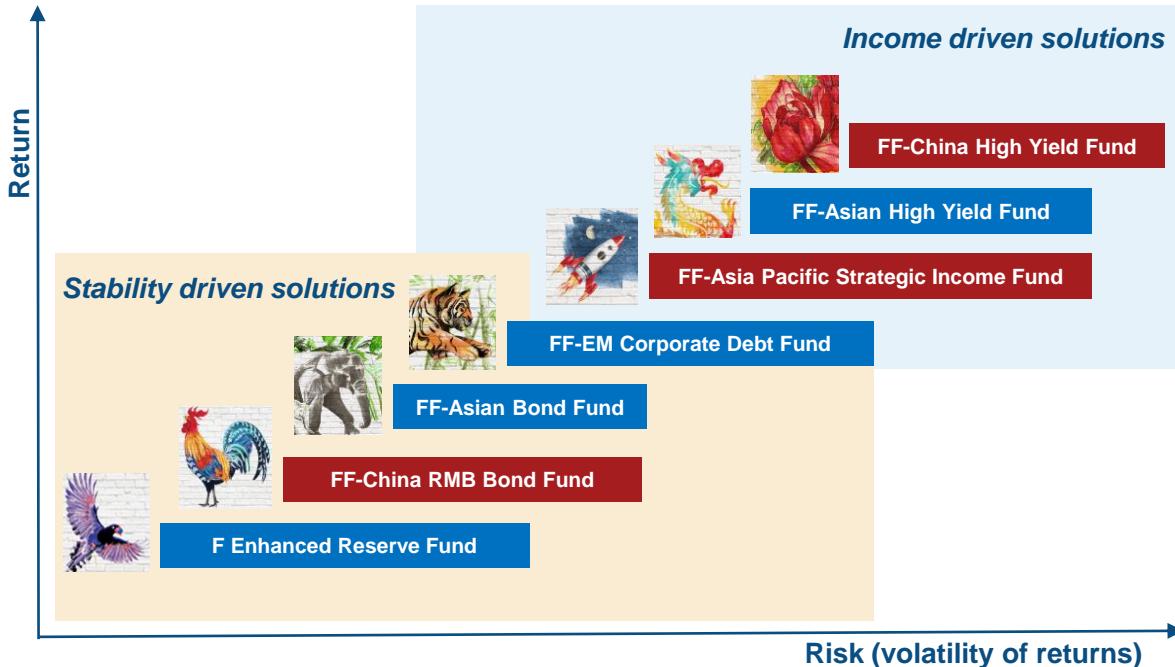
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# Our product range continues to expand

Offering China focused strategies across the risk and return spectrum

## Fidelity Asian fixed income strategies



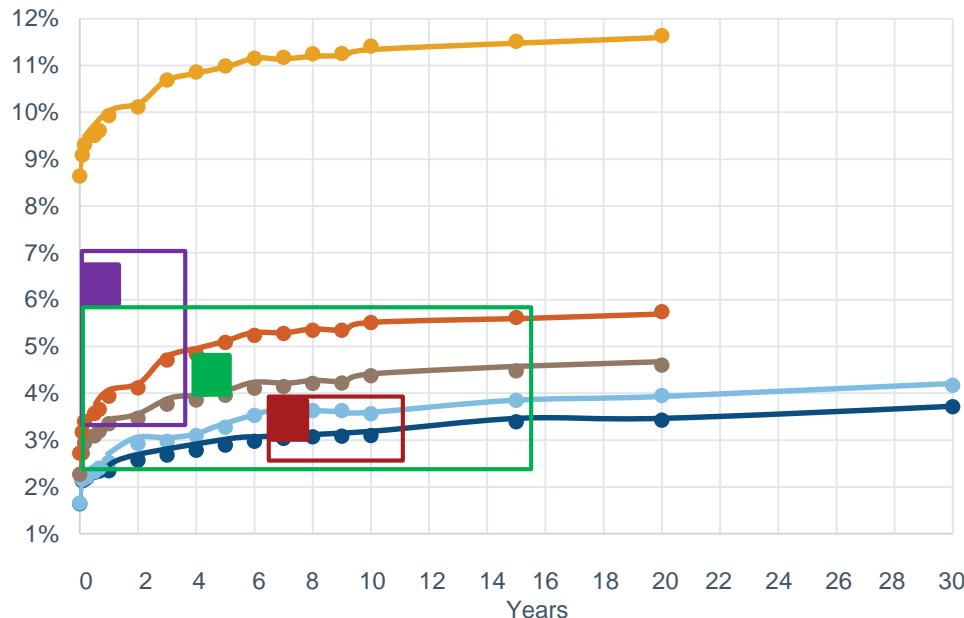
Source: Fidelity International, 2018. \*Fidelity International, 3Q18. \* Includes Boston managed assets of \$11.6bn of assets.  
 1) Chinese Government Bonds, 2) State Development Bank of China

- Managing bond assets since 1982, with fixed income team structure in place since 1995
- Established Asia FI since 2002
- \$84.7bn fixed income AUM for institutional, wholesale and retail clients globally\*

Date	Fund Launches
2007	Asian High Yield Fund (USD)
2011	China RMB Bond Fund (RMB)
2015	China High Yield Fund (USD)
2017	1 <sup>st</sup> Onshore WOFE FI Private Fund
2018	Onshore CGBs <sup>1)</sup> & SDBCs <sup>2)</sup> Pool Fund
2018	3 <sup>rd</sup> Onshore WOFE FI Private Fund

# New onshore bond strategies

Fully integrated on-the-ground investment team



## Fidelity Asian Fixed Income Funds in Onshore China

- Fidelity Multi-Asset onshore CGB-SDBC Pool
- Fidelity China Bond No.1 Private Fund\*
- Fidelity China Bond Opportunity No.1 Private Fund\*

## Onshore China Bond Market Yield Curves

- Onshore China Government Bond (CGB)
- Onshore China Development Bank Bond (SDBC)
- Onshore AAA Rated Corporate (~ AA/A Int'l Rating)
- Onshore AA Rated Corporate (~ BBB/BB Int'l Rating)
- Onshore A Rated Corporate (~ B Int'l Rating)

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Source: Fidelity International, WIND, as of 3 February 2019. \* Only available for onshore institutional or private clients

# Fixed Income Organisation Structure



Source: Fidelity International, 2019.

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## Summary

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Why?

- Higher risk-adjusted returns
- Diversification benefits
- Alpha opportunities increasing
- Index inclusion

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Characteristics: Different but similar

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Risk: Consider China like any other market

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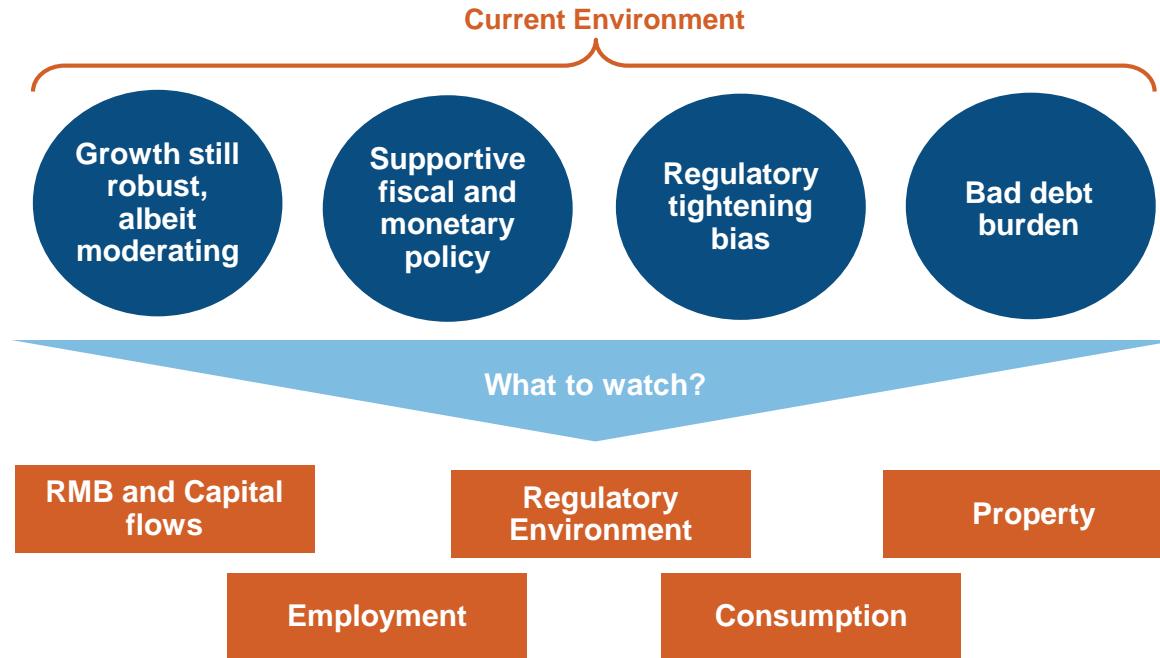
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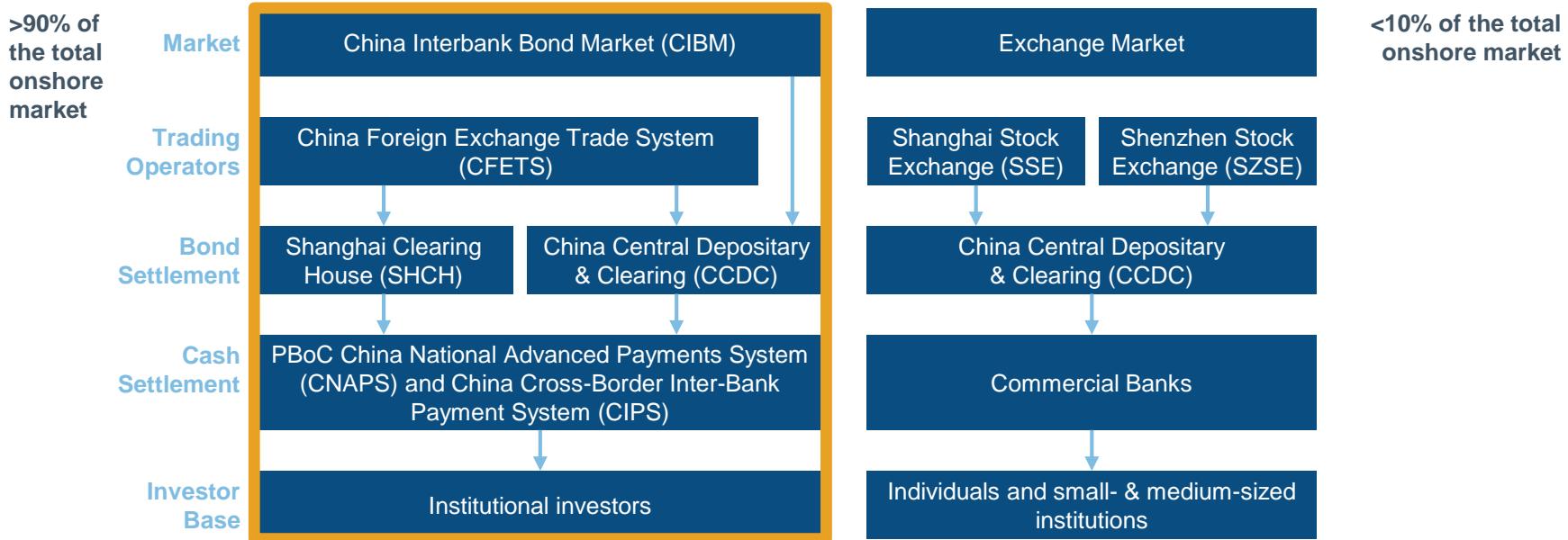
## Generally supportive backdrop and manageable near-term risks



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Source: Fidelity International, 2018.

# Onshore bond market structure overview

## Focus on CIBM (China Interbank Bond Market)



Source: Fidelity International, NAFMII, ADB, 2018.

# China “Bond Connect” mechanism

## Operational



Source: PBoC, HKMA, Citi Research, 2018.

# Scope of local Chinese bonds that will be added

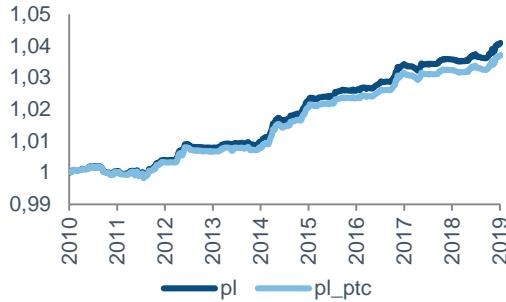
## Chinese Treasury and Policy Bank Debt Being Included in the Global Aggregate Index

Issuer	Ticker	Count	MV (CNY tn.)	Amt Out (CNY tn.)	MV (USD tn.)	Amt Out (USD tn.)	Duration (Years)	YTW (%)
China Government Bond	CGB	159	10,400.5	9,992.7	1,551.0	1,490.2	6.69	3.00
China Development Bank	SDBC	102	6,558.2	6,272.4	978.0	935.4	4.78	3.37
Agricultural Development Bank	ADBCH	58	3,321.5	3,192.5	495.3	476.1	4.08	3.33
Export-Import Bank of China	EXIMCH	45	2,002.0	1,926.4	298.6	287.3	3.86	3.31
<b>Total</b>		<b>364</b>	<b>22,282.1</b>	<b>21384.0</b>	<b>3323.0</b>	<b>3189.0</b>	<b>5.49</b>	<b>3.19</b>

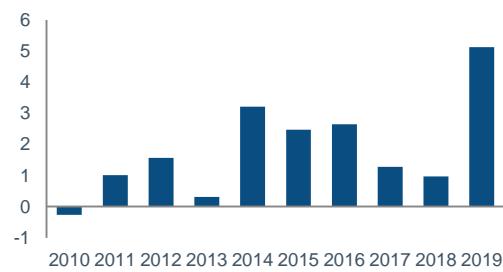
Source: Bloomberg, 31 January 2019.

# China Duration Model

Cumulative Performance



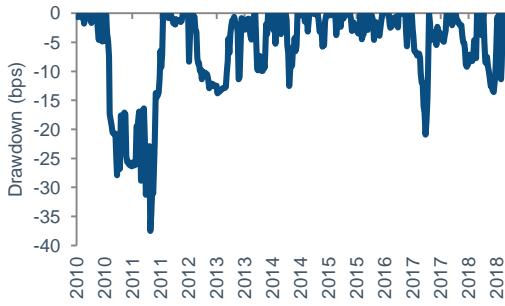
Information Ratio per year post transaction cost (ptc)



Performance by Signal



Underwater Plot @ 25.05 bp



Signal Correlation (W)

	Commo	Cvnc	Global momentum	Growth	Liquidity	Momentum	Reversion
Cvnc	0.51						
Global momentum	0.50	0.61					
Growth	0.36	0.69	0.43				
Liquidity	0.17	0.16	0.24	0.25			
Momentum	0.35	0.55	0.53	0.55	0.28		
Reversion	-0.32	-0.47	-0.47	-0.49	-0.22	-0.82	
Slope	-0.24	-0.31	-0.06	-0.27	-0.06	-0.03	-0.08

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