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## Macro Theme: China's Failing Growth Model is A Systemic Risk



#### This Model Has Lead Too Many Buildings And Factories <sup>1</sup>



### 300

And A Credit Bubble <sup>1.3</sup>

Government

Financial Institutions

350



35

#### These Vulnerabilities Are Now Exposed As The Economy Slows <sup>2</sup>



1. IMF Arucie iv china 2015

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2. National bureau of Statistics China (NBS)

2007

2008

2009

3. McKinsey Global Institute, " Debt and (not Much) Deleveraging", February 2015

2010

2011

2012

2013

### Step 2: Fundamental Economic Framework

## What Now? Slowing Growth and Too Many Buildings and Factories Already<sup>1</sup>



### Even Though Already at Developed Market Levels



### **Industrial Profits Are Falling**



### And Repayment Issues Will Grow



### Step 2: Fundamental Economic Framework

## **Market Thinks The Positive More Than Offset These Issues**

## China is Transitioning to a Service Economy<sup>1</sup>



Investment in the Tertiary Sector Is Larger than Industrial Sector and Growing <sup>1</sup>



1. National bureau of Statistics China (NBS)

2. FTAlphaville, "What if China lands hard, they asked in 2013", April 27. 2016

#### Government is Turning to Stimulus Both Through Credit and Infrastructure<sup>2</sup> YoY Change in Domestic Credit in China (RMB bn) as % of GDP 459 40% Between February 2015 veen November 2008 and February 2016 and November 2009 35% Domestic Credit in China **Domestic Credit in China** ncreased by 27.9Tm RMB 309 reased by 12.1Trn RMB or ~40.4% of GDP or ~34.4% of GDP 259 20% 15% 10% 5%

Source: People's Bank of China, Bloomberg, Bernstein Analysis

### China Export Engine is Growing (Net Goods Expor<sup>1</sup>



### **Step 2: Fundamental Economic Framework**

## **These Positives Are Illusionary: Tertiary Growth** $\neq$ **Consumer Growth<sup>1</sup>**

Yes, The Service Sector Has Taken Over From The Manufacturing



### But The Growth is Through Financials and RE



#### National bureau of Statistics China (NBS)

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McKinsey Global Institute, " Debt and (not Much) Deleveraging", February 2015 3.

### Yes, Investment in The Service Sector Is Growing



### But that Growth Has Come Through Real Estate



### Step 2: Fundamental Economic Framework

### These Positives Are Illusionary: Infrastructure Growth Is Part of the Problem

### Infrastructure Growth Has Been Substantial Already <sup>1</sup>



2/15Q2 is average of April-May 2015.

#### Investment Infrastructure Is Already Sizable<sup>2</sup>



1. IMF Article IV China 2015

2. McKinsey Quarterly, "China's Next Chapter", November 2013

3. McKinsey Quarterly, " A dose of innovation to ease infrastructure strains?", September 2014



Total infrastructure stock, 2012,

% of GDP



Source: IHS Global Insight; Global Water Intelligence; International Transport Forum, Organisation for Econom Co-operation and Development (OECD); OECD's perpetual inventory method; McKinsey Global Institute analysi

#### China Should Reduce Infrastructure Investment Not Grow it <sup>3</sup>



### **Step 2: Fundamental Economic Framework**

### These Positives Are Illusionary: Consumer Growth Is Constrained By Savings and Income<sup>1</sup>



### Consumer Receives Too Little And Saves Too Much

#### Increasing Consumption By Giving HH More Income Will Not Work



### Savings Rates Need to Come Down Substantially



### **Step 2: Fundamental Economic Framework**

### These Positives Are Illusionary: High Savings Rate Structural Not Easy to Change



Figure 4: Total fertility rates 1950-2010. Source: United Nations World Population Prospects 2010.

### Fewer Children Means = More Savings <sup>1</sup>



Figure 3: Household saving rate (left axis) and ratio of parents, age 20-50, to children, age 0-19 (right axis).

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### Housing Privatization in The 90s = More Savings <sup>3</sup>

Fewer Children Means Fewer Females = More Savings<sup>2</sup>



- 1. Curtis, Chadwick, Lagauer, Steven and Mark, Nelson, "Demographic Patterns and Household Savings in China", March 2014
- 2. Wei, Shang-jin and Zhang, Xiaobo, "The Competitive Saving Motive: Evidence from Rising Sex Ratios and Savings Rates in China", JPE, Vol 119, No 3, (June 2011)\_
- 3. Rosenzweig, Mark, and Zhang, Junsen, Economic Growth Center, Yale University, "co-residence, Life-cycle Savings and Inter-generational support in Urban China" April 2014

### Step 2: Fundamental Economic Framework

## **These Positives Are Illusionary: Credit Growth** *≠* **Economic Growth**





#### Impact of Credit Growth Is Declining With Productivity<sup>2</sup>



#### Productivity is Declining in Part Because of Falling Urbanization <sup>3</sup>



### Urbanization Creates Productivity Growth <sup>3</sup>



Source: World Bank staff calculations

- 1. NBS
- 2. Rabobank Economic Research, "How fast is China actually growing?", April 07, 20
- 3. World Bank, "Urban China", July 2015

Step 2: Fundamental Economic Framework

## These Positives Are Illusionary: Trade Growth Masks Larger Problems<sup>1</sup>

### **Positive Traded Balance Offset By Capital Outflows**

**Trade Balance Growth Comes From Falling Imports** 





**Step 3: Potential Catalyst** 

### So, As China's Growth Engine Fails, Problem With Loan Losses Will Mount 1,2



### **Step 3: Potential Catalyst**

## The ROW Economies Could Slow As China Imports Slow



A 10% Decline in China Imports Could Have a Substantial Impact on Growth in ROW<sup>2</sup>



1. IMF Working Paper, "China and Asia in Global Trade Slowdown", Hong, Lee, Liao and Sneviratne, May 2016

2. IMF Working Paper, "China's Imports Slowdown: Spillovers, Spillins, and Spillbacks", Kierye, Alexei, and Leonididov, Andrei, March 2016

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