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# HAS ASIA EX-JAPAN WITHSTOOD THE GLOBAL FINANCIAL CRISIS?

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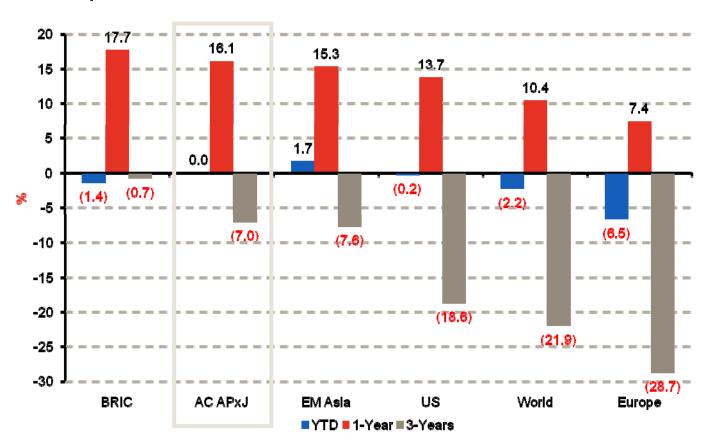
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# **SETTING THE SCENE – MARKET PERFORMANCE**

#### **Asian equities versus other markets**





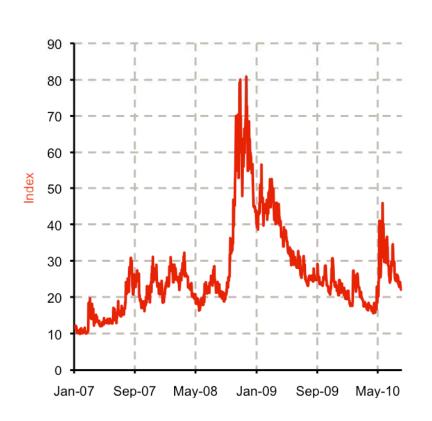


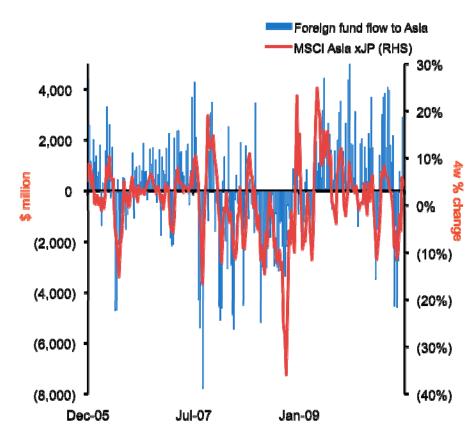


# WHEN GLOBAL INVESTOR RISK APPETITE RETURNS...

#### **VIX Index**

### **Fund flows to Asia**



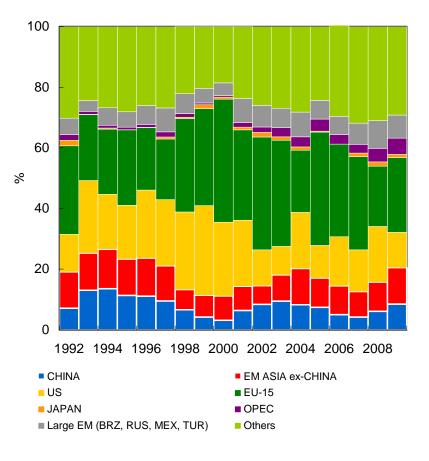


Source: Bloomberg, 5 August 2010; ML, 30 June 20108

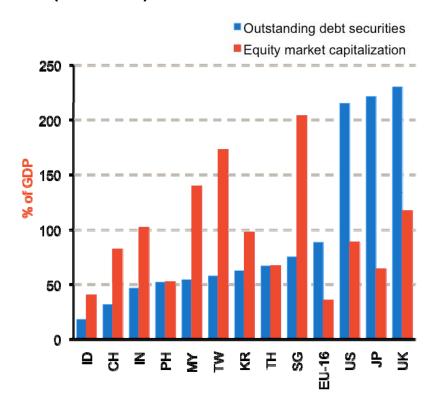


# **GLOBAL CAPITAL FLOWS ARE LIKELY TO FLOW THROUGH TO ASIA**

#### Comparing global FDI (% of flows)



# Equity market cap & bond market size (% of GDP)





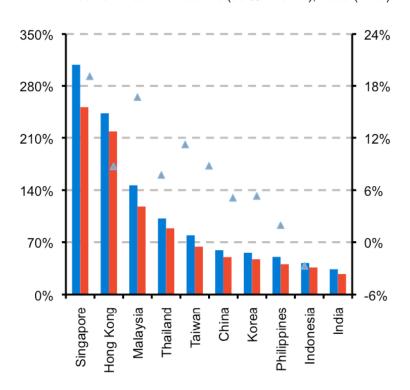
Source: Citigroup, BIS Quarterly Review, January 2010



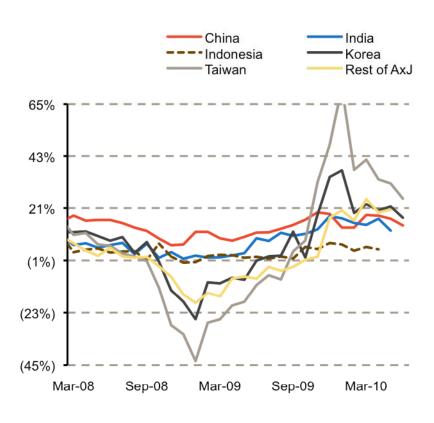
# **DOES ASIA STILL DEPEND ON THE WEST?**

#### **External dependence**

- Goods and Services Exports (as % of GDP), 2008
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- ▲ Current Account Balance (as % of GDP), 2009 (RHS)



#### Industrial production growth in AxJ



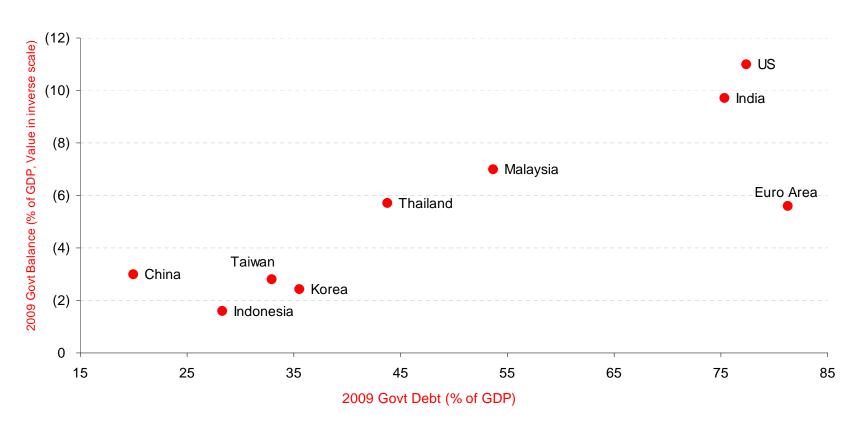
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Source: WTO, CEIC, Morgan Stanley Research, June 2010



# **KEY FOCUS - POLICYMAKERS' ACTIONS**

# Comparing government balance sheets\*



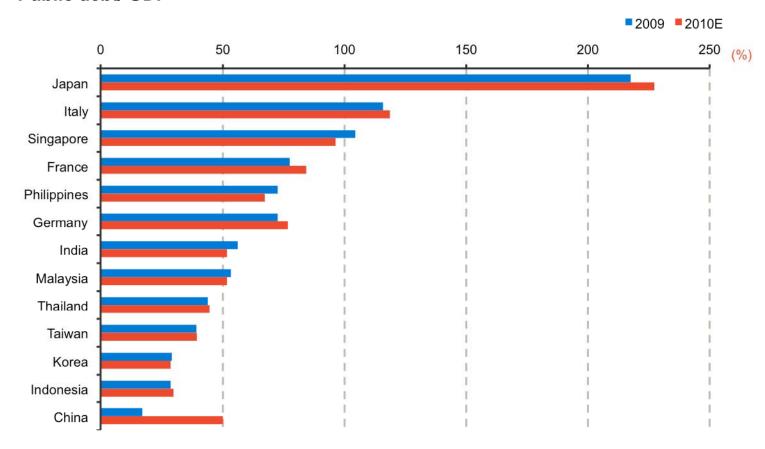


Source: CEIC, Morgan Stanley, May 2010 \*Fiscal balances for AxJ economies are as per financial year basis, which differs from country to country



# ASIA EX-JAPAN GOVERNMENT DEBT AT MANAGEABLE LEVELS

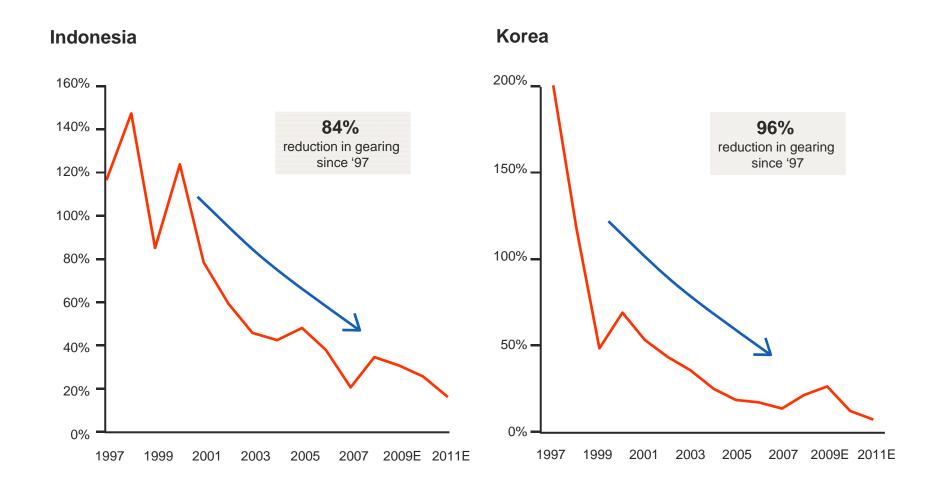
#### Public debt/ GDP







# **ASIAN CORPORATES ARE IN A FAVOURABLE POSITION**



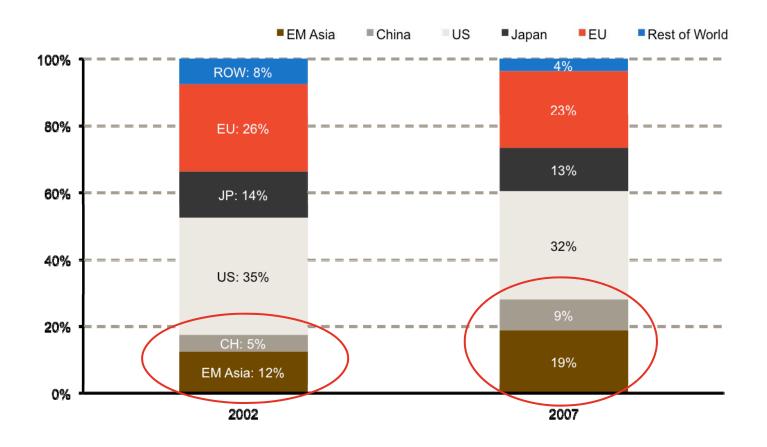






# **ASIA CLIMBS UP THE VALUE CHAIN**

#### Share in global R&D spending



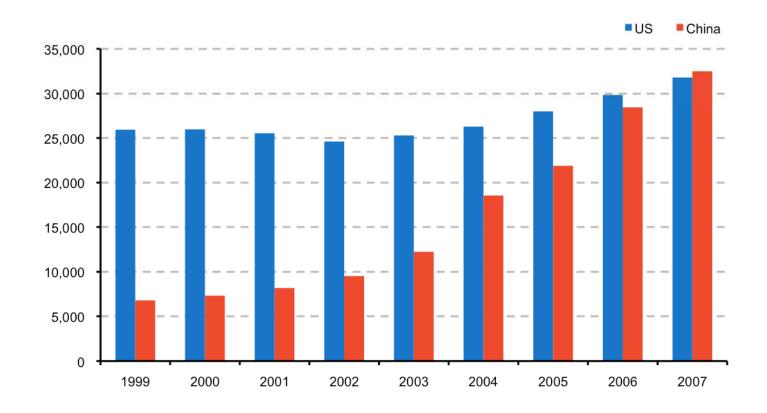






# **ATTRACTING TALENT**

#### Number of science and engineering doctorates



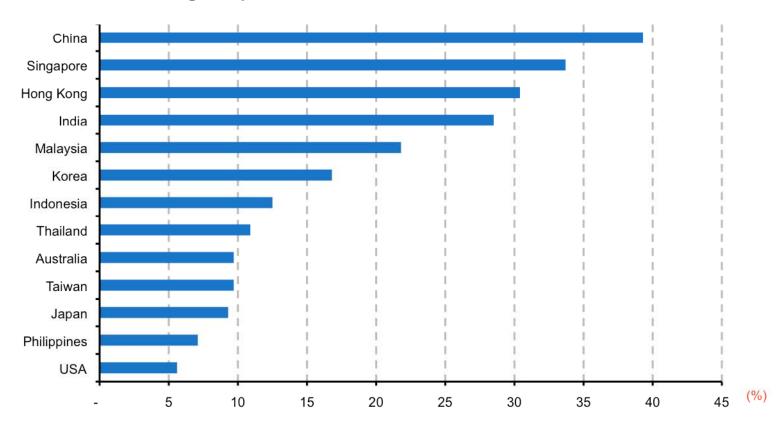






# **ASIAN HOUSEHOLD SAVINGS REMAIN HIGH**

#### Household savings/disposable income

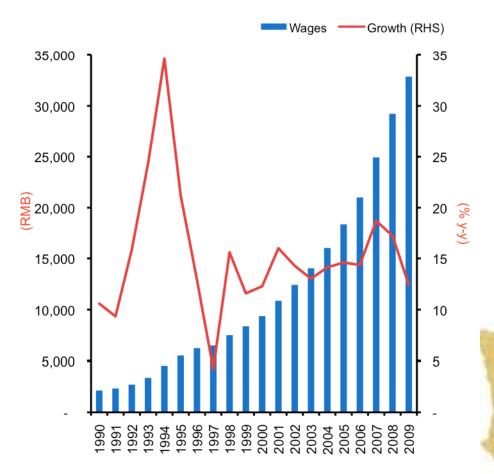








# **CHINA'S WAGE GROWTH STORY**



•Foxconn to raise wages after suicides ... raises pay 28 May 2010, FT

•Strikes hitting Japanese carmarkers

...China proves tough road for

Japanese carmakers... Honda

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Source: BNP Paribas, 2009



# MORE MONEY, MORE SPENDING

#### Disposable income per capita growth vs. population (2009)

Sg

Phil

Korea

Taiwan

Thai

India

Indo

China

1,400
1,200
1,000
600
400
200

Population Growth in disposable income per capita growth (RHS)

12
10
8
6
6
4
2
2





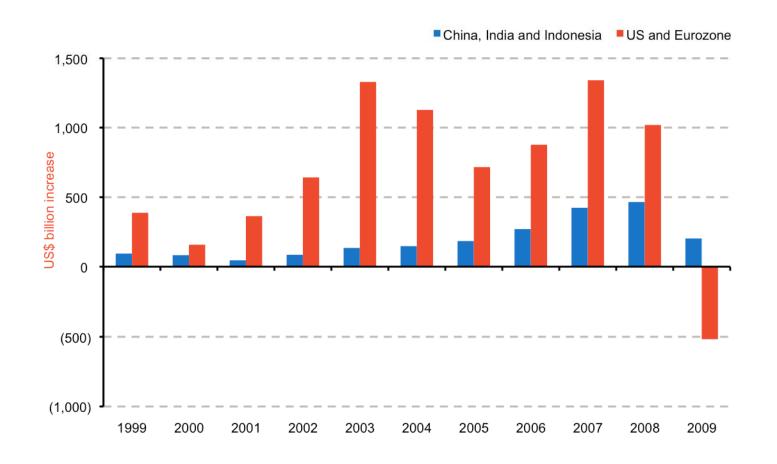
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# **CONSUMPTION DELTA SHIFTS FROM WEST TO EAST**



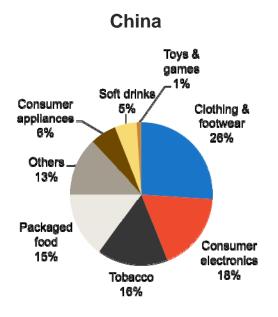


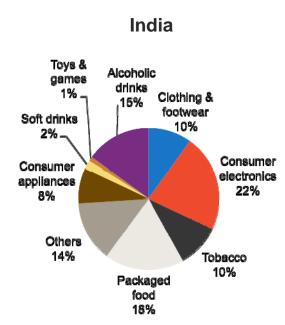
Source: CLSA, 2009

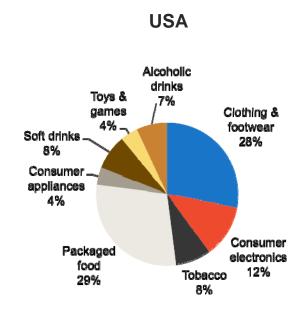


# **UNDERSTANDING THE CONSUMER**

#### **Consumer expenditure**







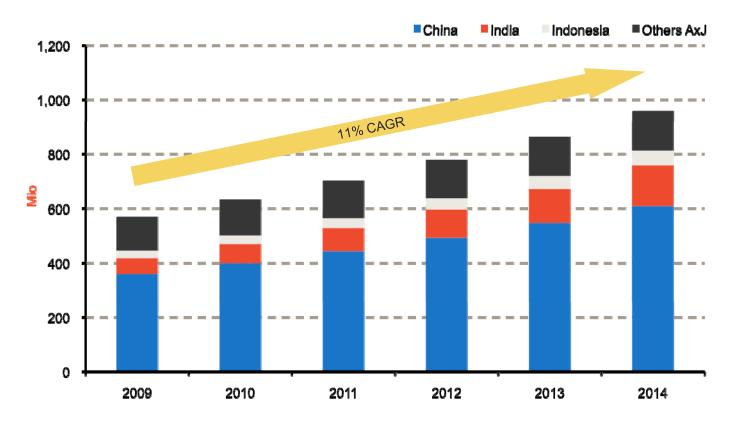






# **GROWTH OF THE MIDDLE CLASS**

#### Asia ex-Japan middle class 2009-2014









# **URBANISATION TRENDS**

#### **Urban population/total population**

| (%)            | 2000 | 2010 | 2020 | 2030 |
|----------------|------|------|------|------|
| Australia      | 87.2 | 89.1 | 90.6 | 91.9 |
| China          | 35.8 | 44.9 | 53.2 | 60.3 |
| Hong Kong      | 100  | 100  | 100  | 100  |
| India          | 27.7 | 30.1 | 34.3 | 40.6 |
| Indonesia      | 42.0 | 53.7 | 62.6 | 68.9 |
| Korea          | 79.6 | 81.9 | 84.2 | 86.3 |
| Malaysia       | 62.0 | 72.2 | 78.5 | 82.2 |
| USA            | 79.1 | 82.3 | 84.9 | 87.0 |
| Western Europe | 75.3 | 77.0 | 79.1 | 81.7 |







# THE NEED FOR SOCIAL HOUSING



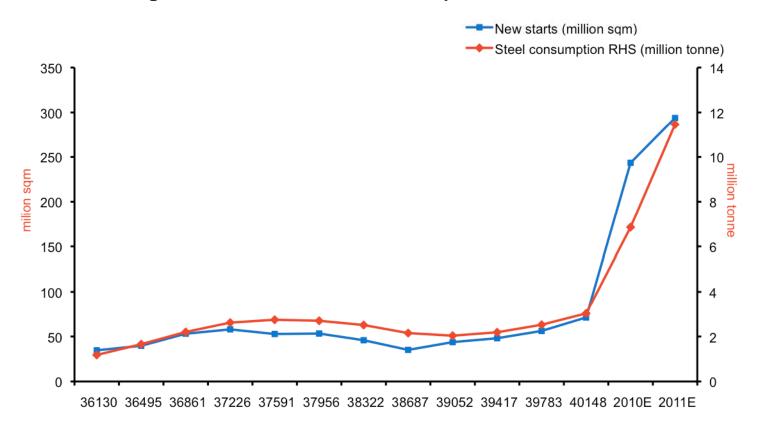
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Source: CRR and CLSA, August 2010



# THE CORRELATION BETWEEN HOUSING AND STEEL CONSUMPTION

#### Social housing starts and related steel consumption





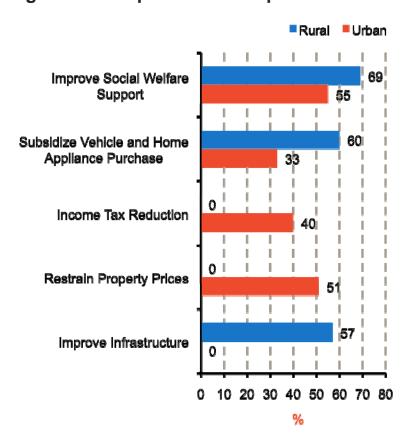


Note: the 2010 and 2011 estimates are based on 70% execution of the government's target.

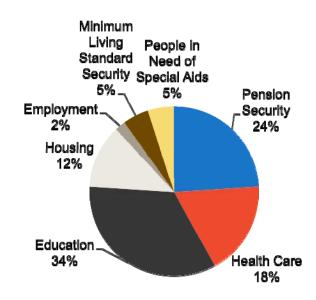


### **IMPROVING SOCIAL WELFARE SUPPORT IS CRITICAL**

I would spend more if the following government policies are implemented...



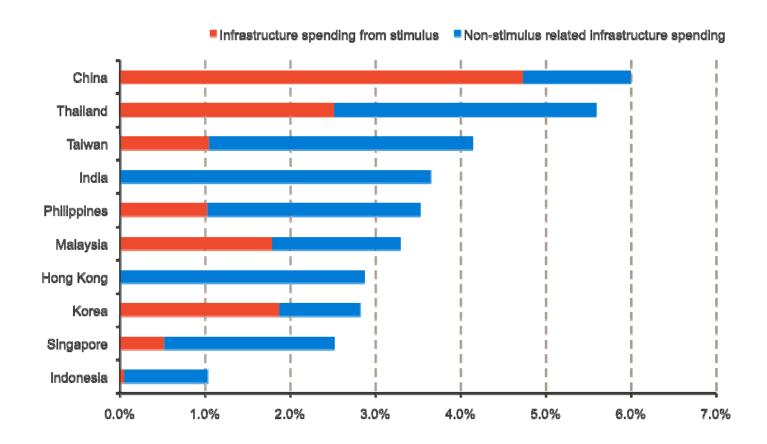
Completion of the social welfare system estimated to cost RMB 5.7Tn 2020







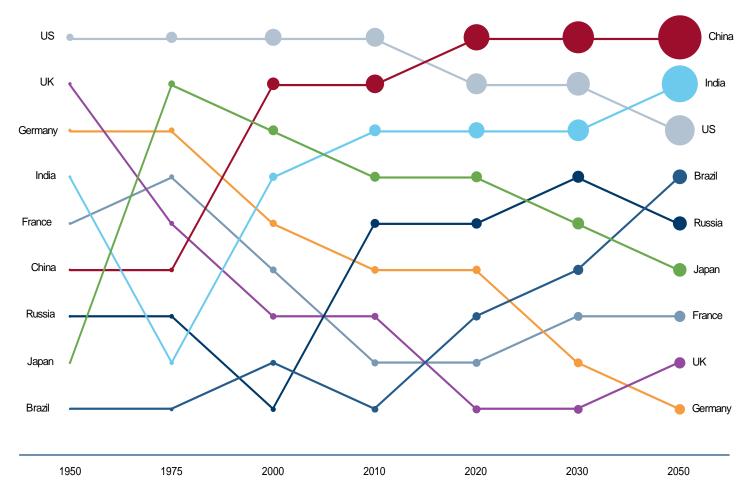
# **INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT – KEY AREA OF GROWTH**







# **NEW LEADERS IN THE WORLD ECONOMIC CYCLE...**

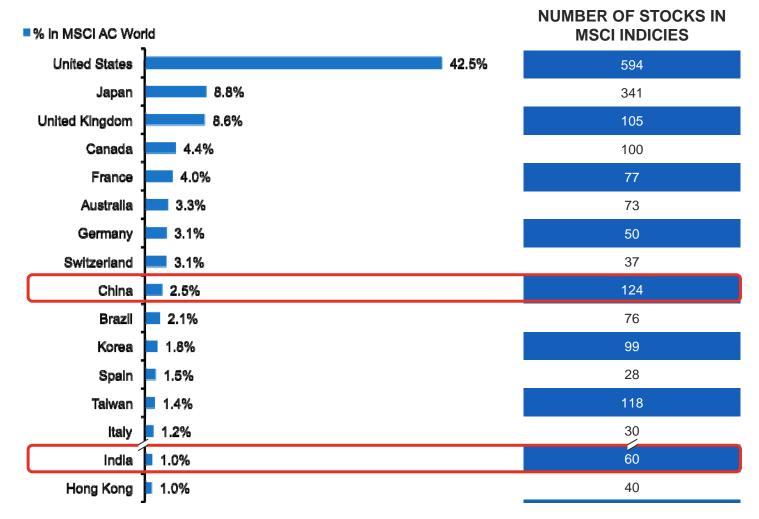




Source: Data from World Bank and the World in 2050, PricewaterhouseCoopers 2008, Credit Suisse; updates from John Hawksworth and Gordon Cookson



# **EXPECT A REBALANCING OF FINANCIAL MARKETS**





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