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RMB Internationalisation

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Scene Setting



RMB internationalisation: A three-stage process

Trading
Currency

Investment
Currency

In the future

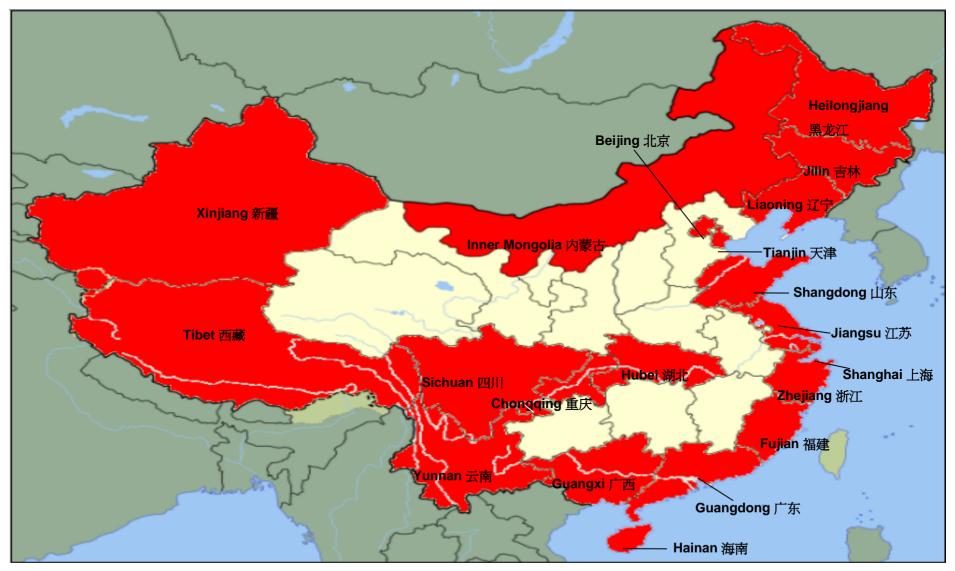
- Started June 2009
- Potential lies in emerging not developed markets
- EM share: 55% of China trade
- Political and economic incentives

- Started July 2010
- Other side of coin to trade settlement
- 80-90% China importer demand
- Closes on/offshore RMB circle

- More symbolic than material
- Accepted across the world:
 1) for investment, financing and payment purposes
 2) as a reserve, intervention and anchor currency

21 approved provinces and around 70,000 entities in China



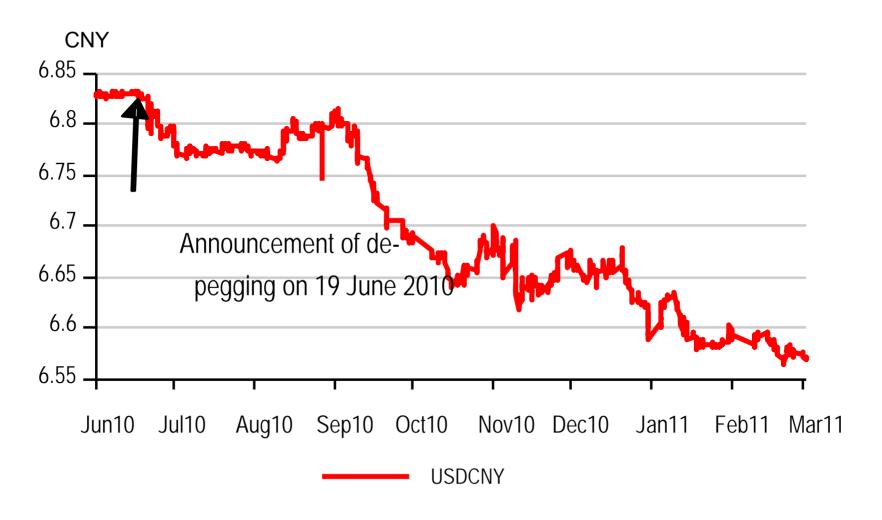


Red: Approved provinces for cross border RMB trade settlement

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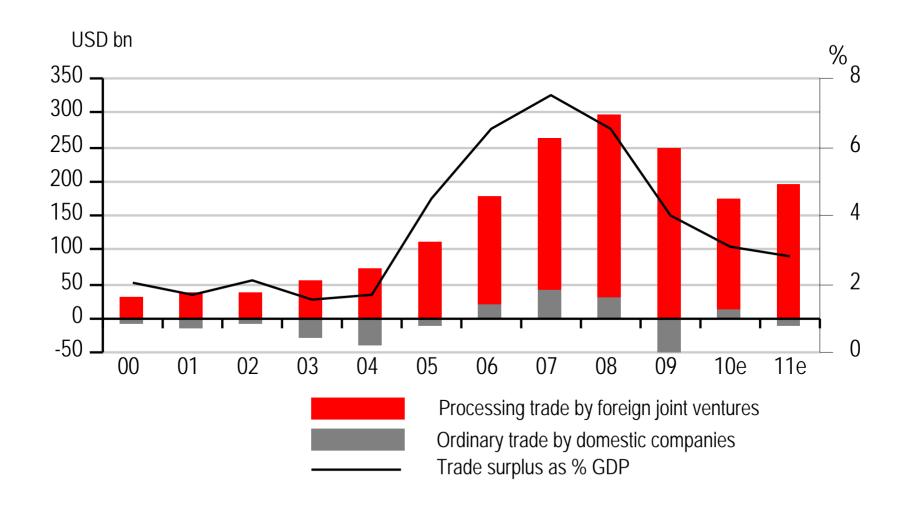
Volatility rather than appreciation will be the focus



Source: Reuters, HSBC



Pace of appreciation to average 3-5% annually

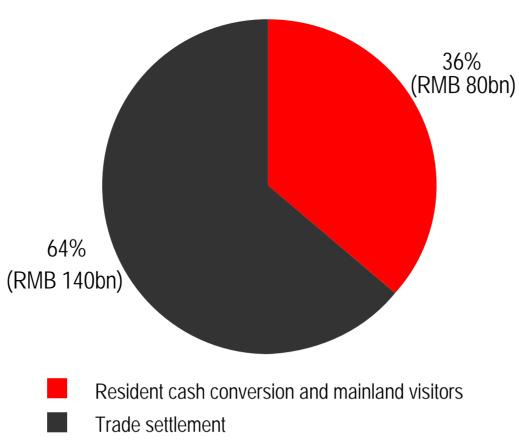


Source: CEIC, HSBC estimates

Channels for onshore RMB ('CNY') outflows into Hong Kong's CNH market to expand and multiply



HK's RMB deposit growth (Jan-Nov 2010)



Source: CEIC, HSBC estimates



Rise of the redback: Timeline unfolding rapidly

HSBC economics forecast

2003-05 2007 2008 2009 2010 2013-2015 2015-2017

- RMB deposittaking, cheque. credit/debit card and remittance services starts to be offered in HK
- BOC (HK) designated as RMB clearing bank
- HK banks set own credit limit on RMB cards
- HK shoppers can use RMB cheques in Guangdong

- Mainland financial institutions issue 1st RMB bonds in HK (June: CDB)
 - Dec 2008: State Council designates pilot RMB trade Guanadona. Yangtze River Delta. HK and Macau
- RMB trade settlement pilot scheme kicks off in five* pilot mainland cities w/ HK. Macau and ASFAN traders
 - HK participating settlement regions: banks can provide trade finance to foreign traders settling trade with CN traders in RMB
 - First offshore RMB sovereign bond in HK * (MoF)
 - Mainland subsidiaries of **HK** banks allowed to issue RMB bonds in HK

- Global roll-out of RMB trade settlement
- Offshore RMB products platform launched in HK
- BOC (HK) can clear personal RMB business, trade settlement. RMB bond issue expenses and mainland authorised deals
- RMB interbank market opened to selected offshore RMB holders
- RMB settlement for capital a/c items proposed for Shanghai
- RMB Overseas Direct Investment trial launch

- Surge in global RMR trade settlement transactions
- ~USD2tn annual trade flows settled in RMB
- Rising growth differential between China and its main trade partners, supports gradual appreciation
- RMB's role in global trade cycle reinforced

- Surge in global **RMB** denominated non-trade transactions
- Expanding non-**USD** trading inside China to range of other currencies
- Further reform to liberalise financial system
- ...paving the way for full RMB convertibility

Source: HSBC, Bloomberg, HKMA

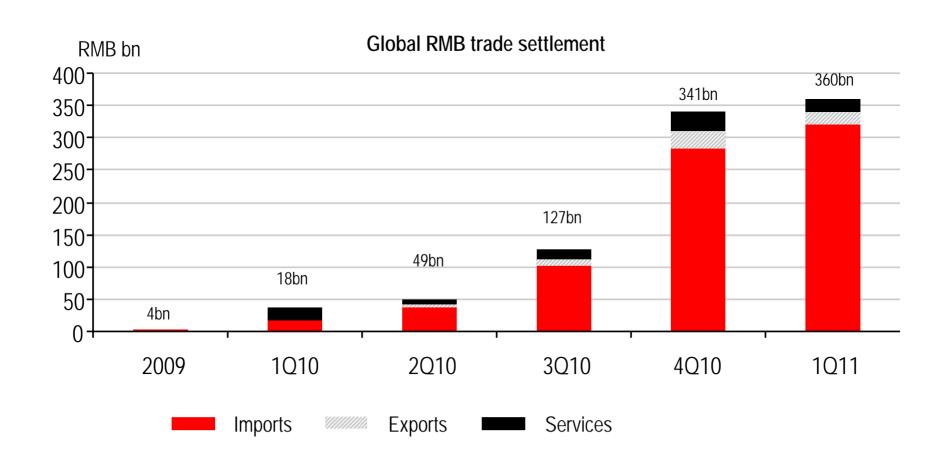
^{*} for "Mainland designated enterprises" only in Shanghai, Guangzhou, Shenzhen, Dongguan and Zhuhai



What does it all mean?



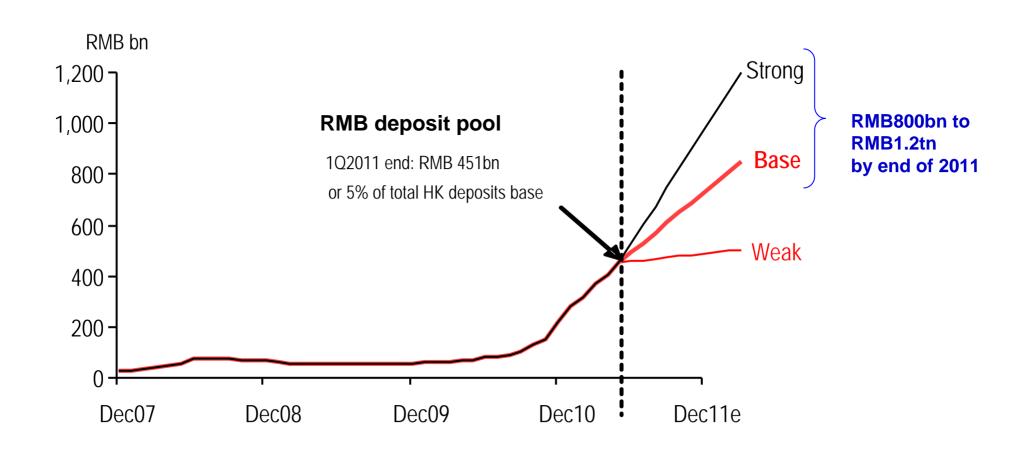
RMB cross-border trade settlement taking off



Source: PBoC, HKMA, HSBC



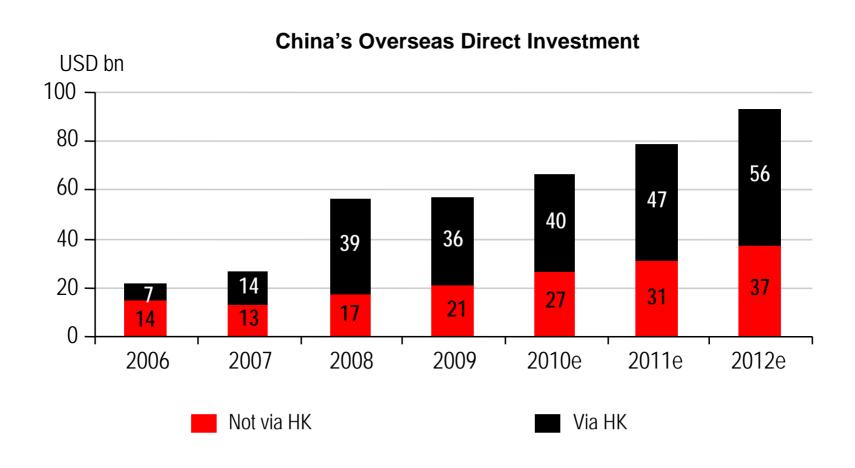
RMB liquidity in HK to rise at least threefold in 2011



Source: CEIC, HSBC

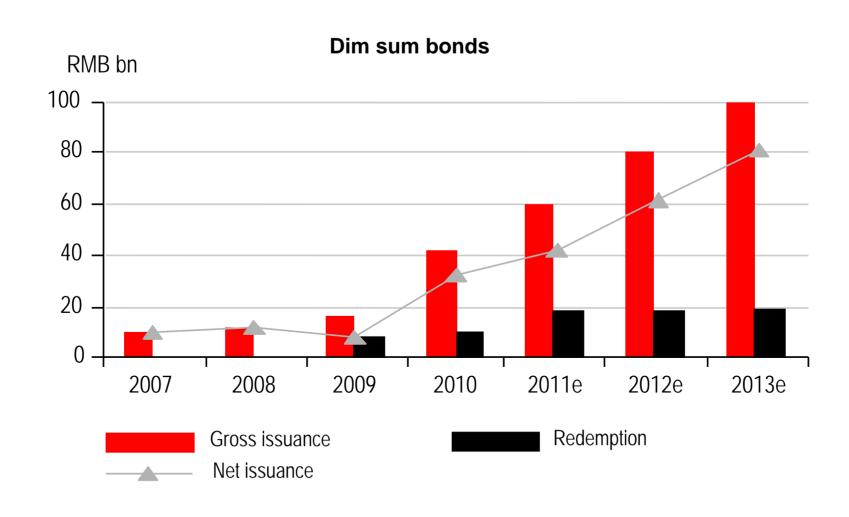


New source of RMB liquidity for HK in 2011





Dim sum bonds to top RMB 100bn by year-end



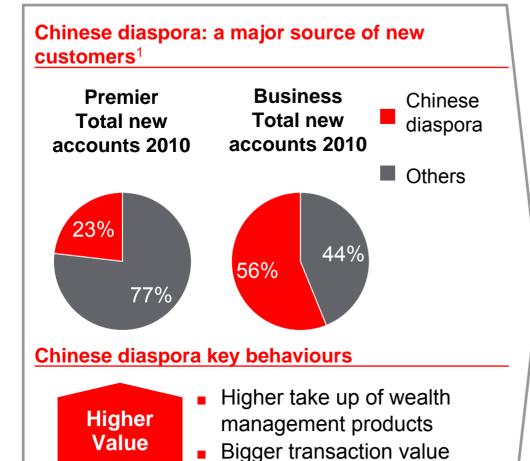
Source: Bloomberg, HSBC



Who dares wins

Ideally positioned to capture cross-border opportunities





Key actions³

Leveraging on cross-border connectivity to capture commercial clients

- 35% of new locally incorporated companies in HK bank with HSBC
- Commercial Banking referrals
 - HK to mainland: +25%;
 - mainland to HK: +70%

Strengthening sales force to capture retail clients

- Recruited 1,500 frontline staff (70% Mandarin speaking)
- 112% YoY growth in new Chinese diaspora Premier accounts²
- Premier referrals
 - HK to mainland: +332%;
 - Mainland to HK: +150%

More use of direct channel

Tend to use one bank only

Lower cost

¹ Companies Registry, HKSAR / HSBC in-house figures, all excluding Hang Seng Bank 2 FY 2010



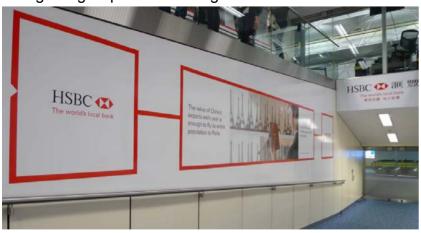
HSBC - The leading international RMB Bank

Creative advertising

Regional advertisement on RMB products



Hong Kong Airport advertising – The world's local bank



Key actions

Leveraging on first mover advantage

- Joint-Listing Agent on HK's first RMB IPO
- First RMB structured deposits. Launched RMB insurance. RMB Bond Fund
- Pioneered Offshore RMB (CNH) Bond Index

Capitalising on international connectivity to further increase market share¹

- HK's RMB deposits estimated to rise threefold in 2011
- RMB bond issuance: #1 Rank YTD 2011.
 Issuance includes World Bank, Unilever, etc.
- RMB trade services in 45 markets on all 6 continents, settlement volume reaches RMB45bn FY2010



HSBC leading in Offshore RMB bond issuance¹

Q1 2011 offshore RMB bonds issued ²

Red: Deals led by HSBC

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Pricing						Amount Coupon Synthetic		
Date	Issuer	Moody's	S&P	Format	Tenor	(RMB mn)	(%)	(Y / N)
31-Mar-11	Towngas	A1	A+	Sr. Unsec.	5yr	1,000	1.400	N
29-Mar-11	China Wind Power			Sr. Unsec.	3yr	750	6.375	N
25-Mar-11	Unilever NV	A1	A+	Sr. Unsec.	3yr	300	1.150	N
24-Mar-11	Bank of Communications	A3	BBB+	Cert. of Depo.	3yr	1,100	1.350	N
21-Mar-11	OCBC	Aa1	A+	Cert. of Depo.	3yr	200	1.100	N
15-Mar-11	Orix Corp		A-	Sr. Unsec.	3yr	400	2.000	N
14-Mar-11	TPV	-		Sr. Unsec.	3yr	500	4.250	N
10-Mar-11	Morgan Stanley	A2	A	Sr. Unsec.	5yr	400	Step Up	Υ
9-Mar-11	UBS AG Jersey Branch	Aa3	A+	Sr. Unsec.	5yr	50	0.750	Υ
8-Mar-11	Powerlong Real Estate	B1*	B+ *	Sr. Unsec.	3yr	750	11.500	Υ
1-Mar-11	Barclays Bank PLC HK	Aa3		Cert. of Depo.	1yr	250	1.150	N
28-Feb-11	Bank of Communications	A3	BBB+	Cert. of Depo.	2yr	1,000	1.000	N
21-Feb-11	Road King Infratructure	Ba3 *	BB- *	Sr. Unsec.	3yr	1,300	6.000	N
20-Feb-11	ICBC (Asia)	A2	A-	Cert. of Depo.	2yr	3,000	1.150	N
18-Feb-11	LDK Solar Co Ltd	-		Sr. Unsec.	3yr	1,200	10.000	Υ
15-Feb-11	UBS AG Jersey Branch	Aa3	A+	Sr. Unsec.	5yr	100	0.750	Υ
16-Feb-11	Svenska	Aa2	AA-	Sr. Unsec.	2yr	170	1.400	N
14-Feb-11	BECL Investment HLDG			Sr. Unsec.	3yr	1,150	4.750	N
28-Jan-11	ICBC (Macau)	A3		Cert. of Depo.	1yr	1,000	1.450	N
28-Jan-11	ICBC (Macau)	A3		Cert. of Depo.	2yr	1,000	1.550	N
27-Jan-11	YFY Cayman			Sr. Unsec.	3yr	300	3.100	N
25-Jan-11	IFC	Aaa	AAA	Sr. Unsec.	5yr	150	1.800	N
25-Jan-11	PCD Store	-		Sr. Unsec.	3yr	750	5.250	N
25-Jan-11	HSBC Bank Plc	Aa2	AA	Sr. Unsec.	5yr	36	0.500	Υ
25-Jan-11	Morgan Stanley	A2	A	Sr. Unsec.	5yr	400	Step Up	Υ
19-Jan-11	Shui On Land			Sr. Unsec.	4yr	3,500	7.625	Y
13-Jan-11	Evergrande	B2	BB-	Sr. Unsec.	3yr	5,500	7.500	Y
13-Jan-11	Evergrande	B2	BB-	Sr. Unsec.	5yr	3,700	9.250	Y
11-Jan-11	Sinochem Hong Kong	Baa1	BBB+	Sr. Unsec.	3yr	3,500	1.800	N
7-Jan-11	China SCE Property Holdings	B2	В	Sr. Unsec.	5yr	2,000	10.500	Υ
4-Jan-11	World Bank	Aaa	AAA	Sr. Unsec.	2yr	500	0.950	N
3-Jan-11	Bank of Communications	A3	RRR+	Cert. of Depo.	2yr	500	1.400	N

^{1.} Bloomberg Standard League Table. As of YTD end April 2011

^{2.} HSBC in-house records



HK launched the first offshore RMB equity IPO

Launched on 19 April 2011, the first RMB equity IPO outside mainland China

HSBC as Joint-Lead Arranger and Receiving Bank

Paved way for more issues in the future, expanded RMB product suite

April 2011



Hui Xian REIT RMB10.5 billion

First Offshore RMB-denominated Initial Public Offering

Joint Bookrunner, Joint Lead Manager and Joint Listing Agent



Appendix



Offshore RMB products available in Hong Kong

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Туре		Date of first deal	Example	Comments
Certificates o	f deposit	Jul-10	Citic Bank. Coupon: 2.68%. p.a. Maturity: 1 year	Banks that are Als in Hong Kong can issue CNH debt in CD formats. At present, CNH CD market issuers tend to be the Hong Kong branches of mainland banks. Documentation is relatively less complicated versus MTN Cash Notes/Bonds
Bonds	Corporate – FIs incorporated in mainland China	Jul-07	China Development Bank Corporation. Coupon: 3.0% p.a. Maturity: 2 years	Relevant rules currently only exist for financial institution (FI) issuers incorporated in mainland China issuing in the CNH market. Issuance of this instrument dominated by Chinese statelinked banks and foreign banks incorporated in the mainland. The number of issuance remains low primarily due to the extended approvals process required by PBoC/NDRC before any issuance in the CNH market. However, relatively cheaper funding costs in Hong Kong's offshore market still provides an incentive for onshore FI issuers to issue in the CNH market
	Corporate – foreign issuer	Jul-10	(1) Hopewell Infrastructure issued RMB1.38bn. coupon: 2.98%. Maturity: 2 years. (2) McDonalds issued RMB200m. Coupon: 3.0% p.a. Maturity: 3 years	No approval needed from either Hong Kong or China regulators for issuing CNH bonds in Hong Kong, unless repatriation of proceeds into China is desired by foreign corporate issuers. In the latter case, permission to repatriate funds must be applied via one of two channels: (1) foreign debt: PBoC; SAFE (or local SAFE); and (2) registered capital: PBoC, Ministry of Commerce (or local bureau of MoC), SAFE (or local SAFE). Again, the relatively cheap funding cost in the offshore market still provides an incentive for issuers to issue in the CNH market instead of the onshore equivalent
	Sovereign	Oct-09	Ministry of Finance issued a total RMB 6bn in 3 tranches on 2, 3, and 5yrs and coupon 2.25%, 2.7% and 3.3% respectively	Symbolically significant as it signalled the priority the Beijing government is giving to the offshore development of RMB bonds. The MOF issuance also established the first RMB sovereign yield curve outside China
Structured deposits		Jul-10	BOC (HK) RMB leveraged structured deposit; HSBC equity linked note. Various maturities and coupons.	Typically linked to an underlying index that ranges from currency, to interest rate, to equity, to gold. Deposits referencing the RMB have been around for some time, whereas those denominated in RMB only from July 2010 onwards
Insurance products		Late 2009	RMB insurance policies from Bank of China Group (BOCG) Life and China Life Insurance (Overseas). Maturity: mostly 5-10 years, some for life. Premium payments for RMB-denominated savings insurance plans could be settled in RMB as of July 2010	Full potential has thus far been limited because insurers are restricted in their ability to locate assets with long-enough tenors to match those of the policies they are offering. The ADB RMB bond's 10-year tenor helps to alleviate this by setting the first long tem benchmark yield for future. Industry players forecast that 25% to 30% of new insurance policies issued will be denominated in RMB within five years
Investment funds		Aug-10	Hai Tong Asset Management's launched the "Haitong Global RMB Fund" with a RMB 5bn ceiling, to be sunk into overseas fixed income RMB products including notes and bonds. Actual sales to date have yet to reach the limit	Limited by the channels for re-investment into the mainland. The introduction of rules allowing "RMB denominated mini QFII", possibly by year-end, could help catalyze the speed and depth of development for such funds
Equity products		April-11	Hui Xian real estate investment trust raised c.RMB 10.5bn in an IPO in Hong Kong	First ever RMB-denominated equity offering outside mainland China

Source: Bloomberg, various local press reports, HSBC

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