



# Russian Financial Markets and Asset Management

The real growth is still waiting to happen

Watch for the start of economic reforms. Start building the infrastructure to take advantage

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# China and Russia are close, but still far away

Cross-border investment activity is very low

### Two major neighbouring countries need to start growing stronger ties

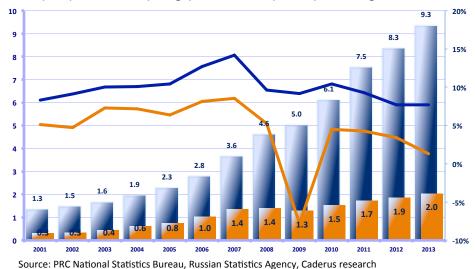
- State wealth funds started co-investing: USD2bn joint CIC-RDIF PE fund
- Russian banks issued dim sum bonds in 2013 in HK
- Not a single Russia-dedicated QDII fund or ETF in China yet
- No China-focused investment funds in Russia yet, 1 MSCI China ETF launched
- Growing interest towards Chinese investment products in Russia





### A larger economy and a bigger financial sector in China





■ Total bank assets (Dec 2013):

Russia USD 1.8 tn (+16% year-on-year)

China USD 25 tn (+16.5% yoy)

Domestic equity market cap (Dec 2013):

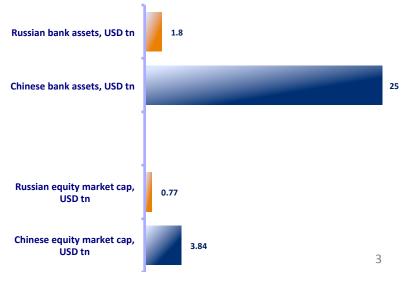
Russia USD 772.1bn (excl. LSE and NY)

China USD 3.84 tn (excl. HK and NY)

- Chinese GDP is 5x larger and grows 6x faster
- 2013 state budget: +\$736 bn /-\$762 bn (RU)

("+" revenue/"-" expenditure) +\$2.1tn / -\$2.3tn (CN)

- 2013 budget to GDP: +36.1%/-37.4% (RU)
   +23% /-25% (CN)
- 2013 budget deficit: -1.3% (RU)-1.9% (CN)



# A different look at GDP growth



### **Growth in USD terms is more telling**

- RU GDP growth in USD was 25%-37%
   before the 2008 crisis, reinforced by an appreciating rouble
- Growth rates in 2011-2013 were around
   10% in USD terms
- 2014 might see the Russian GDP decline in
   USD terms
- Main challenges:
  - A decline in investments by private sector and state companies
  - A slowing growth of private consumption
  - Declining export commodity prices
  - A weak currency: RUB is down 9.8% YTD







### Will it shift again any time soon?

The relative size of the Russian to

Chinese economy in US dollar-terms was growing until 2007, but not thereafter

#### Russian GDP as a share of the Chinese GDP in USD terms (red line, rhs %)



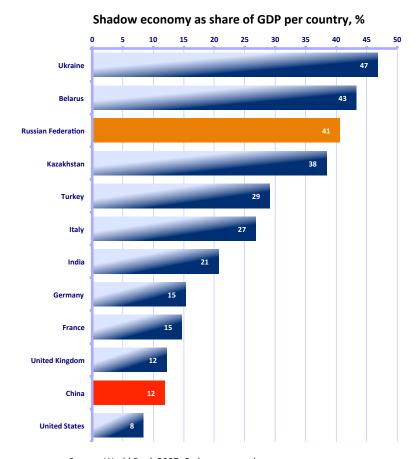
Source: PRC National Statistics Bureau, Russian Statistics Agency, Caderus research



# There is more economy than meets the eye

### Shadow economy picked up since 2008

- Shadow economy is adding up to 41% more to
   GDP in Russia and 12% in China (World Bank)
- Government recent estimates (2013): 48m
   officially employed against 23m working in the
   "unofficial" economy



Source: World Bank 2007, Caderus research

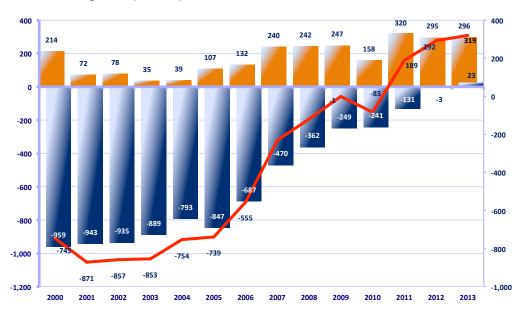




### Consumption, savings and investment growth

- Russian population dynamics turned from negative to positive in 2011
- Population growth is very concentrated in a few regions in Russia
- Moscow has been the magnet for working population from other Russian regions and also from neighbouring countries
- Population aged 15-59:920 mn in China (-1.9% yoy)94.1 mn in Russia (+10.2% yoy)

Russian population organic growth (blue bars), net immigration (orange bars) and total growth (red line), '000s



Source: Russian Statistics Agency, Caderus research

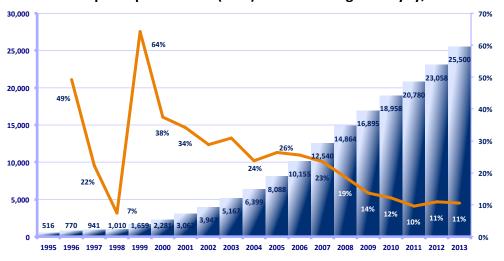




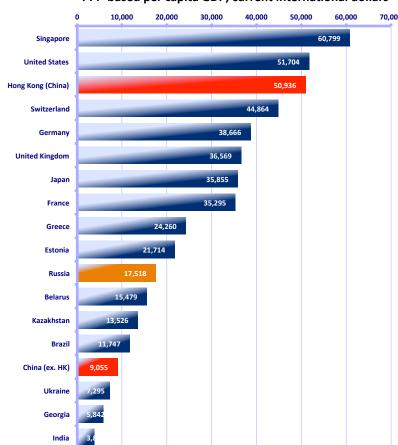
#### Good numbers hide uneven distribution of income

- Mean wealth of Russia's 110m adults was USD10,976 last year (USD22,230 in China) - Credit Suisse 2013 report
- Median wealth was USD871 (USD8,023 in China))
- Total wealth USD1.2tn (Ru), USD22.2tn (CN)
- 110 billionaires own 35% of all wealth in Russia

#### Russian per capita income (RUB) and nominal growth yoy, % rhs



#### PPP-based per capita GDP, current international dollars



Source: IMF. Caderus research

Source: Russian Statistics Bureau, Caderus research



# Russia is not Moscow, Moscow is not Russia

### Average per cap income is double the average for Russia

- Moscow population is:
  - 12.1 mn or 8.5% of Russia's total
  - 16 mn and 11.3% including suburbs
- Average monthly per capita income in 2013:

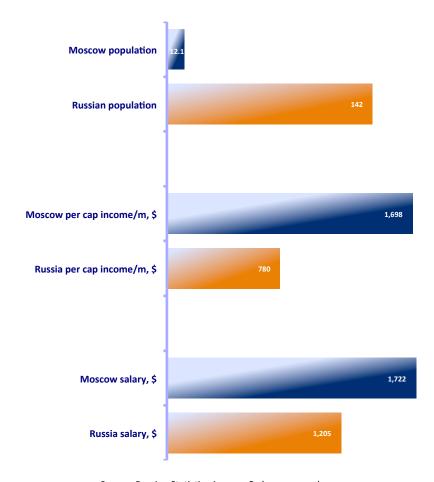
Russia: RUB25,500 (USD780; +10.7% yoy)

Moscow: RUB55,500 (USD1,698; +14.3% yoy)

Average monthly salary in Dec 2013:

Russia: RUB39,400 (USD1,205; +8.5% yoy)

Moscow: RUB56,300 (USD1,722)



Source: Russian Statistics Agency, Caderus research

### Some more Russian macro



### Reserves and state debt look good, ruble disappoints

Foreign currency reserves: **USD 469bn (Ru)** 

> (all data for 2013) USD3,821bn (CN)

Inflation: 6.48% (Ru), 2.6% (CN)

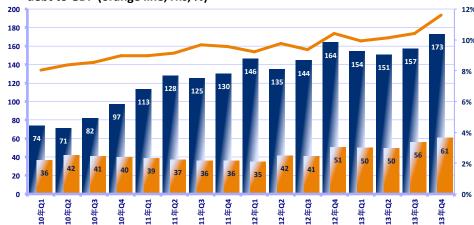
12% (Ru), 21% (CN) Sovereign debt/ GDP:

**Budget deficit:** -1.3% (Ru), -1.9% (CN)

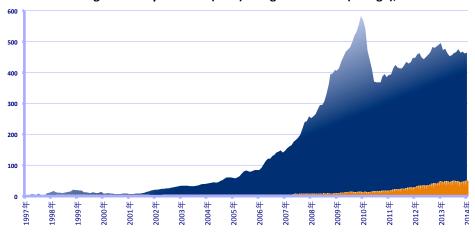
Ruble to USD rate (blue); Ruble to USD rate change (orange) since January 2000 (rhs, %)



Russian state internal (blue bars) and foreign currency debt (orange bars), state debt to GDP (orange line, rhs, %)



Russian foreign currency reserves (blue) and gold reserves (orange), USD bn



# China - Russia bilateral trade

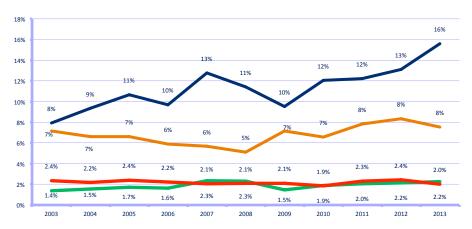


### One-way growth

Exports from Russia into China (blue columns, USD bn), imports to Russia from China (orange columns, USD bn), bilateral trade growth (line, rhs, %)



Imports from PRC to total imports to RU (blue), exports to PRC as % of total exports from RU (orange); imports from RU as % of total imports to PRC (red), exports to RU as % of PRC exports (green line)



Source: Russian Statistics Agency, PRC National Statistics Agency, Caderus research

- Russian exports to China fell 10.2%, imports rose 12.6% in 2013 yoy
- Imports from China now make up 15.6% of total Russian imports

### **Russian financial markets**



A good opportunity to invest (in a while)

### **Extremely low valuations. Watch for the start of macro reforms.**

- Very cheap equity market
- No restrictions on inward portfolio and direct investment
- **Ongoing market infrastructure reforms**
- Lack of domestic liquidity, low free float
- Low investment activity of domestic retail clients



# **Russian equity market**

# Valuations were low even before March: opportunity?

2013	Russia	China
Domestic equities mkt cap, USD tn	0.77	3.8
% of GDP	38%	41%
Average free-float	27%	83%
Free-float market cap, USD tn	0.21	3.2
Number of issuers:	271	2,495
Number of stocks:	334	2,539
Avg daily trading, USD bn	1.3	40.4
Average mkt P/E	4.1	10.4
Average mkt P/B	0.7	1.4
Retail investor accounts, mn (2012)	0.85	227.2
Retail investors as % of population	0.6%	17%

#### MICEX index performance 1997-2014



Source: Moscow Exchange, Caderus research

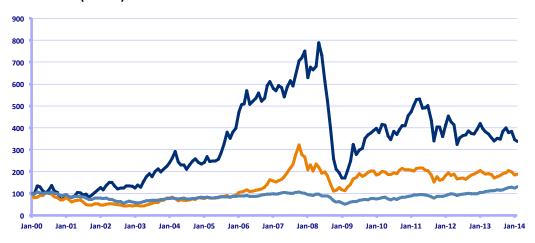




### **Surprising results**

- Russia was the star performer for most of the time before 2008
- US market had the lowest performance on a 14-year horizon
- Russia has been falling since this data was published by MSCI on 28 Feb 2014, loosing some of its advantage
- Russia is 6.11% of the MSCI EM index,China 19.81% (end 2013)
- MSCI EM index is tracked by international funds with total AUM of about USD1.5tn

MSCI Russia (blue line), MSCI China (orange line) and MSCI USA relative performance 2000-2014 (28 Feb) rebased to 100

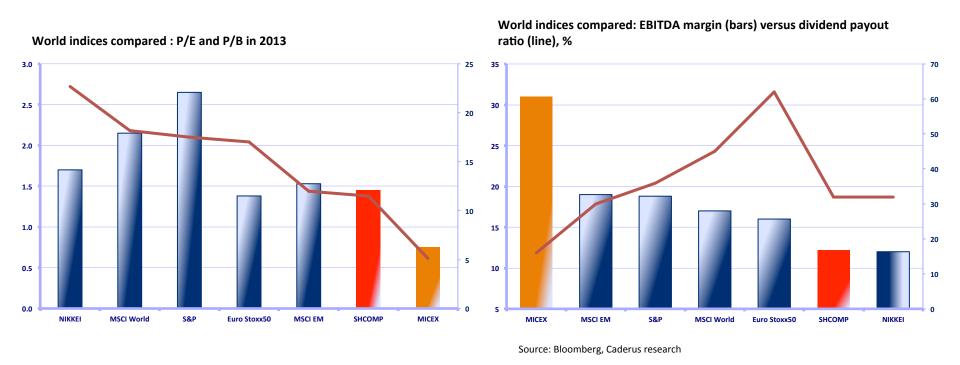


Source: MSCI, Caderus research



# Russia vs the world: indices compared

### **Looking competitive overall**



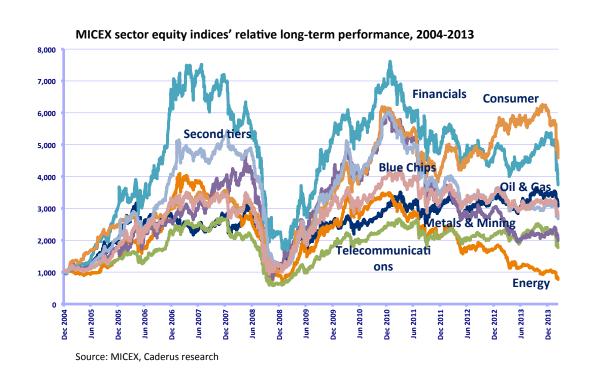
- The cheapest market both by P/E and P/B. Even cheaper since 1 March.
- Companies' margins look good, dividend pay-out ratio lags behind
- Dividend yield can effortlessly be even better



# Sector equity indices: relative performance

### Consumer and financials rule; energy is back in 2008

- Financials stocks have provided better exposure to growth and better protection during most of the time since 2004
- Second tier stocks perform well in good times only
- Energy stocks have suffered the most due to unstable regulation
- Oil & Gas stocks have displayed a relatively stable performance



# **MSCI** Russia: index composition



### **Captures most of the market liquidity**

- 22 stocks in the index
- Index covers about 85% of the total free-float of the Russian equity market

Top 10 stocks	Mkt cap RUB bn	Mkt cap USD bn	Weight, %	Running total	Sector	Sector weight
Gazprom	1,647.7	45.1	22.5%	22.5%	Energy	39.6%
Lukoil	1,001.8	27.4	13.7%	36.2%	Energy	24.1%
Sberbank	983.9	27.0	13.5%	49.7%	Financials	74.8%
Magnit GDR	523.3	14.3	7.2%	56.8%	Consumer	100.0%
Novatek GDR	414.4	11.4	5.7%	62.5%	Energy	10.0%
Nor Nickel	331.2	9.1	4.5%	67.0%	Materials	54.2%
MTS ADR	319.7	8.8	4.4%	71.4%	Telecom Svs	51.3%
Tatneft	299.1	8.2	4.1%	75.5%	Energy	7.2%
Rosneft	284.4	7.8	3.9%	79.4%	Energy	6.8%
VTB	218.4	6.0	3.0%	82.4%	Financials	16.6%
Total	6,023.9	165.0	82.4%			

	Sector weights	Running total
Energy	56.8%	56.8%
Financials	18.0%	74.8%
Telecom Svs	8.5%	83.3%
Materials	8.4%	91.7%
Consumer	7.2%	98.9%
Utilities	1.2%	100%
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Source: MSCI, Caderus research

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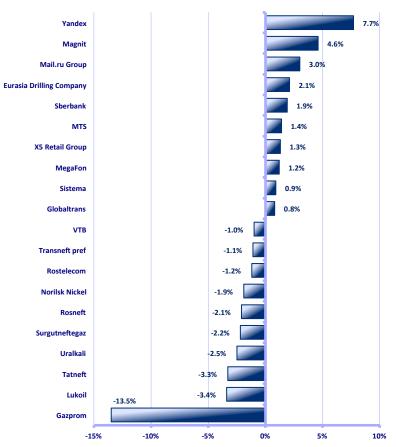




### Heavily underweight oil & gas, overweight fin, TMT

- Overweight growth stocks
- Sector overweights: Internet, retail, mobile
- Underweight oil & gas, especially Gazprom

#### Popularity of individual stocks relative to MSCI benchmarks



Source: Sberbank investment research



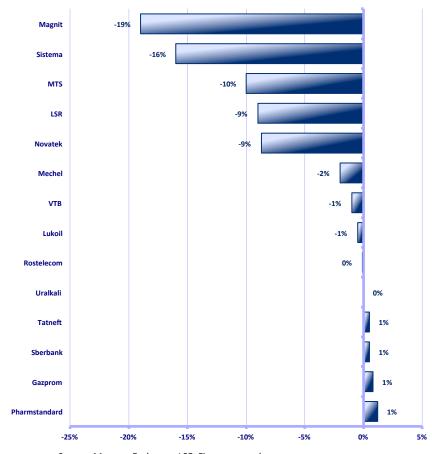


### Better infrastructure in London, reforms under way

# 45%-55% of trading in Russian stocks happens in London (LSE)

- The ratio is even higher for the blue chips
- This is partly due to the domination of foreign funds in the total free-float
- Major change: Euroclear and Clearstream are launching direct settlement for the Russian local stocks (1 July 2014)
- This worked as a game-changer for the
   Russian bond market in 2012-2013

#### Local stocks to ADR/GDR discount, %



Source: Moscow Exchange, LSE, Finam research

### Russian fixed income market

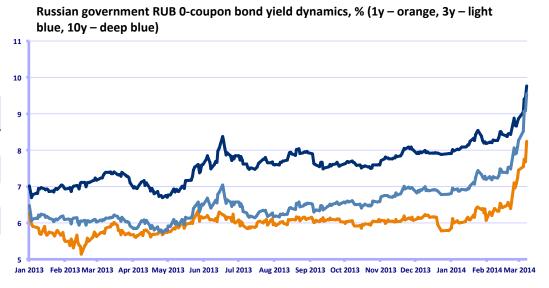


### Market infrastructure reforms boost liquidity

- Bond market size on MICEX is USD245.9bn (99% of total, 14 March 2014)
- Daily volumes USD1-1.5bn, 2/3 OFZ, 30% corporate, the rest in regionals
- Direct access to RUB local bonds through Euroclear, Clearstream (2013 for govt, April 2014 for corp. bonds)
- Foreign ownership of government RUB bonds went up to 25% over the last two years
- Yields have been going up substantially since February 2014

USD bn, 14 March 2014	Total at par value	Weight, %	Daily turnover at market price
Corporate bonds	130.5	53.1%	0.37
Federal bonds (OFZ)	95.6	38.9%	0.75
Regional bonds	19.8	8.1%	0.05
Total	245.9	100%	1.18

Source: MICEX, Caderus research







Mega-regulator: Central Bank of Russia

- Since late 2013 the Central Bank of Russia is supervising:
  - Russian commercial banks
  - Insurance companies
  - Asset management companies
  - Pension funds
  - Brokers
  - Exchanges
  - Microfinance companies
- No license or quota is required to invest in Russia and out of Russia for institutional investors
- Russian individual investors can freely invest overseas up to EUR70,000 /year





Still in the early stages of growth

### Low risk tolerance, lack of trust, short-term investment perspective

- Low average retail savings levels, very high wealth concentration
- Preference for personal active management, need for full control among HNWI
- Bank deposit or direct real estate investment are the main alternatives
- **Equity market negative dynamics**
- Capital flight, negative expectations since 2011

# Who owns Russian equity market



### Very small retail, tiny mutual fund sector

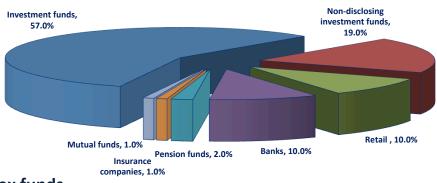
- Market free-float at about 25% of total market cap
- Retail investors own 10% of free-float (USD20bn)
- Russian banks own about 10%

(Sberbank research, Q3 2013)

- Mutual funds (PIFs) hold just under 1%
- Global funds, global emerging markets funds and index funds

are the key holders of free-float in Russia

#### Russian equity free-float holders by investor type, 2013



Source: Sberbank investment research

## Russian investors: onshore and offshore



### Different regulation and mobility, different approach

- Russian private capital has been actively migrating to offshore jurisdictions and "safe heavens" since the breakup of the Soviet Union
- Total exported capital out of Russia is estimated between USD500bn and USD1tn
- Up to 75% of accumulated FDI into Russia is Russian capital reinvested into Russia
- Offshore capital is more flexible and mobile, there is little regulation and low taxes, no capital controls.
- Many ultra HNWIs have established family offices in Moscow and in London, managing own offshore capital
- Base currency for offshore investments is mainly USD. Currency risk is easier to manage.

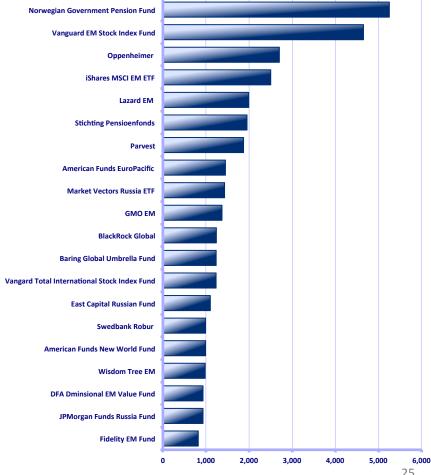
# **Funds investing in Russia**



### **Dominated by US and European institutional investors**

- 4 000 Russian and international funds own USD156 bn, or 76% of total free-float (as of Q3 2013)
- 14 large funds own USD30bn (28% of funds' total)
- Foreign investors own around 70% of the Russian equity market free-float
- $\frac{1}{3}$  are from the US,  $\frac{1}{3}$  are from Europe,  $\frac{1}{4}$  are from the UK, 9% from elsewhere (Sberbank research)

#### Top 20 funds by their Russian equity stakes in 2013, USD m



Source: FactSet, Sberbank investment research

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### **Pension funds in Russia**



### Large long-term players, good asset growth until 2013

- Pension assets are accumulated by the State Pension Fund of Russia (70.2% of total assets of RUB1.79tn in 2012, 99% managed by VEB) and 126 Non-state Pension Funds (NPFs)
- Pension assets are managed by the State Management Company (VEB) and 49 private management companies
- Pension assets consist of 1) pension savings (mandatory contributions) and 2) pension reserves (voluntary contributions of individuals and their employers). Different investment rules apply.
- Allowable overseas investments for pension savings include currencies, mutual funds investing in foreign securities and financial institutions bonds (up to 20% of AUM each)
- Minimum return target: to beat inflation
- Good industry growth marred by changes in regulation in 2013

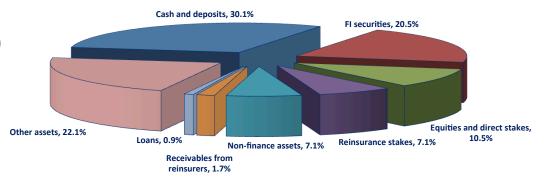
# **Insurance companies**



### Very conservative investment style

- Total number of insurance companies: 454 (H1 2013)
- Total assets: RUB1,158bn (USD32.2bn, H1 2013, +3.6% yoy)
- Insurance companies were actively using discretionary management before 2008, suffered losses
- Slowly developing in-house investment capabilities
- Fixed income portfolio 20.5% of total
- Equities portfolio 10.5% (June 2013)

#### Insurance companies assets breakdown (June 2013), %



Source: Central Bank of Russia, Caderus research





**Still awaiting boom times** 

A much smaller industry by assets under management:

Russia: 407 FMCs, AUM: RUB1.87tn (\$51.2bn)

China: 82 FMCs, AUM: CNY29,1tn (\$477.2bn; +8.14% yoy)

■ Top 10 FMCs are managing 67% of all mutual funds assets



# Bond mutual funds are most popular

### Equities mutual funds are at a low point

- During the boom years
   2005-2007 equities mutual
   funds were leading the
   market
- Real growth of bond funds assets started in summer
   2012 under the influence of the Euroclear/Clearstream reform
- Mutual funds investing in equities is at a very low point

#### Mutual funds AUM index: equities (blue line), bonds (green line), mixed (orange line)



Source: National Ratings Agency, Caderus research

### **ETFs in Russia**



### A nascent industry

- We found 7 ETFs with Russian exposure of >50% of AUM
- We found 76 more ETFs with Russian exposure of >1% of AUM
  - (data by Morningstar)
- First ETFs started trading in Moscow in 2013
- MSCI China ETF was launched in February 2014
- Concept is still new, trading volumes are very low





**Caderus interview-based research (summer 2013)** 

- In H2 2013 Caderus conducted a series of interviews with Chinese asset management industry participants asking about their attitude and plans for the Russian markets
- Russia generally looks like a complete unknown for most of them due to lack of visibility, information exchange, investment cooperation and professionals with dual-market expertise
- We identified a number of FMCs planning to invest in various financial instruments in Russia, due to the increasing competition within China
- As a big market with a lot of potential, Russia can offer a major business development opportunity for Chinese FMCs
- The key is to watch for the start of sweeping macro reforms and have the investment infrastructure ready by then.

# Thank you



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