#### MARTIN CURRIE INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT





## **INVESTING IN ASIA PACIFIC EQUITIES**

#### 9 February 2012



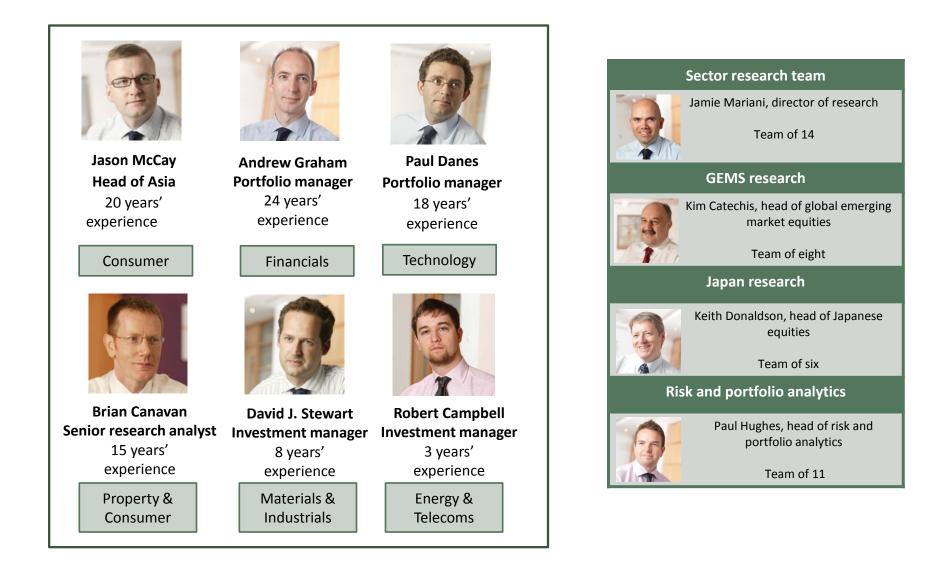


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## THE ASIA INVESTMENT TEAM

Leveraging expertise across the investment floor







To 31 December 2011	3 months (%)	6 months (%)	1 year (%)	2 years (%)	3 years (%)	Since launch (%) *
Martin Currie GF Asia Pacific	5.8	(12.7)	(10.7)	3.6	53.7	4.7
Lipper Global Equity Asia Pacific Ex Japan	3.9	(17.7)	(17.1)	(1.3)	66.6	11.0
MSCI AC Asia Pacific ex Japan	4.4	(17.1)	(15.4)	0.2	74.0	14.8

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- Stock selection accounted for vast majority of outperformance in 2011 portfolio well balanced in terms of macro factor risk, with risk budget allocated at stock level
- → The fund's stock selection was a positive contributor in technology, consumer, financials and energy but detracted in materials and telecom
- Large stocks with stable returns on capital and strong balance sheets gained traction as the year progressed
  - Our portfolio's focus on long-term quality has been beneficial

Korean IT giant Samsung Electronics was a top performer, thanks to a strong performance from its handset division



#### **PERFORMANCE SUMMARY**

Sector attribution – Year to 31 December 2011



	Asset Allocation %	Stock Selection %	Asset Allocation % Stock Selection %	
Energy	(0.1)	0.4	Energy	
Materials	0.3	(0.5)	Materials	
Industrials	0.4	0.6	Industrials	
Consumer Discretionary	0.5	0.5	Consumer Discretionary	
Consumer Staples	0.7	2.3	Consumer Staples	
Healthcare	(0.0)	0.0	Healthcare	
Financials	0.1	1.3	Financials	
Information Technology	(0.0)	1.7	Information Technology	
Telecommunication	0.1	(0.6)	Telecommunication Services	
Services Utilities	(0.0)	0.3	Utilities	
Cash	0.1	0.0	Cash	_
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#### **PERFORMANCE SUMMARY**

Country attribution – Year to 31 December 2011



	Asset Allocation %	Stock Selection %	Asset Allocation % Stock Selection %
ustralia	(0.6)	(0.9)	Australia
long Kong	0.0	1.9	Hong Kong
lew Zealand	(0.1)	0.0	New Zealand
ingapore	(0.0)	(0.0)	Singapore
hina	0.2	0.5	China
ndia	0.8	(0.9)	India India
ndonesia	0.6	0.6	Indonesia Korea
orea	0.1	4.8	Malaysia
1alaysia	0.5	(0.2)	Philippines
hilippines	(0.1)	0.0	Taiwan
aiwan	0.3	0.2	Thailand
hailand	0.6	0.2	Cash
ash	0.1	0.0	Other
)ther*	(0.6)	0.0	(2.0) (1.0) 0.0 1.0 2.0 3.0 4.0

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#### **PERFORMANCE SUMMARY**

Stock attribution – Year to 31 December 2011



Top 10 positive contributors	Relative contribution %
Orion	1.9
Samsung Electronics	1.2
LG Household & Healthcare	0.9
Bank Rakyat Indonesia	0.6
Link REIT	0.6
AIA Group	0.6
United Tractors	0.5
Axiata Group	0.5
Hyundai Mobis	0.5
CP All	0.5



Improving margins and continued high volumes at Korean snack-food manufacturer Orion led to further positive attribution from one of the year's top performers

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#### **The Macro Picture**

- → Inflation pressures still present (food and energy) but policy response controlled
- → Economic policy "inflection points" in Europe, China and the US are highly sensitive for Asia
- → Markets are skittish, with plenty of short term trading volatility
- → Underlying Asian fundamentals remain strong, bullish on the longer term potential

#### **The Micro Picture**

- → A focus on balancing risks at portfolio level no pronounced macro tilts
- → Plenty of stock picking opportunities after a fallow 2009 high conviction at stock level
- → South East Asia more compelling than China and India

#### And The Outcome.....

- → 22 policy rate increases across the 9 principal countries, 5 rate cuts
- → QE in Europe, US and UK
- → MSCI AC Asia Pac ex Japan Index ends 2011 -18% from end Dec 2010 (high +7%, low -26%)
- → South East Asia generally better (Indonesia, Thailand & Malaysia), China & India were poor

#### OUTLOOK

Going into 2012

#### **Market Outlook**

- ➔ Asia faces a difficult 2012
- Political uncertainties
- Inflation has receded as a policy challenge
- ➔ Asian equities look cheap

#### **Key Investment Themes / Positions**

- → Asian consumption growth is secular in nature
- → Intra-Asia trade is becoming a more important driver for the region
- → Asia Pac banks have enjoyed an extended period of good credit quality; this could change in 2012
- → Given the macro challenges, ongoing earnings risk in industrial and materials stocks
- ➔ Portfolio is balanced from a macro risk perspective



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## **PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS**





Top ten acti	ve weight positions	Martin Currie %	Index weight %	Active position %	Description
<sup>10</sup> 1.	Samsung Electronics	7.7	3.6	4.1	Hi-tech manufacturer
2.	AIA	3.6	0.8	2.8	Insurance giant
<sup>10</sup> m 3.	Hyundai Mobis	3.2	0.5	2.6	Car part manufacturer
<sup>w</sup> , 4.	LG Household & Healthcare	2.7	0.1	2.6	Cosmetic goods
5.	CNOOC	3.5	1.0	2.5	Oil exploration
6.	Axiata	2.4	0.1	2.3	Telecommunication company
7.	Kasikornbank	2.4	0.2	2.2	Bank
8.	United Tractor	2.3	0.2	2.2	Heavy equipment assembly & contract mining services
9.	Genting Berhad	2.4	0.2	2.2	Hotels & leisure
10.	Rio Tinto	3.0	0.9	2.1	Mining

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## **PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS**

Country weightings – 31 December 2011



4.9%

4.2%

4.0%

2.9%

	Portfolio %	Index %	Relative %	Active cou	untry weighti
Hong Kong	13.3	8.4	4.9	Hong	Kong
Thailand	6.2	2.0	4.2	Thai	iland
Indonesia	7.0	3.1	4.0	Indor	nesia
Malaysia	6.5	3.6	2.9	Mal	aysia
Korea	16.3	15.3	0.9	К	orea 0.9%
New Zealand	0.0	0.4	(0.4)	(0.4	
Singapore	4.3	5.0	(0.7)		
Philippines	0.0	0.8	(0.8)	(0.7%	) Singapore
China	16.4	18.2	(1.8)	(0.8%)	Philippines
India	2.9	6.3	(3.4)	(1.8%)	China
Taiwan	6.8	11.2	(4.4)	(3.4%)	India
Australia*	18.4	25.8	(7.4)	(4.4%)	Taiwan
				(7.4%)	Australia

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## **PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS**

Sector weightings – 31 December 2011



	Portfolio %	Index %	Relative %	Active se
Consumer discretionary	13.7	7.9	5.9	discretion
Consumer staples	9.5	6.5	3.0	Consumer stap
Energy	8.3	7.4	0.9	Energ
Information technology	13.5	13.2	0.3	Information
Utilities	3.2	3.2	(0.0)	(0.0
Telecommunication services	5.2	5.7	(0.5)	(0.5%)
Healthcare	0.0	1.5	(1.5)	(0.5%)
Industrials	6.7	8.5	(1.7)	(1.5%)
Materials	9.8	12.7	(2.9)	(1.7%)
Financials	28.3	33.6	(5.3)	(2.9%)
				(5.3%)

#### Active sector weightings

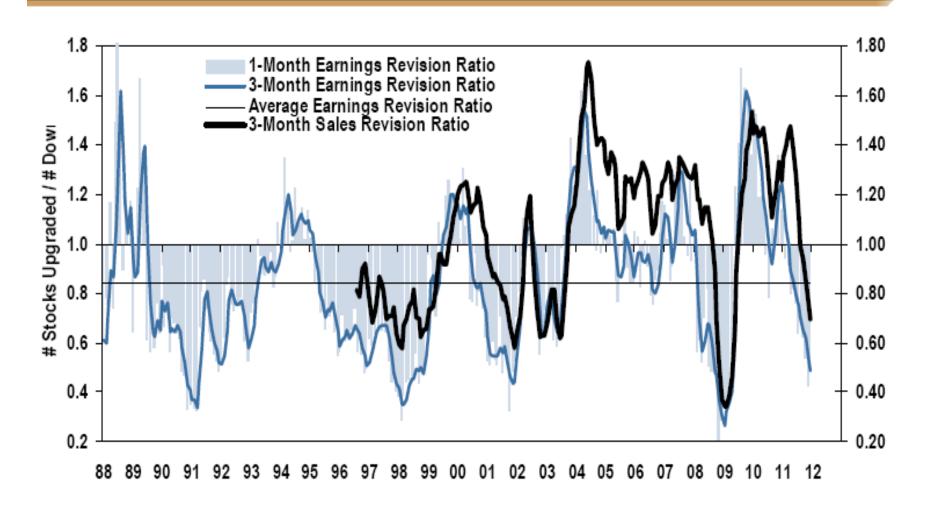
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## **EARNINGS EXPECTATIONS**

Discounting a tougher environment

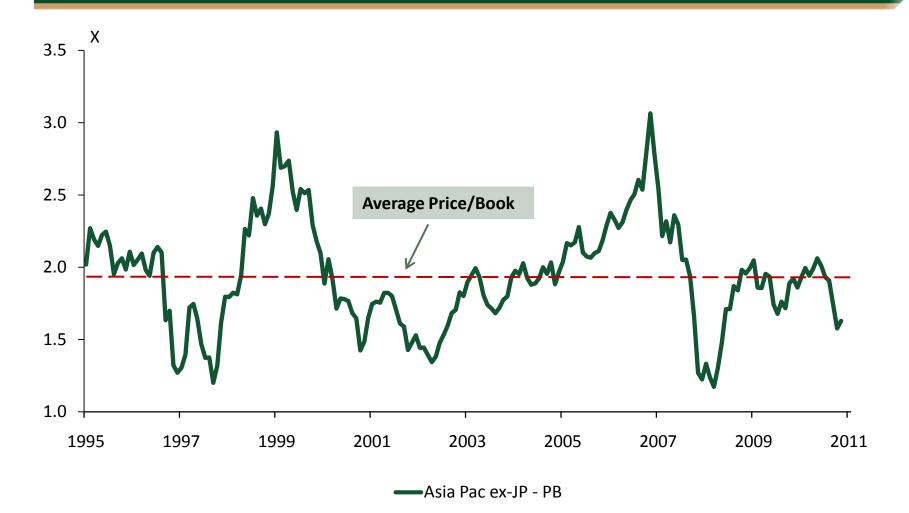




## **ASIA PRICE/BOOK**

Below long-term average

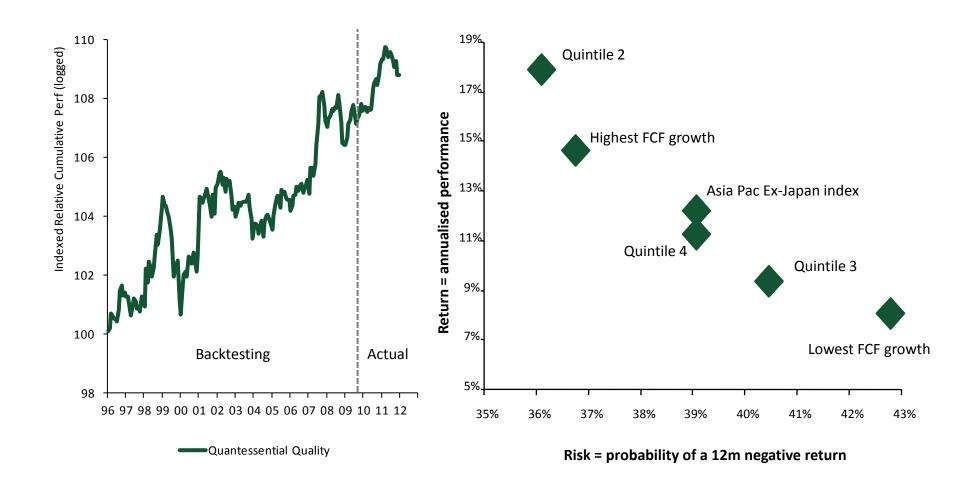




## HIGH QUALITY COMPANIES OUTPEFORM OVER TIME...

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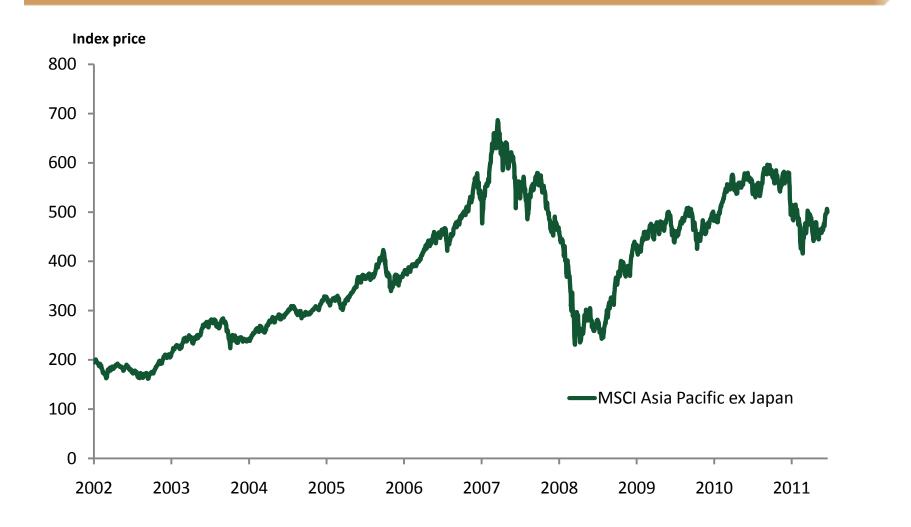
...with lower volatility



## **MSCI ASIA PACIFIC EX JAPAN**

Historic market performance







- Proprietary screening tools used to identify key characteristics central to our process:
  - Quality, financial gearing, high cash flow returns
  - Attractive valuations
  - Change in company fundamentals
- → Our detailed in-house research is supplemented by
  - Extensive company contact
  - Specialist research



Our research focuses on understanding the economics of businesses and the impact of change on future cash flow returns

## **EVALUATING CHANGE**

- Analytical framework to identify mispriced assets and improving/deteriorating fundamentals
- ➔ We look to isolate companies offering a compelling mix of
  - Improving franchise
  - Balance sheet restructuring
  - New strategy/management
  - Delivery versus expectations

 Our process is dynamic and we track the relative strength of holdings alongside new ideas







#### **EXPLOITING CHANGE**



- → Strong tilt towards stock specific risk, with neutral sensitivity to macrofactors
- Asset allocation monitored against the MSCI AC Asia Pacific ex Japan index, with no limits at a sector level
- The result is a bottom-up portfolio aiming to capture the most compelling investment opportunties across the region



Rising personal wealth is driving changes in consumption patterns

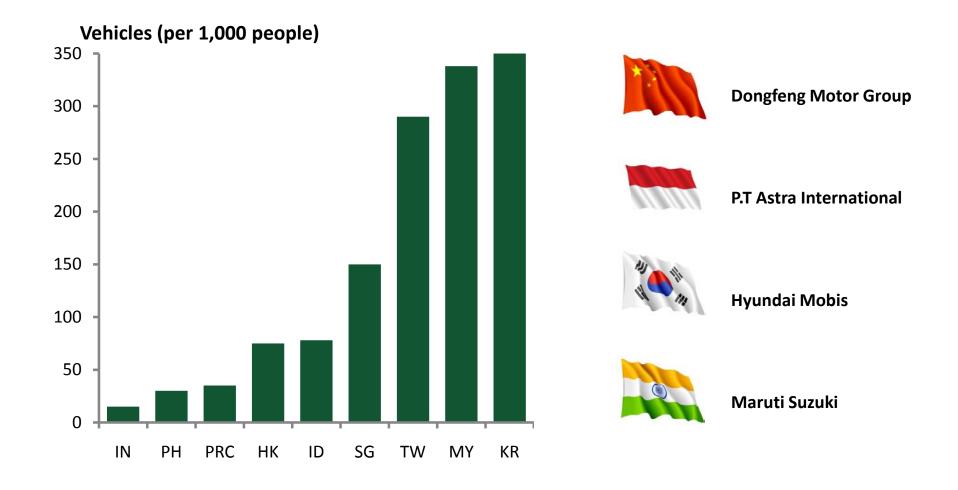


Intra-Asian trade is an increasing important driver

#### **VEHICLE OWNERSHIP IN ASIA**

Well below developed markets





#### **INTRA-ASIA TRADE**

An increasingly important driver

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#### → AFTA

- ASEAN Free Trade Area
- 9<sup>th</sup> largest economy in world
- Tariffs on 99% of products cut to 0-5%
- → 2010 China / ASEAN FTA signed
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> largest FTA in world (GDP basis)
  - Covers 7,000 products
  - 90% of trade flows covered
- → China & Japan
  - \$339bn trade flow 2010
  - Plans for direct currency exchange
- → China & South Korea
  - FTA discussions begin H1 2012
  - China is South Korea's largest export market (\$117bn in 2010; 25% of total)



# What can be loaded into a 20ft container?







X 34,000

X 9,500

X 100











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## **INTRA-ASIA TRADE**

**Diversified opportunities** 

- ➔ World class assets
- ➔ Strategic value
- ➔ High return potential



Ports



**Global Logistic Properties** 

**China Merchant Holdings** 

#### Rail



**QR** National







#### ASIA AS A FINANCIAL HUB

Growing global role

- ➔ Growing trade flows
- ➔ Pan-regional wealth offering
- → Changed competitive dynamic Europe in retreat



**United Overseas Bank** 











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## SEMICONDUCTOR SECTOR

#### Emerging Asian dominance



130nm	90nm	65nm	45nm	32nm	28nm
TSMC	TSMC	TSMC	TSMC	TSMC	TSMC
Intel	Intel	Intel	Intel	Intel	Intel
AMD	AMD	AMD	AMD	IBM	STM
IBM	IBM	IBM	IBM	STM	Samsung
Toshiba	Toshiba	Toshiba	Toshiba	Samsung	
STM	STM	STM	STM	Panasonic	
ті	ті	ті	ті	Renesas	
Fujitsu	Fujitsu	Fujitsu	Fujitsu	Crolles	
NEC	NEC	NEC	NEC		
Samsung	Samsung	Samsung	Samsung		
Sony	Sony	Panasonic	Panasonic		
Panasonic	Panasonic	Renesas	Renesas		
Renesas	Renesas	Freescale	Crolles		
Infineon	Infineon	Crolles Alliance			
Motorola	NXP				
Hitachi	Cypress				
Phillips	Freescale				
Mitsubishi	Crolles Alliance				
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Source: Merrill Lynch, 25 November 2011.

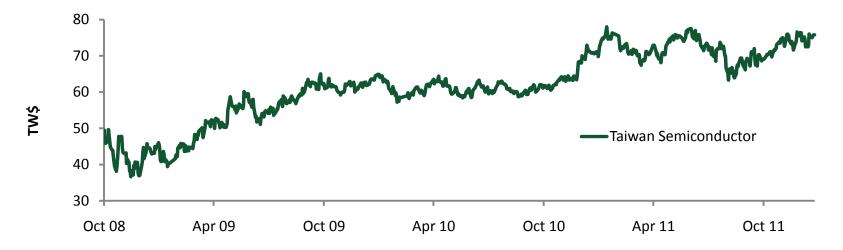
Rohm National Sanyo Sharp Tower

Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co – Position: 3.0%

- The leading semiconductor foundry company, generates high & stable returns
- → Growing market fabless chip vendors share now 25% from 5% 1993
- ➔ Technological leadership has driven market share gains
- → 14x 2011 earning, 22% return on equity, 15% earnings growth



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#### Stock price chart, three years

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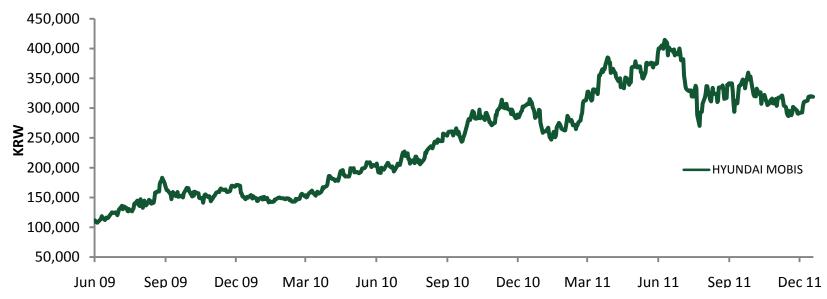
Hyundai Mobis – Position: 3.1%



- ➔ Main parts supplier for Hyundai and Kia brands globally
- → Highly profitable after-market replacement parts business
- → Beginning to win business from other global leading brands
- → 9x 2011 earning, 27% return on equity, 18% earnings growth



Stock price chart, since purchased



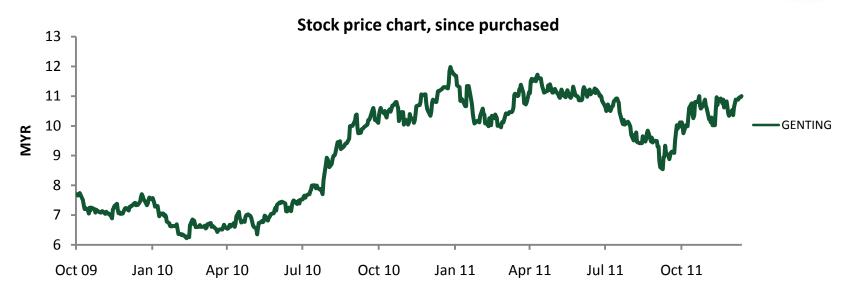
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Genting Berhad – Position: 2.4%



- ➔ Leading regional gaming operator
- Strong balance sheet and healthy cash flows supporting growth strategy
- → Well positioned to exploit liberalising gaming markets
- → 2.2x price/book, 17% return on equity, 20% earnings growth





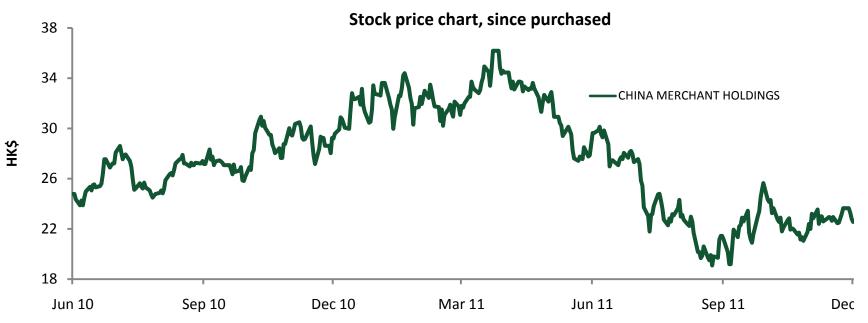
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China Merchant Holdings – Position: 1.9%



- ➔ Owner/operator of world class port assets in China
- ➔ Market not capturing long-term strategic value in assets
- → 1.4x (understated) book, 13% ROE, 17% earnings growth.
- → Benefit from export recovery and growth in intra-Asia trade
- Gap in tariffs between Chinese ports and developed market ports to narrow.





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QR National– Position: 1.1%



- Owner/operator of rail freight operations in Australia, primarily QLD
- Transition from nationalised entity to private enterprise to improve returns
- ➔ Poorly priced legacy contracts to roll off over next 5 years
- Operating profit margins to expand from low single-digit towards 20%
- 1.2x book, 7% ROE, 20% earnings growth.





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