





# Improving the investor base in Local Currency bond Markets of China, India and Indonesia

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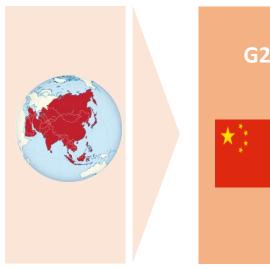


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#### **Project Setup**

Infrastructure investment gap – abundant capital of institutional investors...





#### **Goals:**

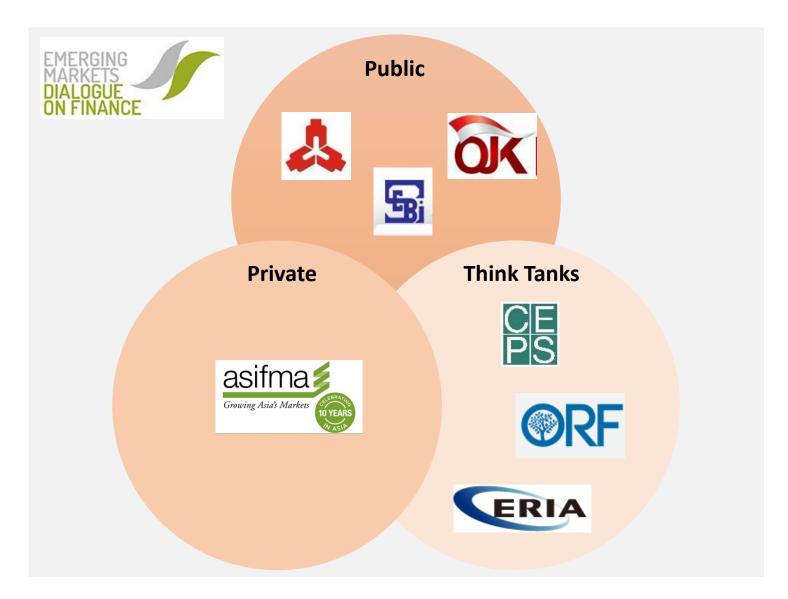
- Identify success stories / best practices
- Enhance peer-learning and knowledge exchange
- Feed recommendations into policy dialogue (regulator, APEC, B20)





#### Project partners

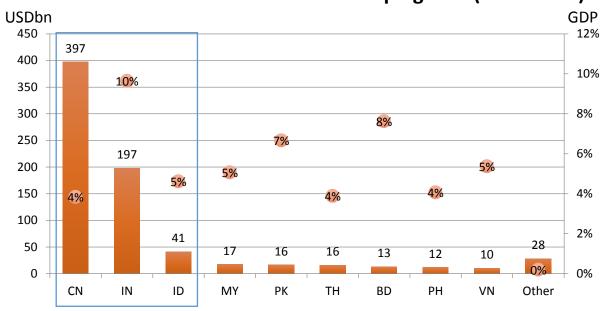


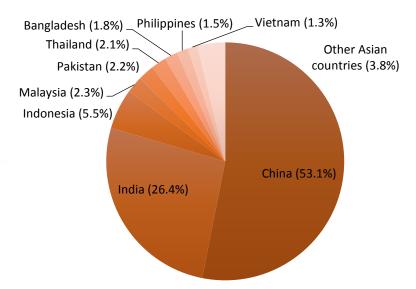


## Infrastructure needs: USD 8 tr. 🥰



#### Annual infrastructure needs in developing Asia (2010-2020)

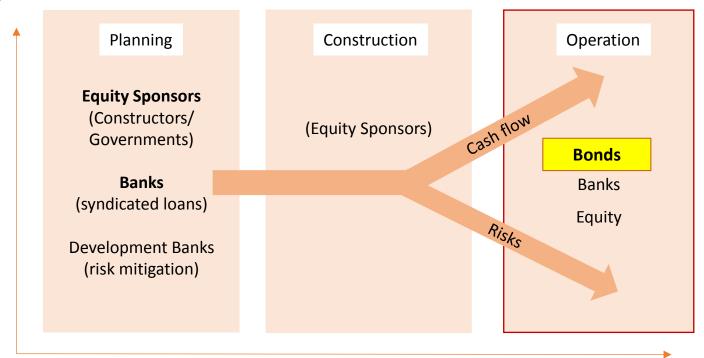






## Financing Instruments for Infrastructure

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Why local currency bond markets (LCBM)?



### Why LCBMs?

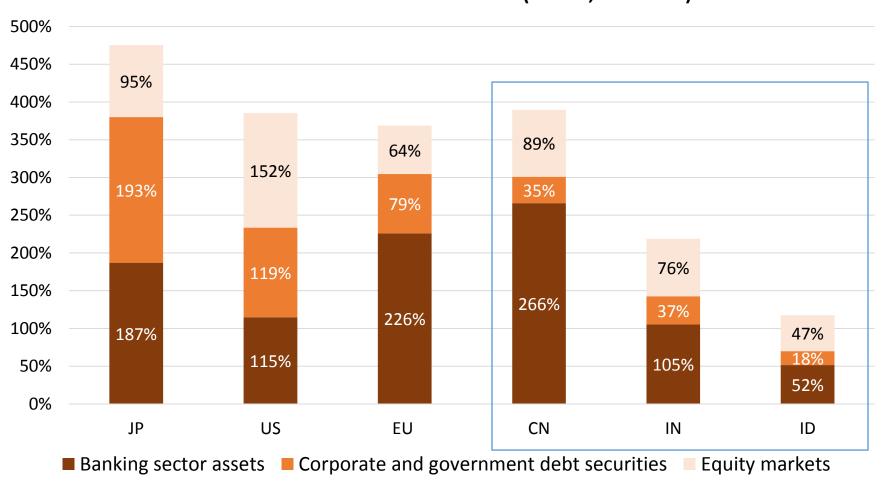


- Shock absorber
  - Eliminating currency and maturity mismatches
  - Diversification of financial system -> cross-sectional risk sharing (debt)
- Additional financing source
  - Infrastructure finance (e.g. project financing)
    - \$8 trillion infrastructure needs in emerging Asia in 2010-2020 (ADB)
    - Funding future liabilities of ageing population
- Activating savings surpluses
- Competitive pressure on banking system
- Support monetary policy
  - More market-driven rates (e.g. QE more effective)
- Discipline governments
- Longer-term financing
- Credit worthiness information

#### Financial diversification



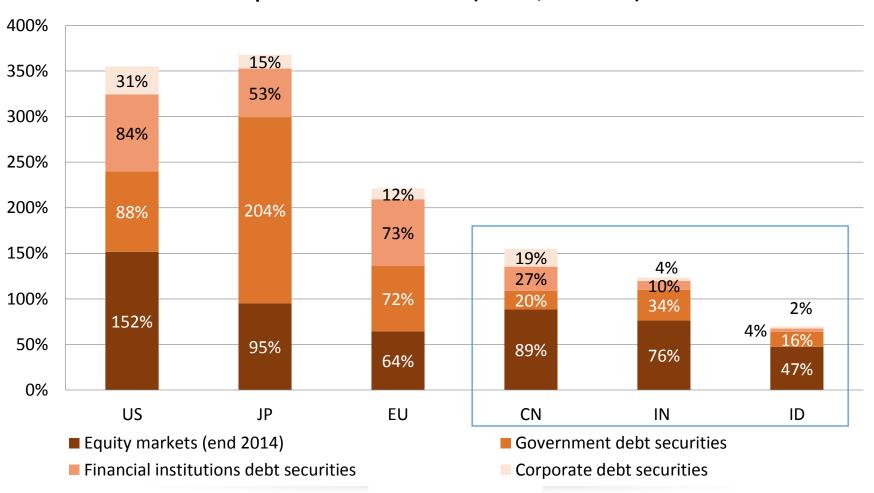
#### Size of the financial sector (% GDP, end 2014)



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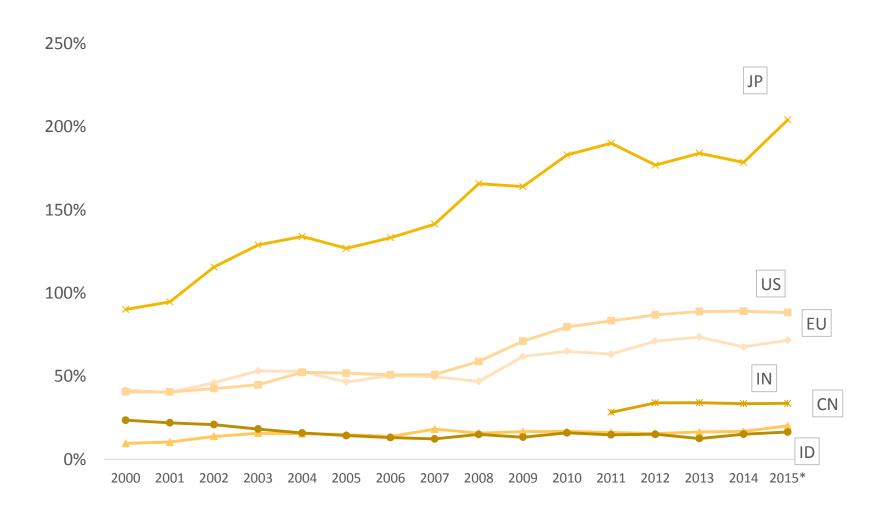


#### Capital markets structure (% GDP, end 2015)



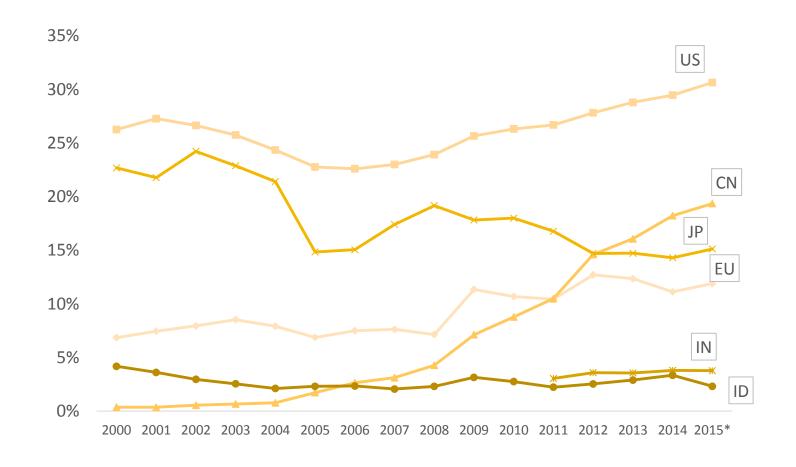
#### Government bond markets





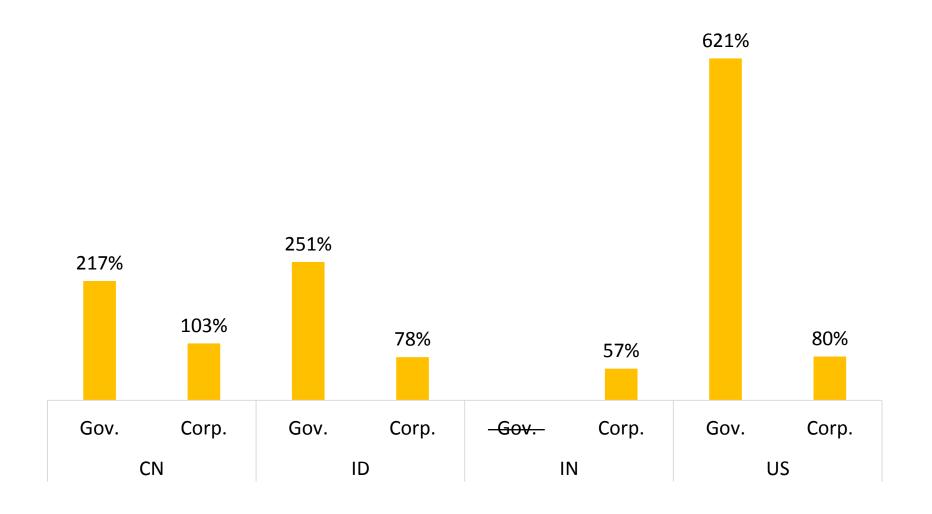
## Corporate bond markets





## Turnover ratio (efficiency)





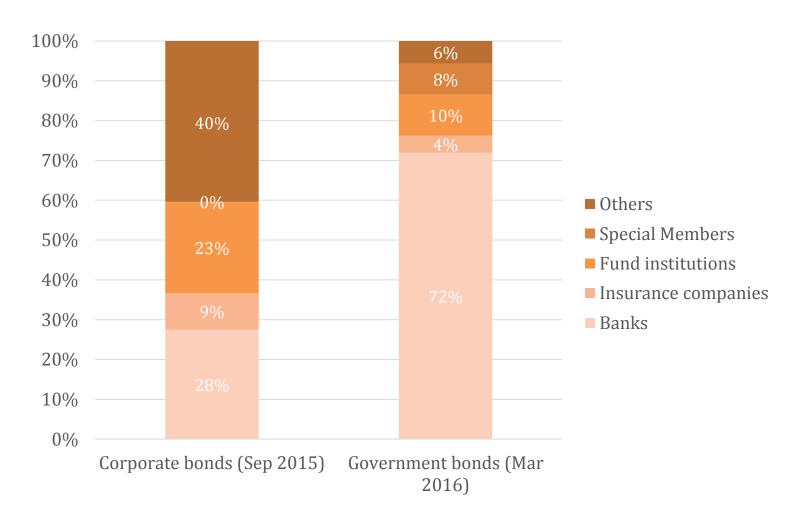


#### How is the current investor base?



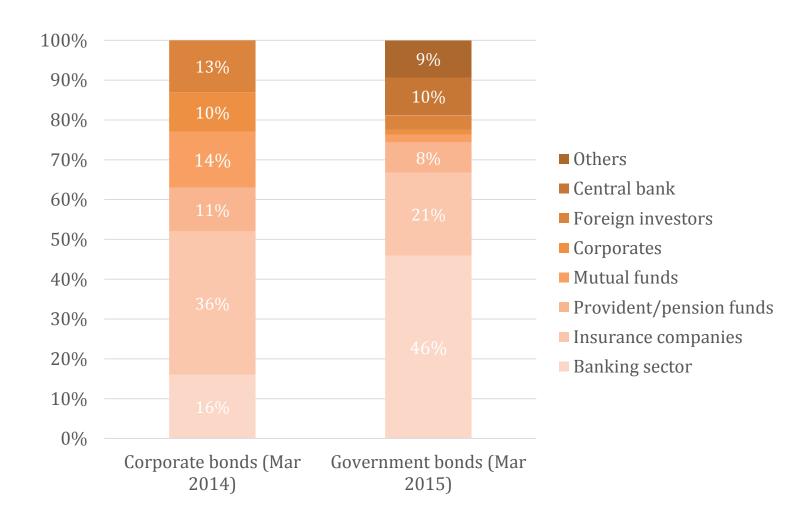
#### Investor base - China





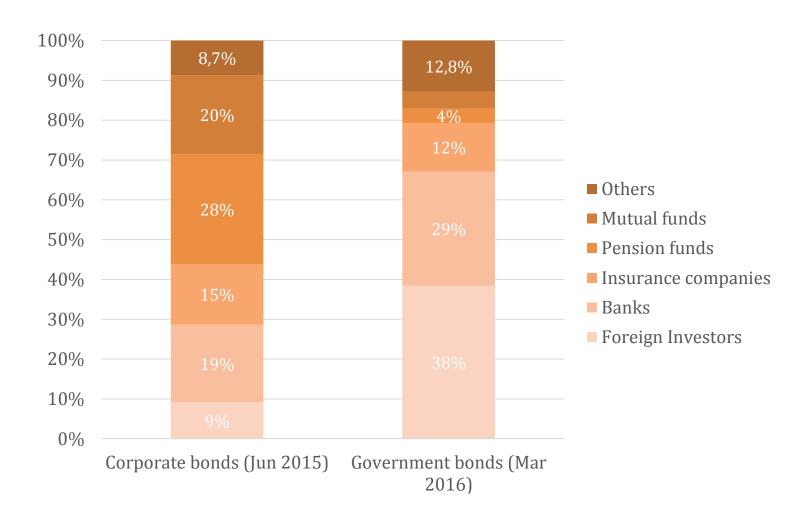
#### Investor base - India





#### Investor base - Indonesia







#### How to secure diversification?



### Three building blocks



- 1. Information flows (price discovery)
  - Information about the issuer (pricing underlying/counterparty)
  - Information about the financial instrument (pricing product)
  - Key objective is comparability
- 2. Execution (procedures)
  - Entry requirements (accessibility to markets and products)
  - Exit/renegotiation requirements (liquidation)
  - Key objective is fairness
- 3. Enforcement (implementation)
  - Enforcement of laws (e.g. supervisory practices, regulatory procedures, courts)
  - Enforcement of contracts (e.g. insolvency proceedings)
  - Key objective is certainty

#### Price discovery



- Information about issuers
  - Accounting standards
    - IFRS convergence
    - Enforcement
  - Company data (e.g. business registry & company filings)
  - Credit scoring and reporting
  - Conflicts of interest information (RPT, ownership, etc)
- Information about issued products
  - Prospectus
  - Credit ratings
  - Reporting systems (pre and post-trade)
  - Yield curve liquidity (risk-free rate)

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#### Execution



- Barriers to entry (accessibility)
  - Capital controls (quotas, investment restrictions, convertibility)
  - Primary issuance access (objective criteria)
- Barriers to exit (liquidation)
  - Calibration of prudential requirements ('buy and hold')



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#### Enforcement



- Public enforcement
  - Institutional coordination (functional approach)
  - Securities law (collateral, netting, etc)
  - Weak sanctions/enforcement and implementation process
- Private enforcement
  - Bankruptcy regimes
  - Redress procedures









## Thank you!

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