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# Chinese Reopening Beneficiaries Set to Continue to Do Well

Redirected pent-up demand, on-track recovery, and potential allocation inflow should help domestic reopening beneficiaries continue to do well in the near term. We identify 21 single stocks as the most direct beneficiaries of the theme.

Recent rally of foreign stock beneficiaries from China's reopening (shown by the MSREGLCH Index) taking a pause: The Morgan Stanley Global China Exposure Index (Bloomberg ticker MSREGLCH Index) is a list of 54 global stocks most exposed to China based on their revenue exposure. This group actually troughed before the Chinese market did (on October 12 vs. MSCI China on October 31). It rallied ~20% in November through early Dec (Exhibit 1). However, these stocks have been gradually declining and range-bound especially since mid-December.

Recent global market correction and concerns over China's outbound travel could be factors: This trend coincided with two developments which may have contributed to the turn of direction. 1) Correction in global equity markets – both MSCI ACWI and the S&P 500 largely started to correct around the same time. Such risk-off sentiment would affect these companies given where they are based. 2) Rising concerns regarding new variant risks for China, and the growing testing/travel restrictions applied by foreign authorities on outbound travel from China. According to Time.com, 14 countries/regions so far have made announcements in that vein, including the US, UK, France, etc. Morocco will ban all travelers from China from entry, effective on January 3, 2023.

Domestic beneficiaries of China's reopening staying resilient regardless: Exhibit 2 shows that performance of domestic\* and foreign reopening beneficiaries has been diverging since early December 2022. Our domestic list's collective performance has outperformed the foreign list by 22ppt since November 11 (announcement of Covid reopening) and by 14ppt since December 1, 2022. \*Domestic beneficiary performance is calculated based on a pro forma equalweighted portfolio of 59 stocks published in our 2023 New Year Outlook.

We believe these domestic plays will continue to do well: Travel restrictions could remain for longer, directing more demand to domestic beneficiaries. Also, domestic traffic mobility indices (Exhibit 7and Exhibit 8) show that economic and social activities are steadily picking up nationwide, signaling that a strong 1Q recovery is on track, but is far from full potential. Redirected pent-up demand, earlier/faster economic recovery, and global funds' sizable underweight positions – see China Equity Strategy: Chinese Equities in 2023 – Leading Global Performance (3 Jan 2023) – should drive more flows into these stocks.

The latest lists of our preferred domestic beneficiaries of China's reopening are in Exhibit 9 and Exhibit 10.

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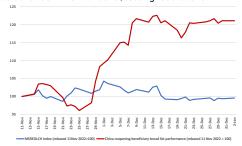
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**Exhibit 1:** Performance of Morgan Stanley Global China Exposure Index (MSREGLCH) – collectively bottomed out in October 2022 and rallied until mid-December as travel/testing restrictions started to appear



Source: Bloomberg, Morgan Stanley Research. Data as of January 2, 2023.

**Exhibit 2:** Performance of Morgan Stanley's list of domestic beneficiaries of China's reopening vs. Morgan Stanley Global China Exposure Index (MSREGLCH) – clear divergence since early December, with further accentuation after mid-December. We expect this trend to continue in view of travel/testing restrictions.



Source: Datastream, Morgan Stanley Research, Data as of January 2, 2023.

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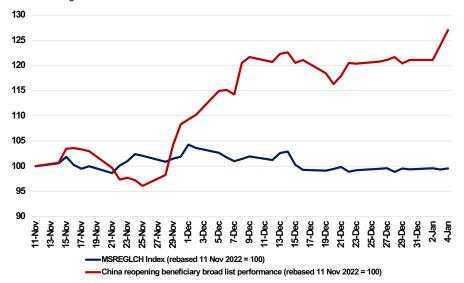
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**Exhibit 3:** Performance of Morgan Stanley Global China Exposure Index (MSREGLCH) – collectively bottomed out in October 2022 and rallied until mid-December as travel/testing restrictions started to appear



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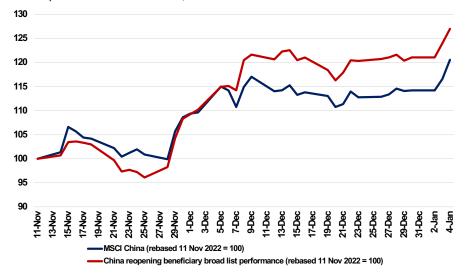
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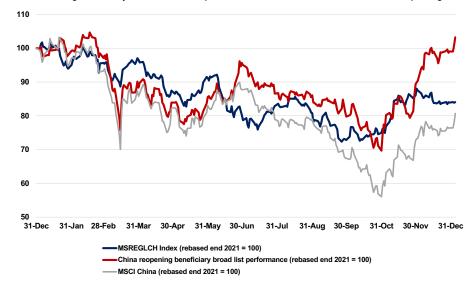


**Exhibit 5:** Performance of Morgan Stanley's list of domestic beneficiaries of China's reopening vs. MSCI China – our picks collectively registered 27% absolute performance vs MSCI China returning 21% since publication on November 11, 2022



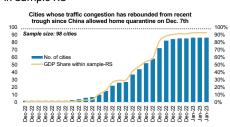
Source: Datastream, Morgan Stanley Research, Data as of January 4, 2023. Note: Past performance is no guarantee of future results.

Exhibit 6: Morgan Stanley Global China Exposure Index vs. MSCI China vs. China's reopening list



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**Exhibit 7:** Numbers of cities VS GDP share with in Sample-RS



Source: WIND, CEIC, Morgan Stanley Research

Exhibit 8: National mobility stabilized at lows



Source: WIND, CEIC, Morgan Stanley Research



# Beneficiaries of China's Reopening

Exhibit 9: Beneficiaries of China's reopening - selective list

Ticker	Company name	GICS sector	Stock rating	Avg daily t/o	Mkt cap.	EPS Growth (MS estimate)		Upside to target price	ROE		ROIC	
				US\$ mn	US\$ bn	2023e	2024e	i i	2023e	2024e	2023e	2024e
BZ.O	Kanzhun Ltd	Communication Services	ow	76	10	87%	41%	26%	13.2%	17.9%	-31.6%	-28.1%
2020.HK	ANTA Sports Products	Consumer Discretionary	OW	103	37	25%	29%	28%	31.7%	35.4%	47.9%	61.8%
тсом.о	Trip.com Group Ltd	Consumer Discretionary	OW	152	26	509%	73%	12%	3.8%	6.4%	4.9%	9.8%
YUMC.N	Yum China Holdings Inc.	Consumer Discretionary	OW	34	24	65%	12%	17%	12.1%	12.8%	10.2%	10.7%
2331.HK	Li Ning	Consumer Discretionary	ow	150	22	24%	28%	28%	24.7%	27.6%	-277.4%	-250.3%
0881.HK	Zhongsheng Group Holdings	Consumer Discretionary	OW	26	13	12%	13%	10%	19.7%	19.2%	16.7%	18.2%
MLCO.O	Melco Resorts & Entertainment Ltd	Consumer Discretionary	ow	36	6	62%	206%	13%	NM	NM	2.2%	16.4%
6110.HK	Topsports International Holdings Ltd	Consumer Discretionary	OW	6	5	-5%	12%	19%	21.9%	24.4%	31.6%	30.1%
1910.HK	Samsonite International	Consumer Discretionary	ow	12	4	31%	26%	26%	29.6%	30.8%	13.1%	15.7%
1448.HK	Fu Shou Yuan International Group Ltd	Consumer Discretionary	OW	3	2	15%	17%	41%	16.1%	16.9%	32.1%	28.9%
000858.SZ	Wuliangye Yibin Company Ltd.	Consumer Staples	OW	548	100	16%	18%	22%	27.0%	27.5%	115.8%	124.4%
1876.HK	Budweiser Brewing Company APAC Ltd	Consumer Staples	OW	24	42	23%	22%	16%	10.3%	11.6%	14.2%	17.9%
0291.HK	China Resources Beer Holdings Co Ltd	Consumer Staples	ow	69	23	27%	22%	16%	19.5%	21.3%	36.4%	47.0%
2359.HK	WuXi AppTec Co Ltd	Health Care	OW	39	35	14%	23%	107%	18.3%	16.7%	18.6%	18.8%
2269.HK	WuXi Biologics Cayman Inc	Health Care	ow	229	31	33%	30%	91%	20.1%	21.8%	18.4%	23.0%
300347.SZ	Hangzhou Tigermed Consulting	Health Care	OW	107	13	19%	25%	28%	12.2%	13.7%	54.3%	71.4%
3613.HK	Beijing Tongrentang Chinese Medicine	Health Care	OW	1	1	14%	10%	23%	17.7%	17.5%	43.0%	31.2%
0293.HK	Cathay Pacific Airways	Industrials	OW	11	7	204%	36%	27%	6.9%	9.3%	4.8%	5.7%
2588.HK	BOC Aviation	Industrials	ow	5	6	15663%	18%	18%	13.8%	14.9%	5.0%	5.2%
0019.HK	Swire Pacific	Real Estate	OW	11	13	67%	18%	12%	3.8%	4.4%	3.9%	4.2%
0014.HK	Hysan Development Company Ltd.	Real Estate	OW	3	4	14%	12%	15%	3.0%	3.4%	3.0%	3.3%

OW = Overweight. Source: ModelWare, FactSet, Morgan Stanley Research. Data as of January 3, 2023. Note: We have selected based on a combination of the sector analyst survey and top-down screening (Overweight-rated and with equal to and more than 10% upside).

Exhibit 10: Beneficiaries of China's reopening (sorted by sector, then market cap)

Ticker	Company name	GICS sector	Stock rating	Avg daily t/o	Mkt cap.	EPS Growth (MS estimate)		Upside to target price	ROE		ROIC	
				US\$ mn	US\$ mn	2023e	2024e		2023e	2024e	2023e	2024e
002027.SZ	Focus Media Information Technology	Communication Services	EW	116	14,260	38%	29%	(5%)	24.3%	26.7%	-261.7%	-412.2%
BZ.O	Kanzhun Ltd	Communication Services	OW	76	9,808	87%	41%	26%	13.2%	17.9%	-31.6%	-28.1%
002739.SZ 300251.SZ	Wanda Film Holding Co Ltd Beijing Enlight Media	Communication Services	EW EW	46 25	4,531 3,922	180% 240%	52% 19%	6% (18%)	10.9%	14.8%	12.1%	16.2%
600977.SS	China Film Co. Ltd.	Communication Services Communication Services	EW	22	3,562	1129%	34%	(18%)	8.0% 5.9%	8.9% 7.5%	7.9% 14.1%	9.1% 19.3%
1060.HK	Alibaba Pictures Group Ltd	Communication Services	EW	7	2,051	25%	82%	(15%)	2.0%	3.6%	3.3%	6.6%
300027.SZ	Huayi Brothers Media Corporation	Communication Services	UW	18	1,120	176%	80%	(60%)	4.4%	7 3%	58.9%	96.5%
0215.HK	HTHKH	Communication Services	EW	1	759	1791%	100%	22%	1.3%	2.7%	3.9%	6.0%
0315.HK	SmarTone	Communication Services	EW	0	684	0%	2%	4%	8.5%	8.5%	15.8%	16.7%
1970.HK	IMAX China	Communication Services	EW	0	353	143%	28%	(13%)	13.3%	15.6%	22.7%	29.1%
3690.HK	Meituan	Consumer Discretionary	OW	734	135,916	1213%	103%	2%	12.4%	23.1%	26.4%	122.7%
601888.SS	China Tourism Group Duty Free	Consumer Discretionary	OW	342	63,555	71%	22%	0%	26.6%	26.5%	65.9%	67.2%
2020.HK	ANTA Sports Products	Consumer Discretionary	OW	103	37,217	25%	29%	28%	31.7%	35.4%	47.9%	61.8%
0027.HK	Galaxy Entertainment	Consumer Discretionary	EW	65	29,944	517%	111%	(2%)	9.5%	18.6%	10.7%	21.2%
1928.HK	Sands China Ltd.	Consumer Discretionary	OW	56	27,877	82%	779%	2%	NM	NM	2.5%	34.2%
TCOM.O	Trip.com Group Ltd	Consumer Discretionary	OW	152	25,875	509%	73%	12%	3.8%	6.4%	4.9%	9.8%
YUMC.N 2331.HK	Yum China Holdings Inc. Li Ning	Consumer Discretionary  Consumer Discretionary	OW	34 150	23,907 22,272	65% 24%	12% 28%	17% 28%	12.1%	12.8%	10.2%	10.7% -250.3%
2331.HK 1929.HK	Chow Tai Fook Jewellery Group Ltd	Consumer Discretionary  Consumer Discretionary	EW	130	21,077	14%	28%	28%	24.7%	27.6%	14.7%	-250.3% 15.7%
HTHT.O	H World Group Ltd	Consumer Discretionary  Consumer Discretionary	OW	59	13,360	219%	207%	(2%)	13.8%	39.1%	16.0%	43.3%
0881.HK	Zhongsheng Group Holdings	Consumer Discretionary	OW	26	13,055	12%	13%	10%	19.7%	19.2%	16.7%	18.2%
600754.SS	Jin Jiang International Hotels	Consumer Discretionary	OW	48	8,963	4059%	106%	7%	7.9%	15.7%	7.7%	14.6%
1128.HK	Wynn Macau, Limited	Consumer Discretionary	OW	10	6,149	53%	165%	(13%)	NM	NM	-2.3%	22.6%
MLCO.O	Melco Resorts & Entertainment Ltd	Consumer Discretionary	OW	36	5,676	62%	206%	13%	NM	NM	2.2%	16.4%
300144.SZ	Songcheng Performance Development Co Ltd	Consumer Discretionary	EW	66	5,501	817%	70%	(24%)	8.9%	14.1%	10.1%	17.2%
0780.HK	Tongcheng Travel Holdings	Consumer Discretionary	OW	11	5,243	175%	26%	(12%)	7.3%	9.3%	12.3%	17.3%
6110.HK	Topsports International Holdings Ltd	Consumer Discretionary	OW	6	5,050	(5%)	12%	19%	21.9%	24.4%	31.6%	30.1%
9922.HK	Jiumaojiu International Holdings Ltd	Consumer Discretionary	OW	30	3,955	114%	55%	(6%)	21.1%	27.1%	131.5%	790.3%
600258.SS	BTG Hotels Group Co Ltd	Consumer Discretionary	UW	42	3,936	275%	105%	(26%)	5.0%	9.7%	12.1%	24.0%
9992.HK	Pop Mart International Group	Consumer Discretionary	OW	32	3,887	22%	53%	(12%)	11.3%	15.9%	51.8%	73.9%
1910.HK	Samsonite International	Consumer Discretionary	OW	12	3,820	31%	26%	26%	29.6%	30.8%	13.1%	15.7%
1268.HK 1448.HK	China MeiDong Auto Holdings Ltd Fu Shou Yuan International Group Ltd	Consumer Discretionary	OW OW	9	2,736 1,940	26% 15%	14% 17%	(11%) 41%	27.4%	28.3%	29.4% 32.1%	30.6%
600138.SS	China CYTS Tours Holding Co Ltd	Consumer Discretionary  Consumer Discretionary	EW	48	1,620	239%	51%	(22%)	6.1%	8.7%	5.2%	7.3%
3669.HK	China Yongda Automobiles Services	Consumer Discretionary	OW	4	1,452	17%	20%	1%	13.8%	15.7%	12.3%	13.6%
1896.HK	Maoyan Entertainment	Consumer Discretionary	OW	2	1,352	44%	24%	2%	8.0%	9.3%	10.8%	13.5%
002292.SZ	Alpha Group	Consumer Discretionary	UW	31	1,036	209%	155%	(46%)	3.3%	8.0%	5.1%	11.4%
000858.SZ	Wuliangye Yibin Company Ltd.	Consumer Staples	OW	548	100,287	16%	18%	22%	27.0%	27.5%	115.8%	124.4%
1876.HK	Budweiser Brewing Company APAC Ltd	Consumer Staples	OW	24	42,237	23%	22%	16%	10.3%	11.6%	14.2%	17.9%
0291.HK	China Resources Beer Holdings Co Ltd	Consumer Staples	OW	69	22,827	27%	22%	16%	19.5%	21.3%	36.4%	47.0%
6808.HK	Sun Art Retail Group Limited	Consumer Staples	EW	3	3,347	114%	510%	(42%)	0.4%	2.6%	-0.2%	2.8%
1458.HK	Zhou Hei Ya International Holdings	Consumer Staples	EW	7	1,829	166%	24%	(20%)	9.5%	11.0%	6.6%	8.4%
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1951.HK	Jinxin Fertility Group Ltd	Health Care	OW	20	2,369	52%	30%	(1%)	6.4%	8.0%	6.2%	8.0%
3613.HK 0066.HK	Beijing Tongrentang Chinese Medicine MTR Corp.	Health Care Industrials	OW EW	1 16	1,241 30,996	14% 20%	10% 17%	23%	17.7% 7.5%	17.5% 8.7%	43.0%	31.2% 7.3%
0753.HK	Air China Limited	Industrials	UW	12	19,283	114%	65%	(31%)	7.5% 12.9%	19.3%	4.1%	6.5%
1055.HK	China Southern Airlines	Industrials	UW	7	16,701	117%	52%	(22%)	6.4%	9.3%	1.3%	2.7%
600009.SS	Shanghai International Airport	Industrials	UW	124	15,715	68%	393%	(31%)	-3.0%	9.1%	-7.0%	14.1%
0670.HK	China Eastern Airlines	Industrials	UW	4	12,898	107%	182%	(25%)	6.7%	17.7%	2.7%	4.9%
601021.SS	Spring Airlines	Industrials	OW	32	8,246	196%	59%	7%	16.6%	22.6%	8.1%	11.6%
0293.HK	Cathay Pacific Airways	Industrials	OW	11	6,940	204%	36%	27%	6.9%	9.3%	4.8%	5.7%
2588.HK	BOC Aviation	Industrials	OW	5	5,950	15663%	18%	18%	13.8%	14.9%	5.0%	5.2%
600004.SS	Guangzhou Baiyun Int'l Airport	Industrials	EW	44	4,996	107%	1687%	(16%)	0.3%	4.7%	-0.4%	5.3%
600066.SS	Zhengzhou Yutong Bus Co	Industrials	EW	32	2,423	26%	NA	85%	15.8%	NA	41.9%	NA
0357.HK	Hainan Meilan International Airport	Industrials	OW	4	1,482	986%	65%	3%	7.5%	11.8%	14.4%	21.1%
0696.HK	TravelSky Technology	Information Technology	EW	6	6,467	66%	52%	(25%)	5.1%	7.5%	9.5%	15.3%
002153.SZ	Shiji Info Tech	Information Technology	UW	17	4,684	106%	1009%	(35%)	0.2%	2.0%	-1.4%	2.2%
1997.HK	Wharf REIC	Real Estate	UW	15	18,058	1%	12%	(33%)	3.3%	3.7%	3.4%	3.7%
0019.HK	Swire Pacific	Real Estate	OW	11	12,851	67%	18%	12%	3.8%	4.4%	3.9%	4.2%
0101.HK 0014.HK	Hang Lung Properties Ltd.	Real Estate Real Estate	OW	10 3	9,080	27%	7% 12%	5% 15%	3.9%	4.1%	3.5%	3.7%
UU14.HK	Hysan Development Company Ltd.	rea estate	UW	5	3,542	14%	12%	15%	3.0%	3.4%	3.0%	3.3%

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	COVERAGE UI	COVERAGE UNIVERSE INVESTMENT BANKING CLIENTS (IBC)					OTHER MATERIAL INVESTMENT SERVICES CLIENTS (MISC)		
STOCK RATING	COUNT	% OF	COUNT	% OF	% OF	COUNT	% OF		
CATEGORY		TOTAL		TOTAL IBC	RATING		TOTAL		
				(	CATEGORY		OTHER		
							MISC		
Overweight/Buy	1352	37%	278	42%	21%	593	38%		
Equal-weight/Hold	1659	45%	309	46%	19%	735	47%		
Not-Rated/Hold	3	0%	0	0%	0%	0	0%		
Underweight/Sell	651	18%	82	12%	13%	224	14%		
TOTAL	3,665		669			1552			

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