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- Is China a standalone emerging market today, as it is essentially a global superpower and as its financial markets rise to match its global economic might?
- Are the unexpected policy actions of the Chinese government of 2021 now in the past, and where should investors be looking for investment opportunities, and are those opportunities most directly aligned to China's 5-year and longer-term plans for the economy?
- Are China's equity markets over-valued, fully valued or undervalued and why? What sort of investor demand is there at home and from overseas?
- What type of weightings should China standalone have in well-diversified institutional global portfolios?
- What sort of exposures should Asia's HNW and UHNW private clients have to China as a percentage of the APAC portfolios and their overall global portfolios, and why?
- Where are the best opportunities in China's equity markets, i.e. which sectors and which types of companies should investors focus on?
- How should investors access China's equity markets, is it via 'A' shares, 'H' shares, via stocks listed in the US, or in Europe? What are the advantages and disadvantages of each approach?
- Should investors be buying active funds managed by the China watchers and experts? Or plain vanilla ETFs? Smart beta and thematic ETFs? Or all of the above?
- Should private clients in Asia be looking also at China's vast fixed income markets, especially after the concerns over debts in the property sector? And what would be a sensible approach to accessing this market? Onshore debt? Offshore debt? Via active funds? Via passive funds? And why?
- What is the outlook for the currency and why?
- What are the political, economic or financial dangers ahead and what should investors watch out for?

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