

# Sustainable Investing in Asia

CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

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- We believe in the dual objective of performance and purpose.
- > Governance and quality of management are crucial.
- We pay particular attention to valuation.
- > Absolute return mindset.





- > Home to 5bn people, close to 60% of the world's population.
- Generates dominant share of global GDP, two-thirds of global growth by 2050\*.
- > Largest share of global middle class of >  $50\%^+$  by 2030.
- > Innovation and technology leadership.
  - Battery technology, Solar and EVs.





\*Source: https://www.adb.org/sites/default/files/publication/28608/asia2050-executive-summary.pdf

+Source: https://www.weforum.org/agenda/2020/07/the-rise-of-the-asian-middle-class, the research defined middle class as household with incomes of \$10 to \$100 per day and capita, taking into account purchasing power.



### Emergence of homegrown innovators with purposeful solutions and business models

Emergence of Asian regional and global leaders in innovation in the last 20 years. These companies are becoming more dominant as global contributors.

- Product/Service: EV battery and ESS, healthcare solutions, high efficiency cooling systems.
- Process innovation: Semiconductor, biotechnology and healthcare.
- Business model innovation: Micro-financing, online-healthcare platforms addressing local needs.

### **ROLE REVERSAL**

China's Share, a fractional count of author affiliations in Nature Index publications, has been rising rapidly since 2015. The United States, meanwhile, had a relatively stable Share until 2020, but has fallen back since.



Source: Nature Index

Source: https://www.nature.com/articles/d41586-023-01705-7





#### > Environment

- > Asia accounts for 50% of global emissions<sup>1</sup>.
- > Coal is still the main source of electricity generation for most countries in Asia<sup>2</sup>.
- > Demand for cooling in emerging economies will rise by 2800 terawatt-hours by 2025<sup>3</sup>.

### > Social

- Lack of basic infrastructure in many parts of Asia:
  - India has 0.5 public hospital beds per 1000 population (UK and US > 2 beds per 1000 population and France and Germany > 7 beds per 1000 population)<sup>4</sup>.
- Poverty and inclusion is still a problem in many parts of Asia:
  - 51% of population in Indonesia is still unbanked<sup>5</sup>.
  - 29% of children in India drop out of school before completing elementary school<sup>6</sup>.

### Governance

- > Corporate governance standards across Asia are inconsistent but changing for the better.
- > Family run businesses second/third generation management (with professional management) takes over.
- Improving Board composition (diversity, Chairman-CEO duality).
- > Exchanges across Asia adopting/encouraging listed companies to adopt best practice Corporate Governance codes.

Sources: (1) https://www.statista.com/statistics/205966/world-carbon-dioxide-emissions-by-region/. (2) https://www.visualcapitalist.com/mapped-asias-biggest-sources-of-electricity-by-country. (3) World Energy Outlook Report 2022 www.iea.org. 2800 terawatts is equivalent to EU's total electricity requirements. (4) https://www.medicalbuyer.co.in/india-has-just-over-0-5-hospital-beds-per-1000-people (5) https://theasianbanker.com/finance-indonesia-2022/. (6) https://www.unicef.org/india/what-we-do/education.



In Every Crisis Lies the Seed of Opportunity



Danger
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Opportunity



### **Opportunities**

### Environment

- Structural growth in demand for clean energy (solar, wind and hydro).
- Demand for energy transition plays, efficient power systems.
- Demand for high efficiency cooling systems.

### Social

- Structural demand growth in private healthcare providers (hospitals and drugs).
- Gaps in financial inclusion micro and ultra-micro financing.
- Demand for connectivity and infrastructure (telecoms, IOT (Internet of Things) and data centres).

#### Governance

- Purposeful business models.
- Board Composition.
- Capital Management.
- SOE transformation.



### UN SDG's principles – guiding principles and insight into the opportunity set in Asia





Case Study

## Bank Rakyat Indonesia

Enabling fulfilment of purpose amongst the poorest



- Population of more than 270mil, government projecting this to grow to 300mil by 2030.
- Young demographics driving growth, 50-52% of Indonesia's population is <45 years old.</p>
- GDP per capita currently USD4,300, government targeting at least USD8,000 by 2030.
- The country is rich in natural resources uniquely positioned to benefit from growth of the EV supply chain.
- 77% of adult population in Indonesia is either underbanked or unbanked\*.





Indonesia



#### Indonesia: GDP in current prices from 1998 to 2028 (in Bn USD), Source: Statistita.com

77% of adult population in Indonesia is either underbanked or unbanked.



Source: Google, Temasek/Bain, e-Economy 2019



- The oldest bank in Indonesia and leader in micro and ultramicro financing.
- 60% of loan market share is in the high return micro lending business, targeting to increase market share to 70% by 2025\*.
- > Alignment with government's commitment and support.
- Superior and proven business model driven by operational know-how and distribution network.





BBNI and BPD Jateng market share are as of 2020



#### Dupont by product

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	Micro KUR	KUR Super Micro	Conventional	Consumer Payroll	Small Commercial	Medium	SOE Corporate	Non-SOE Corporate
Asset yield	6.0%	6.0%	22.0%	12.0%	11.5%	10.0%	6.0%	8.0%
Interest Subsidy	10.5%	13.0%						
Insurance premium	1.75%	2.0%						
Blended CoF	3.5%	3.5%	3.5%	3.5%	3.5%	3.5%	3.5%	3.5%
NIM	11.3%	13.5%	18.5%	8.5%	8.0%	6.5%	2.5%	4.5%
Fees / asset	1.5%	1.5%	1.5%	2.0%	2.5%	1.5%	1.0%	1.0%
Cost / asset	7.0%	9.0%	7.0%	3.5%	4.0%	4.5%	2.0%	2.0%
Provisions / asset	1.1%	1.1%	3.5%	0.5%	3.5%	4.0%	1.0%	3.0%
Tax Rate	19.0%	19.0%	19.0%	19.0%	19.0%	19.0%	19.0%	19.0%
ROA	3.8%	4.0%	7.7%	5.3%	2.5%	-0.4%	0.4%	0.4%
Risk weight	36.5%	36.5%	75.0%	50%	100%	100%	50%	100%
RoRWA	10.5%	11.1%	10.3%	10.6%	2.5%	-0.4%	0.9%	0.4%
Leverage (CAR @ 20%)	13.7	13.7	6.7	10.0	5.0	5.0	10.0	5.0
ROE	52%	55%	51%	53%	12%	-2%	4%	2%

Source: Goldman Sachs Global Investment Research, Company data



Superior profitability in micro segment.

Source: Bank Rakyat Indonesia (BRI).

### Bank Rakyat Indonesia





Source: Bank Rakyat Indonesia (BRI) PNM Mekaar Borrowers Activities May 2022.



### Bank Rakyat Indonesia - Enabling Fulfilment Of Purpose Amongst The Poorest



Source: Bank Rakyat Indonesia

- Generating positive impact for societies.
- > Delivering long-term sustainable growth.
- > A quality business model with a strong competitive moat.



### Bank Rakyat Indonesia – Creating Value Through Sustainable Growth

Bank Rakyat - 10Y Cumulative Total Return Gross Dividends (USD)



<sup>&</sup>gt; A unique business model combining profit and purpose.

- > Enabling the poorest.
- Lifting millions out of poverty.
- > Addressing gender equality.
- > Encouraging and enabling entrepreneurship.
- > Contributing to economic growth.

### ASEAN Bank Valuation chart – P/B vs ROE



Source: Bloomberg Data as at: 31/08/2023 Currency: USD

Source: Goldman Sachs



Case Study

## Cochlear

### 'We help people hear and be heard'

www.cochlear.com



### Case Studies – Cochlear

World's leading innovator in pediatric ear implants.

- Clear corporate purpose 'We help people hear and be heard'
- > Started by a scientist who wanted to bring hearing back to his deaf father.
- > Accounts for > 60% of new implants.



Cochlear - 10Y Cumulative Total Return Gross Dividends (USD)







Conclusion

## Cochlear



Source: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ips01rsqMjM



### Investment Implications

- Asia intertwined with global economies facing challenges in climate crisis but also localised social issues.
- Market failure in capital deployment public investments inadequate and the need for private sector to plug the gap.
- Opportunities to deploy capital in areas where purposeful and impactful solutions are needed.
- Offers attractive long-term risk adjust returns.
- Attractive pockets of growth opportunities combining both purpose and meaningful returns:
  - **Environment** Clean Energy and Energy Transition (CATL, Keppel Corp, LG Electronics, China Yangtze).
  - Social Financial Inclusion, Infrastructure and Healthcare Solutions (Cochlear, CSL, Bank Rakyat Indonesia, Apollo Hospital, JD Health).
  - Governance Improving governance/best in class governance better board structure and independence, better capital management (SOE transformation).



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