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CLSA is one of Asia’s leading capital market and investment groups; connecting investors to insights, liquidity and capital to drive their investment strategies.

Award-winning research, an extensive Asia footprint, direct links to China and experienced finance professionals differentiate our range of services in corporate finance, capital markets, securities and asset management.

As the international investment platform of CITIC Securities, China’s largest investment bank, CLSA is uniquely positioned to facilitate cross-border capital flows and bridge China to the world and the world to China.

Founded in 1986 and headquartered in Hong Kong, CLSA operates from 20 cities across Asia, Australia, the Americas and Europe.

For further information, please visit www.clsa.com
The annual CLSA Investors’ Forum in Hong Kong is one of the most comprehensive events of its kind in Asia, giving you access to senior executives from leading companies that are important to you. The Forum will also deliver the breadth and depth of our award-winning research, host over 170 corporate and specialist presentations and more than 60 world-renowned industry experts on a vast array of subjects.

Scores of world leaders have recognised the power of the CLSA audience and used our Forums to present their nations’ political and economic messages directly to investors who will make a difference in their markets.

Past participants include Lord Mervyn King, Bill Clinton, Alan Greenspan, Al Gore, Jean-Claude Trichet, Yanis Varoufakis, Sarah Palin, Desmond Tutu, Paul Volcker, Micheal Phelps, Bob Geldof, Craig Venter, Francis Ford Coppola, Arnold Schwarzenegger, George Clooney, David Beckham, Stanley Fischer, Jared Diamond, Paul Krugman, Frank Luntz, Robert Shiller, Carmen Reinhart and Joseph Stiglitz.

Whether its global finance or economics gurus, political or geopolitical experts, technology, health, environment or social-issue specialists, our prominent speakers will challenge and enlighten you over the five days of the Forum.

**Why attend?**

- **Content:** Access award-winning research, global insights and investment strategies
- **Conversations:** Experience unrivalled knowledge exchange
- **Connections:** Tap into public and private capital, investment ideas and new markets
Spoilt for choice
UNPARALLELED FORUM PLATFORM

The week’s offering will be comprehensive. In addition to seven tracks of presentations, and thousands of hours of multilevel meetings, every day over a working lunch we will showcase a speaker who will challenge you to think outside the box. Collectively, they will make you better understand what the future holds and how what’s coming will affect the way you make your investment decisions today.

Presenters and attendees

1,800+ investors from around the world & 880 senior executives from nearly 300 of the region’s leading companies

Current and former government leaders & Industry specialists and CLSA ranked analysts
# FORUM DETAILS

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## Accommodation

CLSA has special conference rates for the below hotels. Contact your CLSA sales representatives for details.

- Conrad Hong Kong, Pacific Place, 88 Queensway
- Four Seasons Hotel, 8 Finance Street, Central
- Grand Hyatt, 1 Harbour Road, Wanchai
- Island Shangri-La HK, Pacific Place, Supreme Court Road, Central
- JW Marriott Hotel, One Pacific Place, 88 Queensway, Admiralty
- Novotel Century HK, 238 Jaffe Road, Wanchai
- The Murray Hong Kong, 22 Cotton Tree Drive, Central
- The Park Lane Hong Kong, 310 Gloucester Road, Causeway Bay
- Renaissance Harbour View, 1 Harbour Road, Wanchai

## Registration

Places are limited so be sure to register early.

- Contact your CLSA sales representative
FORUM FACILITIES

IF-Online
All the latest Forum news, commentary and insights will be available on IF-Online, which can be accessed via clsa.com. Non-client delegates can gain access through wales.clsa.com or the CLSA Mobile app.

CLSA evalu@tor
The CLSA evalu@tor database offers access to our award-winning research as well as tools for screening, comparing and charting more than 1,300 Asian equities. This unique 24-hour online service also retrieves data from analysts’ models and global data feeds from leading vendors.

Computer kiosk station
A large bank of computers equipped with Bloomberg software will be available for delegate use. Delegates will also be able to:
- View Forum schedules (personal and general)
- Send intranet email to other forum participants online
- Make bookings for Forum presentations and social activities
- View participating speaker and company information

Courier services
A courier representative, conveniently located outside the CLSA business centre, will get your package overseas as fast as the next day!

Mobile app
Stay connected to everything going on at the Forum and have the latest schedule at your fingertips. The CLSA Mobile app is free and requires iOS version 8.0 or later. Search for “CLSA” in the Apple App store or Google Play store.

Travel desk
A CLSA travel coordinator will be available to assist you with your travel arrangements and onward flight confirmations.

Business centre
The business centre offers a full range of secretarial services, travel assistance and courier facilities.

Library
An extensive array of CLSA publications as well as annual reports and brochures from presenting companies will be available in our onsite CLSA library.

Hospitality
Need to hold an informal meeting? Book a restaurant or a sightseeing tour? Looking for a special gift? Our CLSA hospitality staff will be happy to help you make reservations and answer your enquiries.
Content and connections
SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

It’s not all work, though!
Throughout the week there will be a host of extra-curricular activities for you to choose from: there’s something for everyone. Invitations will be sent to registered delegates in due course.

Networking events

**MONDAY**
Wind down after the first day of the forum at CLSA’s welcome cocktails. A relaxing night of great conversation and music.

**TUESDAY**
Sample some of the best food Hong Kong has to offer at a selection of the city’s most interesting and enticing eateries.

**THURSDAY**
Party at one of Hong Kong’s latest hotspots. Turn up the heat as we bring everyone together for a spectacular evening.
OUR STORY

When CLSA started life in 1986, telling the story of Asia was pretty simple: most global funds saw Japan as the only serious market; the Korea Fund sold at a 100% premium as the only way in and China was a mere blip on the world’s economic radar.

Ronald Reagan was in the White House, the Dow Jones Industrial was climbing towards 1,900, Margaret Thatcher was firmly ensconced at Number 10, and China was one of the world’s poorest countries with per-capita income of US$320.

In Hong Kong, still 11 years before the handover back to China, the Hang Seng Index was closing in on 2,000, prime office space was HK$15-17 per square foot and you could see the hills behind Kowloon from Central. Planes skimmed the near horizon to bank sharply and land at Kai Tak, within view of the city.

In 1990, seven years before reunification, in one of our earliest TV snapshots, The Vanishing Border, CLSA was one of the first to identify a paradigm shift that would redefine the global economy as Hong Kong became southern China’s financial/service centre and, more importantly, the mainland became a manufacturing powerhouse.

The story of China is not one that can be understood in numbers or cold analysis, but one that needs to be soaked up on a visceral level and be told by professionals who think outside the confines of a typical financial advisory firm.
China’s rise has been an incredible and complex epic of profound growth in global trade

Mr & Mrs Asia sit at the intersection of many of our key investment theses: Billion Boomers; Chinormous; Beautiful China, e-liftoff, Autocalyse and Theorality.

One sees all the larger themes that have played out during the past 33 years on the hundreds of colourful research covers we have produced, featuring original artwork: China’s rise out of isolation to become a major global power; the boom, bust and then recovery of Asean; the emergence of India; Japan’s recovery after 15 years of recession; and the explosion of ecommerce.

As we approach a world in which humans and artificial intelligence are bound together in a constant exchange of information and goals, people and software will not be much use without the other. We opine that diverse and unrelated industries are going to be fundamentally reshaped.

The Chinese characters for longevity are derived from the symbols for strength, perseverance and leadership - qualities one needs to survive and prosper. CLSA has displayed such attributes, growing in strength from a single office in Hong Kong into an investment powerhouse with over 1,500 dedicated professionals located in 20 cities across Asia, Australia, Europe and the USA.

We see Xi Jinping’s ambitious Belt and Road Initiative redirecting China’s domestic overcapacity and capital for regional infrastructure development to improve trade and relations with Asean, Central Asian and European countries. We continue to identify the many ways investors can participate in both A- and H-share markets.

Through our parent company, CITIC Securities, CLSA has unrivalled access to China for corporate finance, capital markets and investment opportunities. We leverage outbound capital flows and assist global investors in navigating China’s capital markets. CLSA is now part of the brokerage establishment, committed to a culture of excellence, innovation, integrity, inclusion and celebration.

Today, China is the world’s No.2 economy after the USA with GDP of US$11 trillion, a TV-reality star is in the White House and the Dow Jones Industrial is a shade above 26,700. The Hang Seng Index is up around 28,000 and prime Central office space is HK$140 per square foot.

As we prepare to celebrate the Forum’s 26th year, our commitment to bringing clients actionable ideas is stronger than ever.
SECTOR FOCUS IN 2019

**Autos**
While pundits have painted a grim picture of a disruptive abyss, automakers are focusing on driverless technology, new energy vehicles and connected cars. Some new comers have found producing cars in high volumes harder than sending a rocket to Mars. The brave, new world of high-tech cars is coming, and legacy makers will remain in the driver’s seat.

**Banks**
Contradictory macro factors dominate the investment outlook for bank equities which creates a degree of volatility. For example, the long-awaited perceived positive earnings impact of US reflation versus subdued economic growth elsewhere; the unwind of US quantitative easing versus QE liquidity injections elsewhere; resolution of “Basel 4” capital, liquidity and funding regimes to improve bank resilience versus the wave of populist politics which could see bank regulation wound back; and the consequences of central-bank efforts to normalise interest-rate policy settings.

**Capital goods**
Industrial robots continue their march into new factories and manufacturing facilities around the world, making the Chinese manufacturing sector even more competitive. Furthermore, China’s huge infrastructure projects have created a new appetite for construction machinery and other heavy equipment.

**Commodities**
China’s demand should grow for most commodities this year, but a slowdown is inevitable. Beijing’s supply and environmental reforms are ongoing, but have incrementally less impact as its campaign matures. Demand growth elsewhere is providing tailwinds, but tariffs are affecting trade flows.

**Conglomerates**
A collection of old-economy assets and lower-growth profiles have weighed on conglomerates. However, strong balance sheets and rich free-cashflow generation give them significant optionality to deploy capital via M&A, capex, buybacks or dividends. At IF19, we will explain which strategies conglomerates will utilise to sustain investor returns.
Consumer
Rising Asian consumption remains a key engine of global growth. Which companies are best placed to execute? What channels are gaining and losing share? China remains a focal point for many global and Asian companies, both in terms of cracking into the market and tapping into outbound-traveller opportunities. IF19 will host speakers on these themes and the companies exposed to them.

ESG
Environmental, social & governance (ESG) issues have entered the Asian mainstream for investors, driven by a confluence of tighter regulations, focus by regional pension and sovereign wealth funds and rapidly improving data quality. In 2019, we continue to focus on ESG risks and impacts on supply chains, in particular, sourcing risks for battery materials as well as rare earth metals crucial to smartphones and other tech products.

Gaming
The Macau gaming sector has recovered, with visitation and spending accelerating. China’s macro backdrop is stimulating consumer confidence. More importantly, long-term drivers, including infrastructure, increasing hotel-room supply and diversification, provide strong tailwinds for continued growth.

Healthcare
The incidence of heart disease, cancer and diabetes is increasing in Asia, reflecting changes in lifestyle and diet as well as ageing. According to the WHO, the economic cost from these diseases between 2006 and 2015 totalled US$3bn. Hence, companies that treat these diseases within the emerging Asian region should see steady volume increases. Businesses that treat the disabled should also see increasing demand.

Oil & Gas
Opec’s extended oil-production cut combined with falling inventory levels, robust global demand growth and increased tensions in the Middle East have pushed oil prices up this year. Meanwhile, abundant natural gas and clean-energy policies bode well for suppliers. Find out where the best opportunities in Asia lie from oil & gas corporates presenting at our Investor’s Forum.
The world’s biggest power market is undergoing a radical transformation as part of Xi Jinping’s Beautiful China initiative. Renewable energy and cleaner-burning gas are winners at the expense of coal, and we expect the shift to accelerate with the latest five-year Air Action Plan. Meanwhile, energy storage is starting to play havoc on Western markets, and Asia is next.

Property

Which property markets in Asia have more defensive asset pricing as interest-rates picks up? Will China’s hukou liberalisation lift income growth in tier-two cities and create new demand? How will India’s subsidised housing drive its property market? And is Singapore’s residential market recovery sustainable? Find out at IF19.

Technology

Despite a lack of big end-demand drivers, some positive trends continue such as memory stability, smartphone consolidation and auto, mining and network upgrades. While 2018-19 will appear tame compared to 2016-17, booming A shares offer an exceptional growth profile.

Telecoms & Internet

China internet stocks continue to outperform despite market volatility. Top-line growth remains robust despite more competition and margin pressure. 4G adoption continues to drive mobile-internet usage. New retail is revolutionising China’s shopping, manufacturing and logistics markets, accelerating online sales, cloud and technology adoption. Efinance continues to flourish despite regulations, and online entertainment is set to boom.

Thematics

How do you disruption-proof your portfolio in such a fast-changing world? We do not pretend to know all the answers, but our Theorality thesis will help you make sense of the fundamental shifts that are affecting traditional business models and your stocks’ portfolio performance.
Unparalleled thematic research

- You will see all the larger themes that have played out across Asia and the world over the past 33 years illustrated in our reports.

- Our research is different; at times irreverent; often humorous - sometimes not; but always thought-provoking and value-adding.
Access unfiltered primary sources of information in an executive-education-style setting. CLSA U is also recognised as a CFA Institute approved provider for continuing development, granting participants CFA continuing development credits automatically.

Top-rated economist Eric Fishwick kicks off the Forum with the econ team’s views to help set the scene for the hundreds of company, analyst and specialist-speaker presentations throughout the week.

Despite the rise of smart-beta strategies and ETFs, fundamental stock selection remains important, especially with an overlay of investment styles. We employ rigorous screening criteria and backtesting to come up with first-class stock-selection ideas.

Our technical indicators recognise the value of history and crowd behaviour, using breadth, momentum, flow, participation and sentiment to assess direction and identify big turning points. We constantly map out trades and investment strategies.
See you at the Forum

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