Final destination: China

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The share of **capital goods and intermediaries** exceeds 85% of total Chinese imports from advanced countries

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- the economic activity is gradually slowing, but...
- ...first signs of rebalancing toward domestic demand and consumption are becoming visible
- government reforms and structural economic and demographic factors will probably lead to radical changes of Chinese demand composition during the next 15-20 years
- China's weight on global demand will increase further

This paper

The aim of this paper is twofold:

- investigating the China's role as a market of final destination for the productions of major Euro Zone countries (France, Germany, Italy or EA-3);
- assessing how the future change in China's demand composition will affect the major countries of the Euro Area

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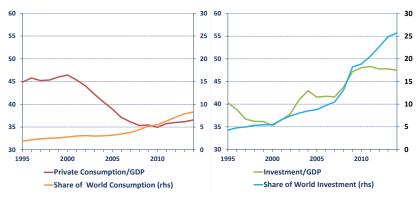
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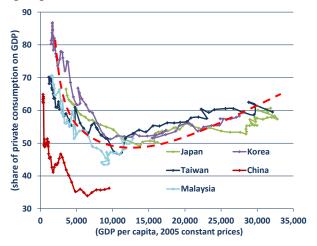
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China is already one of the most important players in global economy...

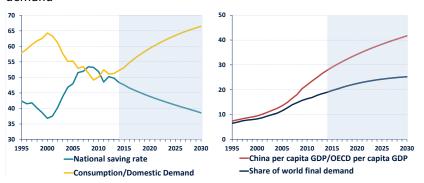


Source: IMF WEO

Chinas has probably reached a turning point. The consumption share is going to stabilize or even rise...



...and, while rebalancing, by 2030 will reach 25% of world final demand



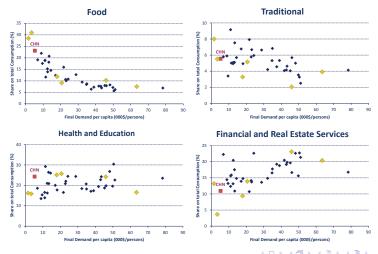
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Sectoral composition of China's consumption: projections (percentage points)

	2011	2020	2030	Δ(2030-2011)
Agriculture	10.2	6.4	4.3	-6.0
Food, Beverages and Tobacco	14.3	11.9	9.9	-4.5
Traditional	5.9	4.7	3.7	-2.2
Machinery, Electrical and Optical Equipment	2.8	3.3	3.4	0.5
Transport Equipment	4.9	4.5	4.1	-0.7
Other Manufacturing	1.9	1.6	1.5	-0.3
Fuel, Gas and Electricity	1.4	1.9	2.5	1.2
Real Estate Services and Construction	7.9	8.4	8.6	0.7
Wholesale, Retail and Other Business	11.6	13.4	14.5	2.9
Hotels and Restaurants	4.7	4.0	3.7	-0.9
Tansport and Telecommunications	5.5	6.6	7.0	1.5
Financial Intermediation	3.7	4.6	5.1	1.3
Education	10.9	12.1	12.5	1.6
Health and Social Services	14.3	16.7	19.2	4.9

China's demand: a VA approach

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- Which is the foreign content of Chinese final demand?
 18% of Chinese final demand is made of foreign VA (> USA and Japan)
 foreign VA intensity is higher in investment (22.3%), with respect to consumption (13.9%)

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China's final demand

Which sectors of China's final demand activate foreign value added the most?



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China as a destination market for the EA-3

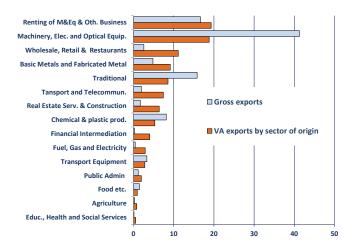
In terms of absorbed VA, China is a more relevant market for EA-3 productions

	France	Italy	Germany
Gross exports to China (million of US\$)	19,361	15,513	91,370
share of total exports	2.8%	2.6%	5.7%
VA absorbed in China (million of US\$)	16,996	13,811	70,574
share of total GDP exported	3.8%	3.6%	6.5%

Caveat: WIOD tables do not take properly into account processing-trade

Italian sectoral exports to China

VA in the sectors of origin vs gross exports: a very different picture



Dissecting global value chains

How EA-4 made VA gets to China's final demand? Recovering information from the decomposition of bilateral exports

	France	Italy	Germany	Spain	
direct to China	70.7	71.2	77.5	42.5	
through other countries	29.3	28.8	22.5	57.5	
share of VA exported to China through a third country					
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USA	3.7	3.5	3.9	5.0	
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Oth Emerging markets	35.7	38.0	43.4	32.8	

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Concluding remarks (2)

consumption

- Compared to traditional (gross) statistics, Chinese market plays a greater role for EA-3.
- About 30% of VA originated in ITA and FRA and finally absorbed in China is exported through third countries, mainly other EU and in particular Germany (about 1/5th of it). The share is larger for ESP (57.5%).
- It is relevant for a large number of industries in the countries of origin
- Chinese demand growth in the future will be a key source for EA-3 GDP activation, but the effect will probably be heterogeneous across sectors
 Caveat: what will be the effect of the quality upgrading of Chinese

Thank you for your attention