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Sectors	Existing/Prior Restrictions on Foreign Investors	"Open Up" Policies	Timetable	Recent Legislation Efforts
I. Banking				
1. Dalikilig	Foreign ownership caps in Chinese domestic commercial banks, rural banks, and policy banks:  • Individual foreign shareholder: 20%  • All foreign shareholders: 25%	<ul> <li>To remove the ownership caps in foreign investors' investment into domestic commercial banks</li> <li>To offer equal treatment to both foreign-invested and domestic players</li> </ul>	By June 30, 2018	The Implementation Measures of the China Banking Regulatory Commission (CBRC) on Administrative Licensing for Foreign-Invested Banks, revised by CBRC and effective February 13, 2018  The Notice on Matters Relating to the Further Relaxation of Control Over Foreign-invested Banks' Market Access, issued by the China Banking and Insurance Regulatory Commission (CBIRC) and effective April 27, 2018
Banks	Certain restrictions on scope of business on foreign banks in China:  • One-year waiting period before a foreign bank branch or foreign-invested bank subsidiary can apply for Renminbi (RMB) banking services  • Foreign bank branch (as opposed to bank subsidiary) in China cannot provide RMB banking services to Chinese individual clients	To substantially expand the business scope of, and offer equal treatment to, foreign-invested banks, including (but not limited to):  • To remove the one-year waiting period for RMB banking services  • To allow foreign bank branches to provide RMB banking services and/or derivative transactions to Chinese individual/retail clients  • To allow foreign bank branches to conduct agency business for the issuance, acceptance, and	By December 31, 2018	

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		underwriting of government bonds  • To remove separate approval requirements for foreign-invested banks to provide custody of securities investment funds, overseas wealth management service, and custody service in relation to overseas wealth management		
	A foreign bank shall de-register its bank branch in China if it converts its bank branch into a bank subsidiary in China	To allow foreign banks to open both bank subsidiary and bank branches at the same time	By June 30, 2018	
Financial Asset Management Companies <sup>1</sup>	Foreign ownership caps:  • Individual foreign shareholder: 20%  • All foreign shareholders: 25%	<ul> <li>To remove the ownership caps in financial asset management companies</li> <li>To offer equal treatment to both foreign-invested and domestic players</li> </ul>	By June 30, 2018	
Other Non- Bank		To apply the new foreign investment policies to other	By June 30, 2018	

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Under Chinese law, "financial asset management companies" refer to asset management companies that are set up for the purpose of acquiring distressed/non-performing loans from state-owned commercial banks.

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Financial Institutions		non-bank financial institutions, including trust, financial lease, auto finance, currency broker, and consumer finance firms		
II. Securities			<u> </u>	
Securities Firms	<ul> <li>Foreign ownership cap: 49%</li> <li>At least one Chinese shareholder must be a securities firm</li> <li>The Chinese securities firm shareholder must hold no less than 49% of the joint venture securities firm</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Foreign ownership cap: 51%, allowing foreign controlling stake in joint venture securities firms</li> <li>To allow wholly foreign-owned securities firms three years after implementation</li> <li>To remove the requirement that one Chinese shareholder must be a securities firm</li> <li>To remove the requirement that one Chinese shareholder must hold no less than 49%</li> </ul>	By June 30, 2018	CSRC promulgated the Administrative Measures for Foreign- Invested Securities Firms on April 29, 2018. The Administrative Measures have reflected the proposed regulatory changes
	Limited scope of business for foreign- invested securities firms as follows:	To remove the limited scope for foreign-invested securities firms and apply the general scope of	By December 31, 2018	
	<ul> <li>Underwriting and sponsorship of stocks (including RMB-denominated</li> </ul>	business applicable to domestic securities firms, including the following:		

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	A shares and foreign currency-denominated shares) and bonds (including treasury bonds and corporate bonds)  Brokerage of foreign currency-denominated stocks  Brokerage and self-trading of bonds (including treasury bonds and corporate bonds)  Any other businesses approved by CSRC	<ul> <li>Securities brokerage</li> <li>Securities investment consultancy</li> <li>Financial consultancy relating to securities trading and securities investment activities</li> <li>Securities underwriting and sponsoring</li> <li>Self-operated securities business</li> <li>Securities asset management</li> <li>Other securities businesses</li> </ul>		
Strategic Investment by Foreign Investors in Listed Chinese Securities Firms	<ul><li>Foreign ownership caps:</li><li>Individual foreign shareholder: 20%</li><li>All foreign shareholders: 25%</li></ul>	Foreign ownership caps:  • All foreign shareholders: 51%	By June 30, 2018	
Securities Investment Fund Management Firms	• Foreign ownership cap: 49%	<ul> <li>Foreign ownership cap: 51%, allowing foreign controlling stake in joint venture</li> <li>To allow wholly foreign-owned</li> </ul>	By June 30, 2018	

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		securities investment fund management firms three years after implementation		
Futures Companies	• Foreign ownership cap: 49%	<ul> <li>Foreign ownership cap: 51%, allowing foreign controlling stake in joint venture</li> <li>To allow wholly foreign-owned futures companies three years after implementation</li> </ul>	By June 30, 2018	CSRC released the Circular on Seeking Public Comments on the Administrative Measures for Foreign-invested Futures Companies (Draft for Comment) on May 4, 2018
III. Insuran			· 	
Insurance Companies	Operating a representative office for two years before opening an insurance company in China	To remove the two- year waiting period for foreign-invested insurance companies	By December 31, 2018	The China Insurance Regulatory Commission (CIRC) amended the Implementation Regulations for Administration of Foreign- Invested Insurance Companies on February 13, 2018. However, the proposed changes have not yet been reflected
Life Insurance Companies	• Foreign ownership cap: 50%	<ul> <li>Foreign ownership cap: 51%, allowing foreign controlling stake in joint venture</li> <li>To allow wholly foreign-owned life insurance companies five years after implementation</li> </ul>	By June 30, 2018	
Insurance Public Adjusters	Operating a representative office for two years before opening an	To encourage foreign investors to set up insurance public adjustment companies in China	By June 30, 2018	CIRC amended the <i>Regulatory</i> <i>Provisions on</i> <i>Insurance Public</i> <i>Adjusters</i> , which

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	insurance public adjustment company in China  • Foreign-invested insurance public adjusters can only provide assessment, inspection, loss adjustment, and related risk assessment for an insured object or insured event for foreign-invested enterprises in China			took effect on May 1, 2018. However, the new regulation does not repeal the old regulation that contains the restrictions on foreign-invested insurance public adjusters
Insurance Brokerage Firms	Limited scope of business for foreign-invested insurance brokerage firms as follows:  • Large commercial insurance brokerage, reinsurance brokerage  • International shipping, aviation, and transport insurance and their reinsurance brokerage	Substantially expanded the business scope of, and offered equal treatment to, foreign-invested insurance brokerage firms	By June 30, 2018	CIRC amended the Regulatory Provisions on Insurance Brokerages, which took effect on May 1, 2018  CBIRC issued the Notice on Expanding Business Scope of Foreign Invested Insurance Brokerage Companies, which took effect on April 27, 2018
IV. Payment	Services			,
Third-Party Payment Service	In practice, PBOC previously did not grant payment service license to	<ul> <li>Allow foreign- invested companies to apply for third- party payment</li> </ul>	From March 19, 2018	PBOC issued the Announcement on Matters Relating to

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	foreign-invested companies	service license, and to provide domestic and cross-border online payment and acquiring services in China		Foreign-invested Payment Institutions on March 19, 2018
V. Cross-Bor	der Stock Connect			
London- Shanghai Stock Link		Try to open a stock trading link with the London Stock Exchange, allowing Chinese investors to access stocks listed in London and vice versa	By December 31, 2018	