WHAT IS THE BELT AND ROAD INITIATIVE?

China's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) is an ambitious and multi-faceted strategy aimed at boosting the flow of trade, capital and services between China and the rest of the world, this involves over 65 countries, which together account for 29% of global GDP and 63% of the world's population.

HSBC has one of the widest global footprints along the 'Belt' and 'Road' routes.



The Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) with committed capital of **US\$100bn** and a **US\$40bn** Silk Road Fund have been set up to help fund projects on Belt and Road. Infrastructure need in Asia alone will cost **US\$800bn** a year till 2020*.

The 'Belt' part of "Belt and Road" refers to the historic overland Silk Road trading routes that connected China, via central Asia, to Europe and the Middle East.

CHINA

The 'Road' refers to the maritime route to the south, linking China, South East Asia, India and Africa.

EUROPE

CENTRAL ASIA

EUROPE

MEDITERRANEAN SEA

PERSIAN GULF

SOUTH ASIA

SOUTHEAST ASIA

SOUTH CHINA SEA

SOUTH PACIFIC OCEAN



INDIAN OCEAN

China's government expects its trade with countries along Belt & Road routes to exceed US\$2.5 trillion a vear within the next decade.

The **BRI overall vision** is to create the infrastructure network, financial and policy conditions that will facilitate regional trade and cooperation.

41 0/0 of senior executives are aware of the

Belt & Road Initiative

*Source: Asia Development Bank. Coverage of Asia refers to east, south and central Asia †HSBC RMB Internationalisation Survey, 2016. Conducted by Nielsen.

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