

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.

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



China's government expects its trade with countries **along Belt & Road routes** to exceed **US\$2.5 trillion** a year 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% 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.