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Key take-aways from the Communist Party of China's (COP) Annual Meetings

- Growth target around 5% - more conservative
- More focus on technological self reliance as technological threats and potential boycotts by USA and EU loom
- President Xi reelected for a third 5-year term – New Prime Minister Li Qiang elected as
- Institutional reforms and tightening of regulatory and financial rules to continue

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Three years of COVID lockdowns took a heavy toll on Chinas economy

- Property sector still shaky and in need of stimulus
- Long term demographic challenges remain
- High inflation rates hamper growth
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- Chinas role in Russia-Ukraine unclear and under international observations
- Belt & Road Project needs revival as stalled and under major challenges in host countries

US-China conflict remains the „Elephant in the room“

- President Xi took the rare step of directly accusing the US of leading the West in “all-round containment and suppression of China.”
- The Taiwan conflict looms all over the globe with fear of escalation by any side

Chinas economy is the centre of attention

- Despite the growing emphasis on self-reliance, Beijing still sees foreign investment as crucial to its long-term strategic goals
- Pledges were made to open markets wider, especially in services, and to improve the business environment, with an emphasis on legal and regulatory reforms to promote fair competition and to better protect foreign investment
- Implementation will be crucial to boost foreign investors confidence
- Energy security and growth will take priority over the net-zero agenda

Chinas global outreach will continue

- Foreign Minister Qin Gang told the press that Beijing has hit the “acceleration button” for diplomacy as China opens and re-engages with the world
- Saudi-Iran Deal a success in Middle East
- China continues to present lucrative opportunities for foreign investors that can adapt and find niches aligned with Beijing’s long-term development strategy. It will continue to be a major growth market, along with Southeast Asia
- sustainability continues to stand out as a promising area for long-term cooperation in and with China

Thank you for your attention

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