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# Chinese Investments in the EU: How Fundamental Global Change Impacts on the Rules of Play

The Diplomat's View: Is the traditional role of Hong Kong as a hub in international trade, finance, capital markets and investments from China into Europe changing in response to these developments?

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- Current developments in Hong Kong
  - Pandemic
  - National Security Law
  - Election Overhaul
  - What's Next?
  
- What does this mean for doing business in Hong Kong?



- Economic developments in Hong Kong
  - Role of Hong Kong as a global financial hub
    - Largest and fastest growing stock market in Asia; Largest IPO venue worldwide
    - Will it be able to maintain this role?
  - *Greater Bay Area*
    - 2019 Development Plan promotes in-depth cooperation between 9 cities in Guangdong and Hong Kong and Macao by fostering synergies
    - Hong Kong's focus: international finance, trading, logistics, ideas, information
  - EU-China Relations
    - Especially strong in financial services (60% growth between 2015 and 2020)
    - 1500+ EU companies in Hong Kong (of which 10% in financial services sector)