



## Trapped Cash in China

Solutions for cash repatriation

February 2014

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# Continental Corporation

## Overview 2012

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- › Since 1871 with headquarters in Hanover, Germany

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  - › Sales of €32.7 billion

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  - › 169,639 employees worldwide

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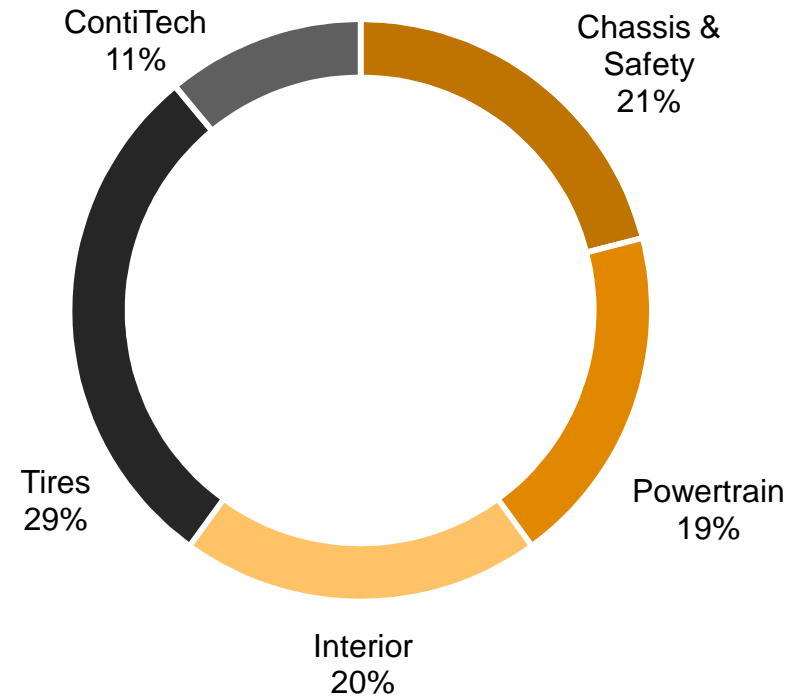
  - › 291 locations in 46 countries

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  - › One of the top 3 in the automotive supplier industry

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Sales by division in %



Status: December 31, 2012

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## Key Figures for 2012

	2012	2011
Sales	<b>€32.7 billion</b>	€30.5 billion
EBIT*	<b>€3,073.4 million</b>	€2,596.9 million
Adjusted EBIT**	<b>€3,522.4 million</b>	€3,040.9 million
Employees	<b>169,639</b>	163,788

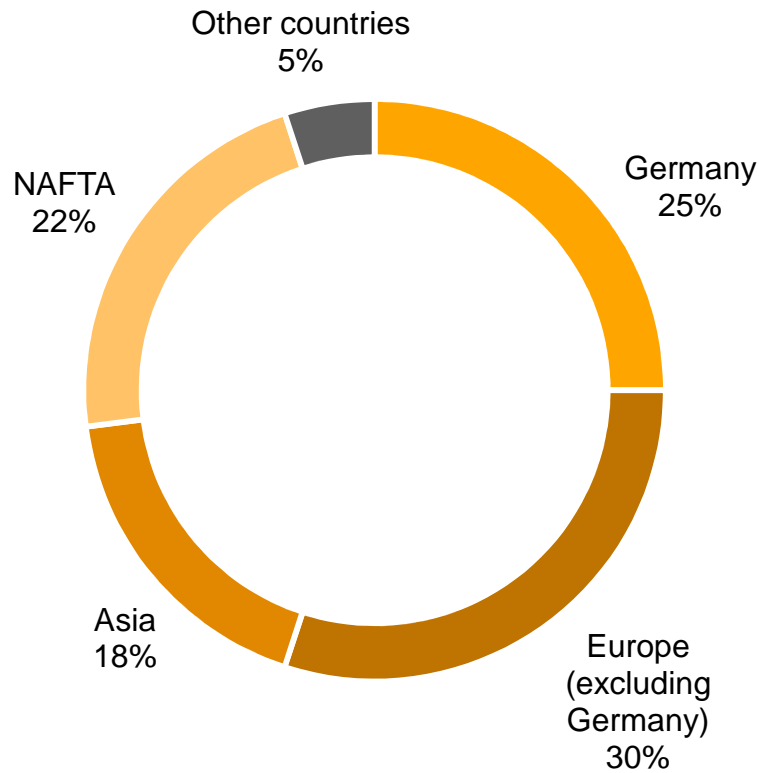
\*Earnings before interest and taxes.

\*\*Before amortization of intangible assets from PPA, changes in the scope of consolidation, and special effects.

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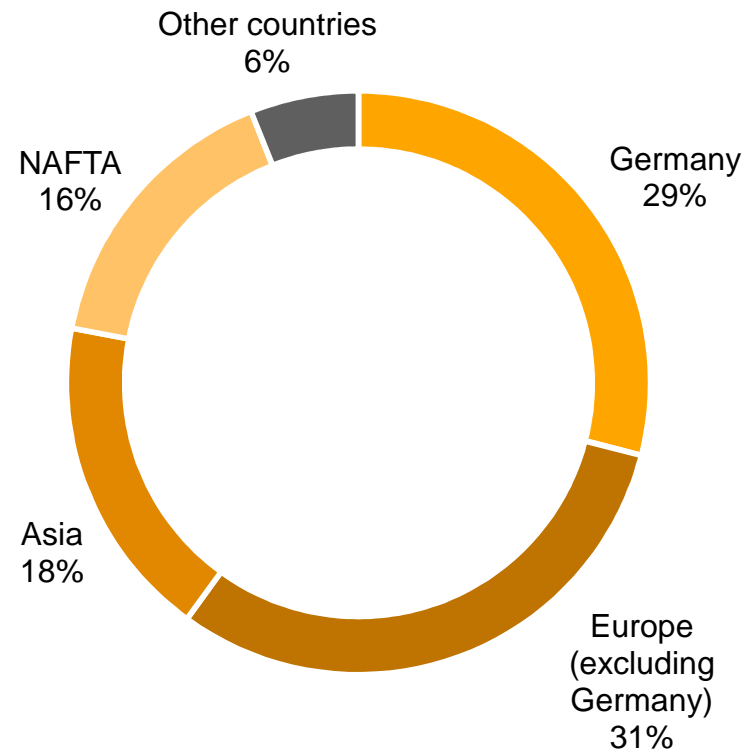
## Sales and Employees by Region in 2012

Sales by region in %



Worldwide: €32.7 billion

Employees by region in %



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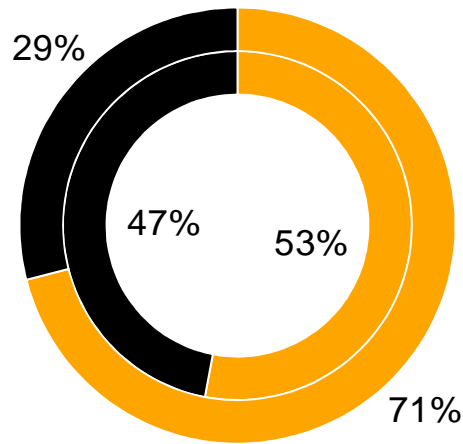
## Key Figures for 2013 and Outlook

	2013E	2014E
Consolidated sales & adj. EBIT <sup>1</sup> margin	€~33.3 bn ~11.2%	To increase to around €35 bn Comfortably achieve adj. EBIT <sup>1</sup> margin >10%
Automotive Group adj. EBIT <sup>1</sup>	€~20 bn €~1.6 bn	March 6, 2014
Rubber Group adj. EBIT <sup>1</sup>	€~13.3 bn €~2.2 bn	March 6, 2014
Raw material cost impact	Relief of about €375 mn	Headwind of about €100 mn in 2014 for the Rubber Group
Special effects	-€~90 mn	About -€50 mn
Net interest expense Tax rate	€~800 mn <20%	Net interest result <€400 mn <30%
Capex	€~2 bn €~370 mn	Capex at around 6% of sales PPA amortization will amount to €~190 mn
Free cash flow	>€1.5 bn	At least €1.2 bn

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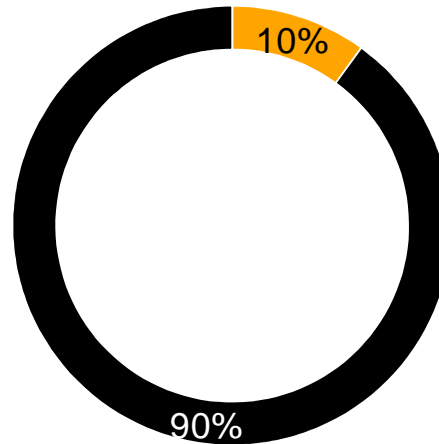
## Latest Acquisition supports Non-OE Automotive Business<sup>1</sup>

Continental AG / ContiTech

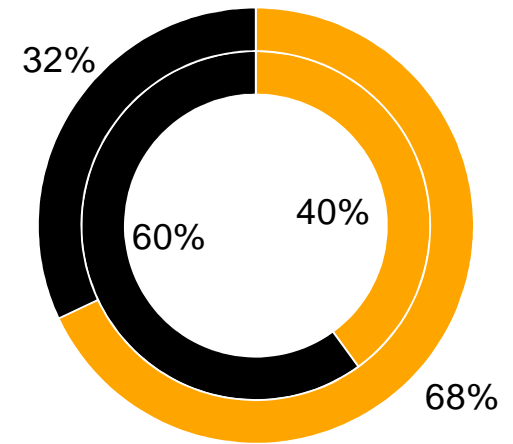


Outer Circle: Continental AG  
Inner Circle: ContiTech

Veyance<sup>2</sup>



Continental AG pro Forma



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<sup>1</sup> Based on 2012 data

<sup>2</sup> Veyance Technologies Inc.

■ Non OE Business

■ OE Business

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## Mobility of the Future: Automated Driving

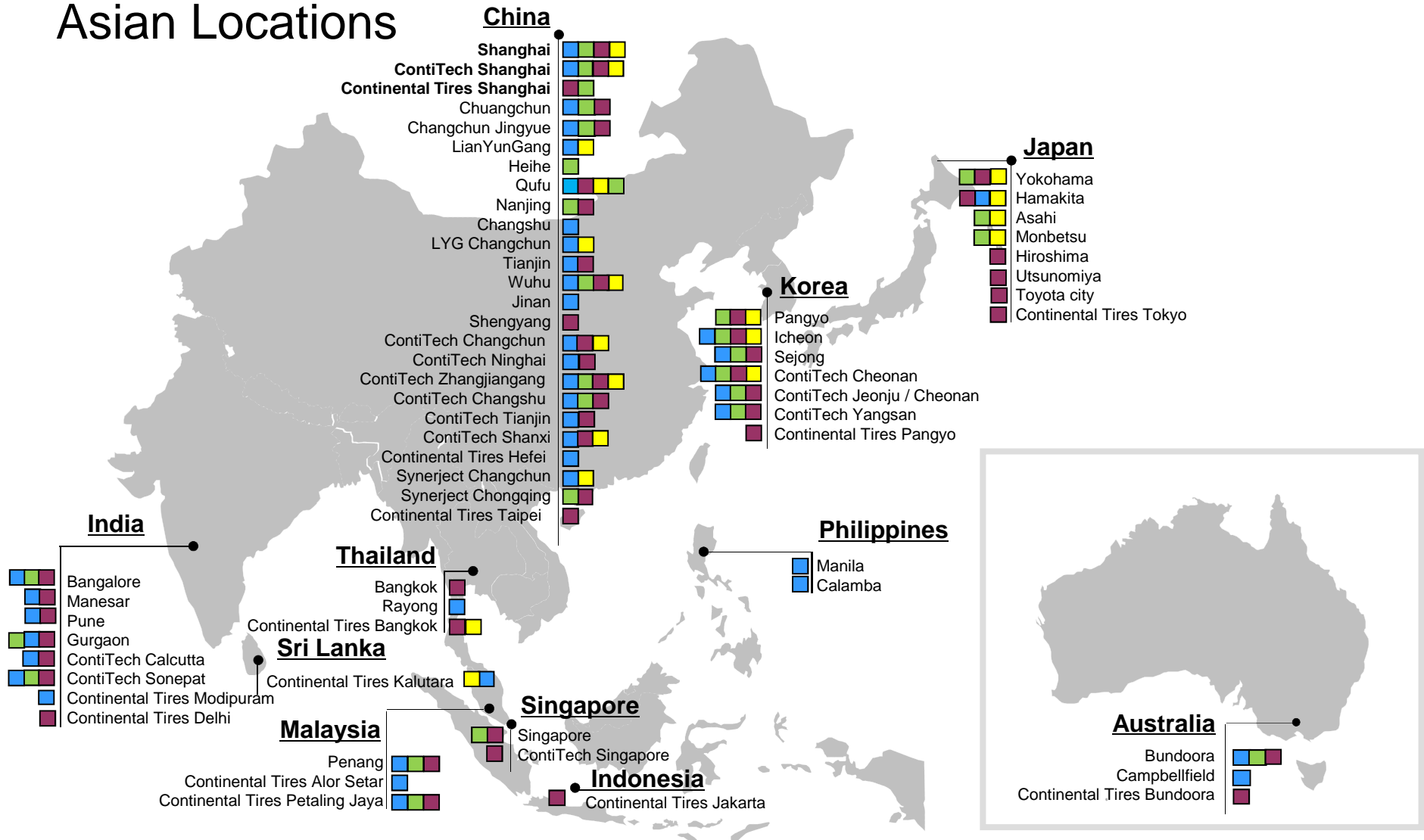
- › We are convinced that automated driving will be a key element of future mobility, as it will enhance the safety, efficiency and comfort of individual mobility even further.
- › Automation will lead to a significant decrease in the number of road traffic casualties and it allows drivers to use their time in the car in other ways and therefore more efficiently.
- › Our path to automated driving:
  - › Partially automated driving by 2016.
  - › Highly automated driving from 2020.
  - › Fully automated driving from 2025.
- › In 2012, we became the first automotive supplier to be granted a test license for automated driving on public roads in the U.S. state of Nevada.





# Continental Corporation

## Asian Locations



Production

Engineering

Sales

Joint Venture

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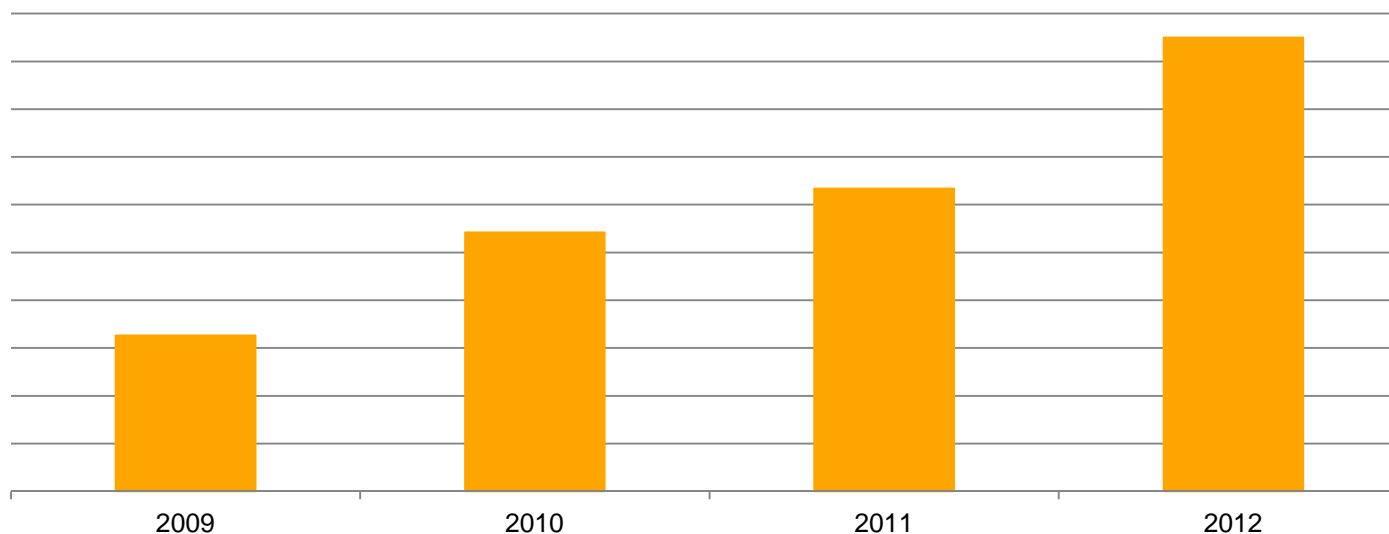
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## Challenge: Increasing Liquidity in China

- › Under Continental's global policy, there is only one corporate liquidity. Within the framework of local law and regulations, liquidity must be shared within the group.
- › Chinese regulation used to be a road blocker for liquidity sharing.
- › Despite high investments, Continental's subsidiaries in China are cash generating. This leads to increasing liquidity in China while Continental is borrowing funds in Europe.

**Cash Balance China**



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# Dividends

- › Surplus cash can be repatriated through payment of dividends.
- › **Pro's:**
  - › Appropriate tool to repatriate cash that is not needed for operating purposes.
- › **Con's:**
  - › Dividend payments trigger withholding tax (10% for payments to Germany).
  - › Unflexible (“one-way”) tool.
  - › Balance sheet of local subsidiary needs to show dividend potential.
  - › Long lead time to get all local approvals in place.
- › Given the disadvantages, Continental was selective in paying dividends over the last years.
- › Taking into account the increasing liquidity, Continental, however, decided to pay a larger dividend in 2013 to sustainably reduce cash in China.

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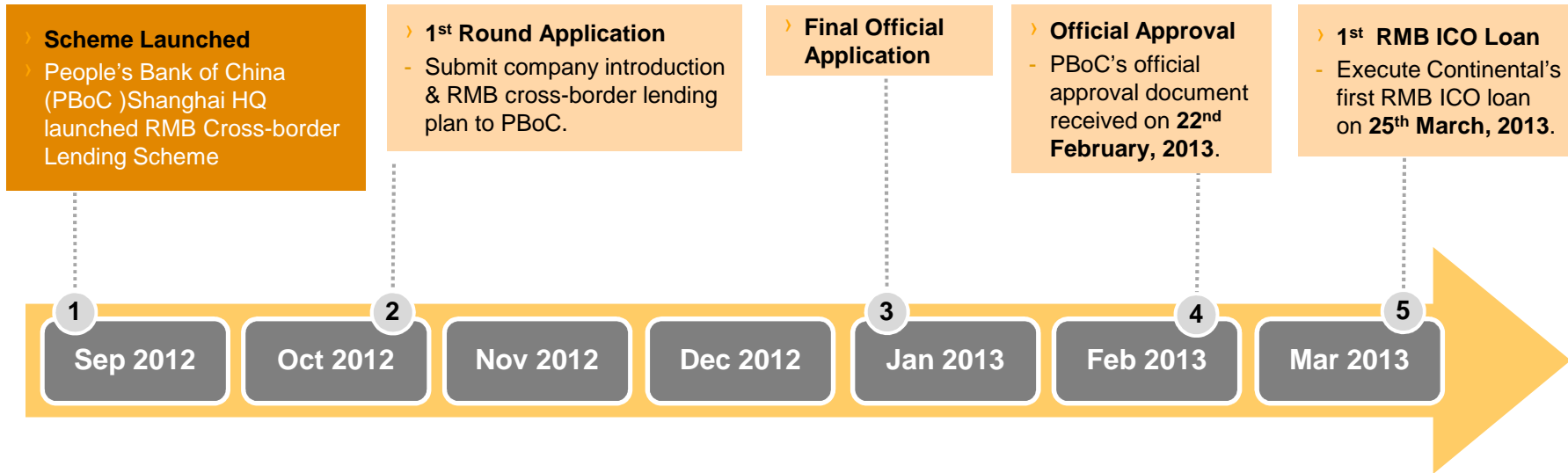
# Cross-border Intercompany Loans

## Overview

- › In the course of the RMB internationalization, China took first steps in 2013 to allow for cross-border intercompany loans denominated in RMB.
- › Continental was one of the very first corporates in China to participate in a pilot project in 2013.
- › Under this pilot project, a “loan quota” was allocated to Continental by People’s Bank of China (PBOC) early in 2013.
- › Under this quota, Continental Germany received the first intercompany loan from China in March 2013.
- › Given the success of the pilot project, PBOC increased the loan quota in the second half of 2013.
- › Continental made full use of the loan quota and set up 6 intercompany loans between China and Germany in 2013, with the maturity of the loans evenly split over the year.
- › Continental’s strong relationship to local Chinese banks helped to get access to the product and to retain goodwill from PBOC.

# Cross-border Intercompany Loans

## Quota Approval Process



› Until the end of June 2013, only 10 corporates in China got the pilot qualification.



# Cross-border Intercompany Loans

## Pro's & Con's

### › Pro's:

- › Useful tool to share surplus cash between China and Germany on a temporarily basis.
- › Cost efficient (tax neutral).
- › Intercompany loans can “breathe” as long as loan quota is not exceeded.
- › If approvals (loan quota) are in place, loans can be implemented at short notice.

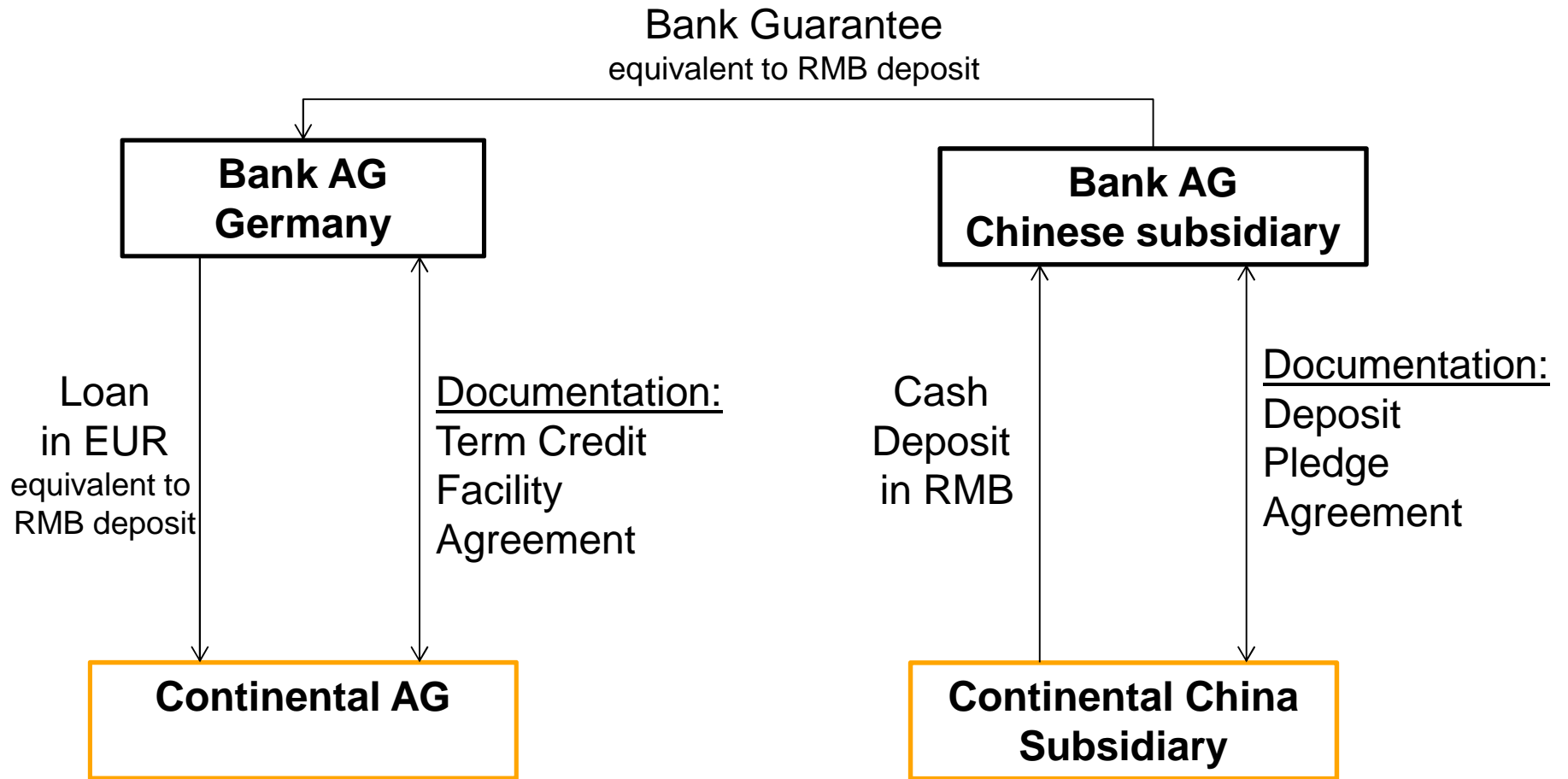
### › Con's:

- › Limited flexibility (no liquidity sharing on daily basis), but different loans with maturity spread over the year can enhance flexibility.
  - › Loans are denominated in RMB => hedging and impact on trading limits to be considered.
- › For Continental, intercompany loans are a milestone in liquidity sharing.

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# Reciprocal Lending Structure



# Reciprocal Lending

## Pro's & Con's

### › Pro's:

- › Very flexible tool to share liquidity for periods between 1 and 12 months (depending on individual structure).
- › If need be, structure can be dissolved at short notice.
- › Currently, interest rate on RMB deposit is higher than interest rate on EUR loan.
- › Deposit is denominated in RMB, loan is denominated in EUR => no fx risk for Continental.
- › No regulatory approvals required.

### › Con's:

- › Solution offers “virtual” liquidity sharing only, i.e. cash is not effectively moved outside China.
  - › Counterparty risk for RMB deposit to be considered (netting with loan possible?).
- › Continental sees reciprocal lending as an important tool for liquidity sharing.

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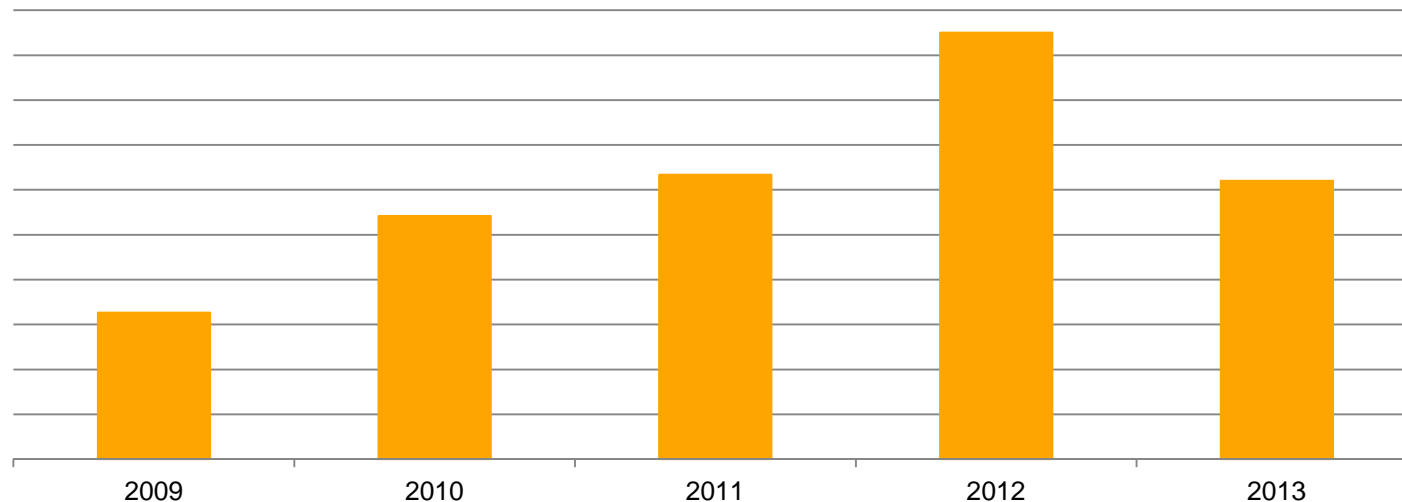
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## Summary

- › In 2013, Continental has used dividend payments, cross-border intercompany loans and reciprocal lending to reduce excess cash in China and to share it within the Group.
- › The above instruments provide a comprehensive tool box for liquidity sharing and make use of the latest regulatory developments in RMB internationalization.
- › There is no perfect tool available (yet), but the steps taken in 2013 are a big achievement compared to earlier years.

### Cash Balance China



# Summary and Outlook

## Outlook

### › What's next?

- › Short-term: Further use of available tools, possibly increasing loan quota for intercompany loans and volume under reciprocal lending
- › Medium/long-term: Following RMB internationalization and making use of further de-regulation, e.g.
  - › Cross-border cash pooling on a daily basis => latest trends in de-regulations to be followed.
  - › Evaluating possibilities offered by Shanghai Free Trade Zone.

### › What helps?

- › Strong local support as well as strong global and local relationships to Chinese banks and to PBOC are key to benefit from further de-regulation in an early stage.

**Thank you**  
for your attention!