



Belt & Road: Opportunity & Risk

The prospects and perils of building China's New Silk Road

The Belt and Road Initiative is a historic marshalling of capital and a remarkable geopolitical foray into establishing and strengthening multinational trade corridors. With an estimated USD 350 billion committed to BRI projects across the world by China by 2022, it is an enterprise unlike anything we have seen on this scale for decades.

Baker McKenzie's **Belt & Road: Opportunity & Risk** report sets out to understand where opportunities lie today and in the future, and also what the legal risks are for both Chinese and international companies as they tap into this momentous source of capital to create new ventures.

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What are the challenges?

Firms will face uncertainties in the BRI region, especially when operating in frontier economies, in countries where governments do change regularly, or societies where political activity is robust.



Project selection



Political & security



Project financing



M&A due diligence



Project life cycle



Financing



Legal & regulatory



Labor & CSR

Modern Silk Road

Multi-decade initiative that will reshape China's global commercial engagement and create opportunities and risks for Chinese and international investors, suppliers and financiers.

USD350 billion
investments
2017 - 2022

10 markets outside China
account for **66%** of opportunity

INDIA | RUSSIA | INDONESIA | KOREA |
TURKEY | SAUDI ARABIA | IRAN |
THAILAND | TAIWAN | POLAND

Infrastructure



Technology



Manufacturing



Consumer



2017

BRI: more than infrastructure

2025