

## Promising investments

As 2013 unfolds, what are the investment opportunities you would consider most promising for private individual investors? Are the best opportunities to be found within Singapore or overseas; and if the latter, where and why?

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WITH key continents going full force in deploying their ammunition starting with China's pro-growth policy, the United State's housing and employment numbers and the EU's stabilisation, the global outlook is certainly more positive than 2012.

With money printing deployment by the West coupled with Japan's monetary easing policy, there will be more liquidity in the market.

We do expect funds to continue to be channelled into Asia, it being the current growth engine. Trading in bonds and shares especially blue chips and dividend stocks are two safer bets to park a portion of your cash. I would suggest 5-10 per cent of funds be invested in gold.

For the investment savvy with excess monies and bigger risk appetite, our neighbours Malaysia, Thailand and Australia offer good investment opportunities in properties. These are open markets with fewer restrictions and measures that would otherwise cap the potential escalation values pegged to market sentiments.

The last 30 years saw the fast rise of China, and I reckon the next decade will see the same for South-east Asia and along with it the property boom.

For those who missed the last few months of the bull run, it might be wise to wait for some potential pull back on the equity front, given that the debt ceiling negotiation between the two political parties in the US could trigger some uncertainties. It is important to monitor the Federal Reserve's moves for possible interest rate reversals which will have big impact on both the stock and property markets.