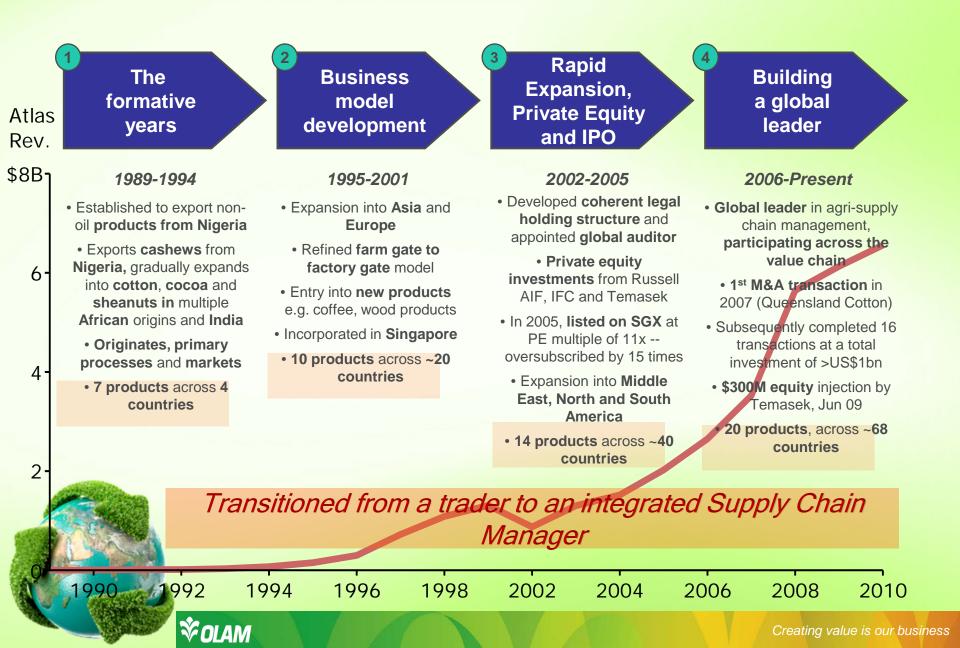
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# New Global Players from CHINA

#### **Olam International at a Glance**



### **Our Products: Building A Leading Global Position**



Edible Nuts, Spices, Beans Cashew, Peanuts, Other Edible Nuts, Beans, Sesame, Spices Largest supplier of Cashew, Sesame. Among top 3 suppliers of Peanuts



Confectionery & Beverage Ingredients Cocoa, Coffee, Sheanuts

Largest supplier of Cocoa, Robusta Coffee worldwide



Food Staples, Packaged Foods Dairy Products, Packaged Foods, Rice, Wheat, Barley, Palm, Sugar Canola

One of the top 3 global Rice suppliers



Fibre & Wood Products Cotton, Wool, Wood Products Among top 3 suppliers of Cotton. Leading supplier of teak from Africa.



### **Our Presence in China**



Built up some unique competitive competencies over the years

- Dehydrate Garlic Largest processor & exporter from China supplying to 30 countries; KFI referred to as 'Model Factory' for its robust systems & controls (By China CIQ)
- Cotton : 3<sup>rd</sup> largest importer in China (Volumes : 425,000 MT); one of the most active trader in the ZCE
- ✓ Dairy : Top 3 importer of Milk Powder in China
- Sesame Largest importer in China (Volume : > 40,000 MT)



# **Global Players of China**

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# What made their foray successful

• A global Mindset to begin with!

"We are a global company with roots in China. Because of our acquisitions over the years, we are actually 'from' many different places" says Chief marketing officer of Lenovo

- Strong domestic market :: Begin with being a "National Leader"
- Engineering led :: China is leader in cost management / Re-engineering!
- Deep pockets :: Ability to invest in key assets
- Maintaining the "core" of their business
- Attention to Localization
  - Understand being a "Glocal" Brand!
  - Global structures



## Is this applicable to the Agri Industry?

- Are there National leaders who can take on Global aspirations?
  - Bright Food
  - COFCO
- Does China Have the "Know How" in Agri space?
  - Food safety concerns
  - Low investments in innovation and R&D
  - No large known Chinese "F&B" Brand outside China....
    - No visible advantage



## Is this applicable to the Agri Industry?

- Deep Pockets
  - Support from the Government :: 30Mn Rmb subsidy...
  - Maintaining market share in a growing domestic market
  - Ability to raise capital from domestic investors....
- Attention to Marketing::
  - Jianlibao...not understanding the core
  - Intense competition in Global space :: Li Ning

For Chinese brands contemplating overseas expansion, reputation will have to precede physical presence!



### Current scale of Agri investments outside China

- Agri investments are a very small % of total China FDI...
- More than 90% is on "Resource seeking"

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 Only "83" transactions
 of total value – 933Mn\$ in purchase of "Brands" in last two years!



# Stages of Global Foray

#### STAGE 1 :: Resource seeking :: Main area of operation

- Ruifeng Rubber Company invested US\$20mn to set up rubber plantations in Laos. / Chongqing Grain Group :: soybean production base in Brazil / Julong Group :: Palm plantation in Indonesia
- Global Concerns :: Sensitivity to resource control!

STAGE 2 :: Market seeking :: Export oriented Vs Brand oriented?

 Huadilao Huoguo :: Hotpot store in New York & Singapore

STAGE 3 :: Strategic asset seeking :: Minimal Less than 2% of total investment in Agri

## Which areas will be the focus going ahead?

- Resource seeking to be the main investment area for the near future
- "For Chinese Companies, when they make M&As abroad, they mainly focus on upstream resources and their major purpose is to lift market share in the China Market" Fiona Wan, Analyst China venture
- Market seeking :: East Asia & SE Asia Natural

choices for Market expansions

### Which areas will be the focus going ahead?

- Strategic asset seeking may not be easy::
  - Bright Food, experienced four failed attempts in buying assets overseas before their NZ / Aus deals.
- Expansions into developed markets to acquire brands and market access will be the corner stone of future investment

 "F&B", Farming, Plantations, and Primary Processing the main Areas for investment in coming years!



# How does the Future span?

### Global Alliances ::

- Joint ventures / M&A :: <u>Consolidation towards stronger</u> <u>"National Brands"</u>
  - China's M&A transactions in the food and beverage sector reached 9.33Bn \$ with 221 deals from Jul'08-Jun'11.
    - Outbound accounted for merely 1% by value
    - There were only Eight deals which were outbound
- R&D :: Bringing Ag tech into China
  - Genetics / Animal Nutrition & Ag Yield
  - Companies will look for targets in this area to improve performance in China



# What are the challenges?

- Global concern on China investing on "Natural resources"
  - Brazil / Argentina / NZ / UK
- Global reputation
  - Very thin line between "Value for Money" and "Low Value"
  - How to make the transition to being a "Globally accepted Brand"
- Management style

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- Availability of Managers with GLOBAL mindset/
  Company DNA...
- Language / Culture sensitivity....



# **THANK YOU**



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