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## **CHINA ACCOUNTS FOR 1/5 OF WORLD POPULATION HOLDING NEARLY 10 % OF GLOBAL WEALTH**

### **WEALTH CONCENTRATED IN EUROPE AND US**

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China now accounts for a fifth of the world population, while holding nearly 10 percent of the global wealth. The Chinese middle class is now, for the first time, the world's largest.

It is often at the heart of political movements and new consumption trends, and a major source of the business people and entrepreneurs who aim to satisfy new demands.

The Chinese middle class now counts 109 million adults, well ahead of the 92 million adults part of the American middle class. Globally, 14 percent of the adult population belonged to the middle class in 2015 "" 664 million adults in total.

Chinese wealth growth has been particularly strong: In 2000, the size of Chinese wealth was similar to that of the US back in 1939. Fifteen years later, Chinese wealth stood at the level the US had reached in 1972 (33 years later!) and the wealth of the country's households could well continue to leapfrog the growth rates of developed economies.

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Source : Global Wealth Report 2015

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