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Belt & Road Initiative



Zhejiang sees Singapore as base for Belt and Road ventures into South-east Asia, 5/12/17

Forchn Holdings and Singapore firm YCH Group, see complementary strengths in teaming up to expand across South-east Asia. They hope to leverage on China's Belt and Road Initiative to link up Asia with much of the world through massive infrastructure projects. [Read More](#)

China



China Life Gears Up for Deals as Capital Curbs Restrain Rivals, 29/11/2017

China Life Insurance Group is focusing on infrastructure, especially in the U.S. and Europe, and technologies and products with the growth potential in China to justify high valuations, according to Wan Yiqing, deputy chief executive of the 3.4 trillion yuan (\$515 billion) insurer's alternative investment arm. [Read More](#)



Japan ready to cooperate with China on global trade plan, Shinzo Abe says, 4/12/2017

Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe on Monday expressed his intention to cooperate with Chinese President Xi Jinping's pet cross-border infrastructure development project while stressing the need for open economic activity across Asia. [Read More](#)



Belt and Road Initiative to help countries achieve UN goals: official, 4/12/2017

The China-proposed Belt and Road Initiative will assist partner countries to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), a United Nations official said on Sunday. [Read More](#)

South Asia



Temasek, Warburg, CDPQ eye stake in TPG's Asia Healthcare, 28/11/2017

Canadian pension fund Caisse de dépôt et placement du Québec (CDPQ), Singapore's sovereign fund Temasek Holdings Pvt. Ltd and American PE fund Warburg Pincus LLC are in talks to buy a minority stake in Asia Healthcare Holdings, a healthcare platform set up by US-based private equity fund TPG Growth, for \$80-100 million, two people aware of the development said. Asia Healthcare holds TPG Growth's investments in Bengaluru-based Rhea Healthcare Pvt. Ltd, which operates a network of mother and child care centres in India under the Motherhood brand; and Cancer Treatment Services International (CTSI), a network of single-specialty facilities across India. [Read More](#)



Capital flow restrictions prove to be a hurdle for China's ambitious Belt and Road Initiative, 29/11/2017

Issues with moving capital between countries involved in the Chinese government's ambitious "Belt and Road Initiative" are limiting the success of the project, according to industry players.

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Infrastructure moving into the fast lane, November 2017

Global investors are preparing themselves to acquire up to US\$50bn (€43bn) worth of distressed infrastructure assets that are expected to become available in India over coming months. The assets will emerge as 12 insolvency cases – dubbed the 'dirty dozen' – move through India's newly established commercial law courts. Some court decisions are expected before the end of the year. [Read More](#)



Chinese Belt and Road Initiative suffers a double-blow from hydropower agreements, 29/11/2017

China's offer of financial aid to build the larger of the dams planned in the China-Pakistan North Indus Cascade, a part of China's BRI, was rejected by Pakistan in November 2017. This came just days after Nepal withdrew from a hydropower plant agreement with China. [Read More](#)

SE Asia



Li Ka-Shing's CK Asset remains reluctant to travel Belt and Road, 29/11/2017

China's Belt and Road Initiative may be the next gold mine for international trade, but Hong Kong property mogul Li Ka-Shing appears in no hurry to jump into the game. [Read More](#)



Keppel Infrastructure, China firm bag \$5.4b waste management deal, 2/12/17

The infrastructure arm of Keppel Corporation has won a HK\$31 billion (\$5.4 billion) contract to design, build and run the first integrated waste-management facility in Hong Kong. [Read More](#)



Thailand to China high-speed: green lights and warning signs, 28/11/17

The Thai Government's decision in July to approve a high-speed rail link to China will have been met with great cheer in



Centurion Corporation raises \$89.5m US Student Housing Fund, 29/11/17

Centurion Corporation Limited which is listed on the SGX Mainboard has closed

Beijing. The approval is a boost to Premier Xi Jinping's 'One Belt One Road' initiative, which focuses on connecting China to its South East Asia neighbours and, in turn, boosting its trading potential. [Read More](#)



Japan moves to join New Silk Road, 21/11/2017

On Nov. 18, Japan's Foreign Minister Taro Kono praised China's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), calling it "very beneficial to the global economy if it is open and available to all." [Read More](#)

its inaugural private fund, the Centurion US Student Housing Fund, with an aggregate committed capital of \$89.5 million, which has been fully drawn down. [Read More](#)



Indonesia and Singapore, leading the way in infrastructure financing, 22/11/17

An estimated US\$2.1 trillion of infrastructure investment is required across ASEAN but current budgets will cover only US\$910 million.

Attracting the additional capital needed is a formidable task but not an unachievable one. As the need for infrastructure investment intensifies and traditional bank lending tightens, governments are getting smarter at smoothing the path for private investment. [Read More](#)

Australasia



New partnership lays groundwork for 20 new data centers across Australia, 4/12/2017

Flexenclosure, a Swedish designer, and manufacturer of prefabricated data centres, is planning to build up to 20 new data centres across Australia. [Read More](#)

Global



CalPERS buys stake in wind



Retirement home crisis imminent, report claims, 28/11/17

Australian retirement villages are almost at full capacity and many seniors will be left out in the cold if the government doesn't take action soon, the Property Council of Australia says. [Read More](#)



Australian funds to form second wave of student housing investment: Knight Frank, 27/11/17

Australian super funds and insurance companies will enter the student accommodation business when the current wave of development is over and housing portfolios are established and operational, a new Knight Frank report into the fast-growing business says. [Read More](#)

farms to expand renewable energy holdings, 4/12/2017

The California Public Employees' Retirement System is acquiring an 80% stake in Rocky Caney Holdings, the owner of two wind farms in the US, for an undisclosed sum. [Read More](#)



Investors eye opportunities in emerging European infrastructure, 3/12/17

The Czech Republic is the most attractive destination in Emerging Europe for investment in infrastructure, a new report from CMS claims. The Czech Republic, which ranks 13th out of 40 countries surveyed, is about to embark on a major programme to modernise its train stations, has allocated approximately 384m euros to the scheme. [Read More](#)



Waterton seeking to raise up to \$1bn for US apartment fund, 28/11/2017

Residential specialist Waterton is seeking to raise up to \$1bn (€841m) for its latest US apartment fund, according to sources familiar with the matter. Orange County



Melbourne consortium to fund wind farm In Australian-first deal, 23/11/17

It is the first time a group power purchase arrangement has been used in Australia to fund long-term renewable energy development. [Read More](#)

Employees Retirement System is one of the investors considering an investment in the fund, Waterton Residential Property Venture XIII. [Read More](#)



CEE pension fund tenders infra, direct lending mandates, 23/11/2017

A central European pension fund is reportedly in search of direct infrastructure and direct lending managers. Accordingly, the pension fund wants to allocate €50m-100m to US direct lending, and €75m-100m to direct infrastructure investments. The infrastructure mandate is for equity investments in OECD countries. The pension fund said it was not yet planning co-investments and wanted a commingled private fund that makes direct infrastructure investments. [Read More](#)



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