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**ASIA ASSET MANAGEMENT news roundup**

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*March 16, 2010* – [First State adds Asia and emerging markets funds to offshore range](#)

First State Investments has announced that it has introduced two new funds to its offshore product range. With immediate effect, institutional investors will now be able to invest in the new First State Asia-Pacific Select and First State Global Emerging Markets Select Funds. Both funds will be...

*March 15, 2010* – [Barings launches MENA fund](#)

Baring Asset Management (Barings) has rolled out its new Baring MENA Fund, which will have a two week initial offer period starting today. The firm explains that the fund will employ an actively managed strategy using a bottom-up Growth at a Reasonable Price (GARP) investment philosophy. The fund...

*March 15, 2010* – [Component changes made to Dow Jones China indexes](#)

Dow Jones Indexes has announced changes in the composition of the Dow Jones China Index Series. Component changes in the Dow Jones China 88, Dow Jones China Offshore 50, Dow Jones China Broad Market, Dow Jones Shanghai, Dow Jones Shenzhen and Dow Jones CBN China 600 indexes will be effective after...

*March 12, 2010* – [Lawrence Au to join BNP Paribas as Asia head](#)

Lawrence Au, a long-time senior executive with Northern Trust is leaving the bank and is believed to have accepted a position with BNP Paribas Securities Services as its head for Asia. Mr Au who joined Northern Trust in April 2000 was previously the bank's SVP and head of asset servicing based in...

*March 12, 2010* – [Fortis receives more QDII quota](#)

Fortis Haitong Fund Management has secured additional QDII quota from SAFE in late February. With the latest quota, Fortis now has a total of US\$1 billion for investments offshore, according to Tian Rencan, CEO of Fortis Haitong Fund Management. Mr Tian said that 40% of the additional QDII quota will...

*March 11, 2010* – [Mercer, ORIX to provide Japan fund valuation services](#)

Mercer Japan and ORIX Corporation have agreed to a collaboration agreement to provide comprehensive plan design, valuation, and administrative services for Japanese corporate pension plans. Mercer is one of the leading providers of consulting, outsourcing and investment services, while ORIX is an...

*March 10, 2010* – [Stability is key for futures market](#)

China aims to kick off its long-awaited stock index futures market next month, and an exchange official says that a top concern is that the landmark scheme

will attract too many investors who spark volatile trade, according to a Reuters report that was published in the Business Times. Regulators...

*March 10, 2010* – [BNP Paribas to deliver local custody services in India](#)

BNP Paribas Securities Services, one of the divisions of BNP Paribas India, has announced that it has been granted a custody licence by the Securities and Exchange Board of India. With this licence, BNP Paribas Securities Services now offers clients local custody operations in the Indian market in...

*March 09, 2010* – [New MD appointed at Pacific Alliance Real Estate](#)

Asian alternative asset investment manager Pacific Alliance Group has announced the appointment of WEI Song as a managing director of Pacific Alliance Real Estate. Mr. Wei joins from Equity International, a privately held real estate investment company, where he held the position of senior vice...

*March 09, 2010* – [Eurex admits first Chinese broker](#)

International derivatives exchange Eurex has announced that it has admitted the first broker headquartered in the People's Republic of China through its Hong Kong subsidiary. GF Futures (Hong Kong) Co Ltd became a trading member of Eurex effective on March 3, 2010. Dr. Cheng Xiao, the general...

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[Asia-Pacific economies need to avoid developing another asset bubble](#)

[ETFs providing financial integration to Greater China market](#)

[Destination Australia](#)

[Toyota's tumble](#)

[Are ETFs all they're cracked up to be?](#)

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