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Press Release

INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES HIGHLIGHTED AT MIPIM ASIA 2009

Paris, 12 November 2009 – Real estate investment opportunities across Asia-Pacific will figure heavily in the MIPIM Asia 2009 programme of conferences, designed to highlight property ROI opportunities in the region.

Topics will range from hotel investment to a real estate focus on South East Asia featuring Justin Chiu, Executive Director, Cheung Kong Holdings, Hong Kong SAR and a session covering Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in China, where the government is reported to be about to relax FDI approval processes in order to make it easier for foreign funds to access Chinese investment opportunities or assets.

The 'Meet the Chairmen' panel on Friday, 20 November, will provide a unique opportunity to hear regional real estate leaders discuss their vision of the market development in the next 12 months. The panel includes Chun Ying Leung, Chairman, Asia Pacific, DTZ, Ronnie C. Chan, Chairman, Hang Lung Properties Ltd., Horst F. Geicke, Chairman, VinaCapital Group, Jonathan Thompson, International Chairman Real Estate, Building and Construction Practice, KPMG, and Wilfred Wong, Executive Chairman, Greater China, Pacific Star Group & Goodwin Gaw, Chairman, Gaw Capital Partners.

Another important theme in the conference programme addresses urban development issues. Mayors from Australia (Lisa Scaffidi, Lord Mayor of the City of Perth) Taiwan (Hsi Wei Chou, Mayor of Taipei County and Jason Hu, Mayor of Taichung City), will share their experiences regarding the challenges they face in developing new infrastructures and exchange views and urban development solutions. In addition, the sessions 'Building for growth and beyond' and 'Urban Regeneration,' will stress the importance of integrating social, environmental and sustainability considerations into urban development policies.

The opening and the closing keynote addresses will provide visionary outlooks on the evolution of the property market in Asia-Pacific. Professor Fan Gang, Director, NERI (National Economic Research Institute, China) and Consultant to the People's Bank of China, will open the conference proceedings by discussing macroeconomic development in China and the region on Wednesday, 18 November.

Closing the conference programme on Friday, 20 November, Bret Wilkerson, CEO, Property and Portfolio Research, will share MIPIM Asia delegates' feedback, gathered on-

site by researchers from Wisconsin University and HKUST Business School. This real-time reporting will provide conference attendees with an insight into how industry professionals see the future of the real estate sector in Asia-Pacific.

As part of its business facilitation programme, MIPIM Asia 2009 is once again holding its popular 'topic-based lunch tables.' Each day, the event will host five tables of 10 delegates. Discussion subjects will range from geographic and sectorial investment priorities to finance questions such as Foreign Direct Investment, REITs and distressed debt.

"The MIPIM Asia lunch discussion tables exceeded my expectations" said Steve Williams, Global Adviser, Real Capital Analytics, who moderated a table last year. "The biggest plus was the diversity of the participants. We all took a different view of the markets and contributed to each other's perspectives. This was particularly true of the geographic and expertise diversities."

For further information on the topic-based lunch tables, [click here](#).

For further insight on the MIPIM Asia 2009 conference programme, [click here](#).

Top Speakers at MIPIM Asia this year include:

			
Ronnie C. Chan Chairman, Hang Lung Properties Ltd. (Hong Kong SAR)	Justin Chiu, Executive Director, Cheung Kong Holdings (Hong Kong SAR)	Hsi Wei Chou, Mayor of Taipei County (Taiwan)	Prof. Fan Gang Director, NERI (National Economic Research Institute, China)
			
Jason Hu Mayor of Taichung (Taiwan)	Chun Ying Leung Chairman Asia-Pacific, DTZ (Hong Kong SAR)	Lisa Scaffidi The Right Honourable The Lord Mayor of the City of Perth (Australia)	Bret Wilkerson CEO, Property & Portfolio Research (USA)

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