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First official Belt and Road bond issued on Shanghai exchange, 30/1/18

The first official Belt and Road bond in China's domestic market has introduced a new financing instrument for the massive infrastructure initiative but offered few



China Infrastructure Push Reaches Arctic, Further Isolating U.S., 29/1/2018

The sun never sets on China's trade and infrastructure ambitions. With the addition of the Arctic and Latin America last week, Chinese President Xi Jinping's signature Belt and Road Initiative has become truly global. Only the U.S., its neighbour Canada and ally Japan have yet to be included in the plan, which seeks to build

advantages for the issuer. [Read More](#)



At Davos, the Real Star May Have Been China, Not Trump, 28/1/18

President Trump used the World Economic Forum meeting to woo investors and business leaders. But it was clear in Davos, Switzerland, this past week that geopolitical momentum lay with Beijing, not Washington. [Read More](#)

or upgrade a network of highways, railways, ports and pipelines. [Read More](#)

Japan



Japan's GPIF hires StepStone to manage infrastructure fund-of-funds strategy, 12/1/2018

Japan's ¥156.8 trillion (\$1.4 trillion) Government Pension Investment Fund hired StepStone Group to manage a core global infrastructure fund-of-funds strategy for the Tokyo-based fund. StepStone becomes GPIF's second alternatives hire, following an April RFP seeking fund-of-funds managers for global private equity, global infrastructure, and both global and domestic real estate. [Read More](#)



China's Belt and Road can win world's trust, Singapore Minister tells Davos, 25/1/18

China can allay fears about its rapid economic rise by using its new-found clout in a benevolent manner, a Singaporean minister has said, touting the New Silk Road project as a potential catalyst for the "next phase of growth in the global economy". [Read More](#)

Global



Baby boomers can now live in floating retirement



China invites Latin America to take part in One Belt, One Road, 22/1/18

China invited Latin American and Caribbean countries to join its "One Belt, One Road" initiative as part of an agreement to deepen economic and political cooperation in a region where U.S. influence is historically strong. [Read More](#)

homes, 27/1/2018

A New York startup is hoping baby boomers will want to retire someplace with an ocean view — like of every ocean. [Read More](#)



Int'l students boost housing investment, 26/1/2018

Investment in student housing in the UK is expected to increase in 2018 with international students playing a pivotal role. However, there is concern that the industry is oversupplying the wrong type of accommodation. [Read More](#)



Chinese investment in Belt and Road countries remains stable in 2017, 17/1/18

Chinese investment in countries along Beijing's Belt and Road trade initiative remained stable last year, despite a steep decrease in the country's overall outbound investment due to curbs on capital outflows. Chinese investment in 59 countries covered by the Belt and Road initiative totalled \$14.4bn in 2017, according to data released by the Chinese Ministry of Commerce. [Read More](#)



Asset recycling can help fund infrastructure more transparently, 26/1/2018

There needs to be much more consideration of infrastructure recycling as a means of attracting private investment while recognising public fears over public-private partnerships, argues Simon

South/SE Asia



Equis and Global Infrastructure Partners Announce Closing of US\$5.0 Billion Renewable Energy Generation Acquisition of Equis Energy, 19/1/2018

Equis Pte. Ltd (Equis) and Global Infrastructure Partners (GIP) announced today the closing of the previously announced sale by Equis of 100% of the equity interest in Equis Energy to GIP and its co-investors, for an enterprise value of USD5.0 billion (including assumed liabilities of USD1.3bn). The net transaction consideration has been settled in cash. [Read More](#)

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US pension plan joins Blackstone's Saudi-backed infrastructure mega-fund, 22/1/2018

Pennsylvania Public School Employees' Retirement System has been revealed as one of the first investors to join Blackstone's planned infrastructure mega-fund. The \$54.1bn (€44.2bn) pension fund is investing up to \$500m to Blackstone Infrastructure Partners, an open-ended fund launched last year that could grow to \$40bn over time. [Read More](#)



CPPIB buys 6.3% stake in ReNew Power for \$144m, 22/1/2018

Canada Pension Plan Investment Board (CPPIB) has acquired a 6.3% stake in ReNew Power Ventures from the Asian Development Bank for \$144m (€163.7m). Founded in 2011, ReNew Power is an Indian renewable energy developer and operator with clean energy capacity diversified across wind, utility-scale solar



A good time to sell infrastructure, Partners Group says, 16/1/2018

Attractive sale conditions, higher valuations and competition has prompted Partners Group to sell infrastructure assets and portfolios. Partners Group, which published its latest private markets outlook, said: "Institutional appetite for infrastructure investment shows no sign of flagging, fuelling competition for assets and supporting high valuations, while also pushing down expected returns. [Read](#)

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Student Housing REITs See Growth Potential in Public-Private Partnerships, 4/12/2017

Two publicly-traded student housing REITs are increasingly turning to public-private partnerships to boost growth. [Read More](#)

Australia



First State targets listed infrastructure with new fund, 17/1/2018

The Commonwealth Bank of Australia's arm First State Investments has launched a fund to target listed infrastructure. First State Investments UK said First State Sustainable Listed Infrastructure Fund has been set up to meet demand from UK and European investors for inflation-protected income and strong capital growth offered by listed infrastructure in a product that also meets their sustainability criteria. [Read More](#)



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