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Belt & Road Initiative

China/Hong Kong



In Europe's east, a border town strains under China's Silk Road train boom, 27/06/2018

A surge in the number of trains over the past year, fueled by Beijing's plans to grow trade along ancient Silk Road routes to Europe, has left (Malaszewicze) authorities scrambling to meet demand that has ballooned to as many as 200 locomotives a month. [Read More](#)



China tightens funding for real estate and infrastructure firms, limits use of offshore bond proceeds, 19/06/2018

China has moved to limit the use of proceeds from offshore bonds sold by developers and local government financial vehicles. [Read More](#)



China's Belt and Road Initiative, five years in, 22/06/2018

Since it began in 2013, the Belt and Road Initiative has become the centerpiece of China's domestic and foreign policy, jump-starting diplomatic, financial and commercial cooperation between China and more than 70 neighboring countries across the Eurasian landmass. [Read](#)

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CLSA belt and road fund makes pre-IPO bet on logistics developer ESR, 25/06/2018

Asian logistics developer ESR has picked up more funding on its path to a planned IPO, announcing it has closed an investment from a private equity fund of CLSA, a subsidiary of Chinese state-owned investment bank CITIC. [Read](#)

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Interest in Belt and Road projects remains huge, but investors demand better risk management,

28/06/2018

There is tremendous interest in belt and road infrastructure projects, but investors are demanding stringent risk management measures to safeguard their investment against political and currency risks, according to a senior HSBC executive.

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China's shared accommodation market size to reach USD7.7bln by 2020, 22/06/2018

As Chinese tourists have begun to seek individualized and diversified accommodation, the transaction volume of China's shared accommodation market is growing rapidly. [Read More](#)



Chinese firm building Malaysian rail link ‘not too worried’ about review, 29/06/2018

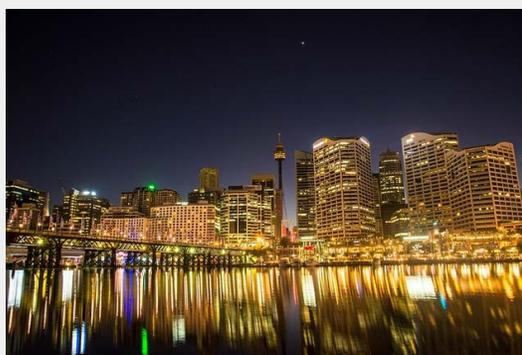
The Chinese state-owned firm building Malaysia’s East Coast Rail Link says it is confident the controversial project will get the new administration’s backing, after Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad called for it to be reviewed. [Read More](#)



Nova, InfraRed NF pay RMB 465M to add Shanghai mall to rental apartment pipeline, 26/06/2018

Warburg Pincus-backed Nova Property Investment has joined forces with Hong Kong-based real estate investment manager InfraRed NF to acquire a Shanghai shopping centre for RMB 465 million (\$73.8 million) as the real estate development startup continues to build up its China rental housing platform. [Read More](#)

Australia



Australian super funds to put at least AUD130bn into infrastructure by 2025, 20/06/2018

Australian industry super funds are likely to channel at least AUD130bn (€83.1bn) into infrastructure by 2025, according to an industry executive. [Read More](#)

Southeast Asia



Hanoi in search of infrastructure funds, 28/06/2018

Deputy Director of Hanoi Planning and Investment Department Vu Duy Tuan, told Kinh Te & Do Thi (Economy and Urban

Affairs) newspaper that “the city’s limited budget cannot afford infrastructure transport projects, so attracting investment from other sources was necessary.”. [Read More](#)



China Mobile lands data centre in Singapore to support ‘the data economy in the new era’, 02/07/2018

China Mobile International (CMI) has broken ground on a new data centre development to be located in Singapore as the telco expands its infrastructure portfolio to help cope with regional demand and a surge in business ignited by Beijing’s “One Belt One Road” initiative.

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Global



Blackstone said to raise \$5bn for Saudi-backed infrastructure fund,

25/06/2018

Thirteen months after unveiling a gigantic pledge from Saudi Arabia’s sovereign wealth fund, Blackstone Group LP is nearing a first close of \$5 billion for its inaugural infrastructure fund, according to people familiar with the matter. [Read](#)

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Texas Teachers, GIC join Wall Street hunt for U.S. rental homes,

01/07/2018

The Teacher Retirement System of Texas and Singapore’s GIC Pte formed a joint venture with Toronto-based Tricon Capital Group Inc. to acquire as many as 12,000 rental homes, according to people with

India



Morgan Stanley raises \$300 million for India focused

infrastructure fund, 25/06/2018

Morgan Stanley has raised close to \$300 million in commitments for its India-focused infrastructure fund and is expected to make a formal first close soon, two people aware of the development said. [Read More](#)

knowledge of the deal, who asked not to be named because it's private. [Read More](#)



Lendlease, JLL launch proptech bootcamp aimed at \$16T Asian market, 27/06/2018

Global real estate consultancy JLL has teamed up with Australian developer Lendlease to launch Propell Asia, a Singapore-based startup accelerator designed to foster innovative technologies in the Asia Pacific property sector. [Read More](#)

Europe



Asian investment bank: 'We could invest in the EU', 26/06/2018

The Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) has recently decided to start looking abroad to invest its \$100 billion in capital, including ports in the EU. Joachim von Amsberg (AIIB vice-president) told EURACTIV there wouldn't be any rivalry with EU institutions, but rather "collaboration". [Read More](#)



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