

Press release

Credit Suisse unveils speakers for 9th Asian Investment Conference

Hong Kong, March 20 2006 - Credit Suisse today unveiled a diverse line-up of speakers, including key policy makers from China, Pakistan and Vietnam, for its ninth annual Asian Investment Conference (AIC), expected to attract more than 1,200 investors from around the world and about 250 corporates.

The 2006 Credit Suisse AIC will run from March 28-31 at the Island Shangri-La Hotel and the Conrad International Hotel in Hong Kong.

"We have an even more varied line-up of corporates and keynote speakers this year to help investors navigate the opportunities present in the Asian investment landscape," said Paul Calello, Chief Executive Officer of Credit Suisse, Asia Pacific.

"Industries ranging from banking, technology, media and telecommunications to more traditional sectors such as property, shipping and commodities are all represented at what is now Asia's leading investment conference. Response has been so overwhelming that we have to limit guests attending."

"We also are pleased to welcome an eclectic mix of keynote speakers, among them some of the most experienced diplomats, politicians and economists, who will be sharing with us their insights into the region and their perceptions of the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead," Mr. Calello added. "This year we are looking ahead, in that we've invited participants from some of the markets that have until now been less followed, such as Pakistan and Vietnam."

Day One of the conference, Tuesday March 28, will begin with an Economics Keynote Session featuring **Nicholas R. Lardy**, Senior Fellow at the Institute for International Economics in Washington and one of the foremost experts on the Chinese economy. He will be joined by Professor **Lawrence Lau**, Vice Chancellor of the Chinese University of Hong Kong and a seasoned advisor to senior policy-makers in China. The session will be moderated by **Jonathan Garner**, Head of Emerging Equity Markets Strategy and Co-ordinator of China Research at Credit Suisse. Entitled "*China: the Riddle of Consumption,*" the session will discuss China's transition to more domestic consumer-led economic growth.

Also on Day One, China's Vice Minister of Finance, **Zhu Zhigang**, will discuss in an address entitled "China - Changing Modes of Growth" how China is looking for new, more sustainable modes of economic expansion and the unique challenges that exist in China's economy, now the fourth largest in the world.

On Day Two, Wednesday March 29 **Salman Shah**, Pakistan's Advisor to the Prime Minister on Finance and Economic Affairs, will deliver a keynote speech on Pakistan's privatization agenda and the rapidly developing economic and investment opportunities that exist in Pakistan.

On Day Three, Thursday March 30, Ambassador **J. Stapleton Roy**, Chairman of the Centre for Northeast Asian Policy Studies (CNAPS) Advisory Council, a Managing Director of Kissinger Associates Inc. and a former U.S. Ambassador to China, Singapore and Indonesia will share with the AIC his views on U.S.-

China relations in what is a time of great change for both nations.

Finally, on Friday March 31, **Clyde Prestowitz**, Founder and President of the Economic Strategy Institute and author of: *Three Billion New Capitalists: The Great Shift of Wealth and Power to the East*, will share his observations on Asia's rise, with a special emphasis on India and China.

There will be several panels discussing China's banking sector, private equity investments and the opening of the Vietnam economy. The latter will be presented by a senior delegation from the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, led by its Vice Minister of Finance, Dr. Le Thi Bang Tam. Dr. Le will give an overview of the economic and investment prospects in Vietnam, and the delegation will also include several soon-to-be-privatized Vietnamese corporations.

Also running in the AIC week is the GAIM Asia 2006 conference - a pan-Asian hedge fund forum. Credit Suisse is a principal sponsor of this event on March 27 to 28, which will bring some of the heaviest hitters in the hedge fund industry to Hong Kong.

Credit Suisse analysts will host several media briefings at the sidelines of the conference, involving **Jonathan Garner**, Senior Regional Economist **Sailesh Jha**, and Chief Regional Economist **Dong Tao**.

Credit Suisse will also bring some very exciting sport to Hong Kong next week. A BMW Sauber F1 car will be on display from March 27 to April 2 at the entrance of the Island Shangri-la Hotel. Credit Suisse is an official partner of the BMW Sauber F1 Team globally. The AIC will be followed by the Cathay Pacific/Credit Suisse Hong Kong Sevens, of which Credit Suisse is a co-title sponsor. This sold-out event will run from March 31 to April 2.

For more information, please see our conference website at:

<http://www.csfb.com/conferences/aic2006/about.htm>. All keynote speeches will be open to the media. A media invite to register for these sessions will be issued separately. Kindly note that company presentations are not open to the press.

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