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# Asia-Pacific (ex. Japan) M&A Financial Advisory Review

# Asia-Pacific (ex Japan) M&A Activity

Asia Pacific-involvement announced M&A activity, excluding Japan, started strong with a total value of US\$129.1 billion so far this year, a 9.7% increase from the first quarter of last year. This is the busiest start of the year since 1Q 2008 when M&A activity reached US\$133.4 billion from 2,703 deals. M&A targeting Asia-Pacific increased slightly by 5.7% to US\$88.8 billion compared to US\$84.0 billion in 1Q 2010, but declined 56.4% from 4Q 2010.

The region's total crossborder M&A reached US\$78.4 billion, an 11.5% increase from 1Q 2010. Outbound and Inbound activity accounted for 56% and 44%, respectively. Meanwhile, domestic M&A activity reached US\$54.3 billion or 7.9% lower than the first quarter of 2010.

# **China and India as Most Targeted Nations**

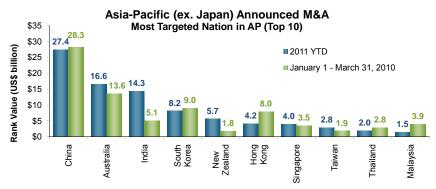
As of end-preliminary date, M&A transactions targeting Asian companies saw 2,021 deals worth US\$88.8 billion. Chinese companies emerged as the most targeted nation by both domestic and foreign acquirors capturing US\$27.4 billion or 30.9% of Asia-target M&A activity. For inbound activity in Asia, however, Indian companies emerged as the most sought after by foreign acquirors with deal value increasing more than 6-fold to US\$11.6 billion, or 33.7% market share. Acquisitions into China by foreign companies follow closely with US\$11.4 billion.

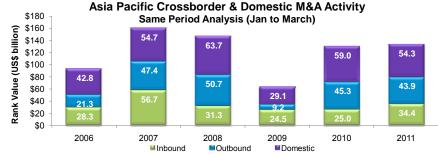
# **Busy Start for Materials and Oil & Gas Sectors**

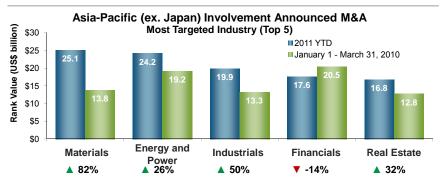
Companies from the materials sector were the most sought after targets for Asia-involvement acquisitions reporting 435 deals worth US\$25.1 billion, 82% higher than the volume in 1Q 2010. This is the busiest start for the sector since 1Q 2008 when volume reached US\$40.7 billion from 424 deals. The flurry of deal-making activity in the oil and gas sector – accounting for 94% of energy & power – pushed the value of transactions to US\$22.9 billion to date, which puts 2011 ahead as having the highest year to date volume for oil & gas.

# China Accounts for Most of Asia's Private Equity-backed M&A Activity

Bolstered Grohe Asia AG's announced intention to launch a tender offer to acquire the remaining 90.1% of Joyou AG (China) in a deal worth US\$511.8, China accounted for 39.4% of Asia's PE buyout market share with US\$1.3 billion from 17 deals. But based on number of deals, India was the most active with 20 deals worth US\$251.9 million. Total private equity-backed M&A in the region reached US\$3.2 billion, or 3.7% below last year's first quarter total of US\$3.3 billion and a 68.4% decline from 4Q 2010.







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# Asia-Pacific (ex. Japan) M&A

### **Top Five Asia-Pacific-Involvement Announced Deals**

				Rank Value		
Date	Date Status Target Acquiror					
3/1/2011	Pending	Centro Properties Group-U	Properties Group-US Property Port/BRE Retail Holdings Inc			
2/21/2011	Pending	Reliance Industries Ltd-23	Reliance Industries Ltd-23 Oil & Gas Block BP PLC			
2/9/2011	Pending	EnCana Corp-Cutbank Rid	EnCana Corp-Cutbank Ridge Business Ast PetroChina International Investment Co Ltd			
3/18/2011	Pending	Fletcher Building Ltd	Fairfield Securities LP	5,127.9		
2/22/2011	Intended	BHP Billiton Ltd	BHP Billiton Ltd	5,040.5		

#### **Top Five Asia-Pacific-Involvement Withdrawn Deals**

Date				Rank Value
Withdrawn	Status	Target	Acquiror	(US\$m)
1/7/2011	Withdrawn	Draka Holding NV	Tianjin Xinmao Science & Technology Co Li	1,756.7
3/15/2011	Withdrawn	KBL European Private Bankers SA	Hinduja Group	1,683.5
1/1/2011	Withdrawn	Bhira Investment Ltd	Olympus Capital Holdings Asia	300.0
2/11/2011	Withdrawn	CITIC Logistics Co Ltd	CITIC Logistics(International) Co Ltd	249.7
3/15/2011	Withdrawn	BC Iron Ltd	Regent Pilbara Pty Ltd	227.0

#### **Top Five Asia-Pacific Private Equity Deals**

				Rank Value
Date	Status	Target	Acquiror	(US\$m)
2/14/2011	Intended	Joyou AG	Grohe Asia AG	511.8
1/11/2011	Pending	Tegel Foods Ltd	Affinity Equity Partners	463.0
1/31/2011	Pending	Latexx Partners Bhd	Navis Asia VI Management Co Ltd	291.4
1/2/2011	Pending	Poly Link Management Ltd	Investor Group	280.1
2/24/2011	Pending	BC Card Co Ltd	KT Capital Corp	205.0

# Any Asia-Pacific-Involvement Announced M&A League Table

		2011 Y	′TD		2010 YTI	DLY	
	Rank Value		Mkt.	No.	Rank Value		% Chg. in
Financial Advisor	US\$m	Rank	Share	Deals	US\$m	Rank	Rank Value
Goldman Sachs & Co	29,559.2	1	22.9	16	15,769.8	4	87.4
Barclays Capital	19,583.1	2	15.2	4	15,065.4	5	30.0
Morgan Stanley	16,527.9	3	12.8	12	19,507.6	2	-15.3
JP Morgan	15,015.2	4	11.6	6	7,901.3	9	90.0
Deutsche Bank AG	14,314.8	5	11.1	13	7,129.3	11	100.8
Jefferies & Co Inc	13,523.6	6	10.5	8	394.1	52	3,331.5
UBS	12,625.1	7	9.8	14	22,823.3	1	-44.7
Moelis & Co	11,400.0	8	8.8	4	61.2	108	18,527.5
Bank of America Merrill Lynch	9,788.6	9	7.6	11	2,612.3	18	274.7
Lazard	9,750.0	10	7.6	3	417.4	49	2,235.9
Industry Total	129,067.5	-	100.0	2,257	117,693.9	-	9.7

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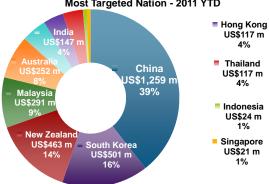


#### Top Deal: BRE Retail buys Centro Properties' US Property Portfolio

The announced acquisition of the US property portfolio of Centro Properties Group (Centro), a Melbourne-based real estate investment and development trust, by BRE Retail Holdings Inc for an estimated USD9.4 billion in a leveraged buyout transaction is this year's top deal so far. This is the fourth largest real estate deal on record for Asia Pacific-involvement announced M&A.

#### Any Asian Involvement Completed M&A Activity

At least 1,215 deals were completed so far this year involving Asia-Pacific companies worth US\$66.1 billion in deal value, 25.9% below from the first quarter last year. To date, M&A advisory fees from completed deals, which totaled US\$928.7 million, is 26% lower than the fees earned during the first quarter of 2010, according to an estimate from Thomson Reuters/Freeman Consulting.



Asia Pacific (ex-Japan) PE-related M&A Volume Most Targeted Nation - 2011 YTD

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#### **Top Five Any Australian Involvement Announced Deals**

Date	Status	Target	Acquiror	Rank Value (US\$m)
3/1/2011	Pending	Centro Properties Group-US Prop	perty Portfoli BRE Retail Holdings Inc	9,400.0
2/22/2011	Intended	BHP Billiton Ltd	BHP Billiton Ltd	5,040.5
2/22/2011	Pending	Chesapeake Energy Corp- Fayett	eville Shale BHP Billiton Ltd	4,750.0
2/28/2011	Intended	Lundin Mining Corp	Equinox Minerals Ltd	4,686.3
2/21/2011	Pending	Seven Media Group Pty Ltd	West Australian Newspapers Holdings Ltd	4,141.4

#### A Strong Start for Australia M&A Activity Since 2007

Australian-involvement announced M&A activity to date saw 369 deals with total value amounting to US\$38.8 billion, more than double compared to the first quarter volume in 2010 (US\$16.2 billion) but saw a 33.5% decrease in number of deals. This marks the busiest start for Australia since the first quarter in 2007 when deal value reached US\$45.4 billion from 723 transactions.

Cross-border M&A activity totaled US\$14.3 billion so far this year, or 75% higher than the first quarter of 2010. Outbound and inbound activity accounted for 78% and 22%, respectively. Total number of crossborder deals, however, were 20.6% less this year with 177 deals compared to 223 during the start of 2010. Meanwhile, domestic activity stands at US\$13.5 billion, almost double the volume of first quarter 2010, despite the decrease in number of deals to 167 from 299.

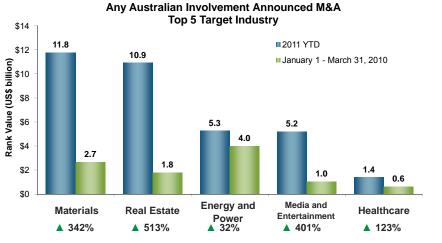
#### **Materials Sector Takes the Lead**

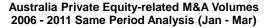
M&A transactions from 126 deals with total value of US\$11.8 billion (30.3% of the nation's volume) were recorded in the Materials industry, more than a four-fold increase compared to the first quarter of 2010. This is the busiest first three months since 2001 when volume reached US\$19.7 billion after BHP Ltd and Billiton PLC announced its merger to form BHP Billiton in a deal valued at US\$15.6 billion in March 2001. The Metals & Mining sector, which accounts for 98.4% of Australia's Materials industry, is off to a strong start and continues to drive volume with US\$11.6 billion, the highest year to date activity since the first quarter of 2001 (US\$18.9 billion).

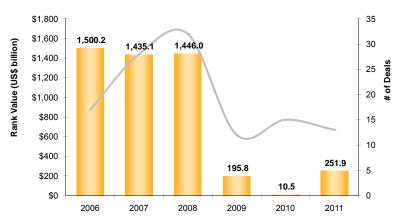
# Australia Private Equity Buyout Up

Australia's PE-backed M&A activity reached US\$251.9 million so far this year, a huge 24-fold increase from the first quarter of 2010 (US\$10.5 million) but 91.1% below the volume compared to fourth quarter of last year.Consumer Staples (33.0%), Financials (30.6%) and Materials (24.4%) accounted for a total of 88% of Australia's Private equity buyouts.

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# **Cross Border Inbound Australia - A Slow Start**

Crossborder acquisitions into Australian companies reached US\$3.1 billion so far this year, a 52.2% decline from last year. Deal transactions targeted the Real Estate (38.5%) and Materials (21.9%) with a combined 60.4% market share in terms of deal value. Based on number of deals, the Materials industry had the most number of transactions accounting for 36.4% of Australia's inbound deals.

# **Top Five Cross Border M&A Deals - Inbound Australia**

				Rank Value
Date	Status	Target	Acquiror	(US\$m)
3/10/2011	Intended	EDT Retail Management Ltd	EPN GP LLC	1,160.7
3/18/2011	Completed	Sundance Resources Ltd	Hanlong Mining Investment Pty Ltd	190.2
2/24/2011	Pending	Signature Security Group	Tyco International Security Group Pty Ltd	171.6
1/12/2011	Pending	RP Data Ltd	CoreLogic Inc	159.7
1/20/2011	Completed	Virgin Blue Holdings Ltd	Air New Zealand Ltd	143.0

# **Top Five Cross Border M&A Deals - Outbound Australia**

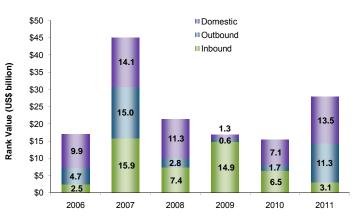
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2/28/2011	Intended	Lundin Mining Corp	Equinox Minerals Ltd	4,686.3
2/4/2011	Pending	Balboa Insurance Group Inc	QBE Insurance Group Ltd	700.0
1/11/2011	Pending	Tegel Foods Ltd	Affinity Equity Partners	463.0
2/3/2011	Completed	CoStar Group Inc-Washington D	C Headquart/GLL L-Street 1331 LLC	101.0

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Barclays Capital	14,150.0	1	36.4	2	366.2	12*	3,764.0
JP Morgan	13,541.4	2	34.9	2	1,817.8	6*	644.9
Goldman Sachs & Co	10,368.7	3	26.7	6	4,308.8	2	140.6
UBS	10,245.6	4	26.4	4	4,950.8	1	106.9
Deutsche Bank AG	9,937.2	5	25.6	4	125.3	25	7,830.7
Wells Fargo & Co	9,400.0	6*	24.2	1	-	-	-
Lazard	9,400.0	6*	24.2	2	-	-	-
Moelis & Co	9,400.0	6*	24.2	2	-	-	-
Flagstaff Partners Pty Ltd	9,400.0	6*	24.2	2	-	-	-
Credit Suisse	5,443.9	10	14.0	3	253.1	19	2,050.9
Industry Total	38,839.7	-	100.0	369	16,228.6	-	139.3

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#### Australia Cross Border & Domestic M&A Volumes 2006- 2011 YTD Same Period Analysis



# **Cross Border Outbound Australia - Six-fold Increase**

Cross-border Outbound M&A involving Australian acquirors starts off the year with more than a six-fold increase in volume which stands at US\$11.3 billion so far 2011 from US\$1.7 billion in 2010. This is the busiest start of the year for Australia outbound acquisitions since first quarter 2007 (US\$15.0 billion).

US took top spot (based on value) as most targeted nation to date with 23 deals amounting to US\$5.6 billion, or 50.1% of market share, ahead of Canada (41.7%) which slid to the second spot.

Foreign acquisitions by Australian companies focused their transactions in the Materials industry (43.5%) with US\$4.9 billion in value and 28 deals. Energy & power (43.0%) followed closely with US\$4.8 billion from 11 deals.