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Deal of the week

Frasers Centrepoint Ltd. is now on track to take control of Australand Property Group after it won over the remaining shareholders it needed to get past the mandated threshold.

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Rival suitor Stockland dashed hedge fund hopes of an 11th-hour counterbid and is apparently scoping out Leighton Properties' A\$7 billion in assets instead. The Australian firm may have to duke it out with another Singapore competitor, in this case City Developments Ltd., which is also interested in the residential and commercial portfolio.

Reuters called it a "bumper year" for Australian M&A, with international buyers in particular tapping into the country's safe-haven assets. The news service reported, citing J.P. Morgan, that Australian transactions totaled \$79 billion in the first half, compared to \$45 billion in the year-ago period.

Other activity

\* Speaking of overseas investment in Australia, Chinese behemoth Sunshine Insurance Group is said to be eyeing Sydney's Sheraton on the Park hotel for a record A\$465 million, with competition from other international bidders, including Starwood Hotels & Resorts Worldwide Inc., Host Hotels & Resorts Inc. as well as the Abu Dhabi Investment Authority.

\* Singapore-listed Asial Corp., meanwhile, is buying a development site in Brisbane, Australia, from Cornerstone Properties for about A\$36 million.

\* Lend Lease Corp. Ltd. released the retail component of its A\$6 billion Barangaroo South development in Sydney's central business district, The Australian and The Australian Financial Review reported.

The company is close to signing at least half a dozen tenants at the project, which will have 80 retail tenancies in seven retail precincts.

Lend Lease will offer the first right to invest in the retail component to existing investors in the Barangaroo office towers, including Dutch pension fund APG, Canada Pension Plan Investment Board, Lend Lease's APPF Commercial fund, First State Super and Telstra Super.

Eye on earnings

\* In Singapore, Global Logistic Properties Ltd. said that profit after tax and minority interests dropped 12% to \$179.4 million in the first fiscal quarter of 2015 from \$204 million a year ago.

\* GLP compatriot CapitaLand Ltd. said its first-half PATMI rose 9.2% year over year to S\$621.5 million from S\$569.3 million. Operating PATMI came in at S\$292.2 million, up 30.3% from S\$224.3 million in the previous year.

\* Japanese bigwig Mitsui Fudosan Co. Ltd. reported a 6.2% year-over-year decline in second-quarter net income to ¥15.74 billion from ¥16.77 billion.

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The Eastern Front: More **Chinese property** curb easing expected amid continuing price dip: Home prices in **China** have continued to fall for the third consecutive month, with the decline faster, wider and deeper, according to a survey of 100 **Chinese** cities released Aug. 1 by the **China** Real **Estate** Index System.

IPO Monitor for the week ending Aug. 6: The IPO Monitor is a feature that tracks international real **estate** companies debuting on the exchanges.

The Eastern Front: Frasers Centrepoint's control of Australand a 'done deal,' observers say: Frasers Centrepoint's A\$2.6 billion bid for control of Australand **Property Group** is thought to be a "done deal," industry observers told SNL Financial on the day before the offer is set to expire.

Asian **property transactions** to Aug. 8: GPT **Group** leads the competition for Cbus **Property**'s A\$600 million-plus Melbourne tower; Sun Hung Kai Properties asks for a record per-square-foot price for a **Hong Kong** house; and Cheung Kong Holdings hopes to acquire certain aircraft assets from the AWAS **group**.

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