



ASEANPEVCA hosts a successful inaugural debate in Singapore on private vs public investment in ASEAN

Singapore, 14 December, 2015 - The ASEAN Private Equity Venture Capital Association (ASEANPEVCA) today held a successful debate, the first in a series, in Singapore at the DBS Auditorium. This event was attended by a packed room of industry participants, including institutional investors, fund managers, family offices and high net worth investors.

The debate entitled *"Will investors in ASEAN experience better returns in private equity vs public equity over the next decade?"* addressed a number of interesting topics including: How investors evaluate fund managers and the changing relationship between the two, what drives returns for investors in ASEAN both in the public as well as private investment landscapes, how the ASEAN landscape has changed and where opportunities are opening up in the ASEAN region as well as individual countries.

The event featured prominent speakers from both the public and private equity sectors. Bruce Merivale-Austin, Principal Family Member and Managing Partner of DM Partners Asia Pte. Ltd., and Anil Ahuja, Chief Investment Officer, IPEplus & Asia Star Funds, IIFL Capital Pte Ltd. supported the private side of the debate. Catherine Tan, Founder of Saga Tree Capital Advisors, and Jonathan Reoch, Director of BlackRock's Alpha Strategies Group spoke for the public side of the debate.

The debate was moderated by Anu Sahai, Founding Director of ASEANPEVCA.

"We are very happy with the success of our inaugural debate, which is a timely event, as global and regional investors continue to increase their allocation to ASEAN as an investment destination," Ms Sahai says. "I hope this debate has given our participants further insights into opportunities in this high-growth region and given them an opportunity to network with other investors as well."

The welcome speech was delivered by Tan Su Shan, Managing Director, Group Head of Consumer Banking & Wealth Management at DBS Bank. In her speech, Ms Tan also announced the launch of "PE Access", a new programme with DBS acting as an introducer of direct private equity deals to their private banking customers. Under this programme, the bank identifies investment deals and introduces them to clients who have signed up and indicated an interest in investing in their relevant sector.

"Many of our top private banking clients today want direct access to the businesses they invest in. These clients are highly sophisticated investors and many are successful entrepreneurs in their own right. As Asia's leading bank, we have wider visibility to potential investment deals than most. We see great synergy in introducing "PE Access" as an investment option because of its ability to broaden our clients investment portfolio, allow them to participate more actively in the businesses they invest in, and at the same time help businesses in the region acquire much-needed funding. It is also our hope that this programme will help spur the growth of private equity and venture capital deals in the region and cement Singapore's status as the region's leading venture capital hub," says Ms Tan.



Ms Sahai adds, "This debate is only the first in a series, which we are planning to hold across Asia. ASEANPEVCA aims to play an important role in highlighting the attractiveness of ASEAN as an investment destination and to create opportunities for our members to succeed in this region."

DBS Private Bank is the Platinum sponsor of the event while Citigate Dewe Rogerson is the PR partner and Insight Alpha is a supporting partner.

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About ASEANPEVCA

ASEAN Private Equity & Venture Capital Association is a non-profit organization with a mission to catalyze investment into the ASEAN region. It helps creates opportunities for its members to succeed in the ASEAN markets by leveraging its extensive industry network to access opportunities, promote best practices, liaison with ASEAN decision makers, and provide unique networking opportunities; giving the members a competitive edge to achieve superior returns from investments in the region. More information can be found at www.aseanpevca.org