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- Temasek likely to sell stake in Minsheng
- ICBC's online transactions touch 145.3 trillion yuan
- Banks denies plan to invest in asset managers
- CDB has no plan to get listed or invite strategic investors
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- BOC reports strong SME loan growth
- Merchants Bank to lend 80b yuan for rail construction
- CCB to give out 500-600b yuan in loans
- Exim Bank to issue 200b yuan in new loans in 2009
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- Agricultural Bank says no clear listing plans yet
- BoCom net profit rises 40% in 2008
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- Southern Grid gets 100b yuan credit line from ICBC
- BOC picked to lead lending on mega-bridge
- Construction Bank gets London branch license
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- BoCom sees slower profit growth, eyes overseas expansion
- BOC plans to invest in publishing
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- CITIC Bank gives 15b yuan credit to aircraft maker
- Bank of China profit rises 14.42% in 2008
- ICBC posts 35.2% rise in 2008 profit
- ICBC to focus M&A on Asia, emerging markets
- Construction Bank to issue 80b yuan in bonds
- Construction Bank 2008 net rises 34%
- Four Chinese banks to fund Chinalco-Rio Tinto deal
- China Development Bank signs memo with IDB

- CAPITAL MARKET
- CITIC Securities becomes No 1 underwriter in 2008
- Sovereign fund to increase holdings in 'Big 3' banks
- Executive salaries outpace profits
- VC, PE, strategic investments plunge 63% in Feb

- UBS sees mainland stocks attractive
- M&A management rules to be revised
- Regulators still mull abolishing stock dividend tax
- China plans to launch Shanghai-Shenzhen 300 ETF
- Exchange to set up info platform to boost block trade
- Shanghai bourse prepares to let listed banks trade bonds
- New VC funds mostly in yuan
- CIC to increase investment in all classifications
- No timetable for stock index futures
- Newest QFII licenses named
- CIC sees 'good opportunity' for overseas investment
- Exchange to launch indices for listed SOEs
- New brokerage rules effective on April
- NASDAQ expects more IPOs at year-end
- Fund managers under new rules
- Sovereign fund cautious about financial derivatives
- China Everbright to list bank unit on mainland
- Steel futures fare well on day one
- China to start growth enterprise board on May 1

- POLICY
- Govt fillip to boost bank loans
- New body planned to run underperforming SOEs
- Enterprise bond issuance to expand
- China to issue policy loans to finance stimulus package
- Pilot for banks buying into insurers may start soon
- China to gradually lower export-related taxes to zero
- China asks big banks to increase provisions

- Local govts get nod to okay FDI up to \$100m
- New rules unveiled for State assets in financial institutions
- Central bank to deposit cash in lenders
- China mulls revising Foreign Investment Law
- China posts annual govt budget online for first time
- China bans central SOEs' speculative derivatives trading
- First issue of local govt bonds set for March 30
- Official outlines economic reform in four key areas
- China to loosen grip on investment project approval
- China hikes export tax rebates
- Foreign debt grip eased to support trade financing

• ECONOMIC DATA

- Manufacturing rebounds in February
- China plans 950b yuan budget deficit in 2009
- Key figures from 2009 draft budget report
- Loans to SMEs account for 51.9% in 2008
- Port container volume plunges 17% in Feb
- China extends 1b yuan to SMEs in February
- Consumer prices fall in February
- Power use decrease slows in first two months
- Registered urban employment reaches 3-year low
- Real estate prices see falling trend
- Jan-Feb fixed-asset investment grows 26.5%
- Exports see biggest drop in a decade
- China's retail sales up 15.2% in first two months
- China's bank lendings decline in February

- Most financial products profitable in 2008
- Jan-Feb government revenue drops 11.4%
- FDI falls for fifth month in February
- Jan-Feb overseas contractual projects up 24.8%
- Factory gate prices fall in March
- Credit database grows by 40m people
- Investment in Chinese firms sags
- Jan-Feb export tax rebate up 20%
- Income, tax payments drop at China's State firms
- Banks' outstanding NPLs, ratio both drop in February
- Township enterprises' added value up 8.4% in Q1
- Industrial profits fall in first two months
- Jan-Feb industrial output growth slows to 5.2%
- China's manufacturing shrinks for 8th straight month

• OFFICIAL VOICE

- China to carry out SOE consolidation plan
- Minister: More stimulus plans in the pipeline
- No added RE stimulus planned for now
- China to continue active fiscal policy for growth
- China pledges to keep real estate market stable
- China to slash 500b yuan tax burdens
- Monetary policy should be 'fast and heavy-handed'
- Minister: China's debt level sound & safe
- Rate cuts depend on China's situation
- China plans to build 2,000 village banks
- China stimulus fine for now, exports to suffer further
- China to report lower deficit-to-GDP ratio next year

- China has room for further interest rate cuts
 - Top banker: No deflation in China this year
 - Foreign trade sector faces 'gloomy times'
 - China's credit card delinquency stays low
 - China says \$139b deficit controllable
 - Vice Premier underscores growth target
 - Capital inflows slowing, but no serious outflows
 - Official urges meeting rising derivatives demand
 - China calls for full-scale financial system overhaul
 - Central banker: Stimulus steps prove effective
 - Central banker: Unclear if slowdown has been arrested
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- ANALYSIS
 - Advisor: China should set up clearing bank in Shanghai
 - China urged to revamp rating, credit guarantee systems
 - China may attain 8% or higher growth
 - Policy advisor: 4-trillion-yuan stimulus is not enough
 - Survey: Chinese firms will increase overseas M&A
 - Incentives will lift country's economy
 - StanChart: China's stimulus spending could top 5 trillion yuan
 - China predicted to become world's No 2 economy by 2010
 - Improved risk controls lessen chance of new NPL surge
 - Business sentiment perks up
 - Consumer confidence continues to fall in February
 - Survey hints at tendency of growing spending
 - Bankers less pessimistic about economy in Q1
 - Banks may suffer, but not too badly
 - Private firms fight shy of floats, buys

- BOC: Lending is determined by market
- StanChart: China 2009 growth around 7-8%
- No 'crowding out' seen in T-bond sales plans
- World Bank cuts China's GDP forecast to 6.5%
- Global recession 'to last for another two years'
- Financial services M&As to hot up this year
- China economy has bottomed: central bank adviser
- Export plunge may offset stimulus package
- ADB trims China's 2009 growth to 7%
- OECD: China's growth may slow to 6.3% in 2009

- CURRENCIES
- Premier says to keep yuan stable
- China readies precautionary forex plans to avert crisis
- No need to adjust China's forex structure
- HK to begin yuan settlement trial
- China to issue 30b yuan in T-bonds
- China to continue forex reserves policy
- China, Belarus agree on 20b yuan currency swap
- Central bank to facilitate yuan settlement
- Risk control No 1 concern for China's forex management
- Capital account norms may be eased
- China signs currency swap with Indonesia
- China eyes SDR as global currency
- Official: China to keep buying US Treasuries
- Vice-Premier: China will aid IMF bond scheme
- China, Argentina sign 70b yuan currency swap deal
- Big push for global reserve currency



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