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NEW YORK CITY – Information Management Network (IMN), a Euromoney/Institutional Investor company confirms Albourne Partners, Ltd, participation in Alternatives in Asia Summit, March 14-15 at the Island Shangri-La Hotel in Hong Kong. Albourne Partners, Ltd, is the global leader in hedge fund consultancy. Albourne’s client base includes Caisse de dépôt et placement du Québec, Hermes Investment Management Limited, Mitsubishi Corporation Pension Fund, The Teacher Retirement System of Texas, The Regents of the University of California and University of Texas Investment Management Company (UTIMCO). Albourne’s Hong Kong Managing Director, Richard Johnston, will discuss and review recent hedge fund returns and examine if they truly can deliver added alpha. His most recent work “Are We Paying too Much for Alpha or Is There Real Beta?” appeared in the December 2006 issue of IPA magazine.

The addition of Albourne Partners to Alternatives in Asia creates the presence of an addition global leader in investment consultancy. IMN is partnering with Mercer Human Resource & Investment Consulting, which is assisting in event promotion and providing several high-level speakers including Garry Hawker, Asia Business Leader (ex-Japan), CJ Kim, Korea Retirement Business Leader and Salunkhe Jagadish, Consultant for India.

The Alternative in Asia Summit explores the burgeoning role of alternative asset classes in the Pan-Asian institutional portfolio. How are Pan-Asian government-run and corporate-run pension schemes applying hedge funds, real estate, private equity and venture capital? The two-day conference offers in-depth analysis from industry leaders from Asian and other global regions. Session topics include: Alternative Investments in the Pan-Asian Institutional Portfolio: Research and Consultancy Perspectives; Hedge Funds in Asia: Rising Demand for “Risky Vehicles,” Analysis and Review: Japan’s Corporate Pension Schemes; Hedge Funds in BRICS and Emerging Markets; Spanning the Globe: Investment Practices of Foundations and Endowments in the U.S. and Asia; Opportunity Rising: Japan’s Burgeoning Hedge Fund Market.

The *Alternative Investment Summit* features a broad-based Pan-Asian speaker faculty, including: Madeleine Lee, Deputy Chief Investment Officer, National University of Singapore; Kha Loon Lee, CFA Institute; Noboru Terada, Government Pension Investment Fund Japan; Darren McShane, Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes Authority Hong Kong; Masaharu Usuki, NLI Research Institute; Scott Lothian, Watson Wyatt; Visit Tantisunthorn, Government Pension Fund Thailand; William H. Overholt, Rand Center for Asia Pacific Policy; Stephen Po, Hong Kong Securities and Futures Commission; Gil Beltran, Philippines Government and Penny Ning Pan, Stirling Finance Limited.

U.S. and western-based pension officials, including René Nuñez, Texas Permanent School Fund; Rebecca Dukes, New Mexico State University Foundation; Joseph Marenda, Cambridge Associates and Dennis Chu, Cambridge Associates will share innovative investment strategies.

The RAND Center for Asia Pacific Policy's Director, William Overholt, will deliver a keynote address comparing economic expectations of India and China and related investment opportunities. Overholt is a visiting professor at South Korea's Yonsei University. In addition, he is a former head of strategy and economics at Nomura's regional headquarters in Hong Kong and has also served as Managing Director of Bank Boston's regional headquarters in Singapore.

In addition to offering comprehensive portfolio strategy sessions, the *Alternative Investment Summit* will offer delegates an opportunity to network with Asian government leaders, pension managers, administrators, academics and researchers. A cocktail reception follows the conclusion of the conference first day, offered by conference sponsor, CME (Chicago Mercantile Exchange). In addition, RiskMetrics Group, BlackRock, ITG, MSCI Barra and UBS have signed on as event sponsors.

More information about the *Alternative Investment Summit* including updated agenda and speaker information can be found at www.imn.org.

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