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[LehmanBrown International Accountants Sees Wide Growth in China M&A Activity and Potential](#)



LehmanBrown International Accountant expects further robust growth in China M&A as a result of favorable policy positions and increasing market maturity

Beijing, April 23, 2007 -- LehmanBrown International Accountants has forecasted today that it expects China-related mergers and acquisitions activity to steadily increase its already robust growth in the coming months. The increased M&A activity, stoked by market-friendly policies and sustained popularity of Chinese assets abroad should, according to LehmanBrown, make 2007 the richest M&A year in Chinese history.

The forecasts also predict 2007 to reach record highs in outbound M&A business as well, in neighboring parts of Asia and especially in the Hong Kong Administrative Region. LehmanBrown Managing Partner Russell Brown explained, “The primary reasons behind both the outbound and inbound M&A surges are more competitive domestic markets and sustained liberalizing practices from the PRC government with respect to the former state-owned sector.” Mr. Brown also acknowledged China’s still powerful lure overseas, “buying into relatively inexpensive China assets is today more popular than ever for firms outside China. The government and their reform initiatives deserve great credit for sustaining market interest and making the necessary reforms.

LehmanBrown notes, however, that despite the tremendous remaining promise in China M&A, botched deals still plague the practice. Intended acquisitions in the country more often than not go uncompleted, often due to a confluence of factors usually tied to a lack of full disclosure. These issues are, however, expected to further recede as M&A practitioners become increasing versed in successful deal execution and China-tailored practices.

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