

**MEDIA RELEASE****4 May 2010****First State Investments to offer Euro Share Class to institutional investors**

First State Investments (UK) Limited (“First State”) announced today that it will introduce a new institutional Euro share class to its UK-domiciled OEIC range of funds (“UK OEIC funds”).

With effect from 4 May 2010, institutional investors will be able to select a Euro share class across the majority of the UK OEIC funds. Following this date, no Euro subscriptions will be accepted into the existing GBP share classes of any of the UK OEIC funds. This new share class is now available in addition to the retail Euro Share class which was launched in 2008.

Gary Withers, Regional Managing Director EMEA, First State Investments said:

*‘The launch of an additional institutional Euro share class across our UK OEIC funds will help broaden our distribution universe in the European marketplace and will give investors better access to our fund range.’*

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**Notes to editors:**

To view a list of funds for purchase in specific regions, please refer to our website – [www.firststate.com](http://www.firststate.com)

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Fund	From 4 May 2010	ISIN code
First State Asia Pacific Leaders Fund B	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ New institutional (B) share class launches on 4 May 2010</li> <li>➤ Subscriptions and redemptions in EUR</li> </ul>	GB00B2PDRX95
First State Asia Pacific Sustainability Fund B	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ New institutional (B) share class launches on 4 May 2010</li> <li>➤ Subscriptions and redemptions in EUR</li> </ul>	GB00B2PDS698
First State Asian Property Securities Fund (Accumulation) B	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ New institutional (B) share class launches on 4 May 2010</li> <li>➤ Subscriptions and redemptions in EUR</li> </ul>	GB00B2PDT555
First State Asian Property Securities Fund (Income) B	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ New institutional (B) share class launches on 4 May 2010</li> <li>➤ Subscriptions and redemptions in EUR</li> </ul>	GB00B2PDTF53
First State Global Emerging Markets Leaders Fund B	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ New institutional (B) share class launches on 4 May 2010</li> <li>➤ Subscriptions and redemptions in EUR</li> </ul>	GB00B2PDTV12
First State Global Emerging Markets Sustainability Fund B	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ New institutional (B) share class launches on 4 May 2010</li> <li>➤ Subscriptions and redemptions in EUR</li> </ul>	GB00B64TSC26
First State Global Growth Fund B	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ New institutional (B) share class launches on 4 May 2010</li> <li>➤ Subscriptions and redemptions in EUR</li> </ul>	GB00B2PF2X06
First State Global Listed Infrastructure Fund (Accumulation) B	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ New institutional (B) share class launches on 4 May 2010</li> <li>➤ Subscriptions and redemptions in EUR</li> </ul>	GB00B2PDRD99
First State Global Listed Infrastructure Fund (Income) B	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ New institutional (B) share class launches on 4 May 2010</li> <li>➤ Subscriptions and redemptions in EUR</li> </ul>	GB00B2PDRL73
First State Global Opportunities Fund B	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ New institutional (B) share class launches on 4 May 2010</li> <li>➤ Subscriptions and redemptions in EUR</li> </ul>	GB00B2PF3717

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First State Global Property Securities Fund (Accumulation) B	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ New institutional (B) share class launches on 4 May 2010</li> <li>➤ Subscriptions and redemptions in EUR</li> </ul>	➤ GB00B2PF3J37
First State Global Property Securities Fund (Income) B	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ New institutional (B) share class launches on 4 May 2010</li> <li>➤ Subscriptions and redemptions in EUR</li> </ul>	➤ GB00B2PF4897
First State Global Resources Fund B	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ New institutional (B) share class launches on 4 May 2010</li> <li>➤ Subscriptions and redemptions in EUR</li> </ul>	➤ GB00B2PF4L24
First State Greater China Growth Fund B	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ New institutional (B) share class launches on 4 May 2010</li> <li>➤ Subscriptions and redemptions in EUR</li> </ul>	➤ GB00B2PF5J76
First State Latin America Fund B	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ New institutional (B) share class launches on 4 May 2010</li> <li>➤ Subscriptions and redemptions in EUR</li> </ul>	➤ GB00B64TSH70

#### About First State Investments

First State Investments provides specialist asset management services to wholesale and institutional investors across a diverse range of asset classes, including Asia Pacific and global emerging market equities, global equities, property securities, infrastructure and global natural resources. First State has more than 190 staff in London and Edinburgh and provides a range of specialist investment products to investors. First State is part of Colonial First State Global Asset Management, the consolidated asset management business of the Commonwealth Bank of Australia. Colonial First State Global Asset Management is Australia's largest fund manager. It employs investment professionals in Sydney, London, Edinburgh, Hong Kong, Singapore and Jakarta. Colonial First State Global Asset Management is a signatory to the United Nations' Principles for Responsible Investment, a voluntary program which encourages best practice in environmental, social and corporate governance issues.

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