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ARE Brings Global Investors to  
CIFIT for Strategic Dialogue on  
Sustainable Investment &  
Green Transition



# STRATEGIC DIALOGUE

Global institutional investors managing over USD 15 trillion in assets gathered at the 24th China International Fair for Investment and Trade (CIFIT), engaging in high-level discussions on sustainable investment and China's green transition.

ARE, in partnership with the Investment Promotion Agency of the Ministry of Commerce, facilitated in-depth discussions between 13 leading international and domestic investors and Chinese policymakers, state-owned enterprises (SOEs), and key industry players in Xiamen on 7-8 September 2024.

The event featured a series of roundtables, fireside chats, and exclusive closed-door meetings, with a focus on responsible investment and ESG practices.

ARE China organised a closed-door roundtable discussion, three thematic fireside chats, and four in-depth dialogues between investors and companies attended by notable investors, including J.P. Morgan Asset Management, Amundi Asset Management, Fidelity International, Schroders, E Fund, Harvest Fund, and Yinhua Fund.





# ROUNDTABLE ON HIGH-QUALITY DEVELOPMENT & ESG IN CENTRAL SOES



On 7 September, ARE hosted a “Roundtable Discussion on High-Quality Development and ESG Investment Experience Sharing among Central SOEs” in partnership with the Research Center of the State-owned Assets Supervision and Administration Commission of the State Council (SASAC) and the Research Institute of Machinery Industry Economic & Management. The roundtable provided a platform to discuss how investors can effectively implement ESG investment and active ownership within the context of China’s high-quality development of state-owned enterprises. It also aimed to build bridges between investors and central SOEs to promote sustainable development in China’s capital markets and among state-owned listed companies.

Representatives from China’s central SOEs, including the Safety and Environmental Protection Technology Research Institute of China National Petroleum Corporation, CHN Energy Investment Group, China Power International Development Limited, China Oil and Foodstuffs Corporation (COFCO), and the Research Institute of China Mobile, shared insights and best practices during the roundtable.

Discussions centered on key topics such as enhancing the valuation and social value of state-owned listed companies, China’s approach to the green transition under its dual-carbon goals, and opportunities and challenges within sustainable supply chains. International investors, in turn, expressed the need for SOEs to strengthen communication with investors, improve the quality of sustainability disclosures, and respond proactively to investor concerns.



# FIRESIDE CHATS AT CIFIT'S GREEN CHINA PAVILION

ARE hosted three fireside chats, on 8 September, at CIFIT's Green China Pavilion, with sessions focused on the "Green Transportation Value Chain and ESG Investment," "ESG Perspectives on Green Energy Investment," and "Strategies and Practices of ESG Investment."

During one of these sessions, China Power International Development Limited's representative shared the company's efforts in addressing climate change and low-carbon transition, demonstrating the company's leadership in climate actions and setting a benchmark for the power industry.

# EXCLUSIVE INVESTOR-COMPANY DIALOGUES

In addition to public discussions, ARE facilitated four closed-door dialogues between international and domestic investors and companies, including CHN Energy, Beijing SinoHytec, China Power International Development Limited, SPIC Hydrogen Energy, and Shanghai Qiyuan Green Power Technology Co., Ltd. These dialogue sessions provided opportunities for investors to engage directly with companies on ESG investment strategies, dual-carbon goals, and the broader green and low-carbon transition.





# LOOKING AHEAD: CONTINUED ENGAGEMENT AND COLLABORATION

International investors expressed their appreciation for the opportunity to engage in meaningful dialogue with SASAC and central SOEs during CIFIT. These interactions, they noted, provided valuable insights into the achievements and challenges central SOEs face in advancing sustainable development and low-carbon transitions. The investors also recognised the importance of ongoing dialogue with Chinese enterprises to support their efforts in sustainable development and contribute to China's real economy.

As global momentum for a green and low-carbon transition accelerates, investors and Chinese companies agree on the need to address shared risks and opportunities. Through collaboration, they aim to promote the high-quality development and green transformation of China's economy and society.

