

PRESS RELEASE

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ING to sell its 33.3% stake in China Merchants Fund

ING announced today that it has reached an agreement for the sale of its 33.3% stake in China Merchants Fund, an investment management joint venture, to its joint venture partners China Merchants Bank Co., Ltd., and China Merchants Securities Co., Ltd.

Under the terms agreed, ING will receive a total cash consideration of EUR 98 million. At closing, ING expects the transaction to deliver a net gain of EUR 64 million.

The agreement is part of the previously announced intended divestment of ING's Asian insurance and investment management businesses. The process for the remaining businesses is on-going. Further announcements will be made if and when appropriate.

China Merchants Fund was established in 2002 and is a joint venture between ING Investment Management, China Merchants Bank and China Merchants Securities. It has a market share of approximately 3% in the Chinese mutual funds market.

The transaction announced today, which does not impact any of ING's other businesses in the region, is subject to regulatory approvals and is expected to close in the second quarter of 2013.

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ING PROFILE

ING is a global financial institution of Dutch origin, offering banking, investments, life insurance and retirement services to meet the needs of a broad customer base. Going forward, we will concentrate on our position as an international retail, direct and commercial bank, while creating an optimal base for an independent future for our insurance and investment management operations

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