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Impact investing is perhaps the strongest upcoming trend in the financial sector. Once the exclusive domain of niche investors, large conventional investors are now entering the market, underlining the prospects of profitability of social investments. The market for impact investing is estimated to grow to at least USD 300 billion by 2020. This Asia House briefing sheds light on Impact Investing, with special focus on the fast moving markets of South and Southeast Asia. What is Impact Investing? And where are we heading?

[Impact Investing: From upstream to mainstream](#)



ASEAN Day 2017

4 October: The ASEAN Committee in Copenhagen, hosted by H.E. Ambassador Nguyen Truong Thanh (Vietnam), H.E. Ambassador Muhammad Ibnu Said (Indonesia) and chargéé d'affaires Ms. Pratana Disyatat (Thailand), celebrated ASEAN Day in Asia House, and State Secretary, Ambassador Hyldelund, emphasized the economic importance of EU-ASEAN cooperation.

UPCOMING EVENTS in ASIA HOUSE

13-10-17 ["Culture Night"](#)

25-10-17 [Business Forum: "Bangladesh - development in a globalized world"](#)

02-11-17 [Autumn luncheon for Ambassadors from Asian countries and Asia House Partners](#)



20 September: Asia House welcomes the new Ambassador of India to Denmark, H.E. Ajit Gupte.

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14 September: The Asia House Business Platform "Gateway to India's Smart Cities" held its first camp on 14 Sep. Strategies about specific Smart Cities opportunities in India were discussed with 30+ Danish SME. Next stop will be a joint business trip to India in November to meet up with Indian project partners such as L&T, Mahindra, and IL&FS to enter into business partnerships.

Refer to www.gateway-to-india.org for further information about the Smart Cities Project, supported by the Danish Industry Foundation.

On the global agenda in October 2017:

Opening the Danish parliament on 2 October, Prime Minister Lars Løkke Rasmussen [stressed](#) that developments in Denmark are positive as "the World and Europe have got rid of the crisis". The OECD raised global [growth expectations](#) slightly, at the same time underlining that short-term momentum is no guarantee of medium-term sustainable growth. Prior to the Annual Meetings of the Boards of Governors of the World Bank

Group and the International Monetary Fund in mid-October, the World Bank highlights that a favorable global environment has contributed to [improved economic performance](#) in 2017 in East Asia, but that continued uncertainty about global economic policies and the escalation of geopolitical tensions could jeopardize growth prospects. World leaders met in September in New York at the opening of the UN General Assembly but despite [further sanctions](#) towards the DPRK, the nuclear crisis on the Korean peninsula has not diminished. In Europe, the [EU leaders](#) will meet on 19-20 October with a tight agenda including Brexit negotiations, and in Beijing, the [19th National Congress](#) of the Communist Party of China will open on 18 October, with 2,287 delegates discussing [the course for China](#) in the coming years.

One trend gaining momentum among the diverse global developments is Impact Investing, read the [Asia House Briefing October 2017](#).

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