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UN UPBEAT OVER BRAZIL

The United Nations (UN) Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean says it expects the Brazilian economy to grow more quickly than previously forecasted in 2006, at 4% rather than the 3.5% expansion it had predicted in April. Because of Latin America's growing economic importance, Healy Consultants now offers full business startup services in Brazil, Argentina, Peru and Ecuador.

SUNNY CYPRUS STILL SHINING

Despite the ongoing strife in nearby Lebanon, officials in Cyprus say the impact on the island's tourist industry – so vital to the economy - may still be limited. Cyprus has one of the lowest tax rates in Europe at 10%, and a network of double tax treaties, and it remains popular for holding and investment companies. [Contact us](#) for more details of how Healy Consultants can help your Cyprus company incorporation plans.

FIRST-CLASS MERCHANT ACCOUNT IN SINGAPORE

More good news for online merchants – Healy Consultants can now assist with opening an excellent merchant account through a reliable Singapore-based merchant account provider. Some of the advantages of this account include a straightforward account opening process; all major credit cards accepted; easy integration onto your website; advanced fraud screening system; and no restriction on where your company is based. Please refer to [this webpage](#) for more details of this service.

SWISS CORPORATE BANK ACCOUNT OFFERED

Healy Consultants now assists with opening corporate bank accounts in Switzerland, including at major banks such as UBS, UEB, Credit Suisse and Credit Agricole. Swiss bank accounts offer several advantages: good customer service and a broad range of services, including securities brokerage and portfolio management. For more information, please [contact us](#).

DEBATE STARTS AS HONG KONG PONDERES GST

In a review of its tax regime, the Hong Kong government is said to be considering introducing a 5% goods and sales tax (GST) by 2010 in a bid to broaden its narrow tax base. To make the move more palatable, the government has hinted that it may be prepared to cut tax on profits from the current 17.5% to 12.5%. However, not everyone has welcomed the plans. Former Hong Kong governor Chris Patten says the move could dent Hong Kong's image as a tax-free jurisdiction.

EXPERTS SOUND CHINA ECONOMY WARNING

According to a report in the [International Herald Tribune](#), the Chinese government is increasingly concerned about an overheated economy which could, it thinks, saddle the country with excess capacity, create more asset bubbles and increase trade tensions. Analysts and economists agree that the longer the economic boom runs, the greater the risk of problems such as loan defaulting and a collapse of asset values.

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IPO AN EXCELLENT VEHICLE TO RAISE FINANCE

Going public is an effective strategy through which to raise finance for your company. As part of our broad-ranged corporate consulting service, Healy Consultants can help your company list on Stock Exchanges around the world. [Contact us](#) for further details.

TAILORED SURVEYS OFFERED IN ASIA

Do you need reliable information about a specific market? Healy Consultants has a dedicated Research Team specially tasked to conduct tailored surveys and research projects in Singapore, Hong Kong and Dubai. Some of the research projects we have handled to date include preparing a feasibility study for a new magazine in Dubai and listing on the Singapore Stock Exchange for one of our existing clients.

CHARITY FORMATION SETS LANDMARK

Healy Consultants is lucky to have a portfolio of clients with a broad range of interesting businesses and ambitions. In a recent landmark engagement, Healy Consultants used all its expertise to set up a global charity in Singapore. The project was a major challenge – government regulations are significantly more stringent for setting up a foundation than for a company, and the client required a merchant account – yet we're proud to say that Healy Consultants staff rose to the challenge to the satisfaction of our client.

THE PROFESSIONAL APPROACH TO PROMOTION

Getting your company's message to the right people is one of the most important aspects of running a successful business. But getting the right message across is another challenge altogether. Healy Consultants' media-trained staff are highly experienced in writing promotional articles, both for the company and for our clients. These copywriting skills are used for a range of marketing campaigns, including newsletters, brochures, search engine optimisation (SEO) for your website, creating new pages for your website and for preparing and submitting press releases. [Contact us](#) to see how we can help promote your products and services through the power of words.
