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Critical access to liquidity in Asia sets ANZ apart from the pack

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In a year of volatility and challenging markets, ANZ stood out for its strong performance leading syndicated loan transactions in 2016 and is eyeing another steady year in its core markets Australia, China, India and Southeast Asia.

In 2016, ANZ led 26 transactions in Australia alone across property, infrastructure, industrials, resources and leverage sectors – helping secure the titles of [Australia and New Zealand Loan House from IFR Asia](#). What sets ANZ apart from its competitors is the breadth of its platform which allows clients to access critical liquidity in Asia, which continues to be a challenge and deterrent for best execution.

IFR Asia also highlighted the underwriting of a A\$372m (US\$277m) loan to fund Blackstone Group's 50% acquisition of a commercial building in Melbourne from Brookfield Property Partners, its first syndicated loan for the private equity giant in Australia.

"In a subdued and challenging market, ANZ distinguished itself with a diverse range of deals underpinned by a superior distribution network in the Asia Pacific region," the publication noted.

ANZ Managing Director of Loans and Specialised Finance, Christina Tonkin, added: "Our geographic diversity and top market position across Asia Pacific allows us to provide value to clients and continues to provide stability and resilience for our business."

ANZ has also been recognised for its strength in trade finance, M&A, Leveraged Finance and debt capital markets. The bank, which has Institutional presence across 34 markets, ranked #1 in several key categories in the Peter Lee Associates FX survey, and was most recently named #1 forecaster of Asian currencies and #1 forecaster of Australian economic releases by Thomson Reuters.