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## **30% of an investor's portfolio should be in emerging markets**

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The clear standout for Day 2 of Mines and Money Asia, was Dr. Mobius is the founder of emerging markets investing. 80 years old and still going strong.

Dr. Mobius explained to a packed auditorium how there were only 6 emerging countries to invest in, back in 1987. Today there are 70, and part of this is due to Dr. Mobius' vision, going where other investors have feared to tread.

Dr. Mobius recommended that at least 30% of an investor's portfolio weighting should be in emerging markets, favouring China and India; and Vietnam as a frontier market. Before finishing on an optimistic note and reassuring the crowd that "there will be a return of money to the mining sector".

Dr Mobius's comments were borne out by the ASEAN markets session. Featuring representatives from Mongolia, Myanmar, Papua New Guinea, China, Laos and The Philippines, the panelists all stressed that although there were risks with these markets, as a result shares in many mining companies were undervalued.

"Emerging markets are tough, but for those willing to persevere, there are tremendous rewards" concluded Anthony Desir, CEO, SAMI Funds.

Another highlight included a provocative gold panel as Andrew Ballingal, CEO, Ballingal Investment Advisors, who run a gold fund, attempted to convince gold agnostics Andrew Ferguson, CEO, APAC Resources and Stefan White, Portfolio Manager, LIM Advisors of the merits of investing in gold.

"Gold is now very cheap" stated Ballingal. "We've been in a bear market for 4 years; as such gold is extremely reasonably priced with tremendous opportunities in smaller companies of a million ounces and less with great management teams".

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