Singapore reopens music e-store
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SINGAPORE'S Soundbuzz re-launched its digital music store with an expanded catalogue of more than 250,000 songs in a fresh attempt to capture the burgeoning demand for online music.

Soundbuzz, which claims to be the largest digital music provider in the Asia Pacific, said its updated catalogue included songs from the five biggest labels in the world with Sony, Warner and Universal agreeing to participate.

Previously, it only had EMI and BMG along with smaller independent labels such as Edel and Diva Records.

It will initially be available only to Singapore residents, but Soundbuzz has plans to expand to regional markets such as Hong Kong and India by the end of the year.

Each song will retail at $1.99 ($1.62) while an album will cost $16.50 dollars, Soundbuzz said.

US portals such as the popular iTunes can not be accessed by Singaporeans because of territorial restrictions.

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