

(a real estate investment trust constituted on 5 August 2015 under the laws of the Republic of Singapore)

# UPDATE ON THE POTENTIAL TRANSACTION INVOLVING ALL OF EC WORLD REIT'S PROPERTIES

#### 1. INTRODUCTION

The Board of Directors of EC World Asset Management Pte. Ltd., as manager of EC World Real Estate Investment Trust ("EC World REIT", and as manager of EC World REIT, the "Manager"), refers to its announcement dated 17 May 2021 (the "17 May 2021 Announcement").

In the 17 May 2021 Announcement, the Manager had announced that it has been approached by Forchn International Pte. Ltd. in relation to a potential transaction involving all of EC World REIT's properties, which may or may not lead to the divestment of these properties (the "**Potential Transaction**").

Forchn International Pte. Ltd. was leading the discussions on behalf of a consortium of purchasers (collectively, the "**Purchasers**").

#### 2. UPDATE ON THE POTENTIAL TRANSACTION

Further to the 17 May 2021 Announcement, the Manager had been in active negotiations with the Purchasers to finalise the definitive terms and conditions of the Potential Transaction, which included fixing the purchase consideration based on the relevant offshore currencies to safeguard EC World REIT against fluctuations between Renminbi and Singapore dollars/US dollars (being the currencies in which the offshore loans of EC World REIT are denominated).

The Purchasers have informed the Manager that, in view of the current market conditions and the fluctuations in exchange rate between Renminbi and Singapore dollars/US dollars, they have decided not to proceed with the Potential Transaction as the bases on which the Purchasers had approached the Manager in relation to the Potential Transaction have changed significantly.

## 3. FINANCIAL IMPACT

The non-occurrence of the Potential Transaction will not have any material adverse impact on the consolidated net asset value or distributions per unit of EC World REIT ("**Units**") for the financial year ending 31 December 2021.

## 4. FUTURE PLANS

The Manager remains committed to exploring new opportunities to enhance the long-term value of EC World REIT for unitholders and stakeholders.

Unitholders or potential unitholders are advised to read this announcement and the 17 May 2021 Announcement carefully, and to consult their stockbrokers, bank managers, solicitors, accountants or other professional advisers if they have any doubt about the actions they should take.

For and On Behalf of the Board

Goh Toh Sim
Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer

## **EC World Asset Management Pte. Ltd.**

(Company Registration No. 201523015N)
As manager of EC World Real Estate Investment Trust

Date: 28 December 2021

#### **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

The value of the Units and the income derived from them may fall as well as rise. The Units are not obligations of, deposits in, or guaranteed by the Manager, DBS Trustee Limited (as trustee of EC World REIT), or any of their respective affiliates.

An investment in the Units is subject to investment risks, including the possible loss of the principal amount invested. Unitholders have no right to request that the Manager redeem or purchase their Units while the Units are listed. It is intended that Unitholders may only deal in their Units through trading on Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited (the "SGX-ST"). Listing of the Units on the SGX-ST does not guarantee a liquid market for the Units.

This announcement is for information only and does not constitute an invitation or offer to acquire, purchase or subscribe for the Units.

This announcement may contain forward-looking statements that involve assumptions, risks and uncertainties. Actual future performance, outcomes and results may differ materially from those expressed in forward-looking statements as a result of a number of risks, uncertainties and assumptions. Predictions, projections or forecasts of the economy or economic trends of the markets are not necessarily indicative of the future or likely performance of EC World REIT. The forecast financial performance of EC World REIT is not guaranteed. A potential investor is cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which are based on the Manager's current view of future events.