



AIMS Funds Management
A Member of AIMS Financial Group

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AIMS Property Securities Fund
Fund Update

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The Board of the Responsible Entity of the AIMS Property Securities Fund (the **Fund**) AIMS Fund Management Limited (**AIMS**), is pleased to provide the market with the following update:

Fund Strategy

AIMS is pleased to reiterate its strategy for the Fund as follows:

- the Fund intends to focus on enhancing value of its underlying investments;
- the Fund will continue to assess new investment opportunities to enhance value for Unitholders including working with other investors, in particular from China; and
- the Fund intends to continue to pay regular income distributions at a minimum payout ratio of 80% of distributable income.

Unit Buy Back

In line with our strategy, AIMS would like to hereby announce its intention to proceed with an on-market buyback program depending on market conditions and other opportunities to enhance Unitholder value in the longer term. The maximum number of units that the Fund may buy back in any 12 month period is 10% of the units on issue.

If you have any queries in relation to this announcement, please contact AIMS on (02) 9217-2727 or at trust@aims.com.au.

Yours faithfully

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About AIMS Fund Management Limited:

AIMS Fund Management Limited (formerly known as MacarthurCook Fund Management Limited) is a wholly owned subsidiary of the AIMS Financial Group (AIMS), which specialises in the investment management of direct property, real estate securities and mortgage assets.

AIMS manage approximately A\$1.5 billion on behalf of over 20,000 Investors/borrowers as at 21 December 2012 and are the investment managers for AIMS Property Fund (St. Kilda Road), MacarthurCook Office Property Trust, AIMS Commercial Mortgage Fund, Advance Mortgage Fund and AIMS Property Securities Fund. AIMS also manages, in a joint-venture arrangement with AMP Capital, the AIMS-AMP Capital Industrial REIT in Singapore.

The AIMS Property Securities Fund is listed on the ASX and the Singapore Exchange. The AIMS-AMP Capital Industrial REIT is listed on the Singapore Exchange.

About AIMS Financial Group:

Established in 1991, AIMS Financial Group (AIMS) is a diversified financial services and investment group with a solid track record and enviable reputation in the mortgage lending, fund management and securitisation markets in Australia, active in the areas of lending, securitisation, investment banking, funds management, property investment, stock exchange ownership and high-tech investment.

Since 1999, AIMS has raised approximately A\$4 billion in funds from the capital markets. Of this, AIMS has issued approximately A\$3 billion residential mortgage-backed securities, with most of them rated AAA by both Standard & Poors and Fitch Ratings, and has originated over A\$5 billion of high quality prime home loans since 1997.

AIMS has actively introduced a number of international investors into the Australian markets and to date. AIMS has also attracted over A\$1 billion of investments into Australia from overseas investors.

AIMS is also the investment manager for AIMS' funds, which amount to approximately A\$1.5 billion fund as at 1 November 2012.

AIMS' head office is in Sydney, Australia, and it has businesses across Australia, China, Hong Kong and Singapore. Our highly qualified, professional and experienced cross-cultural teams enable AIMS to bridge the gap between Australia and China across various sectors.

AIMS Financial Group Expands During GFC

During the global financial crisis, AIMS expanded its business in a time when many other businesses were experiencing immense difficulties.

In October 2008, AIMS acquired the Asia Pacific Stock Exchange (APX), which is the only Western Securities Exchange 100% owned by a private company.

In April 2009, AIMS became the largest shareholder (15.8%) of the ASX listed fund manager, MacarthurCook Limited (MCK). In August 2009, AIMS' holding increase to 54% and by November 2009, AIMS' became the 100% owner of MCK which was subsequently delisted from the ASX.

MacarthurCook Turnaround Story

At the time of acquisition, MacarthurCook's fund management business was severely distressed with each of the 4 listed funds and a number of unlisted funds starved of capital and management expertise. Under AIMS' leadership, MacarthurCook's funds have been turned around, stabilised and improved outcome for investors, for example:

A. The MacarthurCook Industrial REIT (MI-REIT) listed on the SGX (now known as AIMS AMP Capital Industrial REIT). At the time of the AIMS acquisition of MacarthurCook in 2009, MI-REIT was a vehicle which was in distress. MI-REIT had an obligation to refinance S\$220.8million and purchase a

S\$90.2million property which previous management had entered into in 2007 without finance in place. As at 31 March 2009, MI-REIT's market capitalisation was approximately S\$60.2 million and total assets were S\$544.0 million. In December 2009, MI-REIT was renamed to AIMS AMP Capital Industrial REIT (AA-REIT). Under the new management of AIMS AMP Capital Industrial REIT Management Limited, a joint venture REIT management company owned 50 percent each by AIMS and AMP Capital, AA-REIT has grown significantly with a market capitalisation S\$707.8 million and S\$1.06 billion total assets as at 31 March 2013.

B. The MacarthurCook Property Securities Fund (MPS) which is listed on the ASX and SGX. Since the takeover of MacarthurCook, through AIMS management, MPS has been able to significantly reduce its debt from A\$44.5 million with a gearing ratio of 38% to nil as 31 May 2013. MPS is now uniquely positioned to access the capital markets in Australia and Asia through its dual listing on the ASX and SGX.

C. The privatisation of the MacarthurCook Industrial Property Fund (MIF) which was formerly listed on the ASX and was distressed at the time of acquisition. The share price of the fund at the time AIMS took over MacarthurCook was \$0.16. AIMS reduced vacancy in the MIF portfolio and improved the weighted average lease expiry to more than 5 years. In October 2010, unitholders voted in favour of accepting an offer from a US fund at A\$0.44 per unit representing a 42.0% premium to the pre-announcement trading price.