

# Frasers Logistics & Commercial Trust to divest Cross Street Exchange in Singapore for S\$810.8 million

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## **SINGAPORE, 25 JANUARY 2022**

Frasers Logistics & Commercial Asset Management Pte. Ltd., the manager of Frasers Logistics & Commercial Trust ("FLCT", and the manager of FLCT, the "REIT Manager"), is pleased to announce that FLCT, through its wholly-owned sub-trust Frasers Commercial Trust, has entered into a sale and purchase agreement with an unrelated third-party purchaser, for the sale of the leasehold property at 18, 20 and 22 Cross Street, Singapore<sup>3</sup> ("Cross Street Exchange") for a consideration of S\$810.8 million (the "Consideration").

The Consideration represents a 28.3% premium to Cross Street Exchange's book value of \$\$632.0 million as at 30 September 2021. The proposed divestment of this non-core leasehold Central Business District ("**CBD**") commercial property is in line with the REIT Manager's proactive asset management and portfolio rebalancing strategies, providing opportunities to re-weight FLCT's portfolio into the logistics and industrial asset class. Post-divestment, FLCT's portfolio weighting² towards logistics & industrial will increase to 66.9%, from 61.1% previously.

The proposed divestment will also enhance FLCT's portfolio metrics, with a higher overall portfolio occupancy rate of 97.1% and a longer weighted average lease expiry profile ("**WALE**") of 5.0 years, from 96.2% and 4.8 years respectively, prior to the divestment<sup>4</sup>.

Mr. Robert Wallace, Chief Executive Officer of the REIT Manager, said, "The divestment of Cross Street Exchange is transacted at an attractive premium over its book value, re-weighting our portfolio towards logistics and industrial properties. The divestment will enhance our portfolio metrics with a higher overall portfolio occupancy rate and longer WALE and will provide FLCT with significant financial strength and flexibility."

The estimated net proceeds from the divestment is approximately S\$802.7 million, after taking into account divestment fees of S\$4.1 million<sup>5</sup> to be paid to the REIT Manager in cash as well as other divestment-related expenses. The net divestment proceeds may be used to fund potential acquisition opportunities, finance capital expenditure, repay existing debt, make distributions to FLCT's unitholders and/or other general corporate requirements.

Assuming that 49.2% of the net proceeds are used to repay outstanding debt, FLCT's aggregate leverage is expected to be lowered by 4.4 percentage points from 33.7% %<sup>6</sup> to 29.3 %<sup>7</sup> on a pro forma basis with debt headroom increased to approximately S\$3,017.2 million<sup>8</sup> post-divestment.

Completion of the proposed divestment is expected to take place on 31 March 2022.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Based on the valuation by CBRE Pte. Ltd. as at 30 September 2021

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> As at 30 September 2021 and based on portfolio value which excludes right-of-use assets

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Includes four retail units at 181 South Bridge Road, Singapore

Occupancy rate and WALE based on gross rental income, being the contracted rental income and estimated recoverable outgoings for the month of September 2021. Excludes straight lining rental adjustments and includes committed leases

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> The divestment fee is 0.5% of the Consideration and is payable to the REIT Manager pursuant to the trust deed dated 30 November 2015 constituting FLCT (as amended)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Aggregate leverage as at 30 September 2021

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Aggregate leverage post-divestment on a pro forma basis as if divestment was completed on 30 September 2021

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> On the basis of an aggregate leverage limit of 50.0% pursuant to the Property Funds Appendix

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### **About Cross Street Exchange**

Cross Street Exchange is located at the junction of Cross Street and South Bridge Road at the fringe of Singapore's Central business District. It is comprised of a 15-storey commercial office with a retail podium, 2 clusters of heritage shop houses which houses a mix of offices, shops and restaurants and four retail units at 181 South Bridge Road.

Cross Street Exchange accounted for approximately 7.0% of FLCT's net property income as at 30 September 2021 and approximately 8.6% of FLCT's portfolio value.

## **About Frasers Logistics & Commercial Trust**

Frasers Logistics & Commercial Trust ("**FLCT**") is a Singapore-listed real estate investment trust with a portfolio comprising 103 industrial and commercial properties, worth approximately S\$7.3 billion, diversified across five major developed markets – Australia, Germany, Singapore, the United Kingdom and the Netherlands. FLCT was listed on the Mainboard of Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited ("**SGX-ST**") on 20 June 2016 as Frasers Logistics & Industrial Trust and was subsequently renamed Frasers Logistics & Commercial Trust on 29 April 2020 following the completion of a merger with Frasers Commercial Trust.

FLCT's investment strategy is to invest globally in a diversified portfolio of income-producing properties used predominantly for logistics or industrial purposes located globally, or commercial purposes (comprising primarily CBD office space) or business park purposes (comprising primarily non-CBD office space and/or research and development space) located in the Asia-Pacific region or in Europe (including the United Kingdom). FLCT is sponsored by Frasers Property Limited.

FLCT is a constituent of the FTSE EPRA Nareit Global Real Estate Index Series (Global Developed Index), Straits Times Index and Global Property Research (GPR) 250.

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