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#### Strong Sponsor – Sasseur Group Founded by Chairman Xu Rongcan, Vito

#### Introduction to Sasseur Group

- Founded in 1989, Sasseur Group is one of the leading premium outlet groups in China that focuses on the operation of retail outlet
- Sasseur Group manages 17 outlets (including 4 owned by Sasseur REIT) in China, with another 1 upcoming outlet
- Leveraging on the founder's passion for art and culture in its design, offering a unique lifestyle experience for Sasseur outlets' customers

#### Founder and Chairman: Xu Rongcan, Vito



- Vito Xu is founder and chairman of Sasseur Group with a wealth of experience in the fashion industry
- In 1992, he entered the clothing industry and created his own women's fashion wear line -[砂之船] "SASSEUR"
- Recipient of numerous prestigious awards including "Asia's Top Entrepreneur 2019" by Fortune Times

#### **Co-founder of Sasseur Outlet: Yang Xue**



- Spouse of Vito Xu and brand architect for Sasseur Group, Yang Xue plays a key role in the strategic development of the Group
- For her contributions and influence as a role model and style icon, she was named "Most Stylish Figure of 2019" and "2022 China Lifestyle Industry Person of the Year" by Yaok Institute



## Strong Sponsor – Sasseur Group

Sasseur REIT leveraging full Sponsor support

Leading Private Outlet Specialist with ~30 years' Experience Focusing on Outlet Operations in China

17 managed outlets



**RMB8.8b**; ▲6.3% YoY total outlet sales<sup>1</sup> for 1H 2024



Close to 5,000 international and local brands

~ 14.0m VIP members

~**57%** stake in Sasseur REIT<sup>2</sup>

- Manages 17 Outlets

  2 owned by Sponsor
- **11** owned by third-party owners
- 4 owned by Sasseur REIT







Right of First Refusal (ROFR) assets for Sasseur REIT

Owns 2 Outlets



Sasseur (Xi'an) Outlet External borrowings for asset: <20% of asset value<sup>2</sup>



Sasseur (Guiyang) Outlet
 Nil external borrowings for asset<sup>2</sup>

1. For 16 outlets, excluding Shijiazhuang Outlet which was opened in Sep 2023 and including the 4 outlets owned by Sasseur REIT.

2. As at 30 Jun 2024.

# **Sasseur Group's Expanding Asset-light Business Model** Managing 17 outlets with plans to further expand into first-tier cities

**17** operating outlets<sup>1</sup> in **15** Chinese cities, with another **1** upcoming outlet in 2024



1. Including the 4 outlets owned by Sasseur REIT.

2. Tentative opening date.



Sasseur Group Makes Headway with **Expansion into China's Tier 1 Cities** 

Sasseur (Guangzhou) Outlet Ground-breaking ceremony on 29 Apr 2024

Sasseur (Shanghai Jiading) Outlet Construction work for upcoming outlet commenced on 30 Jun 2024







Sasseur Group's and Sasseur REIT's Outlets **Garners Prestigious Industry Accolades** 

第11届奥莱领秀峰会 2023-24年度中国奥莱颁奖

 Sasseur Group and 3 of Sasseur REIT's outlets collectively bagged 16 awards at the 11<sup>th</sup> Outlets Leader Summit in May 2024

Sasseur Group ranked **38**<sup>th</sup>, in terms of sales, in *China* 2023 TOP 100 Retail Enterprises in Jun 2024

# **Sasseur Group's Unique "Super Outlet" Business Model** Positioning the outlets as a lifestyle destination for the whole family







Sasseur (Chongging Bishan) Outlet Strawberry farm (漫香草莓公园) A "pick-your-own strawberries" activity which is popular with families



#### **Examples of Lifestyle Experiential Spaces**



Sasseur (Hefei) Outlet Matata Animal Kingdom (马塔塔动物王国) The first indoor zoo in Anhui Province which spans two levels over a total area of 2,276 square metres



Sasseur (Kunming) Outlet Vito Driving School for children (维拓乐园) Targeted at young children to let them learn driving and abide by traffic rules

## 1H 2024 Key Highlights

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## **1H 2024 Key Highlights: Stable Performance** Chongqing Liangjiang Outlet's 1H 2024 sales exceed pre-COVID 1H 2019 level by 4.6%

Portfolio	<b>Financials</b>	Capital Management
Total Outlet Sales RMB2,165.9m ▼ 3.9% YoY	EMA Rental Income (RMB) <sup>2</sup> RMB329.0m ▲ 0.9% YoY	As at 30 Jun 2024 Aggregate Leverage 25.3% Vs 31 Dec 2023: 25.3%
Portfolio Occupancy <sup>1</sup> 97.8%	EMA Rental Income (S\$) <sup>2</sup> S\$62.3m	Lowest amongst S-REITs <sup>4</sup> Interest Coverage Ratio 4.5x
Consistently stable Weighted Average Lease Expiry (NLA) 2.1 years As at 30 Jun 2024	<ul> <li>▼ 0.4% YoY</li> <li>DPU</li> <li><b>3.153 cents<sup>3</sup></b></li> <li>▼ 5.1% YoY</li> </ul>	Vs 31 Dec 2023: 4.3x Average Debt Maturity 2.4 years As at 30 Jun 2024

1. Portfolio occupancy rate for 2Q 2024. Occupancy is calculated based on the average of the last day's occupancy of each month in the guarter.

2. Excluding straight-line accounting adjustments.

3. Represent distribution per Unit (DPU) after retention of S\$3.4 million.

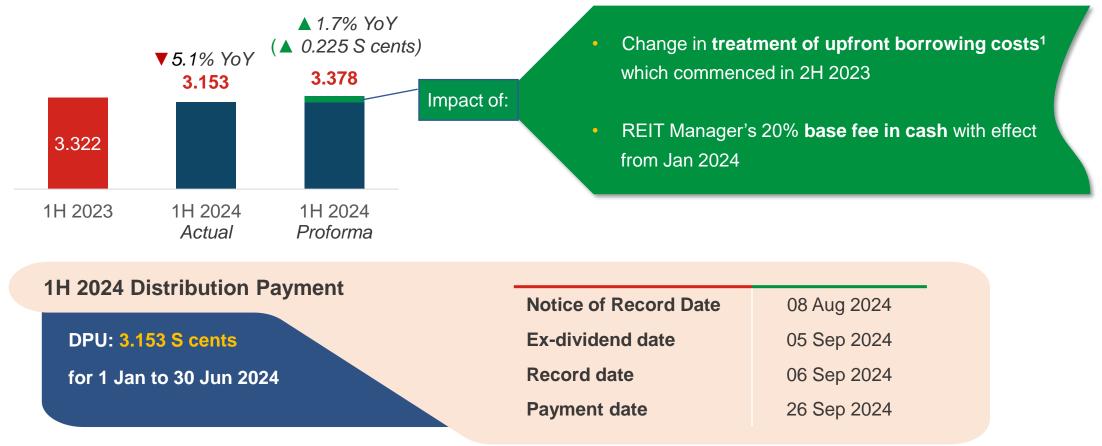
4. SGX Research, "Chartbook: SREITs & Property Trusts", 2Q 2024.

## Achieved 1H 2024 DPU of 3.153 Singapore cents

On a like-for-like basis, DPU would have been 3.378 Singapore cents (+1.7% YoY)



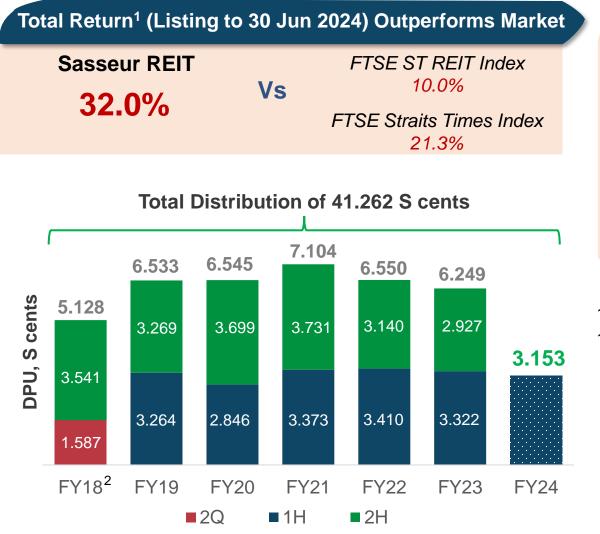
#### **Distribution per Unit (DPU), S cents**

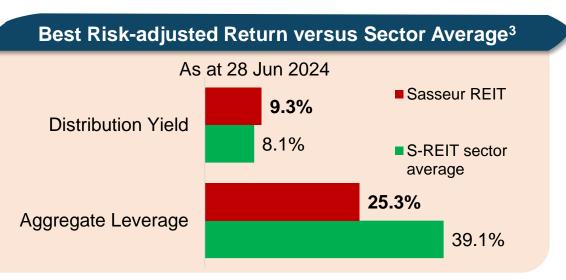


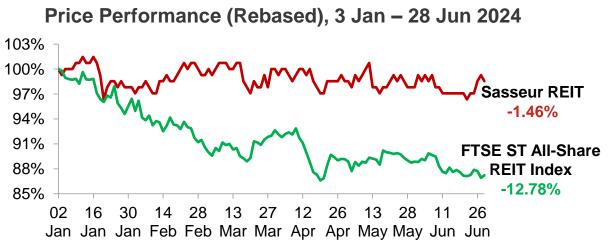
## **Attractive Total Return and Distribution Yield**

Resilient and defensive amidst economic uncertainties









1. Source: Bloomberg.

2. From 28 Mar 2018 to 31 Dec 2018.

3. Source: SGX Research, "Chartbook: SREITs & Property Trusts", 2Q 2024.

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## **1H 2024 EMA Rental Income Remains Resilient**



Fixed component rent softened drop in variable component rent

- 1H 2024 EMA rental income (RMB) ▲ 0.9% YoY, attributed to mainly
  - > Annual ▲ 3% YoY for fixed component income
  - > Variable component income ▼3.6% YoY, due to a higher 1H 2023 sales base reflecting pent-up demand in retail spending, post reopening of economy
- 1H 2024 EMA rental income (S\$) ▼0.4% YoY, mainly due to depreciation of RMB against S\$
- After retention of 8.0% (1H 2023: 6.7%) of distributable income, 1H 2024 DPU ▼5.1% YoY to 3.153 cents

	1H 2024	1H 2023	Variance %
Outlet sales (RMB m)	2,165.9	2,254.1	▼3.9
EMA rental income (RMB m) <sup>1</sup>	329.0	326.0	▲0.9
- Fixed component (RMB m)	230.5	223.8	▲3.0
- Variable component (RMB m)	98.5	102.2	▼3.6
EMA rental income (S\$ m) <sup>1,2</sup>	62.3	62.6	▼0.4
Distributable income to Unitholders (S\$ m)	42.7	43.9	▼2.9
Amount retained (S\$ m)	(3.4)	(2.9)	<b>▲</b> 16.5
Amount to be distributed to Unitholders	39.3	41.0	▼4.3
DPU (S cents)	3.153	3.322	▼5.1

1. Excludes straight-line accounting adjustments.

2. Average S\$:RMB rate of 1:5.2815 for 1H 2024 and 1:5.2094 for 1H 2023.

## 1H 2024 Distributable Income Lower YoY

Partially offset by savings in interest expenses and tax expense



#### • Decline in distributable income, mainly due to

- Change in treatment of upfront borrowing costs<sup>1</sup> which commenced in 2H 2023
- > Lower other income
- REIT Manager's 20% base fee in cash with effect from Jan 2024

#### Partially mitigated by

- > Savings in interest expenses
- > Lower tax expenses

S\$ m	1H 2024	1H 2023	Variance
EMA rental income	62.3	62.6	(0.3)
REIT Manager's base fee in cash	(0.9)	-	(0.9)
Trust expenses	(0.7)	(0.7)	-
Interest expenses	(10.3)	(11.8)	1.5
Amortisation of upfront costs <sup>1</sup>	(2.2)	-	(2.2)
Other income <sup>2</sup>	0.2	1.5	(1.3)
Tax expense	(5.7)	(7.7)	2.0
Distributable income to Unitholders	42.7	43.9	(1.2)
Less: Amount retained	(3.4)	(2.9)	(0.5)
Amount to be distributed to Unitholders	39.3	41.0	(1.7)

1. Upfront borrowing costs no longer added back in the computation of distributable income.

2. Other income includes realised exchange differences as well as finance income.

## **Robust Balance Sheet**



Stable net asset value

- Net Asset Value (NAV) per Unit as at 30 Jun 2024 ▲ 3.7% YoY to S\$0.85 per Unit
  - > Mainly due to currency effects

S\$ m	As at 30 Jun 2024 <sup>4</sup> As at 31 Dec 2023 <sup>4</sup> Variance		Variance %	
Investment properties	1,610.0	1,580.2	29.8	1.9
Cash and short-term deposits <sup>1</sup>	122.6	140.8	(18.2)	(12.9)
Total assets	1,760.0	1,747.7	12.3	0.7
Loans and borrowings <sup>2</sup>	438.0	432.6	5.4	1.2
Total liabilities <sup>1</sup>	694.9	728.1	(33.2)	(4.6)
Net assets	1,065.1	1,019.6	45.5	4.5
NAV per Unit (S\$) <sup>3</sup>	0.85	0.82	0.03	3.7

1. Includes S\$76.4 million as at 30 Jun 2024 (31 Dec 2023: S\$116.7 million) relating to sales proceeds collected from outlets' customers on behalf of tenants.

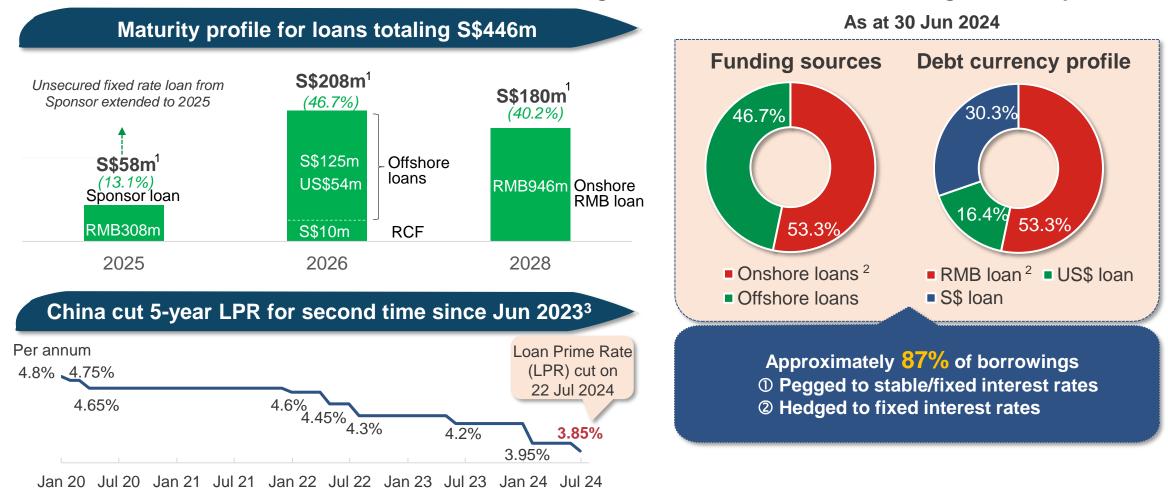
2. Includes S\$58 million Sponsor loan.

3. Based on units in issue and to be issued of 1,250,770,444 and 1,245,669,885 as at 30 Jun 2024 and 31 Dec 2023 respectively.

4. Closing S\$:RMB rates of 1:5.2790 and 1:5.3772 as at 30 Jun 2024 and 31 Dec 2023 respectively.

#### **Diversified Debt Profile**

Higher proportion of RMB-denominated loans provides natural forex hedge and benefits from LPR cuts; unencumbered Kunming Outlet enhances financing flexibility



<sup>1.</sup> Closing S\$:RMB and US\$:S\$ rates of 5.2790 and 1.3500 as at 30 Jun 2024 respectively.

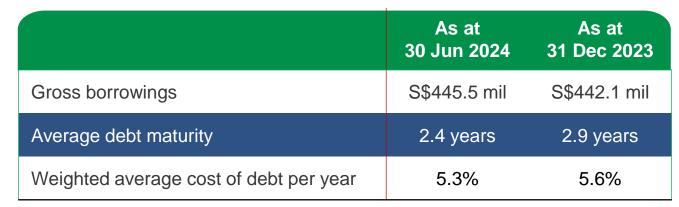
2. Includes S\$58 million Sponsor loan.

3. Source: tradingeconomics.com

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## **Prudent Capital Management**

Lowest aggregate leverage amongst S-REITs<sup>1</sup>; average cost of debt on declining trend



#### Sensitivity of DPU to changes in interest rates

	Change in interest rate	Impact on DPU p.a. <sup>2</sup>	
Offshore loans	▼50bps	▲0.02 cents	
Onshore RMB loans ▼50bps ▲0.07 cen			
Projected S\$0 2m per annum interest savings			

for RMB-denominated loans, following recent 10bps cut in China's loan prime rates in Jul 2024

- 1. SGX Research, "Chartbook: SREITs & Property Trusts", 2Q 2024.
- 2. Based on units in issue of 1,245,669,885 as at 30 Jun 2024.
- 3. Debt headroom is computed based on total assets and assumes a corresponding increase in total assets with new debts raised.
- 4. Based on MAS' prescribed leverage limit of 50.0%.





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#### 1. Based on 1H2024 sales contribution.

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#### **1H 2024 Portfolio Sales Fall YoY**

Hefei Outlet sees higher sales YoY while Chongqing Liangjiang Outlet's 1H 2024 sales exceed pre-COVID 1H 2019 level by 4.6%

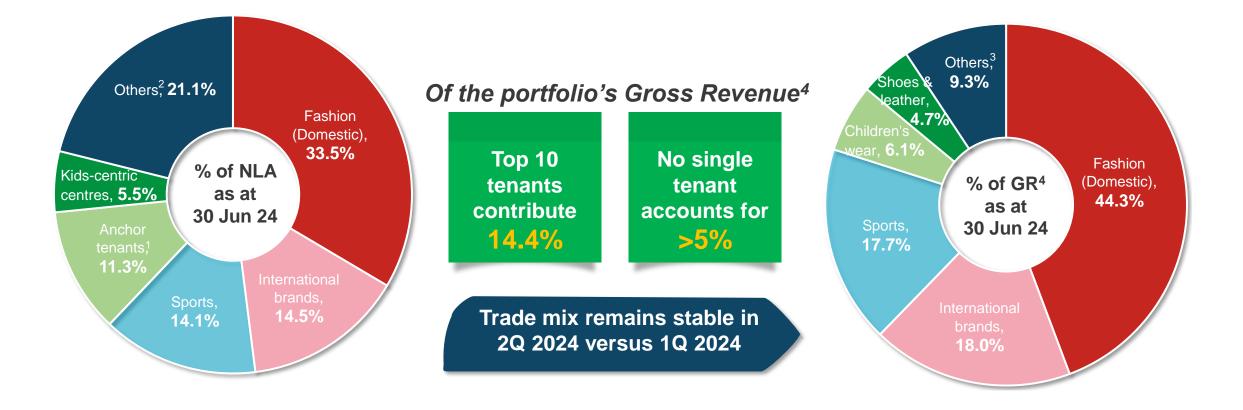
Outlet sales (RMB m)	Contribution % <sup>1</sup>	1H FY2024	1H FY2023	Variance %
Chongqing Liangjiang	52.6	1,139.5	1,200.4	-5.1
Chongqing Bishan	8.6	186.1	203.2	-8.4
Hefei	23.7	514.4	507.9	1.3
Kunming	15.1	325.9	342.6	-4.9
Portfolio	100.0%	2,165.9	2,254.1	-3.9

- Portfolio's outlet sales ▼3.9% YoY to RMB2,165.9m, close to (97.0%) pre-COVID 1H 2019 sales
  - > Consumers in China are more cautious in their purchases
  - > Despite the subdued consumer sentiment, Hefei Outlet's sales +1.3% YoY, mainly due to introduction of new popular tenants



#### **Diversified Trade Mix**

Approximately 14% of portfolio's gross revenue contributed by top 10 tenants



1. 'Anchor tenants' are fixed rental leases, such as cinemas, hotel and gym.

- 2. 'Others' comprises Food & beverage, Children's wear, Shoes & leather, Lifestyle, Accessories and Ad-hoc; 'Ad-hoc' refers to temporary leases.
- 3. 'Others' comprises Accessories, Food & beverage, Anchor tenants, Lifestyle, Kids-centric centres and Ad-hoc; 'Ad-hoc' refers to temporary leases.
- 4. GR refers to Gross Revenue which is calculated based on average monthly gross revenue for the period Jan-Jun 2024.



## **Portfolio Occupancy Rate Remains High Above 97%**

Proactive leasing strategies & efforts continue to drive high occupancy levels



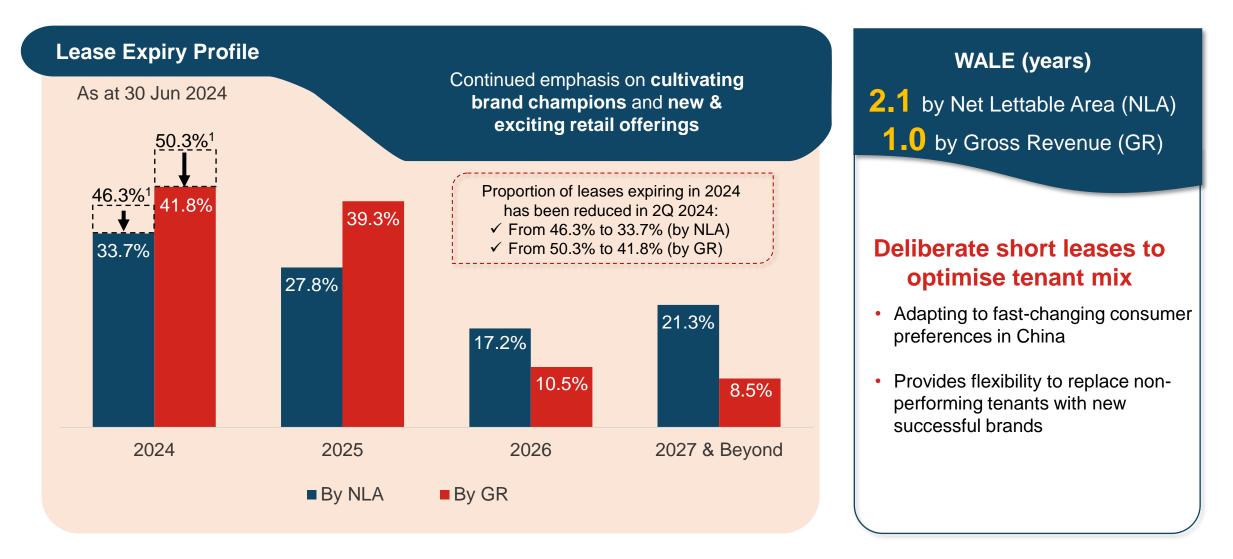


1. Occupancy is calculated based on the average of the last day's occupancy of each month for each quarter; for the financial years of 2021, 2022 and 2023, occupancy is calculated based on average of the last day's occupancy of each month in the fourth quarter of the year.

## Weighted Average Lease Expiry (WALE)

Proactive efforts currently underway to renew leases expiring in 2H 2024

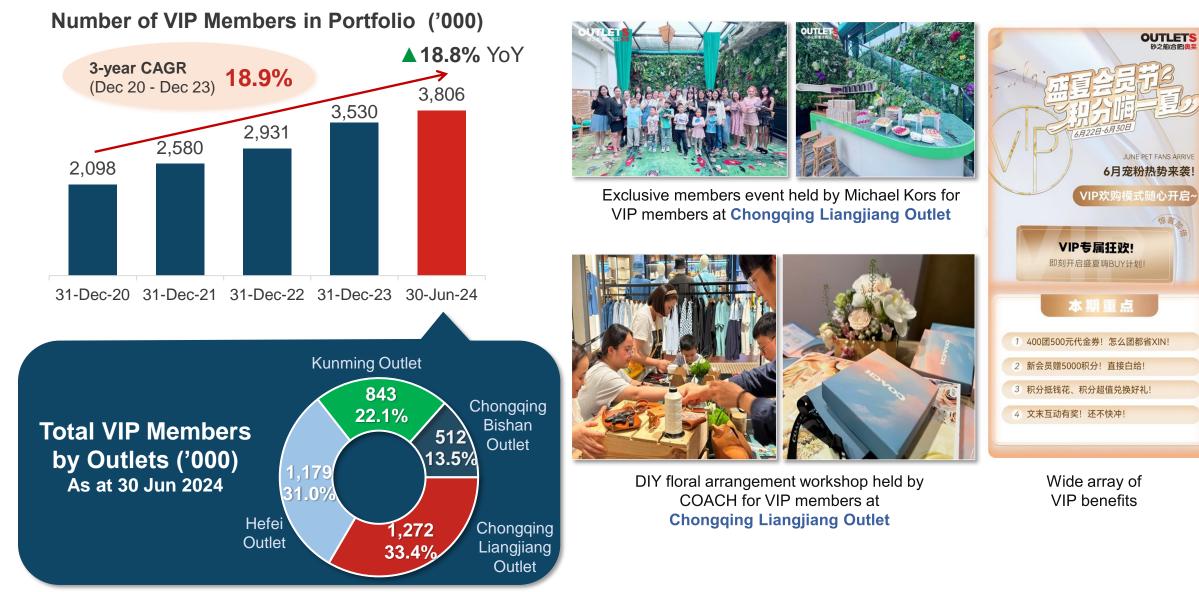




#### **Rising VIP Member Base**

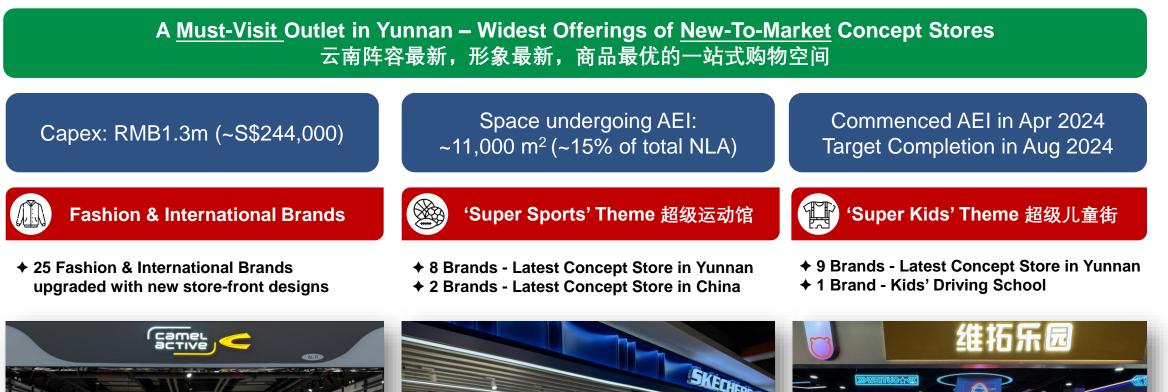
VIP members contributed >60% to portfolio's 2Q 2024 outlet sales





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#### **Enhancing the Leadership Position of Kunming Outlet** AEI<sup>1</sup> aimed at sharpening "Super Outlet" themes





AEI: Asset enhancement initiative.





# **Exciting New Brands & Upgrades in 2Q 2024** Variety of new trendy offerings at Sasseur REIT's outlets





New Mn-Mo store at Kunming Outlet



New Beneunder Store at Hefei Outlet



#### **Children's Wear Brands**



#### Food & Beverage Brands







New BONELESS Store at Hefei Outlet



New Gowani Store at Kunming Outlet

## **Attracting Shoppers With Fun-Filled Events in 2Q 2024**

Entertaining programmes coupled with outlet-wide discounts to boost sales







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## Looking Forward

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## China Remains Committed to 2024 Growth Target<sup>1</sup>

Expansion of domestic demand a key thrust for economic growth



#### 1H 2024 GDP ▲ 5.0% YoY<sup>2</sup> though consumer confidence remained tepid

- Retail sales of consumer goods ▲ 3.7% YoY in 1H 2024<sup>2</sup>
  - > \$\Delta 2.0% YoY in Jun 2024, as consumers pivoted away from bigticket purchases<sup>3</sup>
- Urban unemployment rate: 5.1%, lower than 5.3% a year ago<sup>2</sup>
- Disposable income per capita of urban households: ▲4.5%
   YoY, after accounting for inflation<sup>2</sup>
- World Bank upped 2024 GDP forecast for China to 4.8%<sup>4</sup>

#### Government reaffirmed its 2024 GDP target of ~5% at the Third Plenum<sup>3</sup>

- To achieve the goal, government vows to "proactively expand domestic demand" and develop "new-quality productivity forces"
  - Central bank already cut main benchmark lending rates in late Jul 2024
- More upcoming government policies are therefore expected in the second half of 2024

## Huge potential for domestic consumption growth in long term

- China: home to largest middle-class cohort in the world
  - > Passed 500 million mark in early 2024<sup>5</sup>
- Noticeable trend of consumers becoming more costconscious, according to a survey of nearly 12,000 consumers at end-2023<sup>6</sup>

#### Shifting consumer dynamics support favourable growth of outlets' sales in China

"... consumers prioritise value and quality in specific areas, even as they seek to economise in others... They are actively seeking the cheapest options for desired brands and products. This behaviour underscores the need for businesses to offer value-driven propositions and competitively priced products to attract budget-conscious consumers."

McKinsey & Company<sup>6</sup>

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## Activities in 3Q 2024 to Boost Sales

Exciting programmes organised to draw shoppers and encourage spending

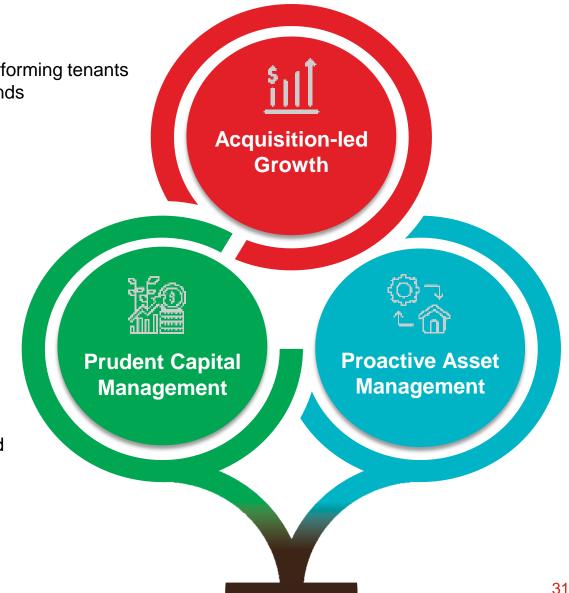




## **Key Management Focus for 2024**

Delivering sustainable returns





#### Proactive Asset Management

- Sharpen tenant mix and forge stronger relationships with top-performing tenants
- Bring in more popular brands by analysing consumer market trends
- Enhance digitalisation outreach to capture sales and mindshare
- Drive VIP member recruitment and enhance loyalty programmes
- Curate trend-setting and engaging thematic events
- Enhance asset values through AEIs

#### **Prudent Capital Management**

- Continue to fortify balance sheet and maintain prudent level of aggregate leverage
- Enlarge base of lending relationships
- Evaluating new sources of funding such as medium-term note programme

#### Acquisition-led Growth

- Seek to expand portfolio under conducive market conditions and increase exposure to Hefei Outlet progressively
- Target cities in China with large population base and attractive growth potential
- Acquisition priority: Xi'an and Guiyang Outlets; granted Right of First Refusal (ROFR) from Sponsor





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