



SABANA SHARI'AH COMPLIANT INDUSTRIAL REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST
(a real estate investment trust constituted on 29 October 2010 under the laws of the Republic of Singapore)

PROPOSED ACQUISITION OF 72 EUNOS AVENUE 7, SINGAPORE 409570

1. INTRODUCTION

The Board of Directors of Sabana Real Estate Investment Management Pte. Ltd., as manager of Sabana Shari'ah Compliant Industrial Real Estate Investment Trust ("**Sabana REIT**" and the manager of Sabana REIT, the "**Manager**"), wishes to announce that HSBC Institutional Trust Services (Singapore) Limited, in its capacity as trustee of Sabana REIT (the "**Trustee**"), has on 8 December 2016 entered into a conditional put and call option agreement (the "**Option Agreement**") with Singapore Handicrafts Pte Ltd (the "**Vendor**") in relation to the proposed acquisition (the "**Acquisition**") of the property located at 72 Eunos Avenue 7, Singapore 409570 (the "**Property**") on the principal terms set out in paragraph 3 below and which is subject to certain conditions precedent set out in paragraph 4 below.

Under the Option Agreement, the Trustee has been granted the right to require the Vendor to sell the Property to the Trustee (the "**Call Option**") and the Vendor has been granted the right to require the Trustee to purchase the Property (the "**Put Option**"). Pursuant to the terms of the Option Agreement, the Vendor and the Trustee are deemed to have entered into a sale and purchase agreement (the "**Sale and Purchase Agreement**") on the day the Call Option is exercised by the Trustee, or on the day the Put Option is exercised by the Vendor (as the case may be). The Call Option and the Put Option may only be exercised after, amongst other conditions precedent set out in paragraph 4 below, the Housing Development Board ("**HDB**") approves the sale of the Property to the Trustee pursuant to the terms of the Sale and Purchase Agreement, and the HDB approval conditions are accepted by the Trustee.

2. INFORMATION ON THE PROPERTY

The Property is a six-storey single-user light industrial building located on the north-western side of Eunos Avenue 7, off Sims Avenue and Paya Lebar Road and approximately 7.0 km from the City Centre. It has a gross floor area ("**GFA**") of approximately 67,977 square feet ("**sq ft**"). The land area of the site on which the Property is located is approximately 27,191 sq ft. The Property is a HDB leasehold estate of 30 years tenure commencing from 1 January 2011 with a remaining tenure of approximately 24 years.

The Property was independently valued by Knight Frank Pte Ltd ("**Knight Frank**") at S\$20.0 million as at 8 November 2016, using the income capitalisation approach and the discounted cash flow analysis valuation method. The independent valuation of the Property as at 8 November 2016 was commissioned by the Trustee and coordinated by the Manager.

3. DETAILS OF THE ACQUISITION AND LEASE (COLLECTIVELY, THE "TRANSACTION")

On completion of the Acquisition, the Vendor and the Trustee will also enter into:

- (i) a lease agreement ("**Lease Agreement**") pursuant to which the Vendor will lease back 71 per cent of the total GFA of the Property (the "**Premises**") for a term of 10 years; and
- (ii) a service agreement ("**Service Agreement**") pursuant to which the Vendor will be appointed by Sabana REIT and paid a moderate gratuity of S\$1,000 per month (subject to Goods and Services Tax ("**GST**")) to provide ancillary lease, property management and maintenance services in respect of managing the direct subtenants.

Upon completion of the Acquisition, the leases to the other direct subtenants (which occupy the remaining 29 per cent of the total GFA of the Property) will be assigned to Sabana REIT.

The purchase consideration for the Property, which shall be paid in cash, is S\$20.0 million (the "**Purchase Consideration**"), and was arrived at on a willing-buyer and willing-seller basis, taking into consideration the independent valuation conducted on the Property. An acquisition fee of S\$200,000 (which is 1.0% of the Purchase Consideration) is payable by Sabana REIT in cash to the Manager for the Acquisition.

The total cost of the Acquisition is approximately S\$20.9 million (the "**Total Acquisition Cost**"), comprising the Purchase Consideration, the 3% stamp duty payable to the Inland Revenue Authority of Singapore ("**IRAS**"), the acquisition fee payable to the Manager and the professional and other fees and expenses payable in connection with the Acquisition. There is no upfront land premium payable by Sabana REIT to HDB in respect of the acquisition of the Property.

The Trustee has on this day, paid an option fee, which is equivalent to 1.0% of the Purchase Consideration ("**Option Fee**"), together with the GST thereon, amounting to S\$214,000, to the Vendor's solicitors (the "**Stakeholder**") who are authorised to acknowledge receipt and to hold the Option Fee as Stakeholder on the terms of the Option Agreement. On exercise of either the Call Option or the Put Option, the Option Fee shall be applied and held by the Stakeholder as the deposit payable by the Trustee under the Sale and Purchase Agreement.

4. CONDITIONS PRECEDENT UNDER THE OPTION AGREEMENT

The right of the Trustee to issue and serve on the Vendor the notice for the exercise of the Call Option and the right of the Vendor to issue and serve on the Trustee the notice for the exercise of the Put Option under the Option Agreement are subject to certain conditions precedent including, but not limited to, the following:

- a. the Vendor and the Trustee having received, amongst other things, HDB's approval for the Acquisition and the Trustee's lease to the Vendor of the Premises;
- b. the Vendor not being in breach of any provisions of the HDB head lease or failing to perform and comply in all respects with any of the covenants and agreements contained therein;
- c. there being no compulsory acquisition or notice of compulsory acquisition or intended acquisition affecting the Property in whole or in part; and
- d. successful equity fund raising by the Purchaser, where applicable.

The Manager will make a further announcement when the completion of the Acquisition has taken place, which is expected to be in the first half of FY 2017.

5. RATIONALE FOR THE TRANSACTION

The Manager believes that the Transaction will bring the following benefits to the holders of units in Sabana REIT (“Unitholders”):

a. The Transaction is in line with the Manager’s Strategy

The Transaction is in line with the Manager’s aim to acquire income-producing real estate and real estate-related assets used for industrial purposes which provide stable cash flows so as to generate stable and growing returns for the Unitholders.

Under the Lease Agreement to be entered into between Sabana REIT and the Vendor on completion of the Acquisition:

1. The Vendor will assume all capital expenditures for the first five years of the Lease Agreement and will pay all outgoings (inclusive of property tax and maintenance charges) for the entire ten-year lease.
2. The Vendor will indemnify and make good the rental shortfall arising from any departing subtenants for the entire ten-year lease.
3. The parent company of the Vendor, LHN Group Pte. Ltd., will be providing a corporate guarantee to Sabana REIT in respect of the Vendor’s obligations under the ten-year lease.

b. Strategically located Property with good transportation links

The Property is strategically located on the north-western side of Eunos Avenue 7, off Sims venue and Paya Lebar Road, and approximately 7.0 km from the City Centre. The Property is in close proximity to the Pan-Island Expressway, Paya Lebar and Eunos MRT stations, all of which facilitate access from the Property to other parts of Singapore.

c. Enhanced tenant diversification

The proposed Acquisition of the Property on a long leaseback term is expected to benefit Unitholders by improving asset and tenant diversification with the addition of a quality industrial building.

6. METHOD OF FINANCING AND FINANCIAL EFFECTS OF THE ACQUISITION

a. Method of Financing

The Acquisition may be funded by equity, borrowings or a combination of both, as the Manager may decide in its discretion, having regard to factors such as market conditions and the aggregate leverage of Sabana REIT.

b. Disclosure under Rule 1010(13) of the Listing Manual

The relative figures for the Acquisition computed based on the bases set out in Rule 1006 of the Listing Manual of the SGX-ST (“Listing Manual”) are set out below:

	Percentage
Rule 1006 (a): Net asset value of the asset to be disposed of compared with the net asset value of Sabana REIT and its subsidiaries (the “Group”).	Not applicable
Rule 1006 (b): Net profits attributable to the asset acquired compared to the Group’s net profits.	2.3 % ⁽¹⁾
Rule 1006 (c): Purchase consideration against market capitalisation of Sabana REIT.	5.2 % ⁽²⁾
Rule 1006 (d): number of equity securities issued by Sabana REIT as consideration for an acquisition, compared with the number of equity securities previously in issue.	Not applicable
Rule 1006 (e): Aggregate volume or amount of proved and probable reserves to be disposed of, compared with the aggregate of the Group’s proved and probable reserves. This basis is applicable to a disposal of mineral, oil and gas assets by a mineral, oil and gas company, but not to an acquisition of such assets.	Not applicable

Notes:

- (1) Based on net property income which is a proxy to net profits for real estate investment trusts. The net property income in respect of the Property is based on an assumed annual gross rental income of approximately S\$1.7 million from the existing leases of the Property less estimated property expenses. The net property income of the Group based on its last audited financial statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2015 is S\$71.6 million.
- (2) This figure is based on Sabana REIT’s volume weighted average price of S\$0.5199 per Unit on 7 December 2016, being the market date preceding the date of this announcement.

The Manager is of the view that the Acquisition is in the ordinary course of Sabana REIT’s business as it is within the investment policy of Sabana REIT and does not change Sabana REIT’s risk profile. As such, the Acquisition should therefore not be subject to Chapter 10 of the Listing Manual. However, for purposes of disclosures, as the applicable relative figures computed under Rule 1010 exceed 5%, the Manager has announced the Acquisition in accordance with Rule 1010 (as applicable to a disclosable transaction).

c. Pro Forma Financial Effects of the Acquisition

The pro forma financial effects of the Acquisition on the distribution per Unit (“DPU”) and the net asset value (“NAV”) per Unit, and the pro forma capitalisation of Sabana REIT presented below are **strictly for illustrative purposes only**, and were prepared based on the audited consolidated financial statements of Sabana REIT for FY 2015, taking into account the Total Acquisition Cost and assuming that:

- (i) Scenario 1: the Total Acquisition Cost had been fully funded by equity;

(ii) Scenario 2: the Total Acquisition Cost had been funded using Sabana REIT's target gearing level of 40% borrowings and 60% equity; and

(iii) for FY 2015, the Manager had elected to receive 80.0% of its base management fee in Units and the remaining 20.0% in cash.

The pro forma financial effects are purely for illustrative purposes only and do not represent the actual financial position and performance of Sabana REIT after completion of the Acquisition.

Pro Forma DPU

FOR ILLUSTRATIVE PURPOSES ONLY:

The pro forma financial effects of the Acquisition on the Group's DPU for FY 2015, as if the Acquisition was completed on 1 January 2015 and Sabana REIT held and operated the Property through to 31 December 2015 are as follows:

	FY 2015		
	Before the Acquisition	After the Acquisition	
		Scenario 1	Scenario 2
Distributable income (S\$'000)	50,135	51,755	51,431
Units issued and to be issued ('000)	734,027 ¹	774,419 ²	758,324 ³
DPU (cents)	6.85	6.71	6.82 ⁴

Notes:

- (1) Number of Units issued and to be issued as at 31 December 2015.
- (2) **Purely for illustrative purposes only:** Includes approximately 40.4 million Units issued at an illustrative issue price of S\$0.5199 per new Unit under an equity fund-raising exercise to fully fund the Total Acquisition Cost and 80% of the base management fees for FY 2015 is payable to the Manager in Units.
- (3) **Purely for illustrative purposes only:** Includes approximately 24.3 million Units issued at an illustrative issue price of S\$0.5199 per new Unit under an equity fund-raising exercise to fund 60% of the Total Acquisition Cost and 80% of the base management fees for FY 2015 is payable to the Manager in Units.
- (4) **Purely for illustrative purposes only:** assuming all-in cost of new borrowings to fund 40% of the Total Acquisition Cost was 4.2%, being the average all-in cost of borrowings as at 31 December 2015.

Pro Forma NAV

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The pro forma financial effects of the Acquisition on the Group's NAV per Unit as at 31 December 2015 as if the Acquisition was completed on 31 December 2015 are as follows:

	31 December 2015		
	Before the Acquisition	After the Acquisition	
		Scenario 1	Scenario 2
NAV (S\$'000)	653,741	673,741	665,373
Units issued and to be issued ('000)	734,027 ¹	774,266 ²	758,170 ³
NAV per unit (S\$)	0.89	0.87	0.88

Notes:

- (1) Number of Units issued and to be issued as at 31 December 2015.
- (2) **Purely for illustrative purposes only:** Includes approximately 40.2 million Units issued at an illustrative issue price of S\$0.5199 per new Unit under an equity fund-raising exercise to fund 60% of the Total Acquisition Cost.
- (3) **Purely for illustrative purposes only:** Includes approximately 24.1 million Units issued at an illustrative issue price of S\$0.5199 per new Unit under an equity fund-raising exercise to fund 60% of the Total Acquisition Cost.

Pro Forma Capitalisation

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The pro forma capitalisation of the Group as at 31 December 2015, as if the Acquisition was completed on 31 December 2015, is as follows:

	31 December 2015		
	Before the Acquisition	After the Acquisition	
		Scenario 1	Scenario 2
Current			
Secured borrowings (S\$'000)	147,288	147,288	147,288
Non-Current			
Unsecured borrowings (S\$'000)	230,696	230,696	230,696
Secured borrowings (S\$'000)	103,100	103,100	111,468 ¹
Total borrowings (S\$'000)	481,084	481,084	489,452
Unitholders' funds (S\$'000)	653,741	673,741 ²	665,373 ³
Total capitalisation (S\$'000)	1,134,825	1,154,825	1,154,825

Notes:

- (1) **Purely for illustrative purposes only:** Includes S\$8.4 million of secured borrowings drawn to fund 40% of the Total Acquisition Cost.
- (2) **Purely for illustrative purposes only:** Includes S\$20.9 million of additional Unitholders' fund (or approximately 40.2 million new Units issuable at an illustrative price of S\$0.5199 per new Unit) issued to fund 100% of the Total Acquisition Cost.

- (3) **Purely for illustrative purposes only:** Includes S\$12.5 million of additional Unitholders' fund (or approximately 24.1 million new Units issuable at an illustrative price of S\$0.5199 per new Unit) issued to fund 60% of the Total Acquisition Cost.

7. INTEREST OF DIRECTORS AND CONTROLLING UNITHOLDERS

As at the date of this announcement, certain directors of the Manager collectively hold an aggregate direct and indirect interest in Units in 28,277,112 Units.

Saved as disclosed above and based on the information available to the Manager as at the date of this announcement, none of the directors of the Manager has any interest, direct or indirect, in the Transaction. As at the date of this announcement, Sabana REIT does not have any controlling Unitholders.

8. DIRECTORS' SERVICE CONTRACTS

No person is proposed to be appointed as a director of the Manager in connection with the Transaction or any other transaction contemplated in relation to the Transaction.

9. DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION

Copies of the valuation report issued by Knight Frank and the Option Agreement are available for inspection, with prior appointment, during normal business hours at the registered office of the Manager at 151 Lorong Chuan, #02-03 New Tech Park, Singapore 556741, for a period of three months commencing from the date of this Announcement.

By Order of the Board
Sabana Real Estate Investment Management Pte. Ltd.
(Company registration number 201005493K)
As Manager of Sabana Shari'ah Compliant Industrial Real Estate Investment Trust

Kevin Xayaraj
Chief Executive Officer and Executive Director
8 December 2016

ABOUT SABANA REIT

Sabana REIT was listed on Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited on 26 November 2010. It was established principally to invest in income-producing real estate used for industrial purposes, as well as real estate-related assets, in line with Shari'ah investment principles. Sabana REIT currently has a diversified portfolio of 21 quality properties in Singapore, in the high-tech industrial, warehouse and logistics, chemical warehouse and logistics, as well as general industrial sectors. Its total assets amount to approximately S\$1.1 billion.

Sabana REIT is listed in several indices within the SGX S-REIT Index, Morgan Stanley Capital International, Inc (MSCI) Index, the Global Property Research (GPR) index, FTSE index and S&P Dow Jones Indices.

Sabana REIT is managed by Sabana Real Estate Investment Management Pte. Ltd., (in its capacity as the Manager of Sabana REIT) in accordance with the terms of the trust deed dated 29 October 2010 (as amended). Sabana REIT is a real estate investment trust constituted on 29 October 2010 under the laws of Singapore.

For further information on Sabana REIT, please visit <http://www.sabana-reit.com>.

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