





# **Results Presentation for 1H2021**

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# **Section I**

# Overview of Elite Commercial REIT



# First & Only UK-Focused S-REIT

### Over 99% Leased to the AA-rated UK Government<sup>1</sup>





£515.3m<sup>(2)</sup>

Portfolio value



**155** 

Office Assets



# **AA-rated**

UK Government credit rating



100%

**Occupancy Rate** 



97%

Freehold<sup>(3)</sup>



# **Triple Net**

Full Repairing & Insuring Leases<sup>(4)</sup>



# **Every 5 years**

Built in Inflationlinked Rent Uplift



6.6 years<sup>(5)</sup>

Long WALE







#### Notes:

- 1. Majority of the leases are signed by the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, which is a Crown Body.
- 2. As at 31 December 2020.
- 3.150 properties are on freehold tenures and 5 properties are on long leasehold tenures.

#### Notes:

- 4. The Tenant (UK Government) is responsible for the full maintenance and repair of external, internal and structural format of the property and landlord (Elite Commercial REIT) has no repairing or insuring liability.
- 5. As at 30 June 2021.

# **Unique Social Infrastructure Play**

# Key Occupier is UK's largest public service department DWP

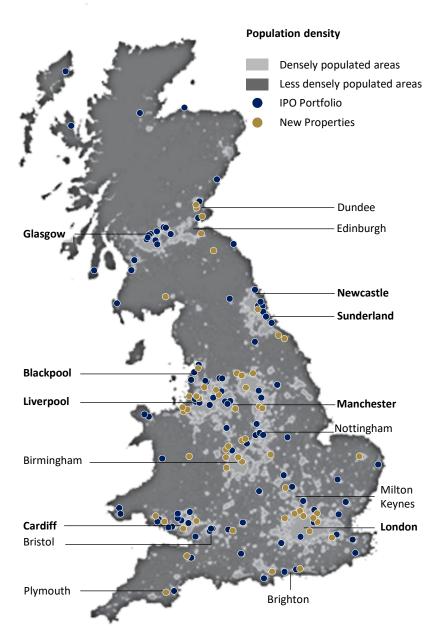








### A Network of Assets Across the UK







# **Stable Key Occupier**



# Department for Work & Pensions is integral in supporting UK's social fabric ELITE COMMERCIAL REIT



# **UK's Largest Public Service Department**

- Responsible for welfare, pensions and child maintenance policy
- Over 22 million claimants<sup>(1)</sup>; £212.4 billion benefit spent in FY20/21 and £218.3 billion benefit planned for FY21/22<sup>(2)</sup>
- Services provided primarily via Jobcentre Plus centres ("JCP")

### **Front Line in UK's Emergency Economic Response**

- Leading UK's national recovery through Plan for Jobs and more
- In March 2021, the **UK Government met its pledge to recruit**13,500 new Work Coaches<sup>(3)</sup> which has boosted jobseeker support in towns and cities UK-wide, in one of their fastest and largest ever recruitment rounds<sup>(4)</sup>
- JCP locations **remained open** throughout the nation's first, second and third lockdowns to process and disburse benefits to claimants
- COVID-19 situation does not trigger force majeure or termination clauses of the leases with the UK Government

# **Built-in Upside from Inflation-Linked Rental Uplift**

- Rent reviews in the fifth year (2023) for UK Government leases
- Based on the UK Consumer Price Index ("CPI"), subject to an annual minimum increase of 1.0% and maximum of 5.0%
- Potential revaluation upon lease breaks not exercised

#### Notes:

- 1. "National Statistics, DWP benefits statistics: February 2021", Gov.UK, 23 February 2021
- 2. "Corporate report, DWP Annual Report & Accounts 2020 to 2021", Gov.UK, 15 July 2021
- 3. Work Coaches provide jobseekers with tailored support to build their skills, develop CVs and find new jobs in expanding sectors
- 4. "Government delivers 13,500 Work Coaches to boost Britain's Jobs Army', Gov.UK, 29 March 2021



# **Key Highlights – 1H2021**

# Delivering with resilience, backed by strong support





# Outperformance over IPO Projection<sup>(1)</sup> and Actual 1H2020<sup>(2)</sup>

# Boosted by ~ 4 months contribution from newly acquired portfolio

- Actual distributable income to Unitholders was up 37.1% against IPO Projection and 71.3% year-on-year (y-o-y) to £11.2 million
- Actual DPU of 2.63<sup>(3)</sup> pence up 8.7% over IPO Projection and 34.9% y-o-y



### **Completion of Maiden Acquisition**

#### **58** strategic assets across the UK for **£212.5M**

- 60% increase in total number of properties to 155
- Enhanced portfolio quality with increased overall portfolio exposure to London by 14.1% and tenant diversification
- Issued up to 131.4 million New Units at £0.68 per Unit
- European institution PartnerRE increases stake from its original 1% to 23% of the REIT's enlarged share capital



## **Future-Proofing Financials**

# Initiatives to **enhance tax efficiencies** and **strengthen balance sheet**

- Proposed listing of Elite UK Commercial REIT ("ECHL") on The International Stock Exchange ("TISE") for enhanced tax treatment as a listed UK REIT
- Establishment & application of Distribution Reinvestment Plan ("DRP") to 1H 2021 DPU for stronger balance sheet



### **Proactive Asset Management**

### Enhanced portfolio resilience and income visibility

- The Forum, Stevenage break option not exercised, lease expiry extended to 31 March 2028
- East Street, Epsom break option exercised, received buy offer of £2.9 million, ~21% over valuation of £2.4 million<sup>(4)</sup>
- Management reinforcement on the ground in the UK for ongoing active tenant engagement and dialogue

#### Notes:

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# Financial Highlights - 1H2021

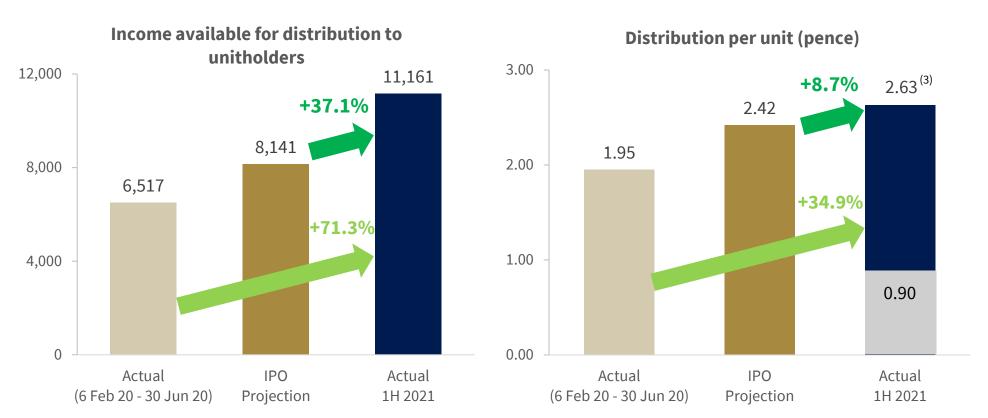


# Delivering with resilience, backed by strong support



# **Outperformance over IPO Projection**(1) and Actual 1H2020(2)

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# Review of financial performance – 1H2021



	1H2021			1H2020 (6 Feb 2020 to 30 June 2020)	
	Actual <b>£'000</b>	Projection <sup>(1)</sup> <b>£'000</b>	Variance %	Actual <sup>(2)</sup> <b>£'000</b>	Variance %
Revenue	15,896	11,541	37.7	9,316	70.6
Net property income	15,386	11,234	37.0	9,055	69.9
Income available for distribution to Unitholders	11,161	8,141	37.1	6,517	71.3
Distribution per unit ("DPU") - pence	2.63 <sup>(3)</sup>	2.42	8.7	1.95	34.9

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# **Healthy Balance Sheet**

### As at 30 June 2021



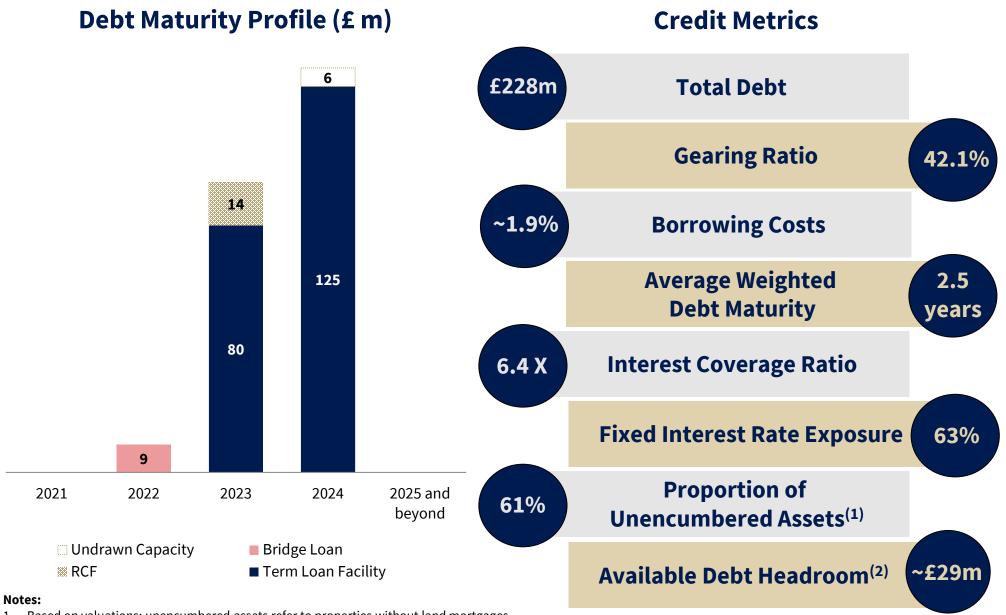
	£'000
Non-current assets	516,528 <sup>(1)</sup>
Current assets	24,996
Total assets	541,524
Non-current liabilities	225,807
Current liabilities	22,602
Total liabilities	248,409
Net assets / Unitholders' funds	293,115
Units in issue and issuable ('000)	471,363
Net asset value per unit (£)	0.62

#### Notes:

<sup>1.</sup> Non-current assets comprise investment properties, which are stated at their fair values. The carrying values of the investment properties as at 30 June 2021 were subject to both external and internal assessments. Colliers International Valuation UK LLP were instructed to conduct desktop assessment of the fair values for a sample of properties. The Manager also undertook an internal assessment of the assets not included in the Colliers' assessment sample. The Manager has taken into consideration the portfolio being 100% occupied, the close to 100% rental collection statistics, the stability of market rents, the current pricing of comparable investment transactions in the UK, the yield rates and the current relatively stable condition of the UK economy. Overall, the Manager has assessed that the carrying values of the investment properties as at 30 June 2021 approximate their fair values.

# **Prudent Capital Management**





#### 1. Based on valuations; unencumbered assets refer to properties without land mortgages

2. Based on gearing ratio of 45%; available debt headroom is ~£85m based on gearing ratio of 50%

# **Future-Proofing the REIT**





### **Enhancing Tax Efficiencies**

Application for Elite UK Commercial Holdings Limited ("ECHL") to be admitted on The International Stock Exchange ("TISE") as a listed UK REIT

#### Rationale:

- Tax treatment of Elite Commercial REIT is expected to be on par with other UK REITs
- The principal tax rate applicable to Elite Commercial REIT is expected be reduced to 15% from the current 19%
- Any latent capital gains and its corresponding deferred tax liabilities of the properties currently held by Elite Commercial REIT will be eliminated





Estimated completion



# **Strengthening Balance Sheet**

Establishment of **Distribution Reinvestment Plan** ("**DRP**")

#### **Rationale:**

- Provide unitholders with an opportunity to increase unitholding in Elite Commercial REIT without incurring brokerage fees, stamp duties (if any) and other related costs
- Will strengthen Elite Commercial REIT's balance sheet, enhance its working capital reserves and improve the liquidity of the Units
- Unitholders may elect to receive fully paid new units in lieu of distribution, or to receive distribution entirely in GBP or SGD



#### Notes:

1. There is no assurance that it will be successfully completed. Prior to ECHL's admission to the International Stock Exchange ("TISE"), the income and gains of Elite Commercial REIT's subsidiaries in the UK would continue to be subjected to the prevailing UK corporate tax.

# Application of DRP to 1H2021 Distribution



# For the Period From 9 March to 30 June 2021

Distribution per unit	1.73 pence
Units will be traded ex-dividend	Tuesday, 10 August 2021, 9.00 a.m.
Record Date and Time	Wednesday, 11 August 2021, 5.00 p.m.
Announcement of Issue Price for DRP	Thursday, 12 August 2021
Deadline for Unitholders to complete and return the Distribution Election Notice to CDP in order to participate in the DRP and/or receive the distribution in GBP <sup>(1)</sup> (2)	Friday, 3 September 2021, 5.00 p.m.
Distribution Payment Date and Listing of Units issued pursuant to the DRP	Friday, 24 September 2021

#### Notes:

<sup>1.</sup> Save for approved depository agents (acting as nominees of their individual customers), each Unitholder may elect to receive the entire Distribution in either Singapore dollars or GBP and will not be able to elect to receive the Distribution in a combination of Singapore dollars and GBP.

<sup>2.</sup> No action is needed for Unitholders who wish to receive the Distribution in Singapore dollars.



# Section III Portfolio Highlights

1H 2021



# Resilient Portfolio with Income Visibility





# **Steady Portfolio Performance**

- 100% portfolio occupancy rate as at 30 June 2021
- Long weighted average lease to expiry (WALE) of 6.6 years



- Received in advance 99.7% of the rent for the period spanning across the three months of July 2021 to September 2021, within seven days of the due date
- Consistently achieved ~100% of rent collection in advance since listing, amid Brexit and UK lockdowns

#### **Lease Event**

- Lease break option for The Forum, Stevenage is not exercised
- Lease will **continue to run** until 31 March 2028







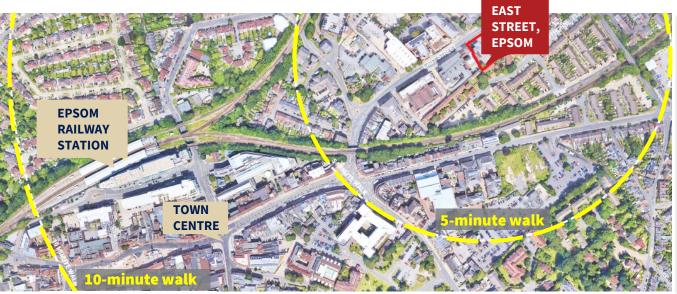
# **Notable Property Developments**

# Buy offer above valuation received for East Street, Epsom



#### **Demand for Well-Located Assets**

- Lease break for the property at East Street, Epsom, has been exercised
- Received a buy offer at £2.9 million, ~21% above valuation of £2.4 million<sup>(1)</sup>
- The Manager is undertaking due diligence on the offer and purchaser; and is also reviewing potential asset enhancement initiatives
- The building is well-located within Epsom, as it is within 7 minutes' walk to the town centre
  and less than 10 minutes' walk to the Epsom Railway Station
- The asset offers potential for continued commercial use or conversion or redevelopment for alternative uses





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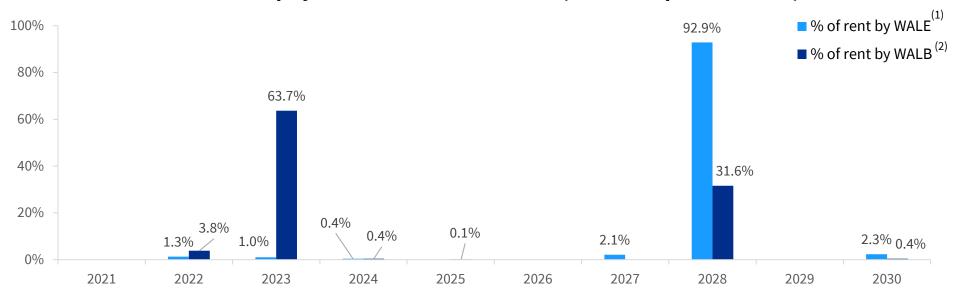
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# **Resilient Portfolio and Income Visibility**

# Full occupancy, Long WALE of 6.6 years



### Lease Expiry Profile as at 30 June 2021 (% of total portfolio rent)



## **Proactive asset management steps taken**



#### **Tenant Engagement**

Regular active dialogue with tenants



#### **Management Reinforcement**

Additional boots on the ground



### **Data Collection & Analysis**

Insight into utilisation of assets by tenants

#### Notes

- 1. Percentage of rent by WALE (Weighted Average Lease to Expiry) Based on the final termination date of the agreement (assuming the tenant does not terminate the lease on the permissible break dates)
- 2. Percentage of rent by WALB (Weighted Average Lease to Break) Based on the next permissible break date at the tenant's election and pursuant to the lease agreement

# Maiden Acquisition Completed on 9 March 2021



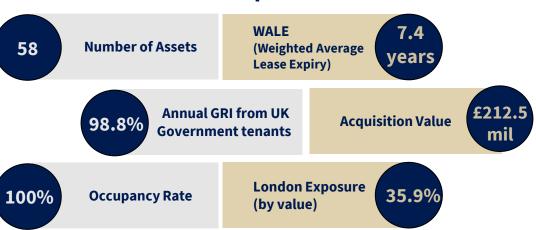
## **Rationale: Executing growth strategy**

- 1. Extends the REIT's exposure to UK sovereign credit, whilst diversifying occupier mix
- 2. Stable cashflows and CPI-linked growth from uniquely counter-cyclical occupier
- Increases exposure to London
- Increases size, market cap, free float and liquidity
- DPU accretive, with attractive yields relative to Existing Portfolio

### **About the Acquisition**

**Freehold Properties** 

(by NIA)



**New UK** 

**Vendors** 

Government

## **Expansion of Current Portfolio**



**60%** increase in number of properties



39% increase in market cap

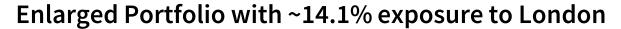








# More Diversified and Resilient





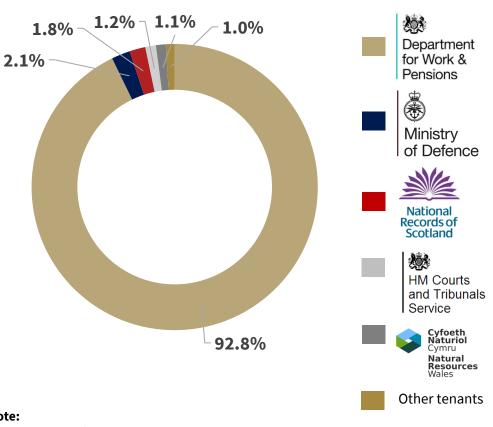


# **Extends exposure to UK sovereign credit**

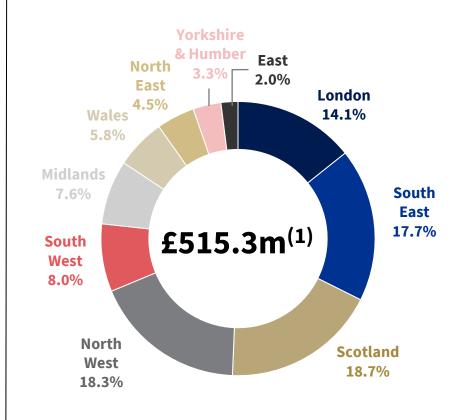
# **Diversify Tenant Mix**



### **Tenant Breakdown by Gross Rental Income**



### **Portfolio Breakdown by Valuation**



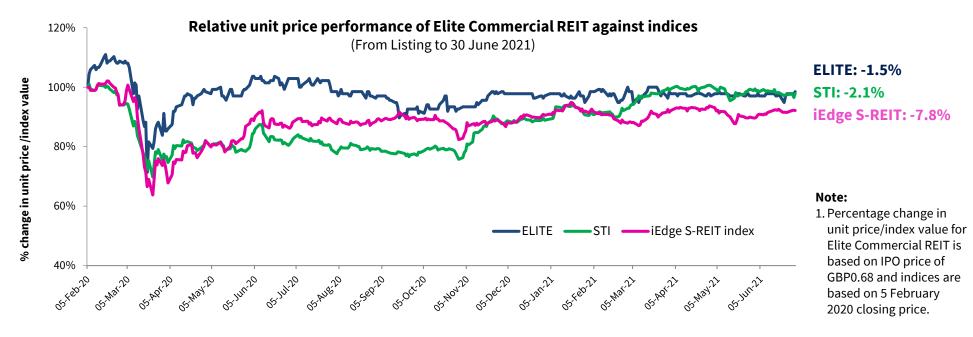
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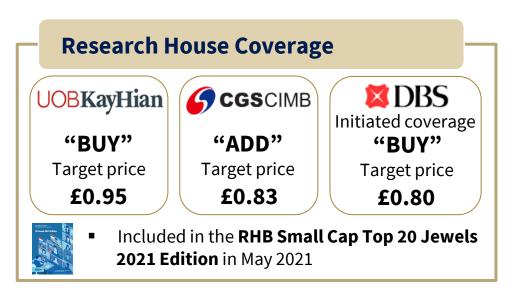
# **Resilient Trading Performance**

# Recession-proof amid COVID-19 Pandemic and Brexit





### **Intensified Investor Relations Efforts**



### **Virtual Conferences and Webinars**

- RHB Webinar: Building A Nest Egg With Singapore Real Estate Investments Trusts
- SGX-REITAS Webinar
- REITs Symposium 2021
- CGS-CIMB Malaysia and Singapore Joint Retail Investors Webinar
- The Edge REITs Investment Forum



# Section IV Market Outlook



# **Market Outlook**



# **Rebound in UK Economy**





7.25%

UK economy's GDP growth forecast in 2021

19 July

Most COVID-19 legal restrictions eased in England

### **Steady Operations & Growth Potential**



income

# Stable

Minimal COVID-19 impact on business and rent collection



# Acquisition opportunities

ROFR pipeline from Sponsors & open market supply

### **Increased Utilisation of DWP's Services**





4.8%

Unemployment rate in UK
March-May 2021

2.33mil

DWP's claimant count in May 2021 remains high vs pre-pandemic

### **Expected Increase in Utilisation of Assets**





5.5%

Unemployment projected to peak in 3Q2021

Sept 30

Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme (furlough) expiry





# Thank You

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# Section V Appendix



# Typical Lease Arrangements for the UK Office Sector



#### Lease terms:

Lease terms are fixed and typically for 5-10 years

#### Rent increase/review:

Rents are reviewed against the open market rent typically every 5 years. Reviews for shorter leases may be more frequent.
 Commercial leases typically impose upward only rent reviews which allow for rents to be increased but never decreased

#### Service charge:

The tenant is responsible for pro-rated share in addition to the rent, payable quarterly

#### Break clauses:

 The landlord may grant a break clause which gives one or either party the right to end the lease sooner by giving notice either at any time or between specified dates

#### Assignment/Subletting:

 Landlords' approval for subletting and assignment is generally not to be unreasonably withheld but parameters are set out in the lease terms. Subleases are often granted outside the protection of the Landlord and Tenant Act 1954 (as amended)

#### Repairs and insurance:

- Usually, the tenant will have direct responsibility for repairing the internal parts included in the lease terms and the landlord will agree to repair and insure the external structure and the common parts retained by the landlord. The landlord's costs for repairs and insurance are typically borne by the tenants via the service charge
- Tenants will usually be made responsible for the regular redecoration of the premises let out under the leases

#### • Alterations:

The landlord may restrict alterations that can be made to the demise and alterations will usually require the landlord's consent. The landlord has the right to insist that the tenant removes the alterations and restores the premises at the end of the lease

#### Dilapidations:

The tenant has the responsibility to return the building to its original condition at the end of the lease. The term 'dilapidations' is normally used to cover defects and disrepair that the tenant will be required to deal with or pay to have remedied when they vacate the premises at the end of the lease. Landlords cannot generally make dilapidations claims earlier than three years before the end of the lease

# **Elite Commercial REIT Sponsors**





# **Elite Partners Holdings Pte. Ltd. ("EPH")**

- The investment holding firm for Elite Partners Group, established to deliver lasting value for investors based on common interests, long-term perspectives and a disciplined approach
- Backed by a team with proven expertise in private equity and REITs
- Investment philosophy aims to protect investors' initial capital, enhance investment value and create new growth opportunities



# Ho Lee Group Pte. Ltd. ("HLG")

- Incorporated in 1996 through the amalgamation of various construction-related businesses, and acquired Wee Poh Construction Co. Pte. Ltd. in 2005
- Extensive experience in development of industrial and residential properties
- One of the major sponsors of Viva Industrial Trust during its IPO listing in November 2013



# Sunway RE Capital Pte. Ltd. ("Sunway")

- Wholly-owned subsidiary of Sunway Berhad, one of Malaysia's largest conglomerates
- Has businesses in property development, property investment and REIT, construction, healthcare, hospitality, leisure, quarry, building materials, and trading and manufacturing
- Sunway Berhad Group comprises three public listed entities: Sunway Berhad, Sunway Construction Group Berhad and Sunway REIT