# RISING



### About Suntec REIT

Listed on 9 December 2004 on the Main Board of the Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited ("SGX-ST"), Suntec Real Estate Investment Trust ("Suntec REIT") is one of the leading real estate investment trusts in Singapore, owning income-producing real estate that is primarily used for office and/or retail purposes. As at 31 December 2021, Suntec REIT has assets under management of over S\$12 billion with properties in Singapore and key Australian cities of Sydney, Melbourne and Adelaide as well as in London, United Kingdom.

In Singapore, Suntec REIT's portfolio comprises office and retail properties in Suntec City, 66.3% interest in Suntec Singapore Convention & Exhibition Centre ("Suntec Singapore"), one-third interest in One Raffles Quay, one-third interest in Marina Bay Financial Centre Towers 1 and 2 and the Marina Bay Link Mall ("MBLM" and collectively known as the "MBFC Properties"). The properties in Australia include 177 Pacific Highway and 21 Harris Street in Sydney, 50.0% interest in Southgate Complex and 50.0% interest in Olderfleet, 477 Collins Street in Melbourne and 55 Currie Street in Adelaide. In United Kingdom, Suntec REIT owns a 50.0% interest in Nova North, Nova South and the Nova Building (collectively known as "Nova Properties") and The Minster Building in London.

Suntec REIT is managed by an external manager, ARA Trust Management (Suntec) Limited (the "Manager"). The Manager is focused on delivering regular and stable distributions to Suntec REIT's unitholders, and to achieve long-term growth in the net asset value per unit of Suntec REIT, so as to provide unitholders with a competitive rate of return on their investment.

# About ARA Trust Management (Suntec) Limited

Suntec REIT is managed by ARA Trust Management (Suntec) Limited, a wholly-owned subsidiary of ARA Asset Management Limited ("ARA").

ARA is part of the ESR Group (the "Group"), APAC's largest real asset manager powered by the New Economy and the third largest listed real estate investment manager globally. With US\$140 billion in gross assets under management ("AUM") The ESR Group's fully integrated development and investment management platform extends across key APAC markets, including China, Japan, South Korea, Australia, Singapore, India, New Zealand and Southeast Asia, representing over 95% of GDP in APAC, and also includes an expanding presence in Europe and the U.S. ESR Group provides a diverse range of real asset investment solutions and New Economy real estate development opportunities across the private funds business, which allow capital partners and customers to capitalise on the most significant secular trends in APAC. With 14 listed REITs managed by the Group and its associates, ESR Group is the largest sponsor and manager of REITs in APAC with a total AUM of US\$45 billion. Its purpose - Space and Investment Solutions for a Sustainable Future - drives ESR Group to manage sustainably and impactfully and it considers the environment and the communities in which it operates as key stakeholders of its business. Listed on the Main Board of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong, ESR Group is a constituent of the FTSE Global Equity Index Series (Large Cap), Hang Seng Composite Index and MSCI Hong Kong Index.

The Manager is responsible for the management and administration of Suntec REIT, as well as the implementation of Suntec REIT's strategic long-term growth.

### **Our Vision**

Forging ahead to create, provide and deliver premium value to all stakeholders of Suntec REIT.

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# RISING Beyond

Having navigated the year with strategic acuity, improving our performance and strengthening our portfolio, we are determined to forge ahead, rising beyond challenges to achieve stable growth and deliver on our commitment to create value for unitholders.









Our passion drives us to excel in active portfolio management by divesting lower-yielding assets, improving our financial flexibility and enhancing unitholders' value.



A gymnast is spurred by the passion to triumph over adversity, to excel and deliver top-class performances.

Our dedication to achieve higher yields for our assets drives us to strengthen our portfolio through proactive leasing management and tenant engagement, ensuring optimal occupancy and rent.



A gymnast's medal-winning performance is the result of dedication to hone strength, balance, endurance and flexibility.









# COMMITMENT

TO

Our commitment to deliver sustainable returns in the long term primes us to identify opportunities to acquire higher yielding assets that enhance our resilience, income stability and geographic diversification.



The precision, fitness and skills to execute difficult routines that defy gravity require years of commitment to training and development.

# At a Glance



DISTRIBUTABLE INCOME FROM OPERATIONS

# **S\$247.2 MILLION**

+18.2% Y-O-Y

Due to new contributions from Nova Properties and The Minster Building, higher contribution from Australian assets and higher income from Suntec City Mall. This was partially offset by the divestment of 9 Penang Road and higher financing cost to fund acquisitions.



ASSETS UNDER MANAGEMENT

# S\$12.2 BILLION

+4.3% Y-O-Y

Mainly driven by the acquisition of The Minster Building, and higher valuations for Suntec City Mall, Suntec Convention and across the Australian portfolio.



**DISTRIBUTION PER UNIT** 

8.666 **CENTS** 

+17.1% Y-O-Y

Due to higher distributable income from operations.



SUSTAINABILITY

# **AWARDS**

- Highest Accolade of GRESB Global Sector Leader for Office-Listed Category
- Ranked Number One in Asia (Office)
- Retained highest GRESB 5 Star rating



PORTFOLIO OCCUPANCY

**96.4%** Office

94.2% Retail



NET ASSET VALUE PER UNIT

S\$2.110



AGGREGATE LEVERAGE RATIO

43.7%



ALL-IN FINANCING COST

**2.35**%

PER ANNUM

# Reviewing Year 2021

### **JANUARY**

 Achieved distributable income from operations of S\$106.1 million for the half year from 1 July 2020 to 31 December 2020. Distribution per unit ("DPU") for the half year amounted amounted to 4.109 cents (including DPU of 1.848 cents for the quarter from 1 July 2020 to 30 September 2020). DPU for the quarter from 1 October 2020 to 31 December 2020 amounted to 2.261 cents.

### APRIL

- Unitholders approved all resolutions tabled at Suntec REIT's annual general meeting held virtually on 15 April 2021.
- Achieved distributable income from operations of S\$58.1 million for the quarter from 1 January 2021 to 31 March 2021. DPU to unitholders for the quarter amounted to 2.045 cents.

### JUNE

- Issuance of \$\$150.0 million subordinated perpetual securities under the US\$2.0 billion EMTN Programme.
- Divested entire 30.0% interest in 9 Penang Road.
- Announced the divestment of a portfolio of strata units in Suntec City Office and the acquisition of The Minster Building in the City of London, United Kingdom.

### **JULY**

- Achieved distributable income from operations of S\$118.2 million for the half year from 1 January 2021 to 30 June 2021. DPU to unitholders for the half year amounted to 4.154 cents (including DPU of 2.045 cents for the quarter from 1 January 2021 to 31 March 2021). DPU for the quarter from 1 April 2021 to 30 June 2021 amounted to 2.109 cents.
- Entered into a £175.0 million loan facility.
- Acquired The Minster Building in the City of London, United Kingdom.



### **AUGUST**

Announcement by ARA
 Asset Management Limited,
 the parent company of the
 Manager of Suntec REIT
 regarding the proposed
 acquisition of ARA Asset
 Management Limited by
 ESR Cayment Limited.

### **SEPTEMBER**

- Divested a portfolio of strata units in Suntec City Office.
- Announced the change in company secretary to Ms Low Mei Mei, Maureen.

### **OCTOBER**

- Suntec REIT awarded the GRESB highest accolade of Global Sector Leader for Office-Listed category and is also ranked top in Asia (Office).
- Achieved distributable income from operations of S\$63.7 million for the quarter from 1 July 2021 to 30 September 2021. DPU to unitholders for the quarter amounted to 2.232 cents.



### **DECEMBER**

 Olderfleet, 477 Collins Street awarded winner at the World Architecture Festival for Office -Completed Buildings Category.



### Letter to Unitholders



### **Dear Unitholders**

On behalf of the Board of ARA Trust Management (Suntec) Limited ("Board"), it is my pleasure to present to you the annual report of Suntec REIT for the financial year ended 31 December 2021 ("FY 2021").

2021 was another challenging year as the coronavirus ("COVID-19") pandemic continued to disrupt lives and businesses. However, Suntec REIT achieved a strong set of results for FY 2021 which was driven by new contributions from our London properties, the resilience of our office portfolio and the gradual recovery of our retail business.

In 2021, Suntec REIT divested its 30.0% interest in 9 Penang Road and a portfolio of strata units at Suntec City Office ("Divestments"). We have also expanded our footprint in the United Kingdom with the acquisition of The Minster Building in London. This active portfolio management strategy further strengthened the REIT's income resilience and continue to enhance value for our unitholders.

### **FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE**

Distributable income from operations in FY 2021 was \$\$247.2 million, \$\$38.0 million or 18.2% higher year-on-year. New contributions from our assets in United Kingdom, namely Nova Properties and The Minster Building, higher contributions from the Australian assets and higher retail income at Suntec City Mall contributed to the strong performance. This was partially offset by

the loss of income from the Divestments and higher financing costs to fund the acquisitions of Nova Properties and The Minster Building.

Distribution per unit ("DPU") of 8.666 cents for FY 2021 was 17.1% higher year-on-year due to the higher income from operations.

### **OPERATIONAL PERFORMANCE**

The Singapore office portfolio achieved 14 consecutive quarters of positive rent reversions. This underlying resilience of the Singapore office portfolio, together with our proactive asset management resulted in a committed occupancy of 97.5% as at 31 December 2021, which was well above the market occupancy of 93.3% for Core CBD offices.

Asset enhancement works to upgrade the lifts, lobbies and restrooms of Suntec City Office Towers 1, 4 and 5 have been completed, with positive feedback received from office tenants. Works for the remaining two office towers are expected to be completed by June 2022. Committed occupancy at Suntec City Office improved to 97.2% as at 31 December 2021.

Our office towers at One Raffles Quay and Marina Bay Financial Centre also performed well, with strong positive rent reversions achieved for leases secured in 2021. As at 31 December 2021, committed occupancies of 98.5% and 97.3% for One Raffles Quay and Marina Bay Financial Centre Towers 1 and 2 respectively were well above the market benchmark of 95.5% for Grade A Core CBD offices.

Committed occupancies for our Australian office portfolio remained healthy at 94.2% as at 31 December 2021, higher than the nationwide CBD office occupancy of 86.3%. Committed occupancies for 177 Pacific Highway, Southgate Complex Office and 55 Currie Street were 93.8%, 91.7% and 95.7% respectively, while committed occupancies for 21 Harris Street and 477 Collins Street, both of which were completed in 2020, improved to 91.0% and 98.3% respectively. Vacancies at these two properties continue to be protected by rent guarantees provided by the respective vendors.

In the United Kingdom, committed occupancy at Nova Properties was maintained at 100% while committed occupancy at The Minster Building stood at 96.7% as at 31 December 2021. Both

assets have outperformed the Central London office occupancy of 92.4%.

Singapore's retail industry had benefited from the gradual re-opening of the economy and high vaccination rates. However, spikes in COVID-19 community cases due to the Delta, and subsequently Omicron variants led to tightened restrictions and uneven recovery throughout the year. To help our retail tenants navigate the uncertain business environment, we supported them with calibrated rent assistance and short-term rent restructuring.

Despite the tightened restrictions during certain periods in 2021, the recovery of the retail business at Suntec City Mall was encouraging. Recovery in tenant sales in particular, picked up pace with December 2021 sales exceeding that of pre-pandemic December 2019 even though most of the office tenants were still working from home. Committed occupancy at Suntec City Mall improved to 94.7% as at 31 December 2021, as compared to 90.1% as at 31 December 2020.

New-to-market and new-to-Suntec brands commenced operations in Suntec City Mall throughout the year. These include popular anchor tenants, attractive dining offerings and activity-based concepts which enabled us to attract more shoppers to Suntec City Mall.

The Meetings, Incentives, Conventions and Exhibitions ("MICE") industry in Singapore remained severely impacted due to weak recovery of business and leisure travel as well as restrictions on large-scale events. To support the recovery of Suntec's convention business, we proactively identified and captured new revenue streams while concurrently controlling operating expenses.

### **ACTIVE PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT**

In June 2021, Suntec REIT announced its Divestments. The agreed property value for 9 Penang Road represented a 5.7% premium over the latest valuation and was also 30.3% higher than the total land and development cost; while the Suntec City Office strata units were sold at 8.9% premium over 31 December 2020 valuation.

In July 2021, Suntec REIT deepened its presence in London with the acquisition of The Minster Building, a Grade A office development with ancillary retail at an agreed property value of £353.0 million. Located in the heart of the City

of London, it is a strategic fit with Suntec REIT's existing portfolio and will enhance the resilience, diversification and income stability of Suntec REIT's portfolio.

The Divestments, together with the acquisition of The Minster Building were the result of our active portfolio management to enhance unitholder value. The proceeds from these Divestments improved our financial flexibility and enabled us to pursue growth opportunities in high quality assets in good locations so as to achieve DPU and Net Asset Value accretions for our unitholders.

### **ASSET PORTFOLIO**

As at end 2021, Suntec REIT's assets under management had grown 4.3% year-on-year to S\$12.2 billion, mainly from the addition of The Minster Building and higher valuations for Suntec City Mall, Suntec Convention, our Australian assets as well as the Nova Properties in the United Kingdom. Suntec REIT continues to be Singapore-centric with 71% of the AUM in Singapore, and 17% and 12% in Australia and the United Kingdom respectively.

### **CAPITAL MANAGEMENT**

Suntec REIT's balance sheet remains healthy with an aggregate leverage ratio of 43.7%, within the regulatory limit of 50.0%. As at 31 December 2021, the average financing cost for FY 2021 was 2.35% per annum with approximately 53.0% of the interest expense fixed or hedged, and with a weighted average debt maturity of 2.9 years.

In 2021, Suntec REIT raised almost \$\$500.0 million in debt financing which included the second perpetual securities issuance of \$\$150.0 million. We are in the process of refinancing borrowings due in 2022 and will be extending Suntec REIT's debt maturity tenure.

### **SUSTAINABILITY COMMITMENT**

Suntec REIT remains fully committed to sustainable operations and sound practices in areas of Environment, Social and Governance ("ESG"). The Board has strategic oversight over good corporate governance, sustainable business performance, prudent financial management, social responsibility and fair employment practices, environmental stewardship and efficient utilisation of resources.

Suntec REIT's Sustainability Working Committee takes the lead in enhancing the sustainability report's disclosures, performance targets and systems, and driving responsible business practices. Our corporate governance framework is designed to benchmark our operations against industry best practices. In addition, Suntec REIT is also focused on minimising the impact of our operations on the environment.

We are pleased to report that in recognition of our sustainability leadership in 2021, Suntec REIT was awarded GRESB's highest accolade of Global Sector Leader for the "Office-Listed" category and was ranked top in Asia (Office). Suntec REIT also retained GRESB highest 5-Star rating. GRESB is one of the leading ESG benchmarks for real estate and infrastructure investments globally and our achievements were testament to Suntec REIT's commitment towards sustainability practices, the positive impact made to the community and the environment as well as our investment in people.

Sustainability will continue to be an important aspect of Suntec REIT's long-term business strategy. As the impact of climate change becomes increasingly pronounced, we will continue to prioritise responsible management of these ESG pillars in our business strategies and operations.

More information can be found in our sustainability report which will be available in electronic form on SGXNet and our website by end-May 2022.

### **OUTLOOK**

Income contribution from the Singapore office portfolio is expected to strengthen further, driven by the cumulative positive rent reversions achieved in the past 14 quarters and full impact of revenue from leases committed in 2021. However, high expiry rents across the portfolio may result in modest positive rent reversion.

High vaccination rates and the anticipated further easing of restrictions will provide momentum for the continued recovery of mall traffic and tenant sales at Suntec City Mall. Suntec City Mall's revenue is expected to improve, supported by higher occupancy and higher gross turnover rents. However, rent reversion is likely to be negative as retailers remain cautious.

Recovery of the convention business will continue to be slow as resumption of international business and leisure travel is likely to remain weak. The domestic

market, which is highly dependent on the further easing of restrictions on large-scale corporate and consumer events, will remain the key driver for business recovery.

Our Australian office portfolio will remain resilient, underpinned by strong occupancy, annual rent escalations and long lease tenure with minimal lease expiries in 2022. Existing rent guarantees for the vacant spaces at 21 Harris Street and 477 Collins Street lend further support to income stability from the Australian portfolio.

In the United Kingdom, office revenue is expected to be stable supported by high occupancy and long weighted average lease expiry with minimal lease expiries until 2027. In addition, retail income continues to be protected by income support.

Our strong fundamentals have provided the foundation for our REIT to overcome the challenges posed by the pandemic and we are well positioned to further grow the REIT as we enter into 2022. We will continue to manage our REIT with proactive asset and capital management to strengthen the operating performance. We will also continue to source for good quality assets that are accretive and deliver sustainable returns and long-term value to our unitholders.

### **IN APPRECIATION**

I would like to thank my fellow board members for their continued counsel and the management team for their hard work and dedication managing the challenges brought about by the pandemic.

Last but not least, I would like to extend my heartfelt appreciation to our unitholders, tenants, business partners and stakeholders for their continued trust and steadfast support.

### **CHEW GEK KHIM PJG**

Chairman and Non-Executive Director 23 March 2022

# **Financial Highlights**

| CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF TOTAL RETURN FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR | 2021                   | 2020                  |
|---|------------------------|-----------------------|
| Gross Revenue   | S\$358.1m              | S\$315.4m             |
| Net Property Income   | S\$254.6m              | S\$199.9m             |
| Income Contribution From Joint Ventures <sup>1</sup>          | S\$115.0m <sup>2</sup> | S\$96.0m <sup>2</sup> |
| Distributable Income from Operations                          | S\$247.2m              | S\$209.2m             |
| Distribution Per Unit ("DPU")                                 | 8.666¢                 | 7.402¢                |

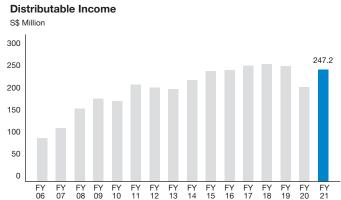
| CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION  | 31 DEC 2021  | 31 DEC 2020  |
|---|--------------|--------------|
| Investment Properties                         | S\$7,913.1m  | S\$7,262.9m  |
| Interest in Joint Ventures <sup>3</sup>       | S\$3,444.8m  | S\$3,686.5m  |
| Total Assets                                  | S\$11,688.7m | S\$11,234.1m |
| Debt at Amortised Cost                        | S\$4,919.0m  | S\$4,826.5m  |
| Total Liabilities                             | S\$5,189.9m  | S\$5,120.9m  |
| Unitholders' Funds                            | S\$6,051.8m  | S\$5,829.7m  |
| Net Asset Value Per Unit                      | S\$2.110     | S\$2.055     |
| Aggregate Leverage Ratio <sup>4</sup>         | 43.7%        | 44.3%        |
| Interest Coverage Ratio <sup>5</sup>          | 2.9 times    | 2.7 times    |
| Adjusted Interest Coverage Ratio <sup>6</sup> | 2.6 times    | 2.6 times    |

### Notes:

- <sup>1</sup> Refers to the share of profits<sup>2</sup> and interest income from loans to joint ventures (if any), from the one-third interest in One Raffles Quay, one-third interest in MBFC Properties, 50.0% interest in Southgate Complex, 50.0% interest in Nova Properties and 30.0% interest in 9 Penang Road which was divested on 16 June 2021.
- <sup>2</sup> Excludes share of profits relating to gain/(loss) on fair value adjustments of S\$20.7 mil for the financial year ended 31 December 2021 and (\$21.9 mil) for the financial year ended 31 December 2020.
- Refers to the one-third interest in One Raffles Quay, one-third interest in the MBFC Properties, 50.0% interest in Southgate Complex, 50.0% interest in Nova Properties and 30.0% interest in 9 Penang Road which was divested on 16 June 2021.
- Refers to the ratio of the value of borrowings (inclusive of proportionate share of borrowings of joint ventures and deferred payments (if any)) to the value of the Deposited Property in accordance with Appendix 6 of the Code on Collective Investment Schemes issued by the Monetary Authority of Singapore (the "Property Funds Appendix").
- Calculation is based on dividing the trailing 12 months total return before interest, tax, sinking fund contribution, depreciation and amortisation (excluding effects of any fair value changes of derivatives and investment properties, and foreign exchange translation), by the trailing 12 months interest expense, borrowing-related fees (if any).
- <sup>6</sup> Calculation is based on dividing the trailing 12 months total return before interest, tax, sinking fund contribution, depreciation and amortisation (excluding effects of any fair value changes of derivatives and investment properties, and foreign exchange translation), by the trailing 12 months interest expense, borrowing-related fees and distributions on hybrid securities (if any).

### PERFORMANCE TRACK RECORD SINCE LISTING





# **Unit Performance**

| UNIT PERFORMANCE AS AT1                  | 2021     | 2020     | 2019     | 2018     | 2017     |
|--|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Last Done Unit Price                     | S\$1.51  | S\$1.490 | S\$1.840 | S\$1.780 | S\$2.150 |
| Highest Unit Price                       | S\$1.61  | S\$1.880 | S\$1.990 | S\$2.250 | S\$2.190 |
| Lowest Unit Price                        | S\$1.40  | S\$1.110 | S\$1.770 | S\$1.670 | S\$1.650 |
| Market Capitalisation <sup>2</sup> (m)   | S\$4,308 | S\$4,210 | S\$5,154 | S\$4,754 | S\$5,703 |
| Traded Volume for the Financial Year (m) | 2,840    | 3,360    | 2,180    | 1,823    | 1,421    |

### Notes:

- <sup>1</sup> Unit performance statistics as at 31 December are for the respective financial years.
- <sup>2</sup> Based on 2,652 million units, 2,671 million units, 2,801 million units, 2,825 million units and 2,853 million units in issue as at 31 December 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021 respectively.

| UNIT PERFORMANCE AS AT1                            | 2021 | 2020 | 2019 | 2018 | 2017 |
|--|------|------|------|------|------|
| Traded Yield (based on DPU <sup>2</sup> ) (%)      | 5.74 | 4.97 | 5.17 | 5.61 | 4.65 |
| Singapore Government 10-Year Bond <sup>1</sup> (%) | 1.67 | 0.84 | 1.74 | 2.04 | 1.97 |

### Notes:

- As at 31 December for the respective years.
- Based on the last done unit price (as stated in the table above) and the full year DPU based on the period from 1 January to 31 December. Calculations were based on a DPU of 10.005 cents, 9.988 cents, 9.507 cents, 7.402 cents and 8.666 cents for FY 2017, FY 2018, FY 2019, FY 2020 and FY 2021 respectively.

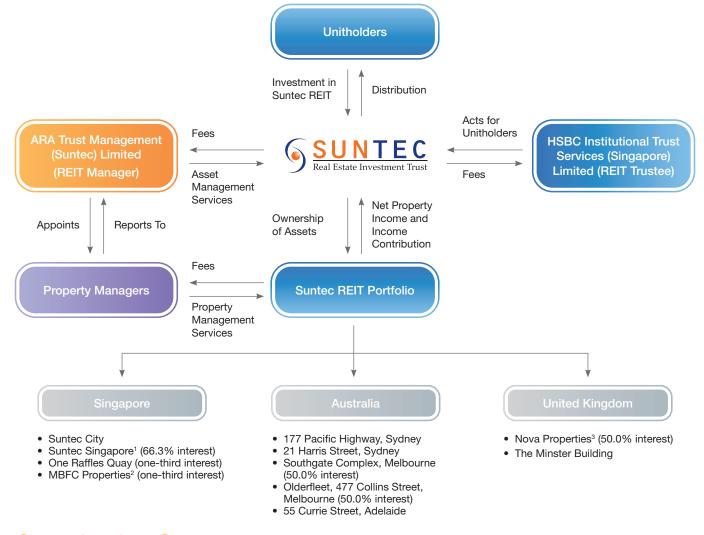
For FY 2021, Suntec REIT's unit opening price was S\$1.49 and closed at S\$1.51 with a market capitalisation of S\$4.3 billion as at 31 December 2021. Suntec REIT's FY 2021 DPU yield of 5.74% has also outperformed the Singapore Government 10-year bond yield at 1.67%. As at end FY 2021, Suntec REIT unitholders would have achieved a total return of 210.1% since listing. As one of Singapore's most liquid listed REITs, the overall traded volume was 2,840 million units for the 12 months ended 31 December 2021. Suntec REIT is also a constituent member of major global indices such as the MSCI Global Small Cap Index, FTSE EPRA Nareit Global Real Estate Index and the Global Property Research 250 Index series. It is also a constituent of the FTSE Straits Times Mid Cap Index and FTSE Straits Times Real Estate Index in Singapore.

### **RELATIVE PERFORMANCE INDICES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2021**



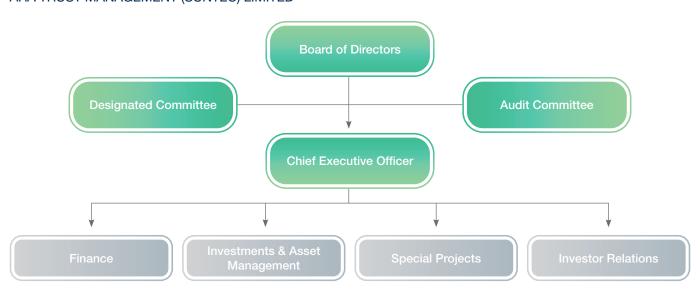


### **Trust Structure**



# **Organisation Structure**

### ARA TRUST MANAGEMENT (SUNTEC) LIMITED



- Refers to Suntec Singapore Convention & Exhibition Centre.
  Refers to Marina Bay Financial Centre Towers 1 and 2 and the Marina Bay Link Mall.
  Refers to Nova North, Nova South and The Nova Building.

### **Board of Directors**



# MS CHEW GEK KHIM PJG Chairman and Non-Executive Director

Ms Chew Gek Khim joined the Board on 21 January 2014 and was appointed Chairman on 17 April 2014.

Ms Chew Gek Khim is a lawyer by training. She has been Executive Chairman of The Straits Trading Company Limited since 24 April 2008. Ms Chew is also Executive Chairman of the Tecity Group. In addition, she is Chairman of Malaysia Smelting Corporation Berhad and she sits on the Board of Singapore Exchange Limited. She is also Deputy Chairman of the Tan Chin Tuan Foundation.

She is a member of the Board of Governors of S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies, NUS Board of Trustees and the Governing Board of Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy.

Ms Chew graduated from the National University of Singapore in 1984. She was awarded the *Chevalier de l'Ordre National du Mérite* in 2010, the Singapore Businessman of the Year 2014 at the Singapore Business Awards in 2015, and the Meritorious Service Medal at the National Day Awards in 2016. Ms Chew was conferred an Honorary Degree of Doctor of Letters (honoris causa) by the Nanyang Technology University in 2021.

# MR LIM HWEE CHIANG, JOHN PBM Non-Executive Director

Mr Lim Hwee Chiang, John joined the Board on 30 August 2004. Mr Lim is the Chairman of JL Family Office. He is also the Senior Advisor and Non-Executive Director of ESR Cayman Limited and serves as a Non-executive Director of ARA Asset Management (Fortune) Limited, ARA Asset Management (Prosperity) Limited and Hui Xian Asset Management Limited.

In the preceding three years, Mr Lim was also a Director of ARA Trust Management (Cache) Limited and Independent Director of Teckwah Industrial Corporation Limited which was delisted from the Singapore Stock Exchange on 24 November 2020.

Mr Lim is Chairman of the Asia Pacific Real Assets Association (APREA) and the Consultative Committee to the Department of Real Estate, National University of Singapore. He is also a Patron of the Securities Investors Association of Singapore (SIAS) and a Council Member of Singapore Chinese Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

Mr Lim co-founded ARA Asset Management in 2002 and was its Group CEO for 18 years and Deputy Chairman from February 2021 to January 2022.

Mr Lim has over 40 years of experience in the real estate industry and has received many notable corporate awards. These include the PERE Global Awards 2020 and 2016 Industry Figure of the Year: Asia, Ernst & Young Entrepreneur Of the Year Singapore 2012 and the Outstanding CEO of the Year 2011 at the Singapore Business Awards 2012. Mr Lim, along with the Board of Directors of ARA, was a recipient of the prestigious Best Managed Board (Gold) Award at the Singapore Corporate Awards 2012. In 2017, he was conferred the Public Service Medal (PBM) by the President of Singapore in recognition of his contributions to the community.

Mr Lim holds a Bachelor of Engineering (First Class Honours) in Mechanical Engineering, a Master of Science in Industrial Engineering, as well as a Diploma in Business Administration, each from the National University of Singapore.

# **Board of Directors**



# MR YAP CHEE MENG Lead Independent Non-Executive Director

Mr Yap Chee Meng is the Lead Independent Director, Chairman of the audit committee and member of the designated committee of the Manager. He joined the Board on 22 April 2019.

Mr Yap was the Chief Operating Officer of KPMG International for Asia Pacific and a member of its Global Executive Team. Prior to his appointment as the regional Chief Operating Officer of KPMG International in 2010, he was a Senior Partner in KPMG Singapore, the Regional Head of Financial Services in Asia Pacific, and Country Head of Real Estates and Specialised REITs Group in Singapore.

In his career spanning 37 years of experience in the financial sector, Mr Yap has served in the committees of various professional and regulatory bodies including Singapore's Accounting & Corporate Regulatory Authority and the Institute of Certified Public Accountants of Singapore.

Mr Yap is currently Non-Executive Chairman of the RHB Asset Management Group and Lead Independent Director of AXA Insurance Pte Ltd. He is also an independent director of RHB Investment Bank Berhad. He is a council member of the Charity Council of Singapore.

In the preceding three years, Mr Yap also held independent directorships in Keppel Land Limited, The Esplanade Co Ltd and SATS Ltd.

Mr Yap's past independent board memberships included those in SMRT Corporation Ltd and the National Research Foundation of Singapore. He qualified as a UK Chartered Accountant in 1981, and is now a non-practising Fellow of the Institute of Singapore Chartered Accountants and a non practising Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England & Wales.

# MR CHAN PEE TECK, PETER Independent Non-Executive Director

Mr Chan Pee Teck, Peter is an Independent Director and member of the audit committee. He joined the Board on 1 January 2017.

Mr Chan is the founder and Managing Partner of Crest Capital Asia, a regional private equity firm investing mainly in Singapore and Australia, specializing in customizing alternative direct investment programmes for clients and managing assets under these mandates.

Mr Chan was a board member of Techwah Industrial Corporation Limited which was delisted from the Singapore Stock Exchange on 24 November 2020.

Mr Chan started his private equity career in 1987 with one of the earliest US private equity firms in Asia. Then, he started a division of ING Barings Asia Private Equity as Managing Director in 1996 to set up ING's private equity investment Asian offices in Singapore, Indonesia, India, China, Taiwan and South Korea. He acquired the business to set up Crest Capital Asia in 2004. Mr Chan is responsible for the strategic management of the funds, innovating new fund strategies as well as investor communication.

Mr Chan graduated with a Bachelor of Accountancy (Hons) Degree from the National University of Singapore and is a Fellow Member of the Certified Public Accountants of Australia. Mr Chan is also board member of Clarity Singapore Ltd, a not-for-profit organization which mission is to provide healing, training and support for people with mental and emotional conditions to regain self-confidence and re-discover their abilities and beauty in life.



# MRS YU-FOO YEE SHOON Independent Non-Executive Director

Mrs Yu-Foo Yee Shoon is an Independent Director and member of the audit committee. She joined the Board on 1 January 2017. Mrs Yu-Foo is currently the Justice of the Peace, Chairman of Traditional Chinese Medicine Practitioners Board, Ministry of Health and also an Independent Director of KOP Limited and Singapura Finance Ltd. She is also Advisor of Nuri Holdings (S) Pte Ltd, Senior Advisor of Elomart Pte Ltd and Honorary Advisor to the Singapore China Friendship Association - Women's Alliance.

Mrs Yu-Foo was a Former Minister of State, retired after 27 years in politics. Before she became Minister of State, she was the first woman Mayor in Singapore and she started her career with National Trades Union Congress (NTUC) and she was the Deputy Secretary-General of NTUC.

Mrs Yu-Foo graduated from Nanyang University with a Bachelor of Commerce and a Masters Degree in Business from Nanyang Technology University. She was awarded the Honorary Doctorate of Education by Wheelock College of Boston, United States in 2008.

# MR LOCK WAI HAN Independent Non-Executive Director

Mr Lock Wai Han is an Independent Director and member of the audit committee. He joined the Board on 1 August 2018. Currently, Mr Lock is the Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer of OKH Global Ltd and is responsible for all the Group's business activities, which is the construction and development of industrial real estate. Mr Lock is also an Independent Director of Chip Eng Seng Corporation Ltd and The Hour Glass Ltd.

Prior to joining OKH Global Ltd, Mr Lock was the Executive Director and Group CEO of Rowsley Ltd and before that he was based in Beijing as the China CEO of CapitaMalls Asia ("CMA"), where he had oversight of a retail mall portfolio that included Raffles City projects and CMA mixed developments.

Up until he joined CMA in March 2010, Mr Lock had served in the Singapore public sector for more than 20 years during which he held various leadership roles including Commissioner of the Immigration & Checkpoints Authority; Director of the Criminal Investigations Department and Deputy Secretary of the Ministry of Information, Communications & the Arts, as well as directorships in various statutory boards.

Mr Lock holds a Bachelor and Master of Arts (Engineering) from the University of Cambridge, UK, and a Master of Science (Management) from Leland Stanford Junior University, USA.

### **Board of Directors**



### MR CHOW WAI WAI, JOHN Non-Executive Director

Mr Chow Wai Wai, John is a Non-Executive Director and the Chairman of the designated committee of the Manager. He joined the Board on 1 July 2007. Currently, Mr Chow is also the Managing Director of Winsor Industrial Corporation Limited, which has international operations, spanning countries in the US, Europe and Asia, and he holds directorships in the various subsidiaries and associated companies of the Winsor companies. He is an Executive Director of Hong Kong-listed Wing Tai Properties Limited. In the preceding three years, Mr Chow was a Non-Executive Director of Dah Sing Financial Holdings Limited.

Mr Chow has more than 40 years of experience in property investment and management, textile and clothing businesses. He serves as Honorary Chairman of the Hong Kong Garment Manufacturers Association.

Mr Chow received his Bachelor of Arts (Economics) degree from the University of British Columbia.

# MR CHONG KEE HIONG Chief Executive Officer and Executive Director

Mr Chong Kee Hiong was appointed as Chief Executive Officer and Executive Director on 1 January 2019. He is also a Director of One Raffles Quay Pte. Ltd. and Harmony Convention Holding Limited. Mr Chong is a Partners' Representative of BFC Development LLP.

Mr Chong has 30 years of financial and management experience. Prior to joining the Manager, Mr Chong was the Chief Executive Officer of OUE Hospitality REIT Management Pte Ltd from 2013 to 2018. He was Chief Executive Officer of The Ascott Limited ("Ascott") from 2012 to 2013 and Chief Executive Officer of Ascott Residence Trust Management Limited from 2005 to 2012. Prior to that, Mr Chong was with Raffles Holdings Limited as their Chief Financial Officer. Mr Chong began his career in audit with KPMG Peat Marwick in 1990.

Mr Chong is currently President of the General Committee of Orchid Country Club and Aranda Country Club as well as Chairman and Non-Executive Director of NTUC Foodfare Catering Pte Ltd. Mr Chong is also an elected Member of Parliament for Bishan-Toa Payoh GRC.

Mr Chong holds a Bachelor of Accountancy with National University of Singapore and completed Harvard Business School's Advanced Management Program in 2008. He is a member of the Institute of Singapore Chartered Accountants and, Exco Member and Treasurer of the REIT Association of Singapore.

# Management Team



# MR CHONG KEE HIONG Chief Executive Officer and Executive Director

Please refer to description under the section on 'Board of Directors'.

### MS DAWN LAI Chief Operating Officer

Ms Dawn Lai assists the Chief Executive Officer on all operational matters; including asset management, investment, finance, investor relations and strategic planning.

Ms Lai has more than 30 years of experience in the real estate sector. She was with CapitaLand Ltd for 19 years where she was responsible for the marketing and leasing of commercial properties with a total asset value of more than S\$10 billion.

Ms Lai holds a Bachelor of Science in Estate Management (Hons) degree from the National University of Singapore.

### MS NG EE SAN Finance Director

Ms Ng Ee San heads the Finance team and assists the Chief Executive Officer on the finance, treasury and capital management functions of Suntec REIT.

Ms Ng has more than 20 years of experience in accounting and finance. Prior to joining the Manager, she was the Finance Manager at Ascott Residence Trust Management Limited, the manager of Ascott Residence Trust. She was also previously an Accountant at Wing Tai Holdings Limited and The Hour Glass Limited, and has held various positions with PSA Corporation Limited and Deloitte & Touche LLP.

Ms Ng holds a Bachelor of Accountancy Degree from Nanyang Technological University, Singapore, and is a member of Institute of Singapore Chartered Accountants.

### MR RAYMOND ONG Director, Special Projects

Mr Raymond Ong assists the Chief Executive Officer on acquisitions, projects, operational and asset management matters and oversees Suntec REIT's project developments.

Prior to his appointment, Mr Ong was the Director, Project of APM Property Management Pte Ltd (a 100% subsidiary of ARA Asset Management Limited) since 2012 where he led the project team in the remaking of Suntec City which was successfully completed in 2015.

Mr Ong has more than 30 years of experience in real estate development, project and property management.

Prior to joining the Group, he worked with public listed property companies Centrepoint Properties Ltd, Parkway Holdings Ltd and Wing Tai Property Management Pte Ltd, and with private property companies Kallang Development Pte Ltd and SK Land Pte Ltd. He had held positions as Executive Director and General Manager taking charge of development and property management.

Mr Ong holds a Diploma in Mechanical Engineering from Singapore Polytechnic.

# MS MELISSA CHOW Manager, Investor Relations

Ms Melissa Chow oversees the Investor Relations function of Suntec REIT. Her responsibilities include the timely communication of quality information to unitholders, potential investors, key stakeholders and providing the Manager with key market updates.

Ms Chow has more than 10 years of experience in the field of investor relations. Prior to joining the Manager, she was an investor relations associate at a private equity firm where she managed the communication channels between the company and the investment community. She was previously with a boutique public and investor relations agency.

Ms Chow holds a Bachelor of Business Management (Finance and Corporate Communications) from Singapore Management University.

### **YEAR IN REVIEW**

Suntec REIT achieved a distributable income from operations of \$\$247.2 million and distribution per unit ("DPU") of 8.666 cents for the financial year ended 31 December 2021 ("FY 2021"). In 2021, Suntec REIT expanded its footprint in London with the acquisition of The Minster Building. It also divested its 30.0% interest in 9 Penang Road and a portfolio of Suntec City Office strata units in Singapore.

As at end FY 2021, Suntec REIT's assets under management ("AUM") has grown to approximately S\$12.2 billion, underpinned by a 4.4 million square feet ("sq ft") of office portfolio and 1.0 million sq ft of retail portfolio strategically located in the prime districts of Singapore, Australia and United Kingdom.

### **FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE**

Suntec REIT achieved gross revenue of \$\$358.1 million in FY 2021 which was 13.5% higher compared to the corresponding period in 2020 ("FY 2020"). This was mainly due to new contribution from The Minster Building, increased contributions from Olderfleet, 477 Collins Street and 21 Harris Street, less rent assistance granted to retail tenants at Suntec City Mall and one-off surrender free received at 177 Pacific Highway. This was partially offset by lower revenue at Suntec Convention and Suntec City Office which was due to the divestment of strata units and lower occupancy.

The net property income for FY 2021 was S\$254.6 million, an increase of 27.4% year-on-year. This was mainly attributable to contribution from The Minster Building, higher revenue from 21 Harris Street, Suntec City Mall and 177 Pacific Highway, lower sinking fund as well as lower provision and recovery of doubtful debts at Suntec City Mall and the strengthened Australian dollar. This was similarly partially offset by lower revenue from Suntec Convention.

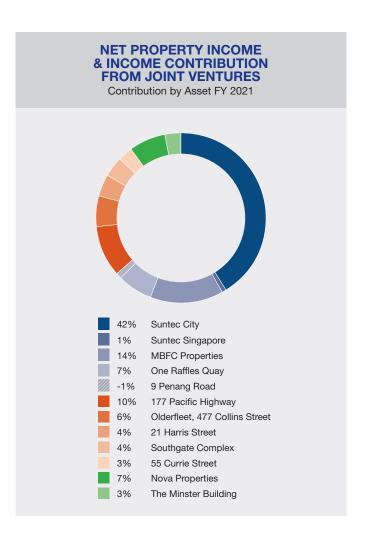
The total income contribution from joint ventures, excluding gain/loss on change in fair value adjustments, was \$\$115.0 million. This mainly comprised share of profits (excluding net change in fair value of investment properties) and interest income from loans to joint ventures (if any) of \$\$26.0 million from the one-third interest in One Raffles Quay, \$\$52.6 million from the one-third interest in MBFC Properties, \$\$14.2 million from the 50.0% interest in Southgate Complex and \$\$25.4 million from the 50.0% interest in Nova Properties.

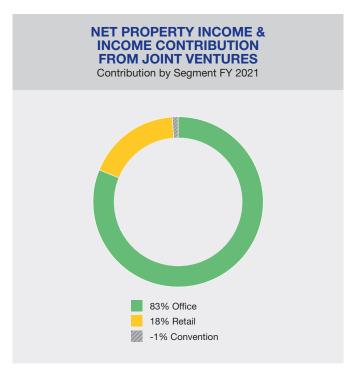
The total income contribution from joint ventures for FY 2021 was 19.8% higher mainly due to the new contribution from Nova Properties which was acquired on 18 December 2020. This was partially offset by the divestment of 9 Penang Road which was completed on 16 June 2021.

Suntec REIT's distributable income from operations of \$\$247.2 million attained in FY 2021 was 18.2% higher year-on-year. This was mainly due to new contributions from Nova Properties and The Minster Building, higher contribution from the Australia assets and higher income at Suntec City Mall. This was partially offset by the divestment of 9 Penang Road and higher financing costs to fund the acquisitions of Nova Properties and The Minster Building. The DPU for FY 2021 was 8.666 cents, 17.1% higher year-on-year due to the higher distributable income from operations.

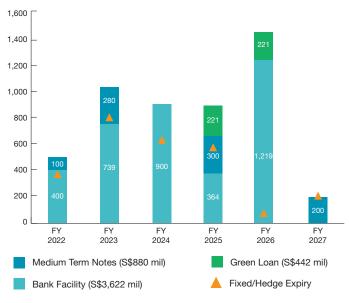
In FY 2021, the total rent guarantee received amounted to approximately S\$16.4 million. This translated to 0.575 cents of FY 2021 DPU.

|                       | FY 2021 | FY 2020 |
|-----------------------|---------|---------|
| Distribution Per Unit | 8.666¢  | 7.402¢  |





### **DEBT MATURITY PROFILE**

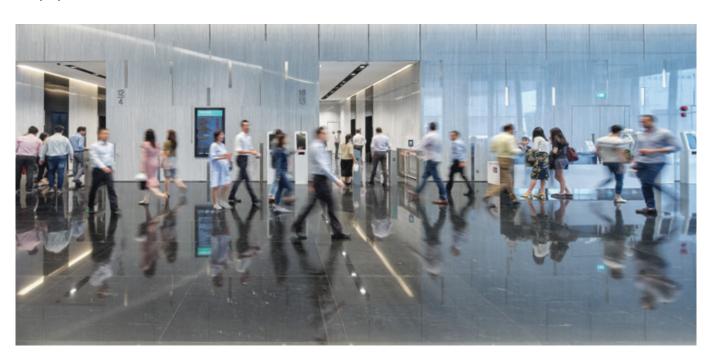


### **CAPITAL STRUCTURE**

Suntec REIT's total consolidated debt stood at S\$4,943.8 million, with an aggregate leverage ratio of 43.7% as at 31 December 2021. The all-in cost of financing of Suntec REIT's debt portfolio for FY 2021 was 2.35% per annum.

In FY 2021, Suntec REIT raised a total of \$\$468.4 million in debt financing. This comprised £175.0 million loan facility and perpetual securities issuance of \$\$150.0 million.

Suntec REIT's exposure to derivatives is elaborated in the Financial Statements. The fair value derivative for FY 2021, which is included in the Financial Statements as "Derivative Assets" and "Derivative Liabilities", was \$\$19.8 million and \$\$13.3 million respectively. The net fair value derivative represented 0.1% of the net assets of Suntec REIT as at 31 December 2021.



### **PROPERTY PORTFOLIO**

As part of its active portfolio management strategy, Suntec REIT divested a portfolio of Suntec City Office strata units for S\$197.0 million1,2 and its 30.0% interest in 9 Penang Road for S\$295.5 million<sup>3,4</sup>. Suntec REIT also expanded its footprint in London with the acquisition of The Minster Building based on an agreed property value of £353.0 million. The Grade A office development will enhance the resilience, diversification and income stability of Suntec REIT's portfolio, with income contribution from high quality office tenants and long weighted average lease expiry. As at 31 December 2021, The Minster Building was 96.7% occupied. In addition, there is a 2-year income guarantee for vacant spaces and retail leases and an approximately 1-year income guarantee for the co-working lease.

In Singapore, asset enhancement works to upgrade the lobbies and restrooms at Suntec City Office are progressing well. Works for Towers 1, 4 and 5 have been completed while upgrading works for the remaining two office towers are expected to complete by June 2022.

In Australia, the planning control amendments for Southgate retail asset enhancement and development of a new office tower had been approved by authorities in December 2021.

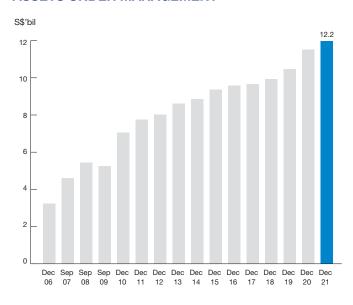
Suntec REIT's property portfolio comprising approximately 4.4 million sq ft of attributable office space and more than 1.0 million sq ft of retail and convention space was valued at S\$11.8 billion and together with cash and other assets, the total AUM was S\$12.2 billion as at 31 December 2021, or 4.3% higher than the preceding year. The net asset value of Suntec REIT and its subsidiaries stood at S\$2.110 per unit as at 31 December 2021.

### Notes:

- The portfolio of Suntec City Office strata units were sold to third party purchasers namely, Sunbright Investment Pte Ltd, Sunsolar Investment Pte Ltd, Suncore Investment Pte Ltd, Sungreen Investment Pte Ltd, Sunglow Investment Pte Ltd and Sunray Investment Pte Ltd.
- Based on the valuation of S\$180.9 million derived by multiplying the Rate of Lettable Floor Area (S\$ per square metre) per the 31 December 2020 independent valuation report by the net lettable area of the portfolio of strata units, using the income capitalisation, discounted cashflow and direct comparison methods.
- The 30.0% interest in 9 Penang Road was sold to Haiyi Holdings Pte. Ltd. Based on the independent valuations of S\$931.6 million (based on 100%
- interest) and S\$932.0 million (based on 100% interest), using the income capitalisation, discounted cashflow and direct comparison methods



### ASSETS UNDER MANAGEMENT



| Property Valuation¹ (S\$ millions)          | 31 Dec<br>2021 | 31 Dec<br>2020 |
|---|----------------|----------------|
| Suntec City <sup>2</sup>                    | 4,997.0        | 5,088.0        |
| Suntec Singapore <sup>2</sup>               | 438.9          | 414.4          |
| One Raffles Quay <sup>2</sup>               | 1,250.0        | 1,247.3        |
| MBFC Properties <sup>2</sup>                | 1,683.3        | 1,682.0        |
| 9 Penang Road <sup>3</sup>                  | -              | 279.0          |
| 177 Pacific Highway <sup>4</sup>            | 707.9          | 655.7          |
| 21 Harris Street <sup>4</sup>               | 301.8          | 305.0          |
| Southgate Complex <sup>5</sup>              | 389.3          | 391.9          |
| Olderfleet, 477 Collins Street <sup>4</sup> | 466.5          | 452.4          |
| 55 Currie Street <sup>4</sup>               | 149.6          | 152.5          |
| Nova Properties <sup>6,7</sup>              | 818.2          | 786.4          |
| The Minster Building <sup>6,8</sup>         | 633.8          | -              |
| Total                                       | 11,836.3       | 11,454.6       |

### Notes:

- Reflects Suntec REIT's interest in its respective properties.
- Based on the valuation by Colliers International Consultancy & Valuation (Singapore) Pte Ltd.
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- Based on the valuation by Cushman & Wakefield (Valuations) Pty Ltd.
- Based on the valuation by CIVAS (VIC) Pty Limited on 31 October 2021.
- Based on valuation by Jones Lang LaSalle Limited.
- The valuation reflects the price that would be received from the sale of the investment property where the Purchaser's cost (including stamp duty) is assumed to be 6.8%, in line with accounting standards. The valuation based on the price that would be received for the sale of the special purpose vehicle holding the investment property where the Purchaser's cost (excluding stamp duty) is assumed to be 1.8% is \$\$858.4 million.
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### STRONG OCCUPANCY

Suntec REIT's asset portfolio performance continued to remain strong. As at 31 December 2021, the Singapore office portfolio achieved an overall committed occupancy of 97.5%, or 4.2 percentage points higher than the overall CBD Grade A occupancy of 93.3%¹. For the Singapore retail portfolio, the overall committed occupancy as at 31 December 2021 was 94.6%.

In Australia, the office portfolio achieved an overall committed occupancy of 94.2%, 7.9 percentage points higher than the nationwide CBD occupancy 86.3%<sup>2</sup>.

In United Kingdom, the overall portfolio achieved a committed occupancy of 98.3%, 5.9 percentage points higher than the Central London Office occupancy of 92.4%<sup>2</sup>.

Suntec REIT's overall committed occupancy for the office and retail portfolio stood at 96.4% and 94.2% respectively as at 31 December 2021.

| Committed Office                            | 31 Dec | 31 Dec |
|---|--------|--------|
| Occupancy                                   | 2021   | 2020   |
| Suntec City Office                          | 97.2%  | 95.6%  |
| One Raffles Quay                            | 98.5%  | 97.3%  |
| MBFC Tower 1 & 2                            | 97.3%  | 98.2%  |
| 9 Penang Road                               | -      | 98.5%  |
| Singapore Office Portfolio                  | 97.5%  | 96.6%  |
| 177 Pacific Highway                         | 93.8%  | 100.0% |
| 21 Harris Street <sup>3</sup>               | 91.0%  | 68.7%  |
| Southgate Complex                           | 91.7%  | 100.0% |
| Olderfleet, 477 Collins Street <sup>3</sup> | 98.3%  | 97.2%  |
| 55 Currie Street                            | 95.7%  | 91.7%  |
| Australia Office Portfolio                  | 94.2%  | 94.0%  |
| Nova Properties                             | 100%   | 100%   |
| The Minster Building <sup>3</sup>           | 96.7%  | -      |
| United Kingdom Office Portfolio             | 98.3%  | 100.0% |
| Overall Office Portfolio                    | 96.4%  | 95.9%  |

| Committed Retail<br>Occupancy | 31 Dec<br>2021 | 31 Dec<br>2020 |
|-------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Suntec City Mall              | 94.7%          | 90.1%          |
| Marina Bay Link Mall          | 92.2%          | 91.8%          |
| Singapore Retail Portfolio    | 94.6%          | 90.2%          |
| Southgate Complex             | 86.0%          | 91.7%          |
| Australia Retail Portfolio    | 86.0%          | 91.7%          |
| Overall Retail Portfolio      | 94.2%          | 90.2%          |



### **LEASING ACHIEVEMENTS**

For the office portfolio, a total of 886,828 sq ft of new and renewal leases were secured in FY 2021. The tenant retention ratio for FY 2021 was 60.5%. The average rent secured for FY 2021 for the Singapore, Australia and United Kingdom office portfolios were \$\$9.72 per square foot per month ("psf/mth"), \$\$6.22 psf/mth and \$\$10.62 psf/mth respectively.

| Office Leasing Activities | Tenants | NLA (sq ft) |
|---------------------------|---------|-------------|
| Renewal Leases            | 120     | 536,735     |
| New Leases                | 106     | 350,093     |
| Total                     | 226     | 886,828     |

For the retail portfolio, a total of 238,951 sq ft of new and renewal leases were secured in FY 2021. The tenant retention ratio for FY 2021 was 60.0%.

| Retail Leasing Activities | Tenants | NLA (sq ft) |
|---------------------------|---------|-------------|
| Renewal Leases            | 99      | 143,467     |
| New Leases                | 38      | 95,484      |
| Total                     | 137     | 238,951     |

### Notes:

- Source: CBRE
- <sup>2</sup> Source: JLL
- <sup>3</sup> Rent guarantee on vacant spaces.

# **Property Portfolio**

### **HIGH QUALITY COMMERCIAL ASSETS**

Strategically Located in Prime Districts of Singapore, Australia and United Kingdom

Suntec REIT's portfolio comprises prime commercial properties in Suntec City, 66.3% interest in Suntec Singapore Convention & Exhibition Centre ("Suntec Singapore"), onethird interest in One Raffles Quay and one-third interest in Marina Bay Financial Centre Towers 1 and 2 and the Marina Bay Link Mall ("MBLM" and collectively known as "MBFC Properties"). These properties are located within Singapore's Central Business District, Marina Bay and the Civic and Cultural District. In Australia, Suntec REIT holds a 100% interest in 177 Pacific Highway and 21 Harris Street both located in Sydney, 50.0% interest in Southgate Complex and 50.0% interest in Olderfleet, 477 Collins Street, both located in Melbourne, as well as 100% interest in 55 Currie Street in Adelaide. In United Kingdom, Suntec REIT owns a 50.0% interest in Nova North, Nova South and The Nova Building (collectively known as "Nova Properties") and 100% interest in The Minster Building which are both located in London.

Spanning a total net lettable area ("NLA") of approximately 5.4 million square feet ("sq ft"), the properties provide a steady stream of income from a well-diversified pool of strong office and retail tenants.

| Property Statistics                  | As at 31 December 2021 |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Total Net Lettable Area <sup>1</sup> | 5,395,110 sq ft        |
| Office                               | 4,400,018 sq ft        |
| Retail                               | 995,092 sq ft          |

| Total No. of Tenants | 940 |
|----------------------|-----|
| Office               | 461 |
| Retail               | 479 |

| Valuation <sup>1</sup> | S\$11,836.3 million |
|------------------------|---------------------|
| Valuation <sup>1</sup> | S\$11,83            |

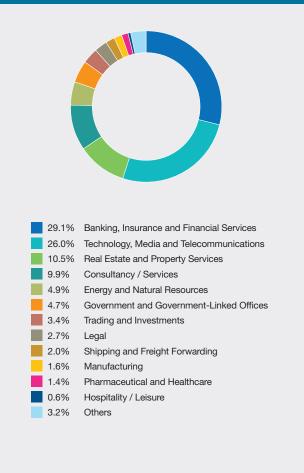
### Committed Occupancy<sup>1</sup>

| Office | 96.4% |
|--------|-------|
| Retail | 94.2% |

### Note:



(By Gross Rental Income<sup>1</sup>) As at 31 December 2021



### Note:

Based on Suntec REIT's interest in its respective properties.



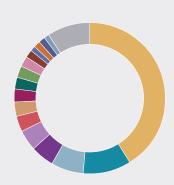




Based on Suntec REIT's interest in its respective properties.

# RETAIL PORTFOLIO BUSINESS SECTOR ANALYSIS

(By Gross Rental Income<sup>1</sup>) As at 31 December 2021



41.3% Food and Beverage
10.2% Fashion and Accessories
7.1% Leisure and Entertainment

4.9% Fitness

4.3% Sporting Goods and Apparel3.4% Homeware and Home Furnishings

3.4% Homeware and Home Furnishing

3.0% Hypermart / Supermarket

2.9% Hair and Beauty & Wellness
2.6% Books Stationery and Education

2.4% Electronics and Technology

2.3% Specialty and Gifts
1.5% Optical

1.3% Kids' Fashion, Toys and Kids' Specialty

1.3% Beauty Essentials1.3% Jewellery and Watches

1.3% Pharmacy

8.9% Services and Others



Based on Suntec REIT's interest in its respective properties.



### **DIVERSE TENANT MIX**

Suntec REIT's office portfolio leases are well diversified across more than 13 business sectors. 55.1% of the total gross office revenue for the month of December 2021 was attributable to the major business sectors of Banking, Insurance and Financial Services, and Technology, Media and Telecommunications. The top 10 tenants of the office portfolio contributed 22.0% of Suntec REIT's total gross revenue for the month of December 2021 and occupied an area representing 24.3% of the REIT's total office portfolio area.

For the retail portfolio, 51.5% of the total gross retail revenue for the month of December 2021 was attributable to the major business sectors of Food and Beverage, and Fashion and Accessories. The top 10 tenants of the retail portfolio contributed 19.7% of Suntec REIT's total gross revenue for the month of December 2021 and occupied an area representing 26.9% of the REIT's total retail portfolio area.



177 Pacific Highway

Olderfleet, 477 Collins Street

Southgate Complex

# **Property Portfolio**

### **OFFICE PORTFOLIO - TOP 10 TENANTS**

(By Gross Rental Income<sup>1</sup>) As at 31 December 2021

| Properties                        | Tenant                        | Business Sector                           | NLA (sq ft) | % of Total<br>Office NLA | % of Total<br>Monthly<br>Office<br>Gross<br>Rental<br>Income |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|---|-------------|--------------------------|--|
| MBFC Towers<br>1 & 2              | Standard Chartered Bank       | Banking, Insurance and Financial Services | 131,604     | 3.0%                     | 3.3%   |
| Olderfleet, 477<br>Collins Street | Deloitte Services Pty Ltd     | Banking, Insurance and Financial Services | 154,952     | 3.5%                     | 2.7%   |
| Suntec City Office                | PayPal Pte. Ltd.              | Technology, Media and Telecommunications  | 101,331     | 2.3%                     | 2.5%   |
| 177 Pacific<br>Highway            | CIMIC Group Limited           | Real Estate and Property<br>Services      | 114,206     | 2.6%                     | 2.2%   |
| 177 Pacific<br>Highway            | TPG Telecom Limited           | Technology, Media and Telecommunications  | 107,360     | 2.4%                     | 2.1%   |
| 21 Harris Street                  | Publicis Groupe               | Consultancy / Services                    | 110,935     | 2.5%                     | 2.0%   |
| One Raffles Quay                  | Deutsche Bank                 | Banking, Insurance and Financial Services | 72,495      | 1.6%                     | 1.9%   |
| 55 Currie Street                  | Commonwealth of<br>Australia  | Government and Government-Linked Offices  | 157,854     | 3.6%                     | 1.9%   |
| Suntec City Office                | WeWork Singapore Pte.<br>Ltd. | Real Estate and Property<br>Services      | 64,724      | 1.5%                     | 1.7%   |
| The Minster<br>Building           | Charles Taylor Ltd            | Banking, Insurance and Financial Services | 58,888      | 1.3%                     | 1.7%   |
| Total                             |                               |   | 1,074,349   | 24.3%                    | 22.0%  |

### **RETAIL PORTFOLIO - TOP 10 TENANTS**

(By Gross Rental Income<sup>1</sup>) As at 31 December 2021

| ALC T BOOKINGS LOLT                            |   |   |             |                          |   |
|--|---|---|-------------|--------------------------|---|
| Properties                                     | Tenant  | Business Sector   | NLA (sq ft) | % of Total<br>Retail NLA | % of Total Monthly Gross Retail Rental Income |
| Suntec City Mall                               | Pure Yoga (Suntec)<br>Pte Ltd                             | Fitness   | 41,464      | 4.3%                     | 3.4%  |
| Suntec City Mall                               | Golden Village Multiplex<br>Pte Ltd                       | Leisure and Entertainment                                 | 60,098      | 6.2%                     | 2.7%  |
| Suntec City Mall,<br>One Raffles Quay,<br>MBLM | Cold Storage Singapore<br>(1983) Pte Ltd                  | Hypermart / Supermarket,<br>Pharmacy, Services and Others | 31,024      | 3.2%                     | 2.6%  |
| Suntec City Mall                               | Arcade Planet Pte. Ltd.                                   | Leisure and Entertainment                                 | 27,124      | 2.8%                     | 2.3%  |
| Suntec City Mall                               | Food Republic Pte. Ltd.                                   | Food and Beverage   | 13,134      | 1.4%                     | 1.7%  |
| Suntec City Mall                               | Broadway Food Centre (Holdings) Pte Ltd                   | Food and Beverage   | 12,688      | 1.3%                     | 1.5%  |
| Suntec City Mall                               | Pertama Merchandising<br>Pte Ltd                          | Electronics and Technology                                | 22,217      | 2.3%                     | 1.5%  |
| Suntec City Mall                               | Pan Pacific Retail<br>Management (Singapore)<br>Pte. Ltd. | Hypermart/Supermarket                                     | 23,095      | 2.4%                     | 1.4%  |
| Suntec City Mall                               | Cotton On Singapore<br>Pte. Ltd.                          | Fashion and Accessories,<br>Specialty and Gifts           | 14,881      | 1.5%                     | 1.4%  |
| Suntec City Mall                               | Uniqlo (S) Pte Ltd  | Fashion and Accessories                                   | 14,437      | 1.5%                     | 1.2%  |
| Total  |   |   | 260,162     | 26.9%                    | 19.7%   |

### Note:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Based on Suntec REIT's interest in its respective properties.

### **LEASE EXPIRY PROFILE**

In FY 2021, approximately 886,828 sq ft of office space was renewed and replaced, including forward renewal of approximately 291,782 sq ft of the office leases expiring in FY 2022, FY 2023 and FY 2024.

As at 31 December 2021, 45.4% of the total office NLA is due to expire during the period from FY 2022 to FY 2024, while 50.8% is due to expire in FY 2025 and beyond.

For the retail portfolio as at 31 December 2021, 69.3% of the total retail NLA is due to expire during the period from FY 2022 to FY 2024, while 24.8% is due to expire in FY 2025 and beyond.

### WEIGHTED AVERAGE LEASE EXPIRY PROFILE

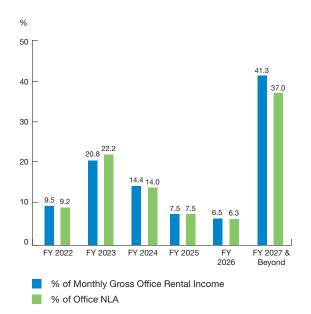
The weighted average lease expiry ("WALE") of the overall office portfolio was 4.76 years as at 31 December 2021. The Singapore and overseas office portfolios' WALE was 2.67 years and 6.93 years respectively. The WALE of the office leases committed in FY 2021 was 3.43 years. These leases contribute 22.5% to the total monthly gross office rental income.

The WALE of the overall retail portfolio was 2.34 years as at 31 December 2021. The Singapore and overseas retail portfolios' WALE was 2.28 years and 3.39 years respectively. The WALE of the retail leases committed in FY 2021 was 2.31 years. These leases contribute 26.9% to the total monthly gross retail rental income.



# OFFICE PORTFOLIO LEASE EXPIRY PROFILE<sup>1</sup>

As at 31 December 2021

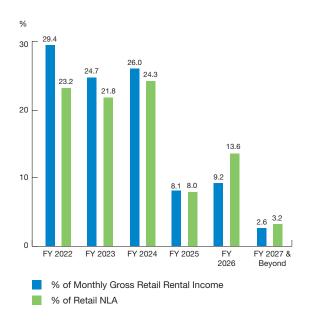


### Note:

Based on Suntec REIT's interest in its respective properties.

# RETAIL PORTFOLIO LEASE EXPIRY PROFILE<sup>1</sup>

As at 31 December 2021



### Note:

Based on Suntec REIT's interest in its respective properties.

# **Property Details**

# SUNTEC CITY

**SINGAPORE** 





**Total Net Lettable Area** 2,166,308 sq ft1



1,254,987 sq ft



Retail 911,321 sq ft<sup>1</sup>

# Property Statistics As at 31 December 2021

| As at 51 December 2021      |  |  |
|-----------------------------|--|--|
| Location                    | 3, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 Temasek Boulevard, Singapore 038983/85/86/87/88/89 and 1 Raffles Boulevard, Singapore 039593 |  |
| Title                       | Leasehold 99 years from 1989   |  |
| Number of tenants           | 584  |  |
| Car Park Lots <sup>2</sup>  | 3,066  |  |
| Purchase Price <sup>3</sup> | S\$2,351.7 million   |  |
| Market Valuation⁴           | S\$5,435.9 million (31 December 2020: \$5,502.4 million)   |  |
| Gross Revenue               | S\$242.9 million⁵ (2020: \$243.0 million)  |  |
| Net Property Income         | S\$160.9 million (2020: \$140.2 million)   |  |
| Committed Occupancy         | 96.2% (31 December 2020: 93.4%)  |  |
|                             |  |  |

### Notes:

- Based on Suntec REIT's interest in Suntec Singapore and includes space occupied by recreational facilities. Owned and managed by the Management Corporation Strata Title Plan No. 2197 ("MCST 2197"). Includes the investment of 66.3% interest in Suntec Singapore and the divestment of a portfolio of Suntec City Office strata units which was completed on 21 September 2021.
- Includes the value of a 66.3% interest in Suntec Singapore of S\$438.9 million. The valuation of S\$5,435.9 million was 1.2% lower year-on-year due to divestment of a portfolio of Suntec City Office strata units.

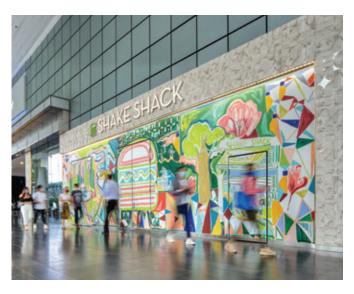
  Comprises gross rental income of S\$212.2 million, other income of S\$4.3 million, and S\$26.4 million from Suntec
- Singapore.

Suntec City is an iconic integrated commercial development located in the Marina Centre precinct.

A premier business, MICE¹, shopping and lifestyle destination, Suntec City comprises five Grade A office towers, one of Singapore's largest shopping malls and a world-class convention and exhibition centre. The development is interlinked by street level plazas and underground walkways, with the iconic Fountain of Wealth nestled in the heart of the city.

Suntec REIT owns 55.7% of Suntec City Office, 100% of Suntec City Mall, and 66.3% interest in Suntec Singapore Convention and Exhibition Centre ("Suntec Singapore")¹. Easily accessible by car and public transport networks, Suntec City houses a total of 3,066 carpark lots over two basement levels. It is directly connected to the Promenade and Esplanade Mass Rapid Transit ("MRT") stations and is also a 5-minute walk to City Hall MRT station.

The Manager's objective for Suntec City is to generate sustainable growth for the office, retail and convention businesses.







### Note:

Meetings, Incentives, Conventions and Exhibitions.

# **Property Details**

# SUNTEC CITY OFFICE

**SINGAPORE** 





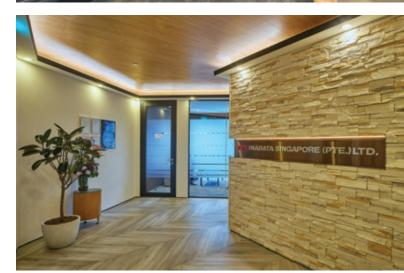


Suntec REIT owns a net lettable area ("NLA") of approximately 1.3 million sq ft in Suntec City Office, comprising strata units across Towers 1, 2 and 3, and all strata units in Towers 4 and 5. Towers 1 to 4 are 45-storey buildings with typical floor plates ranging from 10,000 sq ft to 14,000 sq ft, whilst Tower 5 is an 18-storey building with large floor plates of about 28,000 sq ft.

With good building specifications and a strong ecosystem, Suntec City Office draws a good stream of diverse multinational firms from sectors such as Technology, Media and Telecommunications, Banking, Insurance and Financial Services and Real Estate and Property Services.

In 2018, MCST 2197 received approval for the upgrading works for Suntec City Office. Upgrading works for Towers 1, 4 and 5 had been completed and office tenants now enjoy seamless facial recognition entry system and new visitor management system at the upgraded lift lobbies, new lift interior finishes and new washrooms. Upgrading works for the remaining two towers are expected to complete by June 2022.

# **SUNTEC CITY OFFICE BUSINESS SECTOR ANALYSIS** (By Gross Rental Income) As at 31 December 2021 38.2% Technology, Media and Telecommunications 12.1% Banking, Insurance and Financial Services 9.1% Real Estate and Property Services 7.8% Consultancy / Services 6.6% Trading and Investments Shipping and Freight Forwarding 4.7% **Energy and Natural Resources** 3.9% Pharmaceutical and Healthcare 2.7% Manufacturing 2.3% Government and Government-Linked Offices 1.9% Legal 1.0% Hospitality / Leisure 3.5% Others



### **DIVERSE TENANT MIX**

For the month of December 2021, 38.2% of the total gross office revenue was attributable to the Technology, Media and Telecommunications sector, followed by 12.1% and 9.1% from the Banking, Insurance and Financial Services sector and Real Estate and Property Services sector respectively.

The Technology, Media and Telecommunications sector, Banking, Insurance and Financial Services sector, and Real Estate and Property Services sector, constitute 38.4%, 12.2% and 8.7% of Suntec City's Office NLA respectively as at 31 December 2021.

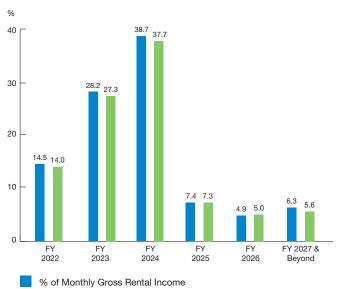
The top 10 office tenants of Suntec City Office contributed 19.9% of Suntec City's total gross revenue for the month of December 2021, representing 32.1% of the Suntec City Office NLA owned by Suntec REIT.

### **LEASE EXPIRY PROFILE**

As at 31 December 2021, 79.0% of Suntec City's office NLA is due to expire during the period from FY 2022 to FY 2024, whilst 17.9% is due to expire in FY 2025 and beyond.

### **SUNTEC CITY OFFICE** LEASE EXPIRY PROFILE

As at 31 December 2021



% of NLA

# **Property Details**

# SUNTEC CITY MALL

**SINGAPORE** 



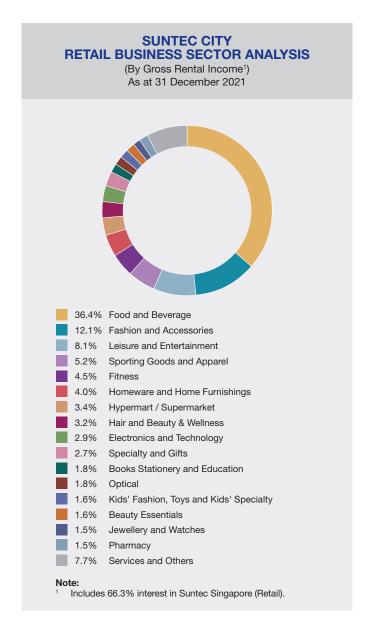


Suntec City houses over 330 retail establishments featuring a wide range of speciality stores, food and beverage options and entertainment concepts.

In addition to local residents and tourists, the mall caters to the needs of the working population in and around Suntec City, as well as the vast network of local and international delegates who convene at Suntec Singapore for exhibitions, seminars and conferences.

### **EVENTS AT SUNTEC CITY**

In 2021, in addition to hosting a myriad of activities and events held both physically and virtually, Suntec City was the supporting partner for the virtual Purple Parade for the sixth consecutive year. The Purple Parade is a unifying national platform to promote awareness and celebrate abilities of Persons with Disabilities.



### ATTRACTIVE TENANT MIX

For the month of December 2021, 36.4% of the total gross retail revenue was attributable to the Food and Beverage sector, followed by 12.1% and 8.1% from Fashion and Accessories sector and Leisure and Entertainment sector respectively.

As at 31 December 2021, 27.9% of Suntec City's retail NLA was attributable to the Food and Beverage sector, followed by 14.8% and 12.0% from the Leisure and Entertainment sector and the Fashion and Accessories sector respectively.

The top 10 retail tenants of Suntec City contributed 10.2% of Suntec City's total gross revenue for the month of December 2021, representing 29.4% of the mall's total NLA.



### **LEASE EXPIRY PROFILE**

As at 31 December 2021, 70.7% of Suntec City's total retail NLA is due to expire during the period from FY 2022 to FY 2024, whilst 24.0% is due to expire in FY 2025 and beyond.

# SUNTEC CITY RETAIL LEASE EXPIRY PROFILE<sup>1</sup>

As at 31 December 2021



### Note:

<sup>1</sup> Includes 66.3% interest in Suntec Singapore (Retail).

# **Property Details**

# SUNTEC SINGAPORE CONVENTION & EXHIBITION CENTRE

SINGAPORE





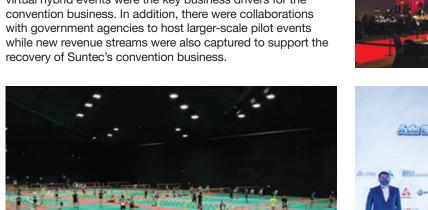
Suntec Singapore Convention & Exhibition Centre ("Suntec Singapore"), is a world-class meeting, convention and exhibition venue.

The award-winning facility offers flexible and customisable spaces that can cater to events from 10 to 10,000 persons. The venue has direct access to approximately 5,800 hotel rooms, 1,000 retail outlets, 300 restaurants and is within close proximity to Singapore's entertainment and cultural attractions.

Since 1995, Suntec Singapore has hosted many key notable events such as the World Trade Organization Ministerial Meetings in 1996, the Annual Meetings of the Board of Governors of the International Monetary Fund and World Bank Group in 2006 and the Leaders Week in 2009. It served as one of the largest sporting venues for the inaugural Youth Olympic Games in 2010. Suntec Singapore also hosted the 33rd ASEAN Summit Meetings in 2018.

On 1 July 2020, to support the convention business which was severely impacted by the pandemic due to border closures, travel restrictions and prohibition of large scale events, S\$40.0 million was injected into Suntec Singapore, increasing Suntec REIT's equity interest from 60.8% to 66.3%.

As the MICE industry in Singapore remained severely impacted in 2021, the domestic market and physicalvirtual hybrid events were the key business drivers for the









# ONE RAFFLES QUAY

**SINGAPORE** 





Total Net Lettable Area 1,322,899 sq ft



Number of tenants **66** 



Market Valuation \$\$1,250.0 million<sup>1</sup>



Net Income Contribution \$\$26.0 million<sup>2</sup>

One Raffles Quay is a prime landmark commercial development strategically located in Marina Bay.

Designed by internationally renowned architectural firm Kohn Pedersen Fox Associates of New York, One Raffles Quay comprises a 50-storey office tower (the "North Tower") and a 29-storey office tower (the "South Tower"). An underground pedestrian network connects the development directly to the Downtown and Raffles Place MRT stations and the major buildings within Marina Bay and Raffles Place. The development has a sheltered plaza serving as a drop-off point and a hub car park with 713 car park lots.

| Property Statistics As at 31 December 2021 |   |
|--|---|
| Location                                   | 1 Raffles Quay, Singapore 048583                          |
| Title                                      | Leasehold 99 years from 2001                              |
| Net Lettable Area <sup>1</sup>             | 440,966 sq ft   |
| Car Park Lots                              | 713   |
| Purchase Price <sup>1</sup>                | S\$941.5 million  |
| Market Valuation <sup>1</sup>              | S\$1,250.0 million (31 December 2020: S\$1,247.3 million) |
| Net Income Contribution <sup>2</sup>       | S\$26.0 million (2020: S\$27.8 million)                   |

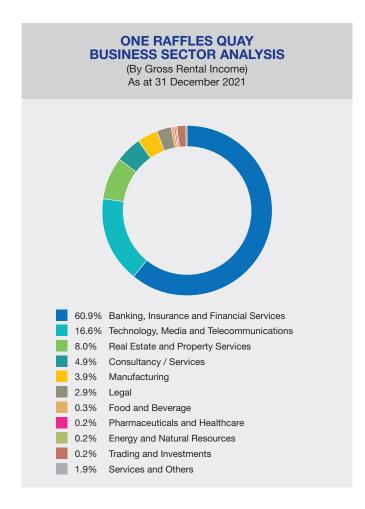
# Notes:

Based on Suntec REIT's interest in the property.

Committed Occupancy

<sup>2</sup> Comprises share of profits (excluding net change in fair value of investment properties) and interest income from loan to the joint venture.

98.5% (31 December 2020: 97.3%)



In recognition of its outstanding achievements in environmental sustainability, One Raffles Quay has been conferred the BCA Green Mark Platinum Award.

One Raffles Quay has a large and diversified tenant base comprising 61 office tenants and five retail tenants. The major office tenants include Deutsche Bank, Ernst & Young, L'Oreal and TikTok Pte Ltd.

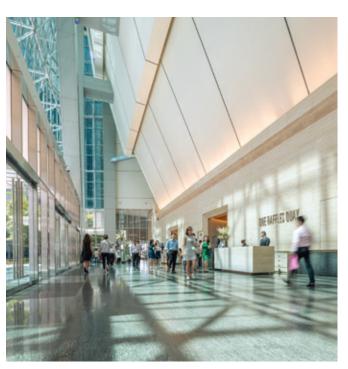
In equal partnership with Hongkong Land and Keppel REIT, Suntec REIT holds a one-third interest in One Raffles Quay.

## **STRONG TENANT MIX**

For the month of December 2021, 60.9% of the total gross revenue was attributable to the Banking, Insurance and Financial Services sector.

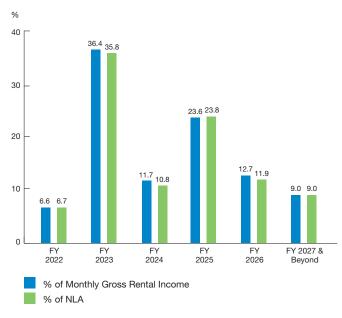
## **LEASE EXPIRY PROFILE**

As at 31 December 2021, 53.3% of the total NLA of One Raffles Quay is due to expire during the period from FY 2022 to FY 2024, whilst 44.7% is due to expire in FY 2025 and beyond.



# ONE RAFFLES QUAY LEASE EXPIRY PROFILE

As at 31 December 2021



The Manager's objective for One Raffles Quay is to generate sustainable growth from its interest in the property for Suntec REIT unitholders.

# MBFC PROPERTIES

**SINGAPORE** 





Total Net Lettable Area 1,731,617 sq ft



Number of tenants 117



Market Valuation **\$\$1,683.3** million<sup>1</sup>



Net Income Contribution **\$\$52.6** million<sup>2</sup>

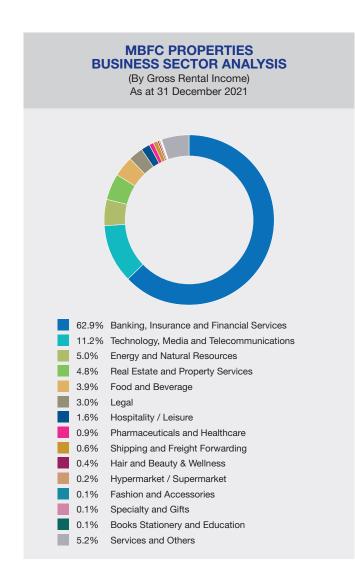
The Marina Bay Financial Centre is a prime landmark integrated development strategically located in the heart of Marina Bay.

Designed by the internationally renowned architectural firm Kohn Pedersen Fox Associates of New York, Phase 1 of the development comprises a 33-storey office tower ("Tower 1"), a 50-storey office tower ("Tower 2"), Marina Bay Residences and the Marina Bay Link Mall which consists of approximately 94,960 sq ft of NLA for retail use and 686 car park lots. It is directly connected to the Downtown MRT station and is easily accessible via an underground pedestrian network to the Raffles Place MRT station.

| Property Statistics As at 31 December 2021 |   |
|--|---|
| Location                                   | 8, 8A and 10 Marina Boulevard, Singapore 018981/83/84     |
| Title                                      | Leasehold 99 years from 2005                              |
| Net Lettable Area <sup>1</sup>             | 577,206 sq ft   |
| Car Park Lots                              | 686   |
| Purchase Price <sup>1</sup>                | S\$1,495.8 million  |
| Market Valuation <sup>1</sup>              | S\$1,683.3 million (31 December 2020: S\$1,682.0 million) |
| Net Income Contribution <sup>2</sup>       | S\$52.6 million (2020: S\$53.5 million)                   |
| Committed Occupancy                        | 97.0% (31 December 2020: 97.8%)                           |

#### Notes

- Based on Suntec REIT's interest in the property.
- Comprises share of profits (excluding net change in fair value of investment properties) and interest income from loan to the joint venture.



In recognition of its achievements in environmental sustainability, the development has been conferred the BCA Green Mark Platinum Award for its environmentally sustainable design features.

The MBFC Properties has a premier tenant base, with major office tenants including Barclays, HSBC, LinkedIn, Nomura and Standard Chartered Bank.

In equal partnership with Hongkong Land and Keppel REIT, Suntec REIT holds a one-third interest in the MBFC Properties.

# **STRONG TENANT MIX**

For the month of December 2021, 62.9% the total gross revenue was attributable to the Banking, Insurance and Financial Services sector.



## **LEASE EXPIRY PROFILE**

As at 31 December 2021, 55.7% of the total NLA of the MBFC Properties is due to expire during the period from FY 2022 to FY 2024, whilst 41.3% is due to expire in FY 2025 and beyond.

# MBFC PROPERTIES LEASE EXPIRY PROFILE

As at 31 December 2021



The Manager's objective for the MBFC Properties is to generate sustainable growth from its interest in the property for Suntec REIT unitholders.

# 177 PACIFIC HIGHWAY

AUSTRALIA





Total Net Lettable Area 430,915 sq ft



**Number of tenants** 



**Market Valuation** \$\$707.9 million<sup>2</sup>



**Net Income Contribution** S\$36.5 million4

177 Pacific Highway is a 31-storey Grade A commercial tower strategically located in North Sydney Central Business District.

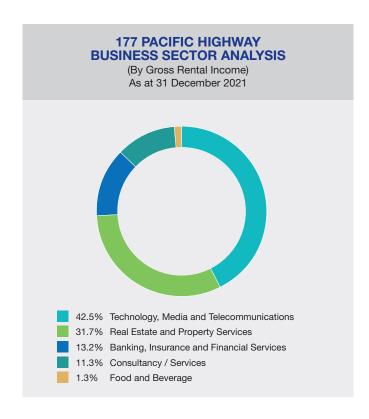
The 31-storey landmark building is designed by award-winning architecture firm Bates Smart and boasts state-of-the-art design and harbour views. The property's prime location enables it to enjoy direct access to a number of major surrounding roadways and is well served by public transport. The property is a 5-minute walk from North Sydney station.

| Property Statistics As at 31 December 2021 |  |  |
|--|--|--|
| Location                                   | 177 Pacific Highway, North Sydney NSW 2060                                       |  |
| Title                                      | Freehold   |  |
| Net Lettable Area                          | 430,915 sq ft  |  |
| Car Park Lots                              | 112  |  |
| Purchase Price                             | S\$457.5 million <sup>1</sup>  |  |
| Market Valuation                           | S\$707.9 million <sup>2</sup> (31 December 2020: S\$655.7 million <sup>3</sup> ) |  |
| Gross Revenue                              | S\$42.8 million <sup>4</sup> (2020: S\$38.5 million <sup>5</sup> )               |  |
| Net Property Income                        | S\$36.5 million <sup>4</sup> (2020: S\$33.3 million <sup>5</sup> )               |  |
| Committed Occupancy                        | 93.8% (31 December 2020: 100%)   |  |

### Notes:

- Based on total actual progress payment made, at an average exchange rate of A\$1.00 = S\$1.107.
- Based on exchange rate of A\$1.00 = \$\$0.9832 as at 31 December 2021. Based on exchange rate of A\$1.00 = \$\$1.0166 as a 31 December 2020. Based on exchange rate of A\$1.00 = \$\$1.0062.

- Based on exchange rate of A\$1.00 = S\$0.9529.



177 Pacific Highway's premier tenant base include CBRE, CIMIC Group Limited, Cisco Systems, Jacobs Engineering Group Inc, Objective Corporation, Pepper Group Limited and TPG Telecom Limited.

The building has a 5 Star Green Star – Office Design v3 Certified Rating, 6 Star NABERS Energy Rating and 5 Star NABERS Water Rating.

# **STRONG TENANT MIX**

For the month of December 2021, 42.5% of the total gross revenue was attributable to the Technology, Media and Telecommunications sector.

## **LEASE EXPIRY PROFILE**

As at 31 December 2021, 37.5% of the total NLA of 177 Pacific Highway is due to expire in FY 2023, whilst 56.3% is due to expire in FY 2025 and beyond.

The Manager's objective for 177 Pacific Highway is to generate sustainable growth from the property for Suntec REIT unitholders.



# 177 PACIFIC HIGHWAY LEASE EXPIRY PROFILE

As at 31 December 2021



# 21 HARRIS STREET

**AUSTRALIA** 





**Total Net Lettable Area** 202,706 sq ft



**Number of tenants** 



**Market Valuation** S\$301.8 million<sup>2</sup>

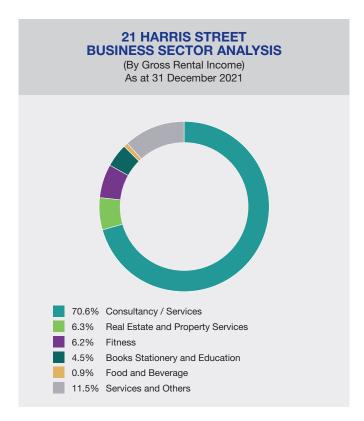


**Net Income Contribution** S\$13.1 million<sup>3</sup>

21 Harris Street is a new freehold Grade A office building located in Pyrmont, an inner-city fringe area 2km west of Sydney's CBD. The building received its practical completion on 2 April 2020.

| Property Statistics As at 31 December 2021 |   |
|--|---|
| Location                                   | 21 Harris Street, Pyrmont, NSW 2009                               |
| Title                                      | Freehold  |
| Net Lettable Area                          | 202,706 sq ft   |
| Car Park Lots                              | 171   |
| Purchase Price <sup>1</sup>                | S\$257.4 million  |
| Market Valuation <sup>2</sup>              | S\$301.8 million (31 December 2020: S\$305.0 million)             |
| Gross Revenue                              | S\$16.5 million <sup>3</sup> (2020: S\$8.2 million <sup>4</sup> ) |
| Net Property Income                        | S\$13.1 million <sup>3</sup> (2020: S\$6.5 million <sup>4</sup> ) |
| Committed Occupancy                        | 91.0% (31 December 2020: 68.7%)                                   |

- Based on exchange rate of A\$1.00 = S\$0.8726 at the time of acquisition.
- The change in valuation was due to the fluctuations in the exchange rates used, which were based on A\$1.00 = S\$0.9832 and A\$1.00 = S\$1.0166 as at 31 December 2021 and 31 December 2020 respectively.
- Based on exchange rate of A\$1.00 = S\$1.0062. For the period from 6 April 2020 to 31 December 2020 and based on the exchange rate of A\$1.00 = S\$0.9529.



Suntec REIT deepened its footprint in Australia with the acquisition of a second asset in Sydney. The property is a strategic fit with Suntec REIT's portfolio of high quality assets and further enhances the stability of the REIT's income.

The nine storey campus style building has amenities including a café, childcare, gymnasium, basement carpark and end-of-trip facility.

The Pyrmont precinct has evolved into Sydney's technology media and entertainment hub and the property is within a 10-minute drive or 15 to 20 minutes' walk to Sydney core CBD. It is also next to John Street Light Rail Station which is a 15 minutes' direct ride to Sydney's Central Train Station.

Key tenants at 21 Harris Street include Lloyd Group, Medium Rare Content Agency, Publicis Groupe, Strandbags Group and Viva Leisure.

# **STRONG TENANT MIX**

For the month of December 2021, 70.6% of the total gross revenue was attributable to the Consultancy / Services sector.

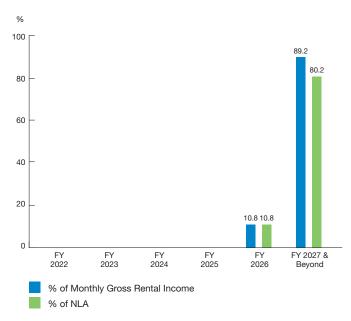


#### **LEASE EXPIRY PROFILE**

As at 31 December 2021, 91.0% of the total NLA of 21 Harris is due to expire in FY 2025 and beyond.

## 21 HARRIS STREET LEASE EXPIRY PROFILE

As at 31 December 2021



The Manager's objective for 21 Harris Street is to generate sustainable growth from the property through increasing the occupancy.

# SOUTHGATE COMPLEX

**AUSTRALIA** 





**Total Net Lettable Area** 813,377 sq ft



**Number of tenants 78** 



**Market Valuation** \$\$389.3 million<sup>1,3</sup>



**Net Income Contribution** \$\$14.2 million<sup>4,5</sup>

Southgate Complex is a freehold, landmark waterfront integrated development located alongside the Yarra River in the Southbank arts and leisure precinct of Melbourne.

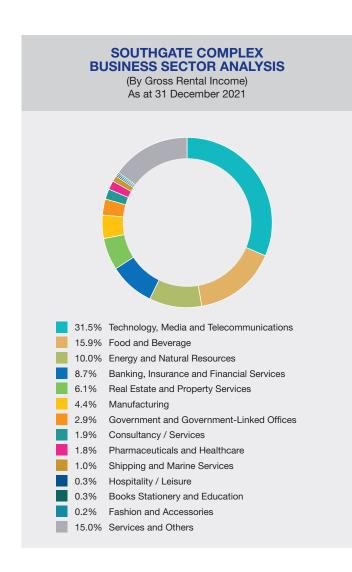
Southgate Complex comprises two Grade A office towers, the 30-storey "IBM Tower", the 25-storey "HWT Centre", a 3-storey retail podium and a car park with 975 lots.

| Property Statistics As at 31 December 2021 |  |
|--|--|
| Location                                   | 40 and 60 City Road, 3 Southbank Avenue, Southbank, Melbourne, VIC 3006            |
| Title                                      | Freehold   |
| Net Lettable Area <sup>1</sup>             | 406,689 sq ft<br>Office: 354,571 sq ft<br>Retail: 52,118 sq ft                     |
| Car Park Lots                              | 975  |
| Purchase Price <sup>2</sup>                | S\$299.8 million   |
| Market Valuation <sup>1,3</sup>            | S\$389.3 million (31 December 2020: S\$391.9 million)                              |
| Net Income Contribution                    | S\$14.2 million <sup>4,5</sup> (31 December 2020: S\$13.9 million <sup>5,6</sup> ) |
| Committed Occupancy                        | 91.0% (31 December 2020: 98.9%)  |

#### Notes:

- Based on Suntec REIT's interest in the property.

  Based on an exchange rate of A\$1.00 = S\$1.0615 and A\$1.00 = S\$1.013 being the exchange rates at the time of
- The change in valuation was due to the fluctuations in the exchange rates used, which were based on A\$1.00 = S\$0.9832 and A\$1.00 = S\$1.0166 as at 31 December 2021 and 31 December 2020 respectively.
- Based on exchange rate of A\$1.00 = S\$1.0062.
- Comprises share of profits (excluding net change in fair value of investment properties). Based on exchange rate of A\$1.00 = \$\$0.9529.



Southgate Complex is directly opposite Flinders Street train station and within close proximity to Melbourne's city rail loop. It is also surrounded by business, residential, recreational and retail amenities.

Southgate Complex has a premier tenant base with major office tenants including Alinta, IBM Australia, JB Hi-Fi and The Herald and Weekly Times.

IBM Tower has a 4.5 Star NABERS Energy Rating and a 3.5 Star NABERS Water Rating while HWT Centre has a 4.5 Star NABERS Energy Rating and 4.0 Star NABERS Water Rating.

On 31 May 2018, Suntec REIT increased its interest in Southgate Complex from 25.0% to 50.0%. The remaining 50.0% is owned by PIP Trust.

In June 2020, a development application was submitted to relevant authorities in Melbourne for the potential redevelopment of the retail podium and construction of a new office tower. The planning control amendments had since been approved by the authorities in December 2021.



## **STRONG TENANT MIX**

For the month of December 2021, 31.5% of the total gross revenue was attributable to the Technology, Media and Telecommunications sector.

# **LEASE EXPIRY PROFILE**

As at 31 December 2021, 42.7% of the total NLA of Southgate Complex is due to expire during the period from FY 2022 to FY 2024 and 48.4% is due to expire in FY 2025 and beyond.

# SOUTHGATE COMPLEX LEASE EXPIRY PROFILE

As at 31 December 2021



The Manager's objective for Southgate Complex is to generate sustainable growth from the property for Suntec REIT unitholders.

# OLDERFLEET, 477 COLLINS STREET

**AUSTRALIA** 





**Total Net Lettable Area** 630,702 sq ft



**Number of tenants 20** 



**Market Valuation \$\$466.5** million<sup>1,3</sup>



**Net Income Contribution \$\$21.1** million<sup>1,5</sup>

Olderfleet, 477 Collins Street is a new premium grade office building within Melbourne CBD. Designed by award winning Grimshaw Architects, the main entrance incorporates facades of three heritage listed buildings. The 39-level state-of-the-art building received practical completion on 31 July 2020.

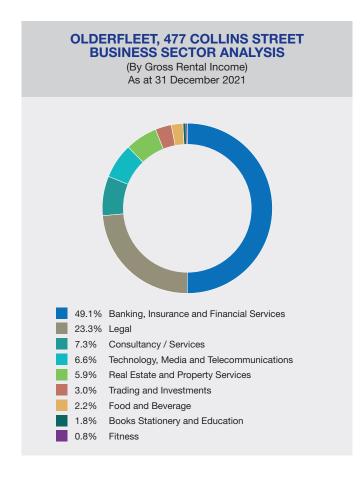
# **Property Statistics**

| As at 31 December 2021           |  |
|----------------------------------|--|
| Location                         | 477 Collins Street, Melbourne, VIC 3000  |
| Title                            | Freehold   |
| Net Lettable Area <sup>1</sup>   | 315,351 sq ft  |
| Car Park Lots                    | 416  |
| Purchase Price <sup>2</sup>      | S\$430.9 million   |
| Market Valuation <sup>1</sup>    | S\$466.5 million <sup>3</sup> (31 December 2020: S\$452.4 million <sup>4</sup> ) |
| Gross Revenue <sup>1</sup>       | S\$26.7 million <sup>5</sup> (31 December 2020: S\$9.9 million <sup>6</sup> )    |
| Net Property Income <sup>1</sup> | S\$21.1 million <sup>5</sup> (31 December 2020: S\$8.0 million <sup>6</sup> )    |
| Committed Occupancy              | 98.3% (31 December 2020: 97.2%)  |
|                                  |  |

- Based on Suntec REIT's interest in the property.
- Based on total actual progress payment made, at an average exchange rate of A\$1.00 = S\$1.0041. Based on exchange rate of A\$1.00 = S\$0.9832 as at 31 December 2021. Based on exchange rate of A\$1.00 = S\$1.0166 as at 31 December 2020.

- Based on exchange rate of A\$1.00 = \$1.0160 as at 31 December 2020.

  For the period from 1 August 2020 to 31 December 2020 based on exchange rate of A\$1.00 = \$\$0.9529



The development is targeting to achieve 5 Star Green Star rating, 5.0 Star NABERS Energy rating as well as International WELL Platinum rating for Core & Shell. The property provides market leading amenities including business lounge, fitness studio, childcare centre and hotel-style end-of-trip facilities and concierge services.

The property is adjacent to the 5-Star Intercontinental Melbourne Hotel, and is located within the Melbourne CBD Free Tram Zone. In addition to the four tram lines serving Collins Street, the Southern Cross Station, Victoria's primary metropolitan and regional transportation hub is also a short walking distance away.

In recognition of its architectural excellence, Olderfleet, 477 Collins Street won the prestigious World Architecture Festival (WAF) 2021 Awards for Office – Completed Buildings category.

Olderfleet, 477 Collins Street premier tenant base includes, Deloitte, Lander & Rogers, Norton Rose, Urbis and Workclub.

In equal partnership with leading diversified Australian property group, Mirvac, Suntec REIT holds 50.0% interest in the property.

#### **STRONG TENANT MIX**

For the month of December 2021, 49.1% of the total gross revenue was attributable to the Banking, Insurance and Financial Services sector.

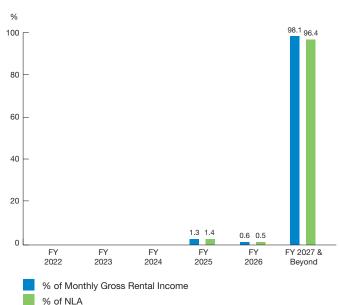


## **LEASE EXPIRY PROFILE**

As at 31 December 2021, 98.3% of the total NLA of Olderfleet, 477 Collins Street is due to expire in FY 2025 and beyond.

# OLDERFLEET, 477 COLLINS STREET LEASE EXPIRY PROFILE

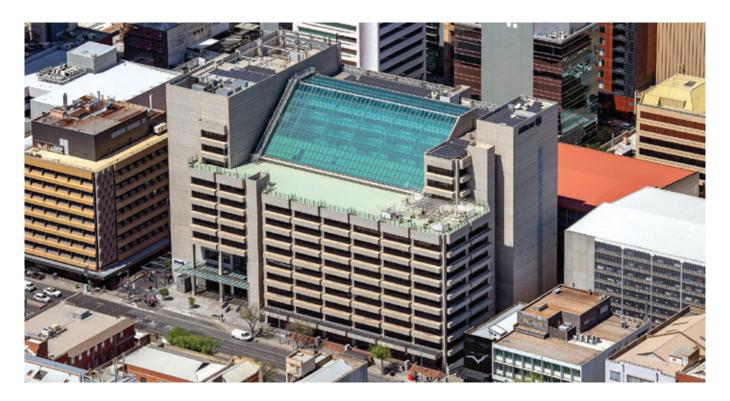
As at 31 December 2021



The Manager's objective for Olderfleet, 477 Collins Street, is to generate sustainable growth from the property for Suntec REIT unitholders.

# 55 CURRIE STREET

**AUSTRALIA** 





Total Net Lettable Area 282,020 sq ft



Number of tenants 10



Market Valuation **\$\$149.6** million<sup>2</sup>



Net Income Contribution **\$\$11.6** million<sup>3</sup>

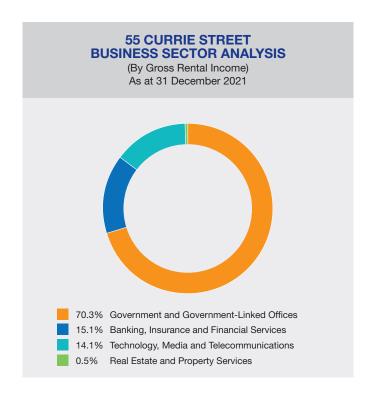
55 Currie Street is a freehold Grade A office development located in the heart of Adelaide's CBD.

The 12-storey property had undergone several rounds of refurbishment and in the asset enhancement exercise completed in 2018, major mechanical and electrical plant and equipment were upgraded and solar panels were installed. In addition, end-of-trip facilities were installed together with the upgrading of the central atrium, lift lobbies and toilets. The property has a 5.5 NABERS Energy rating.

| Property Statistics As at 31 December 2021 |  |  |
|--|--|--|
| Location                                   | 55 Currie Street, Adelaide, SA 5000                                |  |
| Title                                      | Freehold   |  |
| Net Lettable Area                          | 282,020 sq ft  |  |
| Car Park Lots                              | 95   |  |
| Purchase Price <sup>1</sup>                | S\$138.9 million   |  |
| Market Valuation <sup>2</sup>              | S\$149.6 million (31 December 2020: S\$152.5 million)              |  |
| Gross Revenue                              | S\$16.6 million <sup>3</sup> (2020: S\$15.9 million <sup>4</sup> ) |  |
| Net Property Income                        | S\$11.6 million <sup>3</sup> (2020: S\$11.8 million <sup>4</sup> ) |  |
| Committed Occupancy                        | 95.7% (31 December 2020: 91.7%)                                    |  |

# Notes:

- Based on exchange rate of A\$1.00 = S\$0.9364 at the time of acquisition.
- The change in valuation was due to the fluctuations in the exchange rates used, which were based on A\$1.00 = S\$0.9832 and A\$1.00 = S\$1.0166 as at 31 December 2021 and 31 December 2020 respectively.
- Based on exchange rate of A\$1.00 = S\$1.0062.
- Based on exchange rate of A\$1.00 = S\$0.9529.



The property is a 5-minute walk to Adelaide railway station and is also strategically located at the center of Adelaide's burgeoning laneway network.

Key tenants at 55 Currie Street include Commonwealth of Australia, South Australia Government, Allianz and Data Action.

#### STRONG TENANT MIX

For the month of December 2021, 70.3% of the total gross revenue was attributable to the Government and Government-Linked Offices sector.

# **LEASE EXPIRY PROFILE**

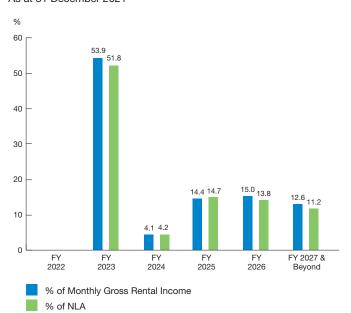
Based on the committed leases as at 31 December 2021, 56.0% of the total NLA of 55 Currie Street is due to expire during the period from FY 2022 to FY 2024 and 39.7% is due to expire in FY 2025 and beyond.

The Manager's objective for 55 Currie Street is to generate sustainable growth from the property through increasing the occupancy.



#### 55 CURRIE STREET LEASE EXPIRY PROFILE

As at 31 December 2021



# **NOVA PROPERTIES**

LONDON





**Total Net Lettable Area** 559,103 sq ft



**Number of tenants** 



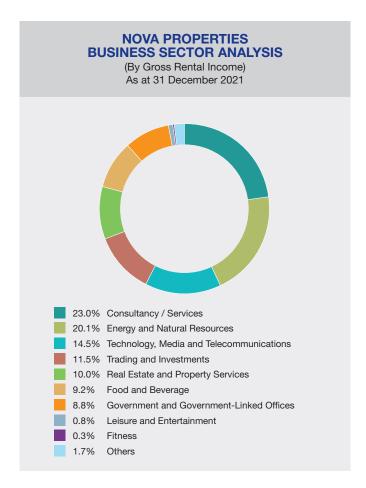
**Market Valuation** \$\$818.2 million<sup>1,3,4</sup>

# **Property Statistics**

| As at 31 December 2021         |  |
|--------------------------------|--|
| Location                       | Nova Estate, Buckingham Palace Road and Bressenden Place, London SW1               |
| Title                          | Leasehold expiring on 27 April 3062  |
| Net Lettable Area <sup>1</sup> | 279,552 sq ft  |
| Car Park Lots                  | 20   |
| Purchase Price <sup>2</sup>    | S\$772.6 million   |
| Market Valuation <sup>1</sup>  | S\$818.2 million <sup>3,4</sup> (31 December 2020: S\$786.4 million <sup>5</sup> ) |
| Net Income Contribution        | S\$25.4 million <sup>6</sup> (31 December 2020: S\$1.0 million <sup>7</sup> )      |
| Committed Occupancy            | 100% (31 December 2020: 100%)  |

# Notes:

- Based on Suntec REIT's interest in the property. Based on exchange rate of  $\mathfrak{L}$ 1.00 =  $\mathfrak{L}$ 1.7942 at the time of acquisition. Based on exchange rate of  $\mathfrak{L}$ 1.00 =  $\mathfrak{L}$ 1.8193 as at 31 December 2021.
- The valuation reflects the price that would be received from the sale of the investment property where the Purchaser's cost (including stamp duty) is assumed to be 6.8%, in line with accounting standards. The valuation based on the price that would be received for the sale of the special purpose vehicle holding the investment property where the Purchaser's
- cost (excluding stamp duty) is assumed to be 1.8% is \$\$858.4 million. Based on exchange rate of £1.00 = \$\$1.8037 as at 31 December 2020. Based on exchange rate of £1.00 = \$\$1.8506. Based on exchange rate of £1.00 = \$\$1.7775.



The Nova Properties consists of two Grade A office buildings with ancillary retail and is located in the heart of Victoria, West End, London. Completed in 2016 and 2017, the Nova Properties was constructed to the highest standards and is the newest large scale addition to Victoria, West End.

Suntec REIT made its maiden foray into London with the acquisition of Nova Properties. The asset is a strategic fit with Suntec REIT's existing portfolio of high quality commercial assets in Singapore and Australia.

Nova Properties is near to key landmarks such as the Buckingham Palace, Westminster Abbey and the Houses of Parliament. The buildings are also situated opposite the Victoria Station, an important interchange for the London Underground network and Victoria Coach station.

Key tenants at Nova Properties include Atkins, The Argyll Club, a government ministry, Vitol and BlueCrest. In terms of sustainability, Nova Properties has an Office BREEAM rating of "Very Good" and Retail BREEAM rating of "Good".

In equal partnership with Landsec, one of the largest commercial property development and investment companies in the United Kingdom, Suntec REIT holds 50.0% interest in the property.



## **STRONG TENANT MIX**

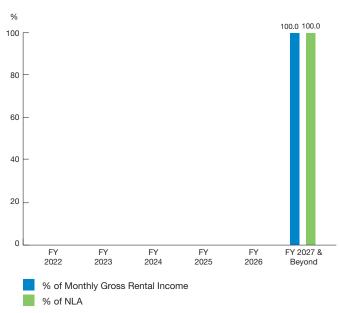
For the month of December 2021, 23.0% of the total gross revenue was attributable to the Consultancy / Services sector.

## **LEASE EXPIRY PROFILE**

With the long lease tenures, the leases are only due to expire in FY 2027 and beyond.

## NOVA PROPERTIES LEASE EXPIRY PROFILE

As at 31 December 2021



The Manager's objective for Nova Properties is to generate stable income from the property for Suntec REIT unitholders.

# THE MINSTER BUILDING

LONDON





**Total Net Lettable Area** 293,398 sq ft



**Number of tenants** 



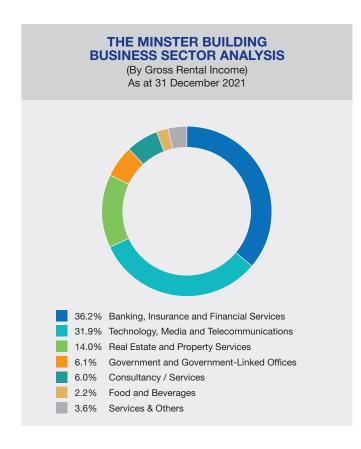
**Market Valuation** \$\$633.8 million<sup>4,5</sup>

# **Property Statistics**

As at 31 December 2021 The Minster Building, 21 Mincing Lane, London EC3 Location Leasehold expiring on 23 October 2989 Title Net Lettable Area 293,398 sq ft Car Park Lots Purchase Price S\$666.0 million1,2,3 Market Valuation S\$633.8 million4,5 S\$12.5 million6 Gross Revenue Net Property Income S\$11.5 million6 Committed Occupancy 96.7%

### Notes:

- Based on exchange rate of £\$1.00 = S\$1.8866 at the time of acquisition.
- The purchase price took into account an independent valuation of £\$370.0 million.
- Based on capitalisation approach.
- The valuation reflects the price that would be received from the sale of the investment property where the Purchaser's cost (including stamp duty) is assumed to be 6.8%, in line with accounting standards. The valuation based on the price that would be received for the sale of the special purpose vehicle holding the investment property where the Purchaser's cost (excluding stamp duty) is assumed to be 1.8% is S\$665.0 million.
- Based on exchange rate of £1.00 = S\$1.8193 as at 31 December 2021.
- For the period from 28 July 2021 to 31 December 2021 and based on exchange rate of £1.00 = S\$1.8506.



The Minster Building is a Grade A office building strategically located within City of London's central business district with extensive connection to London's transportation network. The 11-storey property had undergone significant refurbishment which was completed in 2018.

The Minster Building marks Suntec REIT's second acquisition into London and the asset is a strategic fit with Suntec REIT's existing portfolio and enhances the resilience, diversification and income stability of Suntec REIT's portfolio.

The property is surrounded by several important institutions of historical significance and landmark attractions such as Lloyd's of London, The Bank of England, The Royal Exchange, Leadenhall Market, The Tower of London and Tower Bridge. The Minster Building is also within walking distance to Monument, Tower Hill and Liverpool train stations.

Key tenants at The Minster Building include ADM Investor Services Inc, Charles Taylor, Lyst, Spaces and Trustpilot. In terms of sustainability, The Minster Building has an Office BREEAM rating of "Very Good" and EPC Rating "C".

The acquisition of The Minster Building from IC Multi MB Limited and IC Multi HoldCo Limited was completed on 28 July 2021.

## **STRONG TENANT MIX**

For the month of December 2021, 36.2% of the total gross revenue was attributable to the Banking, Insurance and Financial Services sector.

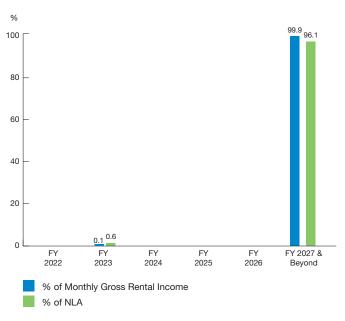


### **LEASE EXPIRY PROFILE**

With the long lease tenures, 0.6% of the total NLA are due to expire in FY 2023 with the balance 96.1% only due to expire in FY 2027 and beyond.

# THE MINSTER BUILDING LEASE EXPIRY PROFILE

As at 31 December 2021



The Manager's objective for The Minster Building to generate stable income from the property for Suntec REIT unitholders.

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## SINGAPORE OFFICE PROPERTY MARKET

#### 1. ECONOMIC OVERVIEW

According to the Ministry of Trade and Industry ("MTI"), the Singapore economy grew by 6.1% year-on-year ("y-o-y") in 4Q 2021, moderating from the 7.5% growth recorded in the previous quarter. This translated to an overall 7.6% expansion for the whole of 2021, a strong rebound from the 4.1% contraction in 2020. The pandemic-era recovery continued to play out, with growth recorded across all sectors of the economy with the construction and manufacturing sectors being the key drivers in 2021. The construction sector expanded by 20.1% y-o-y, supported by the gradual resumption of both public and private sector construction works. The manufacturing sector grew by 13.2% y-o-y, driven by the output expansions across all clusters, particularly the precision engineering and electronics clusters. Considering the global and domestic economic conditions, MTI has estimated Singapore's Gross Domestic Product ("GDP") growth for 2022 to be in the range of 3.0% to 5.0%.

# 2. OVERVIEW OF OFFICE MARKET

## 2.1 Demand, Supply and Occupancy

According to the Urban Redevelopment Authority ("URA"), the total existing islandwide stock of net office space in 4Q 2021 stood at 87.9 million sq ft, with almost 42.2 million sq ft of office space located within the Downtown Core.

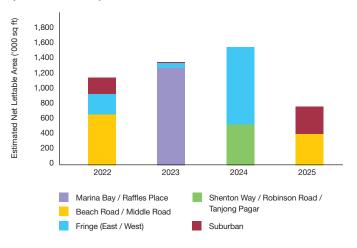
The Downtown Core saw the completion of several notable commercial buildings including CapitaSpring and Afro-Asia I-Mark which totalled about 798,000 sq ft. Demand for the new spaces remained healthy, evident from the high precommitment rate of around 90% at CapitaSpring.

The islandwide net occupied office inventory recorded a decline of over 613,000 sq ft in 2021 as businesses continued to adjust to a post-pandemic work environment. "Flight-to-quality" trends dominated the office space market in 2021, with corporates choosing to occupy higher quality offices with smaller footprints as workers adapt to flexible working arrangements. Meanwhile, non-bank financial and technology firms continued to drive new demand for office space. The islandwide office occupancy of 87.2% in 4Q 2021 was a slight 1 percentage point ("pp") decline from the 88.2% recorded in 4Q 2020.

### 2.2 Supply Pipeline

Based on URA information, Knight Frank estimates a new lettable office supply of approximately 6.6 million sq ft to be slated for completion between 2022 to 2026, of which over 4.3 million sq ft are currently under construction. Major projects expected to complete in 2022 include Guoco Midtown (657,000 sq ft), Rochester Commons (266,000 sq ft) and Hub Synergy Point (131,000 sq ft). Another key commercial development, IOI Central Boulevard Towers (1.3 million sq ft), is expected to complete in 2023 (Chart 1).

# CHART 1: UPCOMING SUPPLY OF OFFICE SPACES (2022 TO 2025)



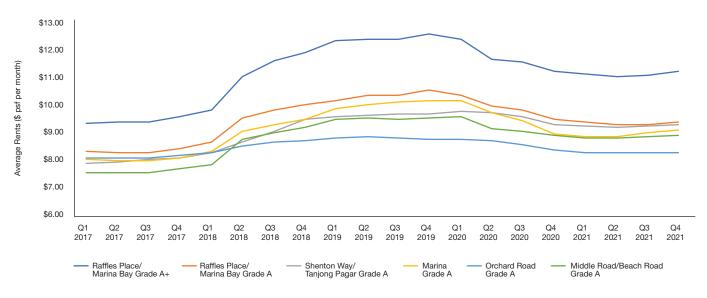
Source: Knight Frank, URA Realis (as at 4Q 2021)

#### 2.3 Rental Performance

Based on Knight Frank estimates, the Downtown Core prime grade (Grade A+/A) office rents exhibited flat growth overall in 2021 (Chart 2). Prime grade office rents fell moderately in the first half of the year, before bottoming out in 3Q 2021 and growing into the last quarter of the year. Prime grade office rents contracted 0.3% y-o-y to \$10.13 per sq ft per month (psf pm) in 4Q 2021, which is a marginal drop compared to the decline of 10.2% y-o-y in 2020.

Despite recurrent rounds of movement restrictions in response to intermittent surges in COVID-19 cases, office landlords and tenants were more composed with each subsequent round of tightening. Familiarity with work-from-home measures, adaptive practices, and a better appreciation for the pandemic-era need for office space gave corporates the confidence to continue to operate or even expand their business in Singapore.

#### **CHART 2: AVERAGE MONTHLY GROSS RENTS OF PRIME OFFICE SPACE**



Source: Knight Frank (as at 4Q 2021)

Note: Based on Knight Frank's basket of office properties

Downtown Core area comprises Raffles Place, Marina Bay, Marina, Shenton Way / Tanjong Pagar and Middle Road / Beach Road precincts

# 2.4 Outlook

The Information & Communications Technology ("ICT") and Finance & Insurance ("FI") sectors continued to be the key demand drivers for office spaces in Singapore in 2021 with expansionary demand from companies such as Sea Limited, TikTok, LinkedIn and Millennium Capital. This trend of business and real estate space expansions is envisaged to continue into 2022 as enterprises are anticipated to capture opportunities with an economic recovery outlook.

The Environment, Social and Governance ("ESG") agenda is surfacing as a value driver for real estate, with more companies incorporating ESG considerations into their investment strategies. Against the backdrop of environmental sustainability becoming an increasingly essential agenda for investors, there could be greater demand for high-quality green-certified offices spaces going forward.

The Singapore Government's effectiveness in handling the domestic COVID-19 situation and steadfast commitment to develop key economic sectors, coupled with Singapore's accommodative policies and reputation for stability, has continued to draw multi-national corporations to set up its base in Singapore as a gateway to the Asian markets.

However, as corporates continue to assess and recalibrate office space requirements in a post-pandemic environment, the role and demand for office space is expected to continue to evolve. As the office market transforms with hybrid-working brought from the periphery to the mainstream, the quantum of space required by businesses will be impacted. Meanwhile, co-working operators continue to expand their local offerings in anticipation of growing demand for more flexible workspaces in the remote working era.

Despite the general shrinkage in office space usage due to flexible workplace mandates, continued business growth, greater diversity of the enterprise environment and transformation of the thriving sectors of the Singapore economy are expected to translate into higher demand for office space in the longer term. The MTI has reiterated strong prospects for the ICT and FI sectors, with expectations that new-economy enterprises in these sectors will drive future GDP growth. As Singapore becomes more resilient to COVID-19 disruptions with its high vaccination rates and the limited pipeline of office supply, Knight Frank envisages prime office rents to grow by 3.0% to 5.0% for the whole of 2022, barring the impact of new virus strains, any calamitous pandemic-related developments and unforeseen geopolitical tensions.

# 3. OVERVIEW OF RETAIL MARKET

## 3.1 Retail Sales Performance

Based on updates from the Department of Statistics, apart from January 2021, Singapore's Retail Sales Index ("RSI", excluding motor vehicles) recorded y-o-y improvement throughout the year. Despite a resurgence of COVID-19 cases in the second half of the year, the RSI registered a 9.3% y-o-y growth in December 2021.

The Watches & Jewellery category was the best performer amongst the various trade categories, with high-double, triple and even quadruple digit y-o-y growths recorded across the year, attributed in part to the low-base effects from 2020 and pent-up consumer demand for discretionary goods after a near two-year hiatus from leisure and travel. Computer & Telecommunications Equipment continued to see sustained growth, due to mandatory telecommuting and work-fromhome measures.

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Despite the establishment of Vaccinated Travel Lanes (VTL) with low-risk countries towards the latter half of 2021, Singapore's tourist arrivals and tourist receipts remained low. International visitor arrivals in Singapore totalled around 237,000 in 2021, distinctively lower than the prepandemic level of 19.2 million in 2019. Notwithstanding the low international visitorship, local spending rebounded quickly in 2021, where Singapore's 2021 retail sales totalled \$36.2 billion, with an average of approximately \$3.0 billion per month, which was comparable to a monthly average of \$3.2 billion in 2019. This demonstrated the resilience of local consumers as a key contributor to retail sales as safe management measures in Singapore are progressively lifted.

## 3.2 Demand, Supply and Occupancy

The existing total retail space totalled over 66.7 million sq ft as at 4Q 2021, representing an increase of 1.0% from 4Q 2020. In 2021, net new supply of retail space grew by about 646,000 sq ft, with both the private and public sectors contributing to the increase in new retail spaces. Major public sector retail completions in 2021 included Northshore Plaza 1 (60,000 sq ft) and Hougang Rivercourt (65,000 sq ft), both by the Housing Development Board (HDB). On the private

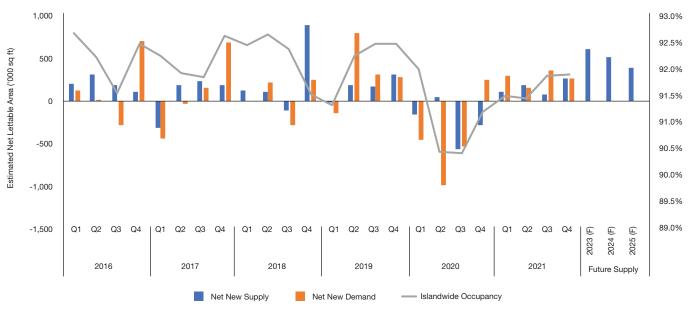
sector front, NTP+ (29,000 sq ft), a lifestyle mall of New Tech Park was opened in 2021. I12 Katong (207,000 sq ft) was progressively opened from 4Q 2021 following major asset enhancement works.

The easing in movement restrictions combined with a stronger spirit of enterprise from retailers allowed net new demand to stay positive in 2021, with a healthy level of 1.1 million sq ft of net new demand recorded. The recovery in demand juxtaposed with the relatively limited new supply contributed to an increase in islandwide occupancy rates, growing 0.7 pp from 91.2% in 4Q 2020 to 91.9% in 4Q 2021 (Chart 3).

## 3.3 Supply Pipeline

Based on URA's data, Knight Frank projects some 2.4 million sq ft of new lettable retail space to come on stream from 2022 to 2026. Notable retail developments expected in 2022 include Anchorvale Village (56,000 sq ft), alterations and additions ("A&A") to existing Shaw Plaza (62,000 sq ft), A&A to Grantral Mall (61,000 sq ft) and Northshore Plaza II (84,000 sq ft). Beyond 2022, two mixed-use residential/retail developments - The Woodleigh Mall (94,000 sq ft in 2023) and The Sengkang Grand Mall (64,000 sq ft in 2024) are slated for completion.

# CHART 3: RETAIL SPACE CHANGE IN DEMAND AND SUPPLY (2016 TO 2025F) AND OCCUPANCY

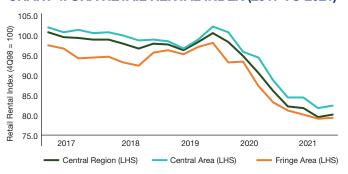


Source: Knight Frank, URA Realis (as at 4Q 2021)

#### 3.4 Retail Rental Index

Impacted by the lack of international visitors and low volume of workers returning to offices, the URA Retail Rental Index for the Central Region declined 6.8% y-o-y to reach 80.3 in 4Q 2021 (Chart 4).

## **CHART 4: URA RETAIL RENTAL INDEX (2017 TO 2021)**



Source: Knight Frank, URA Statistics (as at 4Q 2021)

#### 3.5 Outlook

As more employees return to the workplace from January 2022 onwards, Singapore's continued journey towards living with COVID-19 is expected to support recovery in the retail market. This endemic policy coupled with the progressive resumption of cross-border travel and a possible return of tourists with expanding VTL should benefit retail locations in the Orchard and CBD areas.

With prime retail rents in suburban malls already showing signs of bottoming out in 4Q 2021, retail locations in Orchard and the CBD could follow suit in its rental recovery as the overall retail environment recovers in 2022. As such, Knight Frank envisages that islandwide retail rents could rebound in 2022, growing by 3.0% to 5.0% for the whole year, barring any regressive measures to contain COVID-19 and other unforeseen macroeconomic conditions.



# **AUSTRALIAN OFFICE PROPERTY MARKET**

### 1.0 ECONOMIC OVERVIEW

The Australian economy is expected to grow strongly in 2022 despite the emergence of the Omicron variant late last year. The National Australia Bank expects to see above-trend GDP growth of 3.5% this year, followed by close to average growth of 2.1% in 2023.

In 4Q 2021, household consumption accounted for 50% of GDP in nominal terms compared to 54% in 4Q 2019. While nominal household consumption has recovered to be 3.7% above pre-pandemic levels, other GDP components have seen stronger growth during the pandemic, such as government consumption and investment, private investment, and exports, which are up 11.3% supported by higher commodity prices and expanded resource export volumes. Household consumption is envisaged to be a key driver of growth in 2022 given the current strong consumer spending recovery and the rapid rebound in the labour market.

Growth in headline inflation globally has increased significantly over the past year, driven by pent-up demand, supply chain bottlenecks, and higher commodity and energy prices. Higher inflation has brought forward monetary policy tightening by major central banks.

In Australia, where growth in inflation and wages are less pronounced than other major advanced economies, the Reserve Bank of Australia ("RBA") has also signalled an earlier tightening of monetary policy than previously anticipated but continues to suggest it will likely lag other major central banks in raising interest rates. While nominal interest rates are set to rise, real interest rates have fallen to near-record low levels, which will boost demand for risk assets including property.

# 2.0 OVERVIEW OF AUSTRALIA OFFICE MARKET

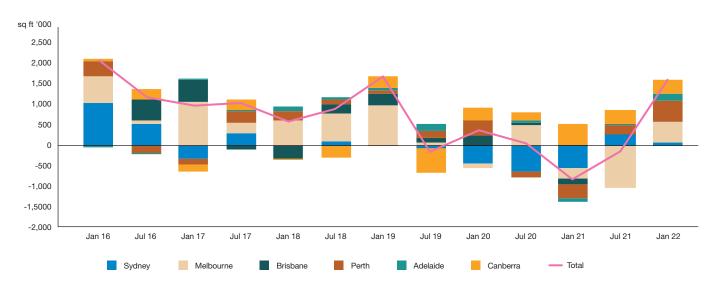
The rebound in economic activity and stronger employment growth are driving renewed confidence in Australia's office property market and this is expected to translate into stronger demand for office space in 2022. Net absorption rose in the major capital city markets in 2021, a notable turnaround from the sizable fall in 2H 2020. Higher office supply is expected to drive the vacancy rate higher in Sydney and Melbourne in the first half of this year before generally stronger net absorption leads to lower vacancy over the next few years (Chart 1).

Average prime incentives<sup>1</sup>, which have risen sharply in most markets since the onset of the pandemic, have stabilised in most markets and are expected to begin to decline in near future driving stronger effective rental growth over the next few years. Activity in investment markets is recovering from the sharp slowdown in 2020 but generally remained well below pre-pandemic levels. Prime office yields<sup>2</sup> tightened from 5.20% to 4.95% in 2021 reflecting sustained investor demand for high-quality assets amid the sharp fall in real interest rates.

- Incentives are inducements (such as rent-free periods or fit-out contributions) offered by the landlord in order to secure a tenancy agreement and are expressed as a percentage of the contractual rent (either on a gross or net rent basis depending on the market). Average prime incentives refer to the average incentive offered on a representative basket of office properties rated as either "Premium" or "A grade" by the Property Council of Australia and Knight Frank Australia on a quality scale ranging from "Premium" (highest rating) to "D grade" (lowest rating).
- 2 Prime yield refers to the prevailing yield as assessed by Knight Frank Australia on a representative basket of office properties rated as either "Premium" or "A grade" by the Property Council of Australia and Knight Frank Australia.

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## **CHART 1 - NET ABSORPTION**

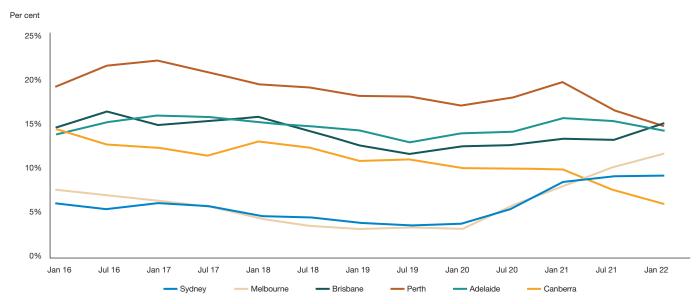


Source: Knight Frank, Property Council of Australia

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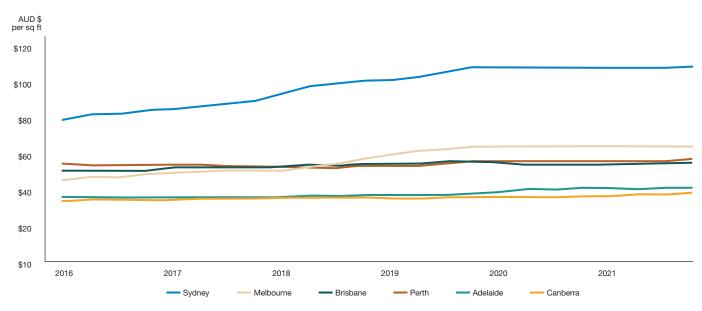
Net absorption is the sum of square feet that became physically occupied minus the sum of square feet that became physically vacant during a specific time period.

# **CHART 2 - CBD OFFICE VACANCY RATE**



Source: Knight Frank, Property Council of Australia

# **CHART 3 - PRIME NET FACE RENTS**

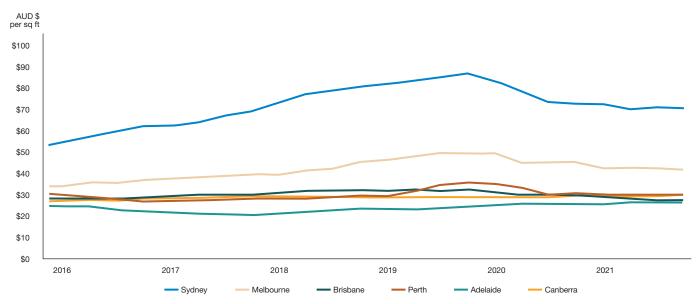


Source: Knight Frank

## Note:

Net face rent refers to the contractual rent less outgoings such as property and land taxes, insurance, repairs and maintenance, and management fees.

# **CHART 4 - PRIME NET EFFECTIVE RENTS**



Source: Knight Frank Research

#### Note:

Net effective rents are net face rents less any incentives offered by the landlord such rent-free periods or contributions to new fit-out costs. Effective rent is a measure the economic rents paid by the tenant.

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#### 3.0 SYDNEY CBD MARKET

## 3.1 Demand, supply and occupancy

Demand for office space in the Sydney CBD is rebounding. Leasing activity picked up in 2021 reflecting stronger employment growth and a gradual transition back to the office. Net absorption in the Sydney CBD rose by 356,000 sq ft in 2021 following a 1.2 million sq ft decline in 2020. An 870,000 sq ft increase in net supply drove the vacancy rate to 9.3% in January 2022, up from 8.6% the year before.

#### 3.2 Investment activities

Investment volume increased in 2021, with A\$4.5 billion transacted in the Sydney CBD, but activity remains well below the record high volume of A\$9.2 billion in 2019. Blackstone's acquisition of a 50% stake in Grosvenor Place for A\$925 million and Mirvac's and M&G's purchase of a half stake in the EY Centre boosted total volume. The Sydney CBD average prime office yield has tightened by 10 basis points ("bps") over the past year to 4.40%.

#### 3.3 Supply pipeline

The upcoming pipeline of new projects currently under construction totals over 2.5 million sq ft by mid-2024. This includes Quay Quarter Tower (946,000 sq ft, 1H 2022, 85% pre-committed), Circular Quay Tower (592,000 sq ft; 2H 2022, 55% pre-committed), and Parkline Place (529,000 sq ft; 2H 2023).

# 3.4 Rental performance

Prime net face rents remained relatively stable in 2021 (Chart 2). After rising sharply in 2020, prime incentives have stabilised and averaged 31.6% of gross face rent as at January 2022, up from 30.0% a year earlier, leading to a 2.9% fall in net effective rents over the year (Chart 3).

## 3.5 Outlook

The Sydney CBD vacancy rate is expected to peak in the mid-10% range in mid-2022 before gradually declining. Incentives will likely decline steadily from 2022, driving stronger effective rental growth. Investment activity is expected to continue to strengthen, boosted by sustained investor appetite for prime assets with long and stable income streams in a higher inflation and low real interest rate environment.

# **4.0 MELBOURNE CBD MARKET**

### 4.1 Demand, supply and occupancy

While the Victorian economy is rebounding strongly following the easing of COVID-19 restrictions, Melbourne has been hard hit by the pandemic due to the city's relatively long time spent in lockdown. Net absorption for Melbourne CBD declined by 615,000 sq ft in 2021 (with the weakness concentrated in the first half of the year and a rebound in the second half). Reflecting weaker demand and a significant amount of new supply in 2021, the CBD office vacancy rate rose to 11.9% in January 2022, up from 8.4% the year before (Chart 2).

#### 4.2 Investment activities

Investment volume in 2021 remained roughly in line with 2020 levels at around \$2.0 billion. The acquisition by South Korea's National Pension Service of Melbourne Quarter Tower for A\$1.2 billion from Lendlease was a key driver of total volume. The average prime CBD office yield has tightened by 15 bps over the past year to average 4.60%.

## 4.3 Supply pipeline

Following a large influx of new supply in 2020 and 2021, office completions in the Melbourne CBD are set to moderate over the next few years, with 740,000 sq ft and 1.3 million sq ft of office space due for completion in 2022 and 2023 respectively. This includes 140 Lonsdale Street (240,000 sq ft; 2H 2022), and 555 Collins Street (520,000 sq ft; 2H 2023).

### 4.4 Rental performance

Prime net face rents have remained stable over the past year (Chart 3). Average prime incentives rose to 38% as at January 2022, up from 37% three months before and 33% a year earlier. Prime net effective rents have declined by 7.5% over the past year (Chart 4).

#### 4.5 Outlook

The vacancy rate is expected to peak in 2022 before falling back as demand for office space continues to strengthen. Net absorption turned positive in 2H 2021, and robust employment growth is expected to support stronger demand. Face rental growth is likely to remain subdued over the next few years, but declining incentives will likely drive a rebound in effective rents. Investment activity is expected to continue to recover, supported by low real interest rates and demand for prime office assets.

# **5.0 ADELAIDE CBD OFFICE MARKET**

# 5.1 Demand, supply and occupancy

Net absorption in the Adelaide CBD rose by 190,000 sq ft in 2021, after a 34,200 sq ft fall in 2020. Stronger demand for office space and a small decline in net supply saw the CBD vacancy rate fall from 16.0% in January 2021 to 14.5% in January 2022 (Chart 2).

## 5.2 Investment activities

Investment activity in the CBD has picked up, with A\$552.6 million transacted in 2021, up from A\$402.0 million in 2020. Yields have tightened sharply with the average prime CBD yield falling by 75 bps over the year to 5.15% in January 2022.

# 5.3 Supply pipeline

No new developments are expected in 2022. There is expected to be a large influx of new supply in 2023, with 1.3 million sq ft (equivalent to 7.7% of total CBD office stock) due to reach completion. These developments include 73-85 Pirie Street (343,000 sq ft), Festival Plaza (477,000 sq ft), and 60 King William Street (429,000 sq ft).

### 5.4 Rental performance

Prime net face rents broadly remained stable in 2021 (Chart 3), while prime net effective rents rose by 0.6% over the same period (Chart 4).

#### 5.5 Outlook

Vacancy in the Adelaide CBD is likely to continue to decline in 2022 reflecting the ongoing recovery in tenant demand. However, vacancy is set to rise again in 2023 with the completion of several major new developments. Against the backdrop of the likely continuation of above-average vacancy, rental growth is expected to be subdued.



# **LONDON OFFICE PROPERTY MARKET**

#### 1.0 ECONOMIC OVERVIEW

Despite renewed caution and containment measures amid the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, independent forecaster Oxford Economics expects London to be one of the best performing European cities in 2022. The London economy is becoming increasingly diverse, with the growing presence of knowledge and creative sectors such as life sciences and technology start-ups. Oxford Economics forecast GDP growth of the UK economy to be 3.7% in 2022.

Rising energy cost feeding into higher rates of inflation is a global issue and the UK is not immune. With wages not rising above the level of inflation, growth in consumer spending is expected to slow in 2022, barring the extent of interest

rate adjustments. Knight Frank expects rising inflation to be transient and interest rate rises to be minimal.

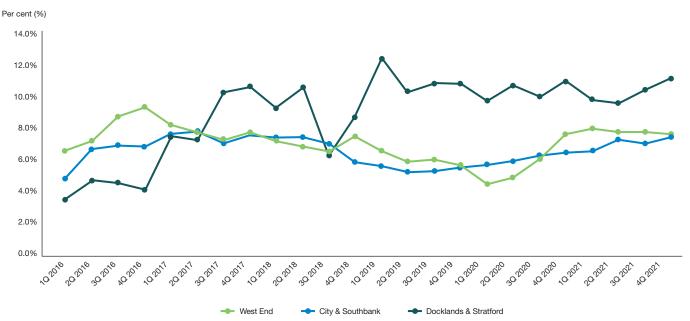
The impact of Brexit has led to a limited number of enterprises in London's financial sector re-locating to other European capitals. Consequently, the loss in jobs has been significantly less than previously expected. A trade deal for financial services has yet to be finalised. In the absence of a deal, the UK is likely to implement soft de-regulation in order to improve London's ability to provide access to capital.

In the long run, London is well placed to benefit from the re-allocation of resources to cities where the stock of green and best-in-class buildings are increasingly sought after by corporate tenants. Changes to London's built environment to pursue environmental sustainability and reduce carbon emissions are ahead of many leading global cities.

## 2.0 LONDON OFFICE MARKET OVERVEW

There was 3.2 million sq ft of office lettings in London in 4Q 2021 – the first quarter of above long-term trend take-up (3.0 million sq ft) since 4Q 2019. Compared with 2020, office lettings rose by 61.6% to 8.8 million sq ft in 2021.

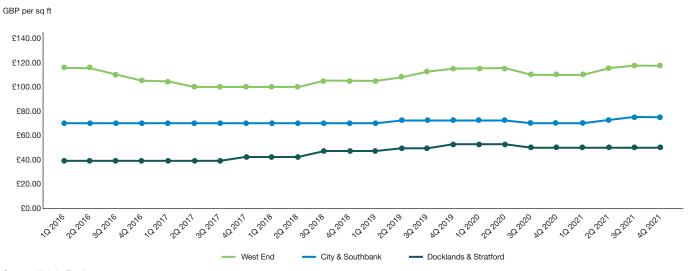
# **CHART 1 - VACANCY RATE ACROSS LONDON MARKETS**



Source: Knight Frank

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#### **CHART 2 - PRIME RENT ACROSS LONDON MARKETS**



Source: Knight Frank

Availability rose by 1.8 million sq ft to 19.4 million sq ft in 2021, significantly higher than the ten-year average of 15.1 million sq ft. Nevertheless, the increase in available stock has slowed considerably in 2021, reflected by a marginal rise of 0.5 pp in vacancy rates to 7.9% in 2021 (Chart 1).

Almost three-quarters of take-up in 2021 was by professional services (26.1%), Technology, Media and Telecommunications ("TMT") companies (25.5%) and financial services (18.4%). Near-term demand is supported by 7.6 million sq ft of active requirements (i.e., for space to be occupied in the next 12-18 months), nearly one-third of which are from financial services at 29.8%. Professional services and TMT both account for 26.1% each. This demonstrates a gain of momentum of London's occupational market and suggests a notable flow of future transactions.

On an annual basis, there was 3.8 million sq ft of completions in 2021 – a fall of 24.1% y-o-y. As at end 2021, about 12.3 million sq ft of developments currently under construction is expected to complete by 2025. The average level of takeup of new/refurbished space in London is 5.0 million sq ft, therefore the market will be under-supplied of the best quality space by approximately 8.0 million sq ft. This occurs at a time when demand for space with the highest environmental accreditation and in locations with a high level of amenity offering is especially strong.

Investment turnover in London offices increased markedly in 2021 to £12.3 billion as restrictions on international travel eased and relative pricing with other European markets highlighted a positive yield spread. Strong demand for ESG compliant buildings in amenity-rich and well-connected locations has resulted in yields falling in both City Core and West End Core markets by 25 bps. As of 4Q 2021, prime yields in the City Core and West End Core were 3.75% and 3.25% respectively.

Prime rents in the Core City and West End submarkets rose by approximately 7.0% in 2021 and are above prepandemic levels (Chart 2). There has been a marked shift in occupier demand for the best-in-class buildings since the onset of the pandemic. These are buildings which have an environmental accreditation, are energy efficient, have multinode connectivity and are located in amenity-rich locations. They are technologically capable and cater for employees' health and wellbeing. These buildings are in short supply and therefore achieving high rents. Coupled with the growing appreciation of living in an endemic state amid COVID-19 and business leaders requiring to advance their workplace transformation plans, rents are expected to move higher and rent-free periods to fall in 2022 by three months to 21-24 months for a 10-year lease.

### 3.0 WEST END OFFICE MARKET OUTLOOK

Take-up in the West End was 3.9 million sq ft in 2021, a rise of nearly 100.1% y-o-y compared to 2020, and 15.3% below the long-term average (Chart 3). The demand for office space was driven by TMT companies accounting for 31.6% of take-up in 2021. This was followed by financial services firms at 22.2% and manufacturing and corporates at 13.2%. There is 1.53 million sq ft of active office space requirements, primarily from financial services companies at 0.5 million sq ft and TMT companies at 0.4 million sq ft.

At the end of 2021 there was 6.9 million sq ft of available stock in the West End market, a rise of 2.5% y-o-y compared to 2020, implying a vacancy rate of 7.7%. Availability is currently 26.2% above the long-term trend. However, most of this space is of lower quality whilst the number of new buildings is in very short supply.

#### **CHART 3 - ABOVE TREND TAKE-UP IN LONDON**



Source: Knight Frank

Completions in 2021 amounted to 1.3 million sq ft compared with 0.5 million sq ft in 2020. There is 4.0 million sq ft of development activity slated for completion by 2024, of which 3.3 million sq ft is being built speculatively.

Prime headline rents in the West End are £117.50 per sq ft per annum in 2021 - a 6.8% increase during the year and above the level before the pandemic started.

Prime rents are expected to grow by a further 5.1% in the West End Core market in 2022. This raises rents to potentially £123.00 per sq ft by end of 2022.

Annual investment turnover in the West End was £4.8 billion in 2021, up from £4.6 billion in 2020. Investment demand was led by UK-based investors accounting for £1.8 billion of transactions. This total represented investments from UK institutions and UK-based asset managers investing on behalf of international institutions. The strength of investor demand has led to increased competition for prime developments and has resulted in prime yields falling by 25 bps during 2021. Given the availability of capital competing in a market with low levels of available stock, Knight Frank expects investors to increasingly seek repurposing opportunities within the secondary market in 2022, targeting the double-digit green rental and sales premium available.

# 4.0 CITY AND SOUTHBANK OFFICE MARKET OUTLOOK

Take-up in the City and Southbank market was 4.5 million sq ft in 2021, a rise of 50.3% y-o-y compared with 2020. Demand was driven by professional services firms accounting for 43.6% of take-up, followed by TMT companies at 20.7% and financial services at 15.7%. There is 4.3 million sq ft of active space requirements. Professional services firms account for the strongest level of demand with 1.7 million sq

ft of requirements, followed by finance and banking with 1.0 million sq ft and TMT with almost 1.0 million sq ft.

Availability rose by 16.8% y-o-y in 4Q 2021 to 9.8 million sq ft which was 19.5% above the long-term average vacancy rate of 7.4%. Similar to the West End, the majority of available buildings in the City and Southbank were refurbished and second-hand space whilst new buildings remained in short supply.

Prime headline rents in the City Core submarket rose by 7.1% y-o-y in 2021 to £75.00 per sq ft per annum and are now above pre-pandemic levels. Demand for prime space has been especially apparent in the pre-let market where occupiers are willing to commit to a new tenancy significantly ahead of lease expiry as the availability of best-in-class space is expected to remain low.

Completions totalled 2.0 million sq ft in 2021, a fall of almost half y-o-y. There are currently 8.6 million sq ft of schemes under construction which are slated for completion by 2025. Schemes being built speculatively represent 5.4 million sq ft of total construction activity.

Knight Frank envisages prime rents to increase by a further 5.9% in the City Core in 2022. This raises rents from £75.00 per sq ft to a likely level of £79.00 per sq ft by the end of this year.

Investment transaction in 2021 totalled £7.11 billion, an annual growth of 64.8%. The largest investor groups were UK-based with £1.5 billion of transactions, followed by the US with £1.4 billon and Germany with £1.13 billon. Prime yields in the City and Southbank market have fallen by 25 bps in 2021 to 3.75%. With existing office pricing and 'above inflation' income opportunities, investments are expected to continue to increase steadily in 2022, such as from global institutional investors.

# **Investor Communications**



The Manager is committed towards upholding the utmost standards of accountability to Suntec REIT's unitholders. It achieves this through good corporate transparency practices, maintaining an active channel of communication for investors, analysts and other stakeholders to access accurate and timely information on Suntec REIT, and in working towards fostering good long-term relationships with its stakeholders.

The senior management team of the Manager held regular virtual meetings and conference calls with institutional investors throughout the year. Our participation in various key regional equity and property conferences as well as seminars, enabled us to remain accessible to both institutional and retail investors and gave us the opportunity to provide key strategic and performance updates on Suntec REIT. The twelfth annual general meeting of Suntec REIT unitholders in April 2021, was held by electronic means and was well-attended by retail investors. It was an opportune time for senior management of the Manager to actively engage retail investors in their enquiries and discussions about Suntec REIT.

The Manager conducts regular business updates and post-results briefings on a quarterly and half-yearly basis respectively. There is extensive coverage on Suntec REIT, with research coverage by analysts from 18 local and foreign brokerage firms, providing a global reach to shareholders and potential investors worldwide.

The Suntec REIT website is regularly updated with current financial and corporate information on Suntec REIT, including press releases, announcements, corporate earnings results and other key information. Users can access the website at www.suntecreit.com to download these reports.

# **UNITHOLDER ENQUIRIES**

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## **INVESTOR RELATIONS ACTIVITIES IN 2021**

### January

- Annual General Meeting
- FY 2020 post-results investor meetings

#### April

• 1Q 2021 Updates investor meetings

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• BNP Paribas Singapore REITs Day

#### June

- UBS OneASEAN Conference 2021
- Citi Asia-Pacific Property Conference

#### July

• 1H 2021 post-results investor meetings

#### August

• Citi-SGX-REITAS REITs and Sponsors Forum 2021

# September

- CITIC CLSA Flagship Investors' Forum
- SGX-CS Real Estate Day 2021

## October

• 3Q 2021 Updates investor meetings

# PROPOSED SUNTEC REIT FY 2022 CALENDAR

#### **April 2022**

• First Quarter Business Updates

### May 2022

• Payment of First Quarter distribution

#### July 2022

· Announcement of the Half Year results

## August 2022

· Payment of Second Quarter distribution

## October 2022

Third Quarter Business Updates

# November 2022

Payment of Third Quarter distribution

#### January 2023

Announcement of the Full Year results

### February 2023

• Payment of Fourth Quarter distribution

# Risk Management

The Manager recognises that effective and proactive risk management is an important part of Suntec Real Estate Investment Trust's ("Suntec REIT") business strategy. The Board and the Audit Committee (the "AC") are responsible for ensuring that the Manager establishes robust risk management policies and procedures to safeguard Suntec REIT's assets and address its strategic, operational, financial and compliance risks.

Suntec REIT's enterprise risk management framework (the "ERM Framework") is adapted from The Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (the "COSO Model"). The COSO Model is designed to provide reasonable assurance on safeguarding of assets, maintenance of reliable and proper accounting records, compliance with relevant legislations and against material misstatement of losses.

The Manager applies the ERM Framework as a structured process in making risk-based strategies and decisions across respective functions, identifying potential issues and events that may affect Suntec REIT, managing risks to an acceptable residual level and within risk appetite as approved by the Board and the AC and providing assurance to the Board that the system of risk management and internal controls is adequate and effective in mitigating the identified risks.

In its ERM Framework, key risks and mitigating controls of the risk profile are identified, reviewed and monitored by the Manager together with the relevant departments and reported to the AC on a regular basis. The risk profiles highlight the changes in risk assessment, quantitative and qualitative factors affecting the inherent risk levels and effectiveness of mitigating controls to arrive at the residual risks, which is within the risk appetite or tolerance approved by the Board. In addition, the internal auditors perform a review of the risk profile as part of the internal audit plan approved by the AC, providing reasonable assurance to the AC on the adequacy and effectiveness of the risk management system.

The key risks identified include but are not limited to:

## STRATEGIC RISK

Strategic risks relate to sustainable long-term growth in Net Asset Value and distribution income of Suntec REIT. The Manager proactively manages Suntec REIT's asset portfolio to maximise returns, through acquisitions, pro-active asset enhancements, as well as divesting of non-core assets at an opportune time.

All investment proposals are subject to a rigorous, disciplined and thorough evaluation process according to the relevant investment criteria including, but not limited to, alignment to Suntec REIT's investment as well as environmental, social and governance objectives, asset quality, location, total expected returns, growth potential and sustainability of asset performance, taking into account the existing economic and financial market conditions.

Asset enhancement, development and/or redevelopment initiatives are initiated when necessary to ensure that Suntec REIT's properties remain competitive. To mitigate against execution risks, the Manager has in place a robust tender assessment and selection process as well as regular project control group meetings to monitor and track development milestones, project budget and pre-leasing status.

## **OPERATIONAL RISK**

The Manager has established and strictly adhered to a set of standard operating procedures ("SOPs") to identify, monitor and manage operational risks associated with day-to-day activities, sustainability targets and maintenance of Suntec REIT's properties. The SOPs are reviewed periodically to ensure relevance, effectiveness and they are in line with industry best practices. In addition, compliance is reinforced by staff training and regular checks by the internal auditors.

To mitigate against leasing risk, the Manager employs proactive leasing strategies including actively engaging tenants for forward renewals, active marketing of spaces to minimise vacancy, spreading out the portfolio lease expiry profile as well as achieving a diversified tenant base to reduce concentration risk.

Human capital risk is mitigated by maintaining a robust human resource policy which includes interview assessment of selected candidates, fair and competitive remuneration and welfare benefits in line with industry conditions, and personal development and training opportunities to enhance staff progression and retention in a conducive workplace.

A business continuity plan is in place to mitigate the business continuity risk of interruptions or catastrophic loss to its operations arising from unanticipated events such as outbreak of contagious diseases, natural disasters like flood, bush fires and earthquakes. In addition, Suntec REIT's properties are also properly insured in accordance with current industry practices. The Information Technology ("IT") team from the Manager's parent company, ARA Asset Management Limited ("ARA") has in place a disaster recovery plan which is reviewed and tested periodically. Globally, as cybersecurity threats (e.g. phishing and malware) are occurring more frequently due to work-from-home arrangements and COVID-19 themed lures, there are multiple layers of security incorporated across the IT landscape. Periodic IT security trainings are conducted for new and existing employees to raise IT security awareness on the evolving threats landscape such as spotting potential phishing attempts and simulated phishing exercises. Technical implementations such as Secure Access Service Edge ("SASE"), antivirus, firewalls, monitoring and alerts and Multi-Factor Authentication ("MFA") are also applied to reduce the varying risk of cyber security attacks across the IT spectrum. Policies and processes are also in place to verify, review and ensure that measures are updated and followed to ensure consistency and business continuity.

# Risk Management

#### **FINANCIAL RISK**

The Manager actively and closely monitors Suntec REIT's financial risks and capital structure under both normal and stressed conditions. The Manager ensures that funding sources are diversified and that the maturity profile of borrowings is well spread. Borrowings are refinanced early, where possible, to reduce refinancing risk and lengthen debt maturity. The Manager also adheres closely to the bank covenants in loan agreements and also abides by the requirements set out in Appendix 6 of the Code of Collective Investment Schemes issued by the Monetary Authority of Singapore (the "MAS").

Interest rate risk is monitored on a continuing basis with the objective of limiting Suntec REIT's exposure to changes in interest rates. The Manager manages Suntec REIT's exposure to interest rate volatility through interest rate swaps. The Manager proactively seeks to mitigate interest rate risks and, as at end 2021, approximately 53.4% of Suntec REIT's consolidated borrowings were either hedged or on fixed rates.

Credit risk is mitigated by conducting tenant credit assessments. For new leases, credit evaluation is performed and on an on-going basis, tenant credit and arrears are closely monitored by the property managers. Credit risks are further mitigated through the upfront collection of security deposits of an amount typically equivalent to three months' rental.

The Manager monitors Suntec REIT's foreign currencies exposure regularly and manages the exposure through appropriate financial instruments such as forward currency contracts. The Manager follows a set of foreign currency hedging guideline and forward-hedged the net income for its overseas assets.

#### **COMPLIANCE RISK**

Suntec REIT is subject to applicable laws and regulations of the various jurisdictions in which it operates, including the Listing Manual of the Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited, the Code of Collective Investment Schemes issued by the MAS and tax rulings issued by the Inland Revenue Authority of Singapore. The Manager, being a Capital Markets Services ("CMS") Licence holder, is required to comply with the conditions of the CMS Licence for REIT Management issued by the MAS under the Securities and Futures Act 2001 of Singapore.

The Manager has put in place policies and procedures with the necessary checklists to facilitate compliance with the applicable laws and regulations. The Manager works closely with external legal professionals and internal compliance support from ARA on legal and regulatory matters. The Manager stays well informed of the latest developments on the relevant laws and regulations through training and attending relevant seminars.

ARA Trust Management (Suntec) Limited, as the manager of Suntec Real Estate Investment Trust ("Suntec REIT", and the manager of Suntec REIT, the "Manager"), adopts an overall corporate governance framework designed to meet best practice principles. The Manager recognises that an effective corporate governance culture is fundamental to delivering its success to Suntec REIT and the Manager has an upmost obligation to act honestly, with due care and diligence, and in the best interests of unitholders of Suntec REIT ("Unitholders").

The Manager holds a Capital Markets Services ("CMS") Licence issued by the Monetary Authority of Singapore (the "MAS") to carry out REIT management activities. Accordingly, the Manager shall comply with the regulations as required under the licensing regime for REIT Managers.

The Manager is committed to its corporate governance policies and practices and observes high standards of conduct in line with the recommendations of the Code of Corporate Governance 2018 (the "2018 CG Code"), the listing manual of the Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited (the "Listing Manual" of "SGX-ST") as well as other applicable rules and regulations.

The following segments set out the Manager's main corporate governance policies and practices for the financial year ended 31 December 2021 ("FY 2021"). They encompass proactive measures for avoiding situations of conflict or potential conflicts of interest, prioritising the interests of Unitholders, complying with applicable laws and regulations, and ensuring that the Manager's obligations under the Trust Deed (as defined below) are properly and efficiently carried out. For FY 2021, the Manager confirms that it has adhered to the principles and provisions as set out in the 2018 CG Code. Where there are any deviations from the 2018 CG Code, such as in respect of the independence composition, the establishment of a nominating and a remuneration committee, the disclosure of remuneration, and the implementation of absentia voting at general meetings of Unitholders, the Manager will provide explanations for such deviations and details of the alternative practices adopted by the Manager, which are consistent with the intent of the relevant principles of the 2018 CG Code.

## THE MANAGER OF SUNTEC REIT

The Manager has general powers of management over the assets of Suntec REIT and its main responsibility is to manage Suntec REIT's assets and liabilities in the best interests of Unitholders. The Manager's executive officers are qualified CMS Licence representatives who fulfil the requirements under the applicable MAS regulations.

The primary role of the Manager is to set the strategic direction of Suntec REIT and make recommendations to HSBC Institutional Trust Services (Singapore) Limited, as the trustee of Suntec REIT (the "Trustee"), on the acquisition, divestment and enhancement of assets of Suntec REIT in accordance with its stated investment strategy.

Other main functions and responsibilities of the Manager include:

- 1. using its best endeavours to ensure that the business of Suntec REIT is carried out and conducted in a proper and efficient manner and to conduct all transactions with or for Suntec REIT at arm's length and on normal commercial terms;
- preparing property reports on a regular basis and annual business plans, which may contain forecasts on the net income, capital expenditure, sales and valuations, explanations of major variances from previous forecasts, written commentary on key issues and underlying assumptions on inflation, annual turnover, occupancy costs and any other relevant assumptions. The purpose of these reports is to monitor and explain the performance of Suntec REIT's assets;
- 3. ensuring compliance with the principles and provisions of the 2018 CG Code and other applicable laws, rules and regulations including the Securities and Futures Act 2001 (the "SFA"), the Securities and Futures (Licensing and Conduct of Business) Regulations (the "SF(LCB)R"), the Listing Manual, the Code on Collective Investment Schemes (the "CIS Code") issued by the MAS, including Appendix 6 of the CIS Code (the "Property Funds Appendix"), the Singapore Code on Takeovers and Mergers, the Trust Deed, the relevant MAS Notices and Guidelines, the tax ruling dated 15 June 2004 issued by the Inland Revenue Authority of Singapore, the CMS licensing conditions and all other relevant legislation or contracts;
- 4. attending to all communications with Unitholders; and

5. supervising the property managers who provide property management, lease management, marketing and marketing coordination services in relation to Suntec REIT's properties pursuant to the respective property management agreements.

The Manager was appointed in accordance with the terms of the trust deed constituting Suntec REIT dated 1 November 2004 which has been amended by a first supplemental deed dated 25 January 2006, a second supplemental deed dated 20 April 2006, a third supplemental deed dated 30 July 2007, a fourth supplemental deed dated 11 October 2007, a fifth supplemental deed dated 29 September 2008, a sixth supplemental deed dated 14 April 2010, a first amending and restating deed dated 7 September 2010, a second amending and restating deed dated 14 April 2016, a ninth supplemental deed dated 21 May 2018, a tenth supplemental deed dated 23 July 2018 and an eleventh supplemental deed dated 2 April 2020 (collectively, the "Trust Deed").

# (A) BOARD MATTERS

## THE BOARD'S CONDUCT OF AFFAIRS

Principle 1 The company is headed by an effective Board which is collectively responsible and works with Management for the long-term success of the company.

The board of directors of the Manager (the "Board" of "Directors") is entrusted with responsibility for the overall management of the Manager and its corporate governance, to establish goals for the management team of the Manager (the "Management"), hold the Management accountable for performance and monitor the achievement of these goals. All Directors are fiduciaries who act objectively in the best interests of Suntec REIT and hold Management accountable for performance. The Board sets an appropriate tone from the top and the desired organisational culture and ensures proper accountability within the Manager.

The Directors have the responsibility to act with due diligence in the discharge of their duties and ensure that they have the relevant knowledge to carry out and discharge their duties as directors, including understanding their roles as executive, non-executive and independent directors, the business of Suntec REIT and the environment in which Suntec REIT operates. The Directors are also required to dedicate the necessary effort, commitment and time and are expected to attend all Board meetings.

The Board is also responsible for the strategic business direction and risk management of Suntec REIT. All Board members participate in matters relating to corporate governance, business operations and risks, financial performance and the nomination and appointment of Directors. The Board has established a framework for the Management and Suntec REIT and the framework comprises a system of robust internal controls, risk management processes and clear policies and procedures and sets out the code of conduct and ethics of Suntec REIT. The Board also reviews the sustainability issues relevant to its business environment and stakeholders. Where a Director is conflicted in a matter, he or she will be required to disclose his or her interest to the Board, recuse himself or herself from the deliberations and abstain from voting on the matter. The Directors have complied with this practice and such compliance has been duly recorded in the minutes of meetings or written resolutions.

The Board has adopted a set of prudent internal controls to safeguard Unitholders' interests and Suntec REIT's assets. A set of internal guidelines set out the level of authorisation and financial authority limits for operating and capital expenditure, capital management, leasing and other corporate matters which facilitate operational efficiency with oversight by the Board. Apart from matters stated below that specifically require approval from the Board, the Board approves transactions which exceed established threshold limits, and delegates its authority for transactions below those limits to the relevant Board Committees (as defined below), where appropriate, and clearly communicates this to the Management in writing.

Matters that are specifically reserved for the Board's decision and approval include:

- corporate strategies and policies of Suntec REIT;
- financial restructuring;
- any material acquisitions and disposals;
- annual budgets;
- the release of half-year and full year results;
- audited financial statements;
- issue of new units of Suntec REIT ("Units");
- income distributions and other returns to Unitholders; and
- Interested Person Transactions (as defined below) of a material nature.

During FY 2021, the Board continuously monitors the impact of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and has been working closely with the Management in reviewing the business opportunities and challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic.

#### **BOARD COMMITTEE**

The Board is supported by various board committees, in particular, the audit committee (the "Audit Committee") and the designated committee (the "Designated Committee") (collectively referred to as the "Board Committees"), which assist the Board in discharging its responsibilities and enhancing its corporate governance framework. The Board has delegated specific responsibilities to these Board Committees and their composition, terms of reference and a summary of their activities are further described in this Report.

The Board accepts that while these Board Committees have the authority to examine particular issues in their specific areas respectively, the Board Committees shall report to the Board with their decision(s) and/or recommendation(s) and the ultimate responsibility on all matters lies with the Board.

The composition of each Board Committee is also reviewed as and when there are changes to Board members. Where appropriate, changes are made to the composition of the Board Committees, with a view of ensuring there is an appropriate diversity of skills, experience, and foster active participation and contributions from Board Committees' members.

# **Audit Committee**

The Audit Committee has its own terms of reference, operating under the authority delegated from the Board, with the Board retaining oversight. The Audit Committee's composition, terms of reference, delegation of authority to make decisions and a summary of its activities are set out in pages 80 to 83 of this Annual Report.

# **Designated Committee**

The Designated Committee has its own terms of reference and is tasked with assisting the Board in reviewing matters relating to financing, refinancing, hedging strategies and arrangements and transactions involving derivative instruments for hedging purposes, in accordance with its terms of reference. The Designated Committee also assists the Board in other reviews and projects.

No Designated Committee meeting was held during FY 2021. The Designated Committee reviewed matters relating to financing, refinancing and hedging arrangements through email communications with Management. The members of the Designated Committee comprise:

- Mr Chow Wai Wai, John (Chairman)
- Mr Yap Chee Meng (Member)
- Mr Chan Pee Teck, Peter (Member)
- Ms Seow Bee Lian, Cheryl\* (Member)

<sup>\*</sup> Ms Seow is the Chief Financial Officer of ARA Asset Management Limited ("ARA").

### **Meetings of Board and Board Committees**

The Board meets regularly to review the Manager's key activities. Board meetings are held once every quarter (or more often if necessary). Where necessary, additional meetings would be held to address significant transactions or issues requiring the Board Committees and Board's attention. The Constitution of the Manager allows Directors to convene meetings via teleconferencing, videoconferencing or other similar means of communication.

Prior to Board Committees and Board meetings and on an on-going basis, the Management provides complete, adequate and timely information to the Board on Suntec REIT's affairs and issues that require the Board's decision. Explanatory background information relating to matters brought before the Board includes quarterly investor slides, half-year and full year results announcements, budgets and documents related to the operational and financial performance of Suntec REIT.

Board Committees and Board meetings for the year are scheduled in advance to facilitate the Directors' administrative arrangements and commitments. The Board and Board Committees may also hold ad-hoc meetings as and when required. Board papers are generally circulated at least three (3) days in advance of each meeting and include background explanatory information for the Directors to prepare for the meeting and make informed decisions. Information provided to the Board includes financial performance, market and business developments, and business and operational information. Management also highlights key risk issues for discussion and confers with the Audit Committee and the Board regularly.

If a Director is unable to attend the Board meetings, he or she would review the Board papers and advise the Chairman or the chairman of the Board Committee of his or her views on the matters to be discussed and conveyed to other Directors at the meetings. The Board and Board Committees may also make decisions and approve matters by way of written resolutions. Where appropriate, Management will be requested to attend meetings of the Board and Board Committees in order to provide their input and insight into the matters being discussed, and to respond to any queries that the Directors may have.

The Chief Executive Officer ("CEO") keeps all Board members abreast of key developments and material transactions affecting Suntec REIT so that the Board is kept fully aware of its affairs, business, financial environment and risks faced by Suntec REIT and the Manager. All Directors have separate, independent and unrestricted access to the Management, the Company Secretary, the Internal Auditors and the External Auditors (each as defined herein), as well as other external advisers (where necessary), at all times and at the Manager's expense (where applicable).

In addition, Directors may request for briefings and discussions with Management on any aspect of Suntec REIT's operations and may request for any additional reports and documents requiring the Board's attention. When circumstances require, Board members may exchange views outside the formal environment of Board meetings.

The company secretary of the Manager (the "Company Secretary") and/or her authorised designate(s) attend(s) all Board meetings and assist(s) the Board in ensuring that Board procedures and all other rules and regulations applicable to the Manager are complied with. The Company Secretary advises the Board on governance matters and works with the Chairman to ensure that information flows within the Board and the Board Committees and between the Management and the Directors. The Company Secretary will also assist with professional development and training for Directors when required to do so. The appointment and the removal of the Company Secretary shall be reviewed and decided by the Board as a whole.

The Manager has in place procedures to enable Directors, whether as a group or individually, to obtain independent professional advice as and when necessary, in furtherance of their duties, at the Manager's expense. The appointment of such independent professional advisors is subject to approval by the Board.

Four Board meetings were held in FY 2021. The key deliberations and decisions taken at Board and Board Committees meetings are minuted. The attendance of the Directors at Board meetings and Board Committee meetings, as well as the frequency of such meetings, are set out below.

#### DIRECTORS' ATTENDANCE AT BOARD, AUDIT COMMITTEE AND UNITHOLDERS' MEETINGS IN FY 2021

|                          | Board M           | leetings                        | Audit Commit  | tee Meetings                    | General<br>Meetings                   |
|--------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------|---------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Directors                | Participation     | Attendance / Number of Meetings | Participation | Attendance / Number of Meetings | Attendance<br>/ Number of<br>Meetings |
| Ms Chew Gek Khim         | Chairman          | 4/4                             | NA            | NA                              | 1/1                                   |
| Mr Lim Hwee Chiang, John | Member            | 4/4                             | NA            | NA                              | 1/1                                   |
| Mr Yap Chee Meng         | Member            | 4/4                             | Chairman      | 4/4                             | 1/1                                   |
| Mr Chan Pee Teck, Peter  | Member            | 4/4                             | Member        | 4/4                             | 1/1                                   |
| Mrs Yu-Foo Yee Shoon     | Member            | 4/4                             | Member        | 4/4                             | 1/1                                   |
| Mr Lock Wai Han          | Member            | 4/4                             | Member        | 4/4                             | 1/1                                   |
| Mr Chow Wai Wai, John    | Member            | 4/4                             | NA            | NA                              | 1/1                                   |
| Mr Chong Kee Hiong       | Member and<br>CEO | 4/4                             | CEO           | NA                              | 1/1                                   |

#### **Professional Development**

Changes to regulations, policies and accounting standards are monitored closely. Where the changes have an important impact on Suntec REIT and its disclosure obligations, the Directors are briefed on such changes either during a Board meeting, at specially convened sessions by External Auditors, lawyers and professionals, or via circulation of Board papers. Relevant regulatory updates and news releases issued by the SGX-ST, the MAS and the Accounting and Corporate Regulatory Authority will also be circulated to the Board for information.

The Directors receive regular training and are able to participate in conferences, seminars or any training programme in connection with their duties such as those conducted by the Singapore Institute of Directors, SGX-ST and REIT Association of Singapore ("REITAS"). A list of training courses and seminars which might be of interest is sent to the Directors for their consideration. The costs of arranging and funding the training of the Directors will be borne by the Manager. The Manager notes the requirements under the 2018 CG Code and Listing Manual on the training requirements for directors with no prior experience on listed companies and would arrange for the necessary training for such directors in future appointment. No Director was appointed during FY 2021.

All approved Directors are given formal appointment letters explaining the terms of their appointment as well as their duties and obligations. An induction programme is arranged for new Directors to be briefed on the business activities of Suntec REIT and its strategic directions and policies. This allows new Directors to understand the business of the Manager and Suntec REIT as well as their directorship duties (including their roles as non-executive and independent directors).

### **BOARD COMPOSITION AND GUIDANCE**

Principle 2 The Board has an appropriate level of independence and diversity of thought and background in its composition to enable it to make decision in the best interests of the company.

The Board currently comprises eight members: one Executive Director, three Non-Executive Directors and four Independent Non-Executive Directors. The Chairman of the Board is Ms Chew Gek Khim and Non-Executive Directors make up a majority of the Board. Each Director is a well-respected individual from the corporate and/or industry circles with diverse experience and network.

The composition of the Board is determined using the following principles:

- 1. the Chairman of the Board should be a Non-Executive Director;
- 2. the Board should comprise Directors with a broad range of commercial experience including expertise in fund management and the property industry; and
- 3. at least half of the Board should comprise Independent Directors.

The Board seeks to continuously refresh its membership in an orderly and progressive manner, in line with its Board diversity policy and in compliance with the applicable regulatory requirements.

### **Independence composition**

The Independent Non-Executive Directors exercise objective judgement on Suntec REIT's affairs and are independent from Management. The independence of each Independent Director is reviewed upon appointment and thereafter annually by the Board through the annual independence declaration. The declaration makes reference to the guidelines set out in the 2018 CG Code and other applicable laws and regulations.

The assessment of a Director's independence takes into account, among others, the enhanced independence requirements and the definition of Independent Director as set out in the SF(LCB)R. An Independent Director is one who: (i) is independent in conduct, character and judgement, and has no relationship with the Manager, its related corporations, its shareholders who hold 5.0% or more of the voting shares (the "Substantial Shareholders"), or Unitholders who hold 5.0% or more of the Units (the "Substantial Unitholders") in issue, or its officers that could interfere, or be reasonably perceived to interfere, with the exercise of the Director's independence business judgement, in the best interests of the Unitholders; (ii) is independent from any management and business relationship with the Manager and Suntec REIT, and from every Substantial Shareholder of the Manager and any Substantial Unitholder; (iii) is not a Substantial Shareholder of the Manager or a Substantial Unitholder; (iv) has not served on the Board for a continuous period of nine years or longer; and (v) is not employed or has been employed by the Manager or Suntec REIT or any of their related corporations for the current year or any of the past three financial years and does not have an immediate family member who is employed or has been employed by the Manager or Suntec REIT or any of their related corporations for the current year or any of the past three financial years and whose remuneration is or was determined by the Board.

Each Independent Non-Executive Director has declared whether there were any relationships or any instances that would otherwise deem him or her not to be independent. None of the Independent Non-Executive Directors has served for a continuous period of nine years or longer on the Board. The Independence declarations have been duly reviewed by the Board. On the basis of the declarations of independence provided, the Board has determined that the Independent Non-Executive Directors are independent as defined under the relevant regulations. Each of the Independent Non-Executive Director has recused himself or herself from reviewing his or her own independence.

The Board has noted from Mr Lock Wai Han's independence declaration form that he is currently an Executive Director and CEO of OKH Global Ltd, a SGX-ST listed company, which is an associated corporation of a Substantial Unitholder. Notwithstanding such relationship, the Board notes that there had not been any transactions between OKH Global Ltd (and its related corporations) and Suntec REIT or the Manager (and their respective related companies). Where Mr Lock or any of his associates, has any interest in a transaction with Suntec REIT or the Manager, Mr Lock is also required to abstain from passing any related board resolutions or participating in the review and approval of such a transaction. As at the last day of FY 2021, Mr Lock was able to act in the best interests of all unitholders as a whole and the Board has determined and is satisfied that Mr Lock was able to act in the best interests of all unitholders as a whole.

All Non-Executive Directors contribute to the Board process by monitoring and reviewing Management's performance against their goals and objectives. Their views and opinions provide alternative perspectives to Suntec REIT's business and enable the Board to make informed and balanced decisions. Non-Executive Directors constructively provide inputs and enable the Board to interact and work with Management to establish strategies.

When reviewing Management's proposals or decisions, the Non-Executive Directors provide their objective judgement on business activities and transactions involving conflicts of interest and other complexities. The Non-Executive Directors and/or Independent Non-Executive Directors meet without the presence of the Management on a needs-basis, as led by the Independent Directors, and provides updates to the Board where necessary.

The composition of the Board is reviewed regularly to ensure that the Board has the appropriate mix of industry expertise and experience. In particular, the Board's diversity policy strives to ensure that the Board as a whole has the requisite background, gender mix and diverse experience and knowledge in business, accounting and finance and management skills critical to Suntec REIT's business. The Manager has adopted the Board Diversity Policy of ARA, which has an established framework for setting the board diversity approach, including the qualitative and measurable quantitative objectives to ensure diversity of its composition. The current composition of the Board has achieved the objectives of having international and industry experience, expertise in related fields including real estate, investing, financial and legal and gender and age diversity. Collectively and individually, the Directors act in good faith and exercise due diligence and care in the course of their deliberations and, at all times, consider objectively the interests of Suntec REIT and its Unitholders.

A healthy exchange of ideas and views between the Board and Management during regular meetings and updates enhances the management of Suntec REIT. This, together with a clear separation of roles between the Chairman and the CEO, establishes a healthy and professional relationship between the Board and Management.

The current composition of Independent Directors has made up half of the Board notwithstanding that the Chairman is non-independent. Under the 2018 CG Code, Independent Directors shall make up a majority of the Board where the Chairman is not independent (as required under Provision 2.2). Rule 210(5)(c) of the Listing Manual, which requires independent directors to make up at least one-third of the board, will come into effect on 1 January 2022. The Board will continuously review and increase its independence composition, where necessary. With three Non-Executive Directors and four Independent Non-Executive Directors making up a majority of the Board, the Board is satisfied and assured that no individual or group of Directors has unfettered powers of decision that could create a potential conflict of interest. Accordingly, the Board will also explain and implement additional measures to enhance its independence.

Based on the assessment of its independence element, the Board is of the view that the current composition of Directors provides an appropriate level of independence, in consideration of the following factors:

- (i) there are four Independent Non-Executive Directors and three Non-Executive Directors, out of a total of eight members. Independent Non-Executive Directors make up 50% of the Board and Non-Executive Directors make up 88% of the Board;
- (ii) the Independent Non-Executive Directors have been assessed based on the independence criteria which include (a) length of service not being more than nine years; (b) independence from management and business relationships with the Manager and Suntec REIT; (c) independence from Substantial Shareholders of the Manager and Substantial Unitholders; and (d) other factors described in Principles 2 and 4 of this report;
- (iii) a Lead Independent Director has been appointed given that the Chairman is a Non-Independent Director. The Lead Independent Director serves in a lead capacity to co-ordinate the activities of the non-executive members in circumstances where the Chairman is conflicted or when it is inappropriate for the Chairman to direct and address matters relating to Suntec REIT and its Unitholders; and
- (iv) interested Director(s) are required to abstain from voting when passing Board resolutions and the quorum for such matter must comprise a majority of Independent Non-Executive Directors, excluding such interested Director(s).

Based on the above assessment, the Board is of the view that the current composition of Directors, as a group, provide the appropriate balance and mix of skills, knowledge, experience, and other aspects of diversity such as gender and age and that the current Board size is appropriate, taking into consideration the nature and scope of Suntec REIT's operations. The Board values the benefits that diversity can bring to the Board in its deliberations by avoiding groupthink and fostering constructive debate. In addition, prior approval of the MAS is required for appointment of any Board member or the CEO. The Board will continue to review its composition to ensure that it adheres to the requirements under Principle 2. The Manager is accordingly of the view that its practice is consistent with the intent of Principle 2 of the 2018 CG Code as a whole.

Profiles of the Directors and other relevant information are set out on pages 15 to 18 of this Annual Report. There were no Alternate Directors appointed in FY 2021.

### **CHAIRMAN AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

Principle 3 There is a clear division of responsibilities between the leadership of the Board and Management, and no one individual has unfettered powers of decision-making.

The roles of Chairman and CEO are separate and held by Ms Chew Gek Khim and Mr Chong Kee Hiong respectively. The Chairman and the CEO are not immediate family members. In addition, the Board establishes and sets out in writing the division of responsibilities between the Chairman and the CEO. The separation of responsibilities between the Chairman and the CEO facilitates effective oversight and a clear segregation of duties and accountability. This ensures an appropriate balance of power, increased accountability and greater capacity of the Board for sound and independent decision making.

The Chairman leads the Board and ensures that its members work together with the Management in a constructive engagement manner and maintains open lines of communication to address strategies, business operations and enterprise issues. The Chairman also ensures that there is effective communication with Unitholders and promotes a culture of openness and a high standard of corporate governance. The Chairman presides over the Annual General Meeting ("AGM") each year and other Unitholders' meetings where she plays a pivotal role in fostering constructive dialogue between Unitholders, the Board and the Management.

The CEO has full executive responsibilities over the business direction and day-to-day operational decisions in relation to the management of Suntec REIT, in accordance with the objectives established by the Board. The CEO is a licensed representative approved by the MAS and is resident in Singapore.

Separately, a Lead Independent director, Mr Yap Chee Meng is available to Unitholders where they have concerns and for which contact through the normal channels of communication with the Chairman or Management are inappropriate or inadequate. The Lead Independent Director also co-ordinates meetings with other Independent Non-Executive Directors as and when required, without the presence of Management, and provides feedback to the Chairman.

### **BOARD MEMBERSHIP**

Principle 4 The Board has a formal and transparent process for the appointment and re-appointment of directors, taking into account the need for progressive renewal of the Board.

The Board has not established a nominating committee (as required under Provision 4.1) as the Board, taking into account the activities of Suntec REIT and its current Board composition, considers that the objectives of a nominating committee, as required under Principle 4, are currently achieved by the Board and consistent with the intent under Principle 4 of the 2018 CG Code. Therefore a separate committee, comprising at least three Directors (including the Lead Independent Director), a majority of whom, including the committee chairman are independent, is not necessary (as required under Provisions 4.1 and 4.2). The Board has assessed its independence element under Principle 2 and is of the view that it can effectively perform the role of a nominating committee.

The Board performs the various functions of the nominating committee, including:

- tabling nominations for appointment and re-appointment of Director(s) to the Board and reviewing as well as taking into account the succession plan and framework for the Chairman, the CEO and key management personnel;
- reviewing the structure, size and composition of the Board;
- reviewing the process and criteria for the evaluation of the overall performance of the Board, the Board Committees and the Directors;
- reviewing the independence of Board members; and
- reviewing the training and professional development of the Board and the Directors.

The Board believes that it can achieve orderly succession and renewal through continuously reviewing the appropriate composition of the Board.

In terms of succession plans, the Board has in mind the Manager's strategic priorities and the factors affecting the long-term success of the Manager. Further, the Board aims to maintain an optimal Board composition by considering the trends affecting the Manager, reviewing the skills needed and identifying gaps, including considering whether there is an appropriate level of diversity of thought. In addition, the Board considers different time horizons for succession planning as follows: (i) long-term planning, to identify competencies needed for the Manager's strategy and objectives; (ii) medium-term planning, for the orderly replacement of Board members and key management personnel, and (iii) contingency planning, for preparedness against sudden and unforeseen changes.

#### **Process for Appointment of New Directors**

When reviewing and recommending the appointment of new Directors, the Board takes into consideration the current Board's size and mix, core competencies and the principles outlined in the subsequent part of this Report. The Board has put in place a process for shortlisting, evaluating and nominating candidates for appointment as Directors. The selection and appointment of candidates is evaluated through taking into account various factors including the current and mid-term needs and goals of Suntec REIT, as well as the relevant skillsets and background of the candidates and their potential contributions as may be determined by the Board, which provide an appropriate balance and contribute to the collective skills, experience and diversity of the Board. Candidates may be put forward or sought through contacts and recommendations by the Directors or through external referrals where applicable.

### <u>Criteria for Appointment and Re-appointment of Directors</u>

The Board reviews each candidate's experience and ability to contribute to the guidance of the Manager in its management of Suntec REIT, including attributes such as complementary commercial experience, time commitment, financial literacy, reputation and whether he or she is a fit and proper person in accordance with the Guidelines on Fit and Proper Criteria issued by the MAS (which require the candidate to be competent, honest, to have integrity and be financially sound). The Board also determines whether its members as a whole have the skills, knowledge and experience required to achieve the objectives of Suntec REIT.

The Board unanimously approves the appointment of new Directors via Board resolution upon assessing the candidates' profiles and credentials. Once appointed, the Board ensures that new Directors are aware of their duties and obligations. For reappointment of Directors, the Board assesses the relevant Directors' performance (e.g. attendance, preparedness, participation and candour) as disclosed under Principle 5 below. The Board seeks to refresh its membership progressively, taking into account the balance of skills and experience, tenure and diversity, as well as benchmarking within the industry, as appropriate. No Board member is involved in any decisions relating to his or her own appointment or re-appointment.

### Review of Directors' Independence

The Board undertakes the role of determining the independence status of the Directors (as required under Provision 4.4) which was described under Principle 2 above. The independence of each Director is reviewed prior to the appointment and thereafter, annually with reference to the principles and provisions set out in the 2018 CG Code and applicable laws and regulations. Directors are expected to disclose any relationships with the Manager, its related corporation, its substantial shareholders, its officers or the substantial unitholders, if any, which may affect their independence, as and when it arises, to the Board.

In FY 2021, the Board has reviewed the Directors' independence declarations and determined that Mr Yap Chee Meng, Mr Chan Pee Teck, Peter, Mrs Yu-Foo Yee Shoon and Mr Lock Wai Han are independent and are free from any of the relationships stated in the 2018 CG Code, the Listing Manual and the SF(LCB)R, save for the relevant disclosure made under Principle 2 above in respect of Mr Lock Wai Han.

#### **Annual review of Directors' Time Commitments**

Although the Directors have other listed company board representations and principal commitments (as set out on pages 15 to 18 of this Annual Report), the Board has determined that each individual Director has been adequately carrying out his or her duties and has devoted sufficient time and attention to his or her role as a Director and to the affairs of the Manager (as required under Provisions 1.5 and 4.5) and this is being assessed as part of the Directors' annual performance review as disclosed in Principle 5 below. In FY 2021, the Directors attended Board meetings, had given feedback and participated constructively when discussing the activities of Suntec REIT. Their attendance record for FY 2021 is set out on page 71 of this Annual Report. The Board has undergone the self-assessment and also procured written confirmations from the Directors stating that they are able to carry out their duties as Directors of the Manager and they would address any competing time commitments that may arise, despite their multiple board representations. The Board is of the view that such external appointments do not hinder the Directors from carrying out their duties.

The Manager is of the view that its practice is consistent with the intent of Principle 4 of the 2018 CG Code as the Board can effectively perform the role of the nominating committee as a whole.

#### **BOARD PERFORMANCE**

Principle 5 The Board undertakes a formal annual assessment of its effectiveness as a whole, and that of each of its board committees and individual directors.

The Board believes that performance of the whole Board, Board Committees, the Chairman and individual Directors are assessed and reflected in their proper guidance, diligent oversight, able leadership and support that they lend to Management. The Board takes the lead to steer Suntec REIT in the appropriate direction under both favourable and challenging market conditions. Ultimately, the interests of Suntec REIT are safeguarded and reflected in the maximisation of Unitholders' value in the long-term performance of Suntec REIT.

As part of the Manager's commitment towards good corporate governance, the Board has implemented the objective performance criteria and a structured process in assessing the annual performance of the Board as a whole and of its Board Committees, as well as the contribution by the Chairman and each of its Director (as required under Provision 5.1). This process is facilitated by the Company Secretary as an external facilitator and it encompasses the use of confidential questionnaire, laying out the performance criteria determined by the Board. These criteria include an evaluation of the Board's oversight over the performance of Suntec REIT, the size and composition of the Board, overall governance and risk framework, Board meetings participation, access to information, as well as standards of individual Director's conduct, independence and performance, and the upkeep of their professional development. The results are aggregated and presented during the Board meetings for overall analysis, and where necessary, follow up actions are taken to enhance the effectiveness of the Board in discharging its duties and responsibilities. Save as disclosed above, the Company Secretary does not have any other connection with Suntec REIT, the Manager or any of the Directors.

For FY 2021, based on the assessment of the Board and individual Director's performance, the Board is satisfied with the overall result. The Board has also taken on feedback and will arrange an annual discussion amongst its members without the presence of Management.

The Manager is of the view that its practice is consistent with the intent of Principle 5 of the 2018 CG Code as the Board can effectively undertake a formal assessment of its effectiveness as a whole and that of its Board Committees and individual Directors.

### (B) REMUNERATION MATTERS

### PROCEDURES FOR DEVELOPING REMUNERATION POLICIES AND LEVEL AND MIX OF REMUNERATION

Principle 6 The Board has a formal and transparent procedure for developing policies on director and executive remuneration, and for fixing the remuneration packages of individual directors and key management personnel. No director is involved in deciding his or her own remuneration.

Principle 7 The level and structure of remuneration of the Board and key management personnel are appropriate and proportionate to the sustained performance and value creation of the company, taking into account the strategic objectives of the company.

The Board has assessed its independence element under Principle 2 and is of the view that the current composition of Directors provides sufficient strong independence to perform the role of a remuneration committee. Accordingly, the Board has considered that a separate remuneration committee, comprising at least three Directors and all members to be Non-Executive Directors, the majority of whom, including the committee chairman are independent, would not be necessary (as required under Provisions 6.1 and 6.2).

The Board has assessed the remuneration policies and practices of ARA, in lieu of reviewing specific remuneration packages for key management personnel (as required under Provisions 6.1 and 6.3). As a result, the Board has deemed such remuneration policies, practices and termination terms (if any) to be fair and appropriate for Suntec REIT. Accordingly, the Manager has adopted the remuneration policies and practices of ARA, which has an established framework for the remuneration, compensation, benefits and succession planning for the Directors and key management executives of the Manager.

The Manager is of the view that its practice is consistent with the intent of Principle 6 of the 2018 CG Code as the Board can effectively perform the role of the remuneration committee as a whole.

#### **Remuneration Framework**

The Manager advocates a performance-based remuneration framework. In adopting the remuneration policies and practices of ARA, the Manager ensures that such remuneration policies take into account achieving the long-term success of Suntec REIT which:

- comprise a variable component of key performance indicators ("KPIs") that are tied to the financial performance of Suntec REIT and the individual's performance related to the organisational goals, aligning with the interests of the Unitholders;
- comprise a fixed pay component that is benchmarked against the market to maintain competitiveness; and
- attract and retain talented staff for the long term, while considering the prevailing market conditions within the industry.

#### Link between pay and performance

A comprehensive and structured performance assessment is carried out annually for the CEO and key management executives of the Manager. At the start of the year, KPIs for the CEO and key management executives are discussed and agreed upon to ensure that such indicators are specific, measurable, result-oriented and time bound. The KPIs could be on financial and non-financial metrics such as performance related to growth of net asset value and property income. These KPIs serve to link the rewards to individual's and Suntec REIT's performance and deliver overall Unitholders' value. A mid-year review is carried out to monitor the performance and relevance of these indicators and a year-end review is carried out to measure actual performance against the KPIs. The overall assessment is based on a rating scale where the variable year-end bonus for the CEO and key management executives are determined.

In addition to the base salary and a variable year-end bonus, designated key management executives of the Manager participate in a Performance Based Bonus Scheme (the "Scheme"). Under the Scheme, designated key management executives of the Manager may be entitled to a pool of incentive payments based on certain performance indicators linked to the growth of Suntec REIT and optimising the returns to Unitholders. The incentive payments are paid in cash and allocated amongst the designated key management executives based on various factors and conditions, including seniority, length of service, performance and contributions. There were no other non-monetary compensation granted to Directors, CEO and key management executives.

The remuneration of the CEO and key management executives is not linked to the gross revenue of Suntec REIT. As and when required, the Board also has access to independent remuneration consultants, but did not engage any during FY 2021.

In FY 2021, there were no termination, retirement and post-employment benefits granted to Directors, the CEO and key management executives.

### **DISCLOSURE OF REMUNERATION**

Principle 8 The company is transparent on its remuneration policies, level and mix of remuneration, the procedure for setting remuneration, and the relationships between remuneration, performance and value creation.

The remuneration of the Non-Executive Directors for FY 2021 comprises entirely Directors' fees paid entirely in cash and the details of the Non-Executive Directors' remuneration are set out below:

| Name of Director         | Salary (S\$) | Bonus (S\$) | Directors' Fees<br>(S\$) | Others (S\$) | Total (S\$) |
|--------------------------|--------------|-------------|--------------------------|--------------|-------------|
| Ms Chew Gek Khim         | -            | -           | 120,000                  | -            | 120,000     |
| Mr Lim Hwee Chiang, John | -            | -           | 60,000                   | -            | 60,000      |
| Mr Yap Chee Meng         | -            | -           | 100,000                  | -            | 100,000     |
| Mr Chan Pee Teck, Peter  | -            | -           | 80,000                   | -            | 80,000      |
| Mrs Yu-Foo Yee Shoon     | -            | -           | 80,000                   | -            | 80,000      |
| Mr Lock Wai Han          | -            | -           | 80,000                   | -            | 80,000      |
| Mr Chow Wai Wai, John    | -            | -           | 60,000                   | -            | 60,000      |

Director's fees are established annually based on the Directors' responsibilities on the Board and the Board Committees. The Board believes that the remuneration for Directors is appropriate to attract, retain and motivate the Directors and is also appropriate to the level of contribution and takes into account the industry practices and norms for Directors to provide stewardship of Suntec REIT, while being commensurate with their efforts, responsibilities and time spent. Each Director is paid a fixed fee, and no Director is involved in deciding his or her own remuneration. The framework for determining the Directors' fees is shown in the table below:

| Main Board      | Chairman | S\$120,000 per annum |
|-----------------|----------|----------------------|
|                 | Member   | S\$60,000 per annum  |
| Audit Committee | Chairman | S\$40,000 per annum  |
|                 | Member   | S\$20,000 per annum  |

The Manager is cognisant of the requirement to disclose (i) the remuneration of the CEO and each individual Director on a named basis; (ii) the remuneration of at least the top five key management executives (who are not also Directors or the CEO), on a named basis, in bands of S\$250,000; (iii) the aggregate remuneration of its CEO and top five key management executives (who are not also Directors or the CEO); and (iv) any other forms of remuneration and other payments and miscellaneous staff benefits paid to key management executives (who are not also Directors or the CEO) (as required under Provisions 8.1 and 8.3). The Board has assessed and elected not to disclose the above remuneration for the following reasons:

- (i) the competition for talent in the REIT management industry is very keen and the Manager has, in the interests of Unitholders, opted not to disclose the remuneration of its CEO and top five key management executives (who are not also Directors or the CEO) so as to minimise potential staff movement which would cause undue disruptions to the management team of Suntec REIT;
- (ii) it is important that the Manager retains its competent and committed staff to ensure the stability and continuity of business and operations of Suntec REIT;
- (iii) due to the confidentiality and sensitivity of staff remuneration matters, the Manager is of the view that such disclosures could be prejudicial to the interests of Unitholders. Conversely, the Manager is of the view that such non-disclosure will not be prejudicial to the interests of Unitholders as the information provided regarding the Manager's remuneration policies is sufficient to enable Unitholders to understand the link between remuneration paid to the CEO and the top five key management executives (who are not also Directors or the CEO) and their performance; and
- (iv) there is no misalignment between the remuneration of the CEO and key management executives and the interests of the Unitholders as their remuneration is paid out from the fees the Manager receives from Suntec REIT, rather than borne by Suntec REIT.

The Manager is accordingly of the view that its practice is consistent with Principle 8 of the 2018 CG Code as a whole. For the above reasons, Unitholders' interests are not prejudiced by the partial deviations.

In FY 2021, there were no employees of the Manager who are Substantial Shareholders of the Manager, Substantial Unitholders, or immediate family members of a Director, the CEO or a Substantial Shareholder of the Manager or a Substantial Unitholder, whose remuneration exceeds S\$100,000 during the year.

The key management executives were remunerated wholly in cash in FY 2021.

### (C) ACCOUNTABILITY AND AUDIT

### **RISK MANAGEMENT AND INTERNAL CONTROLS**

Principle 9 The Board is responsible for the governance of risk and ensures that Management maintains a sound system of risk management and internal controls, to safeguard the interests of the company and its shareholders.

Effective risk management is a fundamental part of Suntec REIT's business strategy. Recognising and managing risks is central to the business and serves to protect Unitholders' interests and Suntec REIT's assets. Suntec REIT operates within the overall guidelines and specific parameters set by the Board. Each transaction is comprehensively analysed to understand the risks involved and appropriate controls and measures are put in place before the Manager proceeds with the execution.

Key risks, process owners, risk factors, mitigating actions and risk indicators are continuously identified, assessed and monitored by Management as part of Suntec REIT's Enterprise Risk Management Framework (the "ERM Framework") and documented in the risk profile maintained by the Manager and reviewed semi-annually by the Audit Committee and the Board. As a result, the Board determines the nature and extent of such risks identified in achieving Suntec REIT's strategic objectives and value creation.

The ERM Framework lays out the governing policies and procedures ensuring that the risk management and internal control systems provide reasonable assurance on safeguarding of assets, maintenance of reliable and proper accounting records, compliance with relevant legislations and against material misstatement of losses.

### **Risk Management Working Group**

A separate risk management working group (the "Risk Management Working Group") was established to assist the Audit Committee in assessing the adequacy of internal controls. The Risk Management Working Group comprises the CEO, the Chief Operating Officer, the Finance Director and the Group Head of Governance & Sustainability ("G&S") of ESR Cayman Limited ("ESR"). G&S is a corporate function of ESR, the ultimate holding company of the Manager following the completion of the acquisition of ARA by ESR on 20 January 2022.

The Risk Management Working Group meets regularly to review the risk profile of Suntec REIT. The Risk Management Working Group, which is headed by the CEO, reports to the Audit Committee on overall risk management matters every six months during the Audit Committee meetings.

The Risk Management Working Group identifies the material risks that Suntec REIT faces, including strategic, operational, financial, compliance and information technology risks, and sets out the appropriate mitigating actions and monitoring mechanism to respond to these risks and changes in the external business environment. The risk profile highlights the changes in risk assessment, quantitative and qualitative factors affecting the inherent risk levels and effectiveness of mitigating controls supporting the residual risks within the risk appetite approved by the Board.

The CEO and his management team are primarily responsible for maintaining the internal controls and risk management systems. Risks are proactively identified and addressed. The ownership of these risks lies with the respective departmental heads with stewardship residing with the Board. The Internal Auditors conduct reviews of the adequacy and effectiveness of the risk profiles and material internal controls, addressing financial, operational, compliance and information technology controls, as part of the audit plan approved by the Audit Committee. In addition, the External Auditors perform tests of certain controls relevant to the preparation of Suntec REIT's financial statements. Any material non-compliance or improvements identified for the risk management processes is reported to the Audit Committee. The Audit Committee and the Board review the adequacy and effectiveness of Suntec REIT's risk management and internal control systems.

#### **Role of the Board and Audit Committee**

The Board and the Audit Committee believe that the internal controls, including financial, operational, compliance and information technology controls, risk management systems and sustainability measures put in place to manage the risks are adequate and effective and the residual risks are acceptable.

For the financial year in review, the Board has received (a) written assurance from the CEO and the Finance Director certifying that the financial records have been properly maintained and that the financial statements give a true and fair view of Suntec REIT's operations and finances; and (b) from the CEO and other responsible key management personnel assuring that Suntec REIT's risk management and internal control systems are adequate and effective. The roles and responsibilities of a Chief Financial Officer are undertaken by the Finance Director instead. As such, the assurance under Provision 9.2(a) of the 2018 CG Code given by the Finance Director in lieu of a Chief Financial Officer would adequately serve the intent of Provision 9.2(a) of the 2018 CG Code. The Manager is accordingly of the view that its practice is consistent with the intent of Principle 9 of the 2018 CG Code as a whole.

In addition, an Internal Assessment Checklist (the "1207(10) Checklist") which captures the requirements under Rule 1207(10) of the Listing Manual had been used by Management as a guide to assess the adequacy of internal controls. The 1207(10) Checklist covers the areas of risk management, internal audit, internal controls, information technology, fraud assessment, external audit and compliance. The completed 1207(10) Checklist is reviewed by the Audit Committee, in conjunction with the reports submitted by the Internal Auditors and External Auditors, as well as the letters of undertaking from the CEO and the Finance Director of the Manager to give assurance on the state of risk management and internal controls.

For FY 2021, the Board is satisfied with the adequacy and effectiveness of Suntec REIT's internal controls (including financial, operational, compliance and information technology controls) and risk management systems, taking into account the nature, scale and complexity of the Manager's operations. The Board arrived at this assessment based on the ERM Framework established, the 1207(10) Checklist and the reviews conducted by the Internal Auditors and the External Auditors, together with the Management's confirmation on the adequacy and effectiveness of the internal controls. The Audit Committee has concurred with the Board's assessment. In addition, the Audit Committee has reviewed and is satisfied with the adequacy of resources and qualifications of the Manager's key management executives who are performing accounting, financial reporting and compliance roles.

Suntec REIT has maintained proper records of the discussions and decisions of the Board and the Audit Committee.

#### **Whistle-Blowing Policy**

Pursuant to the Whistle-Blowing Programme which has been put in place, the Audit Committee reviews arrangements by which staff of the Manager or any other persons may, in confidence, make a report and raise their concerns to the Audit Committee about possible improprieties in matters of financial reporting or such other matters relating to the Manager and its officers in a responsible and effective manner.

The objective of the Whistle-Blowing Programme, as approved by the Audit Committee, is to ensure that arrangements are in place for independent investigation of such concerns and reports made in good faith, and allow appropriate follow-up actions to be taken.

The Audit Committee is guided by the Whistle-Blowing Programme to ensure proper conduct and closure of investigations, including handling of possible improprieties, prohibition of obstructive or retaliatory actions, confidentiality, disciplinary and civil or criminal actions. All such investigations are undertaken by the Internal Auditors based on instructions from the Audit Committee. The outcome of each investigation is reported to the Audit Committee, which is responsible for oversight and monitoring of whistleblowing. The Manager is committed to ensuring the protection of the whistle-blower against detrimental or unfair treatment.

Details of the Whistle-Blowing Programme and arrangements are posted on Suntec REIT's website. The website provides a feedback channel for any complainant to raise possible improprieties directly to the Audit Committee (with such complaints copied to ESR's Group Head of G&S to facilitate an independent investigation of any matter raised and appropriate follow-up action as required). The Manager will ensure that the identity of such complainant is kept confidential except for circumstances where it is required by law to require such identity to be revealed. The Whistle-Blowing Policy and Code of Conduct, amongst other policies, are circulated to all new incoming staff and are also covered as part of the staff's annual declaration of compliance. For FY 2021, there were no reported incidents pertaining to whistle-blowing.

#### **AUDIT COMMITTEE**

Principle 10 The Board has an Audit Committee which discharges its duties objectively.

The Board has established an Audit Committee to assist the Board in discharging of its corporate governance responsibilities. The Audit Committee's role is to assist the Board in ensuring the integrity of the financial reporting and that sound internal controls are put in place. In adhering to the best practices of corporate governance, all members of the Audit Committee (including the Audit Committee Chairman) are Independent Non-Executive Directors.

The Audit Committee currently comprises four Independent Non-Executive Directors, namely:

- Mr Yap Chee Meng (Chairman)
- Mr Chan Pee Teck, Peter (Member)

- Mrs Yu-Foo Yee Shoon (Member)
- Mr Lock Wai Han (Member)

The members of the Audit Committee bring with them professional expertise and experience in the financial, business management and consultancy fields. The Board is of the view that the Audit Committee Chairman and members are appropriately qualified, with the necessary accounting and financial management expertise and experience to discharge their responsibilities. Mr Yap Chee Meng has immense experience in providing audit, initial public offerings and advisory services to listed and multinational clients and is a fellow of the Institute of Singapore Chartered Accountants. Mr Chan Pee Teck, Peter has extensive experience in financial, investment and fund management industries as managing partner of a private equity company, Crest Capital Asia Pte Ltd, which previously had funds invested in retail real estate assets. Mrs Yu-Foo Yee Shoon has relevant financial and commercial experience as a Board Member of KOP Limited and adviser for reputable organisations. Mr Lock Wai Han has extensive knowledge and experience in international investment, development, leasing, marketing, operations and financing of integrated real estate.

In compliance with the 2018 CG Code, the Audit Committee does not comprise any former partner or director of the incumbent External Auditors within the previous two years or who hold any financial interest in the auditing firm.

Four Audit Committee meetings were held during FY 2021.

The Audit Committee is guided by its written terms of reference which defines its duties and scope of authority. Specifically, the duties of the Audit Committee include:

- 1. reviewing the annual audit plan, including the nature and scope of the internal and external audits before the commencement of these audits;
- 2. reviewing at least annually the adequacy and effectiveness of the internal audit process and Suntec REIT's system of risk management and internal controls, including financial, operational, compliance and information technology controls;
- 3. reviewing external and internal audit reports to ensure that where deficiencies in internal controls have been identified, appropriate and prompt remedial action is taken by the Management;
- 4. reviewing the adequacy, effectiveness, independence, scope and results of the Internal Auditors;
- 5. reviewing the monitoring procedures in place to ensure compliance with applicable legislation, the Listing Manual and the Property Funds Appendix;
- 6. reviewing the significant financial reporting issues and judgements so as to ensure the integrity of the financial statements of Suntec REIT and any announcements relating to Suntec REIT's financial performance;
- 7. reviewing the assurance from the CEO and the Finance Director on the financial records and financial statements;
- 8. reviewing the Whistle-Blowing Policy and arrangements by which staff of the Manager and any other persons may, in confidence, raise concerns about possible improprieties in matters of financial reporting or other matters;
- reviewing and discussing with the External Auditors, any suspected fraud or irregularity, or suspected infringement of any applicable law, rules or regulations, which has or is likely to have a material impact on Suntec REIT's operating results or financial position and Management's response;
- 10. reviewing the adequacy, effectiveness, independence, scope and results of the External Auditors;
- 11. making recommendations to the Board on (i) the proposals to the Unitholders on the appointment and removal of the External Auditors and (ii) reviewing the proposed fees from the External Auditors and authorising the Manager to confirm the remuneration and terms of engagement of the External Auditors for the financial year; and

12. reviewing the monitoring procedures established to regulate Interested Person Transactions and conflict of interests, including ensuring compliance with the provisions of the Listing Manual relating to transactions between Suntec REIT and an "interested person", and the provisions of the Property Funds Appendix relating to transactions between Suntec REIT and an "interested party" (both such types of transactions constituting "Interested Person Transactions"). This includes the requirement to ensure transactions undertaken are on normal commercial terms and not prejudicial to the interests of the Unitholders and that the property manager, as an interested person, is in compliance with the property management agreement.

The Audit Committee has the authority to investigate any matters within its terms of reference. It is entitled to full access and co-operation from Management and has full discretion to invite any Director or any key management executive of the Manager to attend its meetings. The Audit Committee has full access to resources and is provided with regular updates from external professionals to keep abreast of changes to accounting and regulatory standards.

In FY 2021, the Audit Committee had met with the Internal Auditors and External Auditors without the presence of Management. The Internal Auditors and External Auditors may also request the Audit Committee to meet if they consider a meeting necessary. Both the Internal Auditors and External Auditors have confirmed that they had full access to and had received the co-operation and support from the Management, with no restrictions place on the scope of their audits.

The Audit Committee had reviewed and approved the Internal Auditors' and External Auditors' audit plans to ensure that they were sufficiently comprehensive in scope and address the internal controls of Suntec REIT. All audit findings and recommendations by the Internal Auditors and External Auditors were forwarded to the Audit Committee for discussions at the meetings. The Audit Committee discussed with the Management and the External Auditors on significant financial reporting matters, in particular the key audit matter associated with valuation of investment properties. The Audit Committee concurs with the conclusion of the Management and the External Auditors on the key audit matters.

During FY 2021, the Audit Committee performed an independent review of the quarterly business updates and half-yearly financial statements of Suntec REIT. In the process, the Audit Committee reviewed the key areas of management judgement applied for adequate provisioning and disclosure, accounting policies, key audit matters and any significant changes made which have a material impact on the financials. The External Auditors also presented their salient features memorandum to the Audit Committee, covering the audit focus areas, key audit matters findings, quality and independence.

In connection with the ERM Framework under risk management, the Audit Committee had reviewed the approach taken in identifying and assessing risks and internal controls in the risk profile documented and maintained by the Management.

The Audit Committee had also conducted a review of all non-audit services provided by KPMG LLP, the external auditors of Suntec REIT, (the "External Auditors") and is satisfied that the nature and extent of such services will not prejudice the independence and objectivity of the External Auditors. The aggregate amount of audit and non-audit fees paid/payable to the External Auditors for FY 2021 amounted to \$\$803,000 and \$\$1,273,000 respectively.

The Audit Committee is satisfied that the resources and experience of the audit partner of KPMG LLP and his team are adequate to meet their audit obligations, given the size, nature, operations and complexity of Suntec REIT and its subsidiaries. The Audit Committee had assessed the performance of the External Auditors based on factors such as performance and quality of their audit and their independence. The External Auditors had also confirmed their independence in writing to the Audit Committee.

The Audit Committee, with the concurrence of the Board, has recommended the re-appointment of KPMG LLP as the external auditors of Suntec REIT at the forthcoming AGM. The Manager, on behalf of Suntec REIT, confirms that it has complied with the requirements of Rules 712 and 715 read with 716 of the Listing Manual in respect of the suitability of the auditing firms of Suntec REIT and its significant associated companies and subsidiaries.

The Audit Committee has reviewed the Whistle-Blowing Policy which provides the mechanisms by which employees and other persons may, in confidence, raise concerns about possible improprieties in matters of financial reporting or other matters. The Audit Committee is satisfied that arrangements are in place for concerns to be raised and investigated independently, and for appropriate follow-up actions to be taken.

On a quarterly basis, Management reports details of the Interested Person Transactions to the Audit Committee. All Interested Person Transactions are reviewed by the Audit Committee.

#### **Internal Audit Function**

The Manager maintains a robust system of internal controls and risk management framework to safeguard Suntec REIT's assets and Unitholders' interests and to provide reasonable assurance against misstatement of loss, ensure maintenance of reliable and proper accounting records and compliance with relevant legislation.

For FY 2021, the internal audit function of the Manager was outsourced to Deloitte & Touche Enterprise Risk Services Pte. Ltd., a member firm of Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu Limited (the "Internal Auditors"). The Internal Auditors are independent of the Management and reports directly to the Audit Committee on audit matters and to the Management on administrative matters.

The Audit Committee is satisfied that the Internal Auditors had met the standards set by internationally recognised professional bodies including the International Standards for the Professional Practice of Internal Auditing set by The Institute of Internal Auditors. The Audit Committee has assessed the adequacy of the Internal Auditors and is of the view that the Internal Auditors had the relevant qualifications, appropriate standing within the Manager and adequate resources to perform its functions effectively. The Internal Auditors has also maintained their independence from the activities that they audit and had unfettered access to Suntec REIT's documents, records, properties and personnel, including the Audit Committee. The Audit Committee approves the appointment, removal, evaluation and fees of the Internal Auditors, and conducts an assessment of the Internal Auditors' performance during re-appointments.

The Internal Auditors conduct audits to evaluate the effectiveness of the risk management and internal control systems in Suntec REIT which include financial, operational, compliance and information technology. The Internal Auditors plans its internal audit schedules in consultation with, but independent of the Management and its plan is submitted to the Audit Committee for approval prior to the beginning of each financial year. The internal audit plan adopts a risk-based approach covering all businesses of Suntec REIT and support functions of the Manager and property managers. The audit assignments cover the design and operating effectiveness of the internal controls as well as compliance with the stated policies and procedures. Any material non-compliance or lapses in internal controls together with corrective measures and the status of implementation are reported to the Audit Committee. The Internal Auditors also report to the Audit Committee on the status of the corrective or improvement measures undertaken by the Management.

In addition to the work performed by the Internal Auditors, the External Auditors also performed tests of certain controls that are relevant to the preparation of Suntec REIT's financial statements, and they report any significant deficiencies of such internal controls to the Audit Committee.

Pursuant to Rule 1207(10C) of the Listing Manual, the Audit Committee had assessed and is satisfied with the adequacy, effectiveness, independence, scope and results of Suntec REIT's internal audit function.

### (D) SHAREHOLDER RIGHTS AND ENGAGEMENT

### SHAREHOLDER RIGHTS AND CONDUCT OF GENERAL MEETINGS AND ENGAGEMENT WITH SHAREHOLDERS

- Principle 11 The company treats all shareholders fairly and equitably in order to enable them to exercise shareholders' rights and have the opportunity to communicate their views on matters affecting the company. The company gives shareholders a balanced and understandable assessment of its performance, position and prospects.
- Principle 12 The company communicates regularly with its shareholders and facilitates the participation of shareholders during general meetings and other dialogues to allow shareholders to communicate their views on various matters affecting the company.

The Manager upholds a strong culture of continuous disclosure and transparent communication with Unitholders and the investing community. In the spirit of the disclosure requirements under the Listing Manual, the Manager is committed to actively engaging and keeping all Unitholders and stakeholders informed on the performance and changes in Suntec REIT's business, which would materially affect the price of the Units, on a timely basis. The Manager's Investor Relations Policy is to promote

regular, effective and fair communication through timely and full disclosure of all material information by way of public releases or announcements on the SGX-ST via SGXNET, and on Suntec REIT's website (www.suntecreit.com).

Suntec REIT's website provides Unitholders with comprehensive information required to make well-informed investment decisions. Information on Suntec REIT's business strategies and Directors' profiles can be accessed from the website. The website also features a (1) "Newsroom" link, which shows current and past announcements, financial results and annual reports; (2) "Investor Relations" link which shows Suntec REIT's distribution history, historical stock price and research coverage and (3) "Contact Us" link which includes Whistle-Blowing Policy, email alerts and contact details. As part of the Investor Relations Policy, the Manager has a dedicated Investor Relations Manager who facilitates communication with Unitholders, institutional investors, analysts and media representatives. Unitholders can post their queries and feedback to the dedicated investor relations contact via email or the phone.

Unitholders are notified in advance of the date of release of Suntec REIT's quarterly investor slides, half-year and full year financial results through an announcement via SGXNET. The Manager conducts regular briefings for analysts and media representatives/ press conferences, which generally coincide with the release of Suntec REIT's quarterly investor slides, half-year and full year results. During these briefings, Management presents Suntec REIT's most recent performance. In line with the Manager's objective of transparent communication, briefing materials are also simultaneously released on the SGX-ST via SGXNET and also made available at Suntec REIT's website.

In FY 2021, Management provided institutional investors and analysts with publicly available information through group presentations, one-on-one meetings and conference calls. Management strives to maintain regular dialogue with retail investors and keep them updated on developments through participations in seminars and symposiums, timely announcements on SGXNET, Suntec REIT's website and the general media in order to ensure a level playing field.

Unitholders are informed of meetings through notices accompanied by Annual Reports or circulars sent to them. All Unitholders are entitled to receive the Annual Reports at least 14 days prior to the AGM. The Manager ensures that Unitholders are able to participate effectively and vote at the general meeting of Unitholders (the "Unitholders' meetings"), and informs Unitholders of the rules governing Unitholders' meetings. The Manager has not implemented absentia voting methods such as voting via email or fax (as required under Provision 11.4) due to security, integrity, authentication of the identity of Unitholders and other pertinent considerations. Unitholders may appoint proxies to attend, speak and vote, on their behalf, at general meetings. As such, Unitholders have opportunities to communicate their views on matters affecting Suntec REIT even when they are not in attendance at general meetings. The Manager is accordingly of the view that its practice is consistent with Principle 11 of the 2018 CG Code as a whole.

At the Unitholders' meetings, each distinct issue is proposed as a separate resolution and full information is provided for each item in the agenda for the AGM in the Notice of AGM, unless the issues are interdependent and linked so as to form one significant proposal. Where the resolutions are "bundled", the Manager will explain the reasons and material implications in the notice of meeting.

The Directors, the Audit Committee, the Management and the External Auditors will be in attendance at these meetings to address questions raised by Unitholders. All Directors, including the Board Chairman and CEO, attended the general meetings held in FY 2021 via electronic means. A record of the Directors' attendance at the general meeting in FY 2021 can be found in their meeting attendance records as set out on page 71 of this Annual Report.

### Pre-COVID-19 Arrangement

The Unitholders' meetings were generally and physically held in central locations which were easily accessible by public transportation. Unitholders were invited at such meetings to put forth any questions they might have on the resolutions to be debated and decided upon. If any Unitholder was unable to attend, he or she was allowed to appoint in advance up to two proxies to vote on his or her behalf at the meeting using proxy forms sent to the Unitholder. A Unitholder who is a relevant intermediary entitled to attend the meeting and vote is entitled to appoint more than one proxy to attend and vote instead of the Unitholder.

Voting at general meetings was conducted by way of electronic poll voting for all the Unitholders/proxies present at the meeting for all resolutions proposed at the general meeting. Unitholders/proxies were briefed on the voting and vote tabulation procedures

involved in conducting a poll before the meeting proceeds. This allowed all Unitholders present or represented at the meetings to vote on a one-unit-one-vote basis. An independent scrutineer was appointed to validate the vote tabulation procedures. The voting results of all votes cast for or against each resolution were then screened at the meeting with respective percentages and these details are announced through SGXNET after the meeting. The Company Secretary prepared the minutes of Unitholders' meetings, which incorporated comments or queries from Unitholders and the corresponding responses from the Board and Management and these minutes were made publicly available on Suntec REIT's website.

#### **COVID-19 Arrangement**

In view of the COVID-19 situation in FY 2021 and heightened safe distancing measures, the AGM held on 15 April 2021 was conducted wholly via electronic means. This is made in accordance with the COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) Act 2020 and the related order on the conduct of alternative arrangements for general meetings (the "COVID-19 Order").

Based on the COVID-19 Order, Unitholders attend the general meetings via live audio-visual webcast or live audio-only stream and submit questions to the Chairman of the Meeting(s) in advance of the meetings. The Manager shall address substantial and relevant questions received from Unitholders and Securities Investors Association (Singapore) prior to or at the aforesaid meetings and publish the responses to these questions on SGXNET and the Suntec REIT's website.

Unitholders who wish to exercise their right to vote on any or all of the resolutions at the Unitholders' meeting were required to appoint the Chairman of the Meeting(s) as their proxy by submitting the duly completed and signed proxy forms to the designated email address and mailing address. Persons who hold units through relevant intermediaries (as defined in Section 181 of the Companies Act 1967), and who wish to participate in the general meeting by, among others, appointing the Chairman of the general meeting as proxy to attend, speak and vote on their behalf at the general meeting, should contact the relevant intermediary through which they hold such Units as soon as possible in order to make the necessary arrangements for them to participate in the general meeting.

An independent scrutineer is appointed to validate the proxy forms submitted by the Unitholders and the votes of all such valid proxy forms were counted and verified. The voting results of all votes cast for or against each resolution will be screened at the meeting with respective percentages and these details will be announced through SGXNET after the meeting. The Company Secretary prepares the minutes of Unitholders' meetings, which incorporates comments or queries from Unitholders and corresponding responses from the Board and Management and these minutes will be publicly available at SGX-ST's website and Suntec REIT's website as soon as practicable.

Pursuant to the COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Alternative Arrangements for Meetings for Companies, Variable Capital Companies, Business Trusts, Unit Trusts and Debenture Holders) Order 2020 and guidance issued by the Singapore Exchange Regulation (the "SGX RegCo"), issuers and non-listed companies may continue to conduct their general meetings held after 30 June 2021 via electronic means in order to keep physical interactions and COVID-19 transmission risks to a minimum, even as safe distancing regulations are gradually and cautiously relaxed. In this regard, the Manager plans to convene the forthcoming Suntec REIT's AGM wholly by electronic means, with live voting and live questions and answers, pursuant to the COVID-19 Order.

Suntec REIT's current distribution policy is to distribute at least 90% of its annual distributable income.

### (E) MANAGING STAKEHOLDERS RELATIONSHIPS

### **ENGAGEMENT WITH STAKEHOLDERS**

Principle 13 The Board adopts an inclusive approach by considering and balancing the needs and interests of material stakeholders, as part of its overall responsibility to ensure that the best interests of the company are served.

In keeping with its commitments to good corporate governance, the Manager has put in place a Sustainable Reporting Framework, which is published on Suntec REIT's website. In the report, the Manager focuses on Suntec REIT's Environmental, Social, and Governance ("ESG") impacts and its progress towards the goal of sustainable management of its real estate portfolio. The Board has set a strategic direction in ensuring good corporate governance, prudent financial management, fair employment practices and efficient utilisation of resources. The Manager believes in the importance of integrating sustainability into its business strategies and operations in achieving sustainable economic growth and delivering long-term Unitholder value.

The Manager has identified the following as Suntec REIT's key stakeholders: Business Partners, Employees, Government and Authorities, Investment Community, Retail Shoppers and Tenants. For FY 2021, the Manager's strategy is to ensure active engagement and frequent communication with the relevant stakeholders through the various engagement channels including meetings, forums and dialogues, general meetings and announcements, investor conferences, feedback channels and loyalty programs. The area of focus is to understand the stakeholders' concerns and issues which are of relevance to the material ESG factors.

The Manager is committed to upholding Suntec REIT's sustainability practices and creating value for its stakeholders.

Stakeholders can access Suntec REIT's Sustainability Report on Suntec REIT's website under the "Newsroom" link.

### (F) ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

#### **EXEMPTIONS IN THE LISTING MANUAL**

The Manager notes the exemptions under Practice Note 4.2 of the Listing Manual, which provides that Rules 210(5)(d)(iii), 210(5) (e) and 720(5) of the Listing Manual do not apply to a REIT as long as the REIT continues to comply with the relevant provisions under the SFA and the regulations and notices made thereunder which substantively address the requirements under these rules (the "SFA Provisions"). Under the SFA Provisions, the Manager must act in the best interests of all Unitholders as a whole and give priority to their interests over the Manager's own interests and the interests of the shareholders of the Manager, in the event of a conflict. The SFA Provisions also stipulate the requirements for the composition of the Board, circumstances where Directors' appointment shall be endorsed by Unitholders, the establishment of an Audit Committee and criteria in which a Director of the Manager is considered independent. In this regard, the Manager has complied with all the relevant SFA Provisions for FY 2021.

### **DEALINGS IN SUNTEC REIT UNITS**

Effective from 13 March 2020, Suntec REIT has announced the change from its quarterly reporting to half-yearly, having fulfilled the requirements under the Listing Manual. In addition, Suntec REIT shall continue to announce and distribute dividends quarterly without being accompanied by its financial statements announcement for the relevant period.

In lieu of the first and third financial quarters' detailed financial result announcements via SGXNET, the Manager shall prepare a set of investors' presentation slides which include assets/portfolio performance and highly summarised financial information relevant to the quarter's distribution ("Investors Slides"). These slides would be published on Suntec REIT's website as well as announced via SGXNET.

The Manager has adopted the ARA Dealing in Securities Policy to guide its Directors, key management executives and employees (collectively referred to as "the Manager's personnel") in respect of dealings in Units. The Manager's personnel are encouraged to deal in the Units on long-term considerations.

This policy prohibits the Manager's personnel from dealing in such Units (i.e. not to deal on short-term considerations):

- during the "black-out period" which is defined as two weeks prior to the quarterly release of Investors Slides (i.e. at Quarter 1 and 3) and one month before the date of announcement of half-year and full year results and (where applicable) any property valuations, and ending on the date of announcement of the relevant results or property valuations; and
- 2. at any time whilst in possession of unpublished material or price-sensitive information.

The Manager's personnel are also prohibited from communicating price-sensitive information to any persons and to avoid, and be seen to avoid, actual or potential conflict between personal interest and duty to the Unitholders. The Manager confirmed that its Directors, key management executives and employees have adhered to the policy for dealing in the Units for FY 2021.

The Manager makes announcements on SGX-ST in respect of any changes to its unitholding interest in Suntec REIT within one business day. The Manager will not deal in Units during the period commencing two weeks and one month before the public announcement of Suntec REIT's quarterly investors slides and half-year and full year results respectively and (where applicable)

any property valuations, and ending on the date of announcement of the said information. The Manager confirmed that it had complied with Rule 1207(19) of the Listing Manual.

#### **DEALING WITH CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

The Manager has instituted the following procedures to deal with potential conflict of interest issues:

- 1. the Manager shall be a dedicated manager to Suntec REIT and will not manage any other REIT which invests in the same type of properties as Suntec REIT;
- 2. all executive officers will be employed and will work exclusively under the Manager and will not hold other executive positions in other firms;
- 3. all resolutions in writing of the Directors in relation to matters concerning Suntec REIT must be approved by all the Directors;
- 4. at least half of the Board shall comprise Independent Non-Executive Directors;
- 5. in respect of matters in which a Director or his associates have an interest, direct or indirect, the interested Director will abstain from voting. In such matters, the quorum must comprise a majority of Independent Non-Executive Directors and must exclude such interested Directors;
- 6. under the Trust Deed, (i) the Manager and its associates are prohibited from voting at or being part of a quorum for any meeting of Unitholders convened to approve any matter in which the Manager or any of its associates has a material interest and (ii) for so long as ARA Trust Management (Suntec) Limited is the Manager of Suntec REIT and Mr Lim Hwee Chiang, John is a controlling shareholder (as defined in the Listing Manual) of ARA Trust Management (Suntec) Limited, Mr Lim Hwee Chiang, John and his associates are prohibited from being part of a quorum or voting at any meeting of Unitholders convened to consider a matter in respect for which Mr Lim Hwee Chiang, John and/or his associates has a material interest; and
- 7. it is also provided in the Trust Deed that if the Manager is required to decide whether or not to take any action against any person in relation to any breach of any agreement entered into by the Trustee with an interested person of the Manager, the Manager shall be obliged to consult with a reputable law firm (acceptable to the Trustee) which shall provide legal advice on the matter. If the said law firm is of the opinion that the Trustee has a prima facie case against the party allegedly in breach under such agreement, the Manager shall be obliged to take appropriate action in relation to such agreement. The Directors of the Manager have a duty to ensure that the Manager so complies. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Manager shall inform the Trustee as soon as it becomes aware of any breach of any agreement entered into by the Trustee with an interested person of the Manager, and the Trustee may take such action as it deems necessary to protect the rights of Unitholders and/or which is in the interests of Unitholders. Any decision by the Manager not to take action against an interested person of the Manager shall not constitute a waiver of the Trustee's right to take such action as it deems fit against such interested person.

The Directors owe a fiduciary duty to Suntec REIT to act in the best interests of Suntec REIT, in relation to decisions affecting Suntec REIT when they are voting as a member of the Board. In addition, the Directors and executive officers of the Manager are expected to act with integrity at all times. The Manager has established a conflict of interest policy for its employees and major service providers to ensure that any conflict of interests or potential conflict of interests are disclosed and approvals are sought where required.

### **DEALING WITH INTERESTED PERSON TRANSACTIONS**

### **Review Procedures for Interested Person Transactions**

The Manager has established internal control procedures to ensure that all Interested Person Transactions will be undertaken on an arm's length basis and on normal commercial terms and are not prejudicial to the interests of Suntec REIT and its Unitholders. As a general rule, the Manager must demonstrate to the Audit Committee that such transactions satisfy the foregoing criteria, which may entail obtaining (where practicable) quotations from independent parties not related to the Manager, or obtaining one or more valuations from independent professional valuers (in accordance with the Property Funds Appendix).

The Manager maintains a register to record all Interested Person Transactions which are entered into by Suntec REIT and the basis thereof, including any quotations from unrelated parties and independent valuations obtained for the purposes of such Interested Person Transactions. The Manager incorporates into its internal audit plan a review of all Interested Person Transactions entered into by Suntec REIT.

In addition, the following procedures will be undertaken:

- 1. transactions (either individually or as part of a series or if aggregated with other transactions involving the same interested person during the same financial year) equal to or exceeding S\$100,000 in value but below 3.0% of the value of Suntec REIT's latest audited net tangible assets will be subject to review by the Audit Committee at regular intervals;
- 2. transactions (either individually or as part of a series or if aggregated with other transactions involving the same interested person during the same financial year) equal to or exceeding 3.0% but below 5.0% of the value of Suntec REIT's latest audited net tangible assets will be subject to the review and prior approval of the Audit Committee. Such approval shall only be given if the transactions are on normal commercial terms and are consistent with similar types of transactions made by the Trustee with third parties which are unrelated to the Manager.
  - The Manager will, in compliance with Rule 905 of the Listing Manual, announce any Interested Person Transaction if such transaction, either individually or when aggregated with other Interested Person Transactions entered into with the same interested person during the same financial year (each equal to or exceeding S\$100,000 in value), is 3.0% or more of Suntec REIT's latest audited net tangible assets; and
- 3. transactions (either individually or as part of a series or if aggregated with other transactions involving the same interested person during the same financial year (each equal to or exceeding \$\$100,000 in value)) equal to or exceeding 5.0% of the value of Suntec REIT's latest audited net tangible assets will be subject to review and approval prior to such transactions being entered into, on the basis described in the preceding paragraph, by the Audit Committee which may, as it deems fit, request advice on the transaction from independent sources or advisers, including the obtaining of valuations from independent professional valuers. Further, under the Listing Manual and the Property Funds Appendix, such transactions would have to be approved by the Unitholders at a meeting of Unitholders.

Where matters concerning Suntec REIT relate to transactions entered into or to be entered into by the Trustee with an interested person, the Trustee is required to consider the terms of such transactions to satisfy itself that such transactions are conducted on an arm's length basis, are on normal commercial terms, are not prejudicial to the interest of Suntec REIT and its Unitholders, and are in accordance with all applicable requirements of the Property Funds Appendix and/or the Listing Manual relating to the transaction in question.

Further, the Trustee has the ultimate discretion under the Trust Deed to decide whether or not to enter into a transaction involving an interested person. If the Trustee is to enter into any agreement with an interested person, the Trustee will review the terms of such agreement to ensure compliance with the requirements relating to the Interested Person Transactions in the Property Funds Appendix and/or the Listing Manual (in each case, as may be amended from time to time) as well as such other guidelines as may from time to time be prescribed by the MAS and the SGX-ST to apply to REITs.

Suntec REIT will announce any Interested Person Transaction in accordance with the Listing Manual if such transactions, by itself or when aggregated with other Interested Person Transactions entered into with the same interested person during the same financial year (each equal to or exceeding S\$100,000 in value), is 3.0% or more of Suntec REIT's latest audited net tangible assets. The aggregate value of all Interested Person Transactions which are subject to Rules 905 and 906 of the Listing Manual in a particular financial year will be disclosed in Suntec REIT's Annual Report for that financial year.

#### Role of the Audit Committee for Interested Person Transactions and Internal Control Procedures

All Interested Person Transactions will be subject to regular periodic reviews by the Audit Committee. The Manager's internal control procedures are intended to ensure that Interested Person Transactions are conducted on an arm's length basis and are under normal commercial terms and are not prejudicial to Unitholders. Where an interested person is engaged as property management agent or marketing agent for the Trust's properties, the Audit Committee will satisfy itself at least once every two (2) to five (5) years, that the Manager has (i) periodically reviewed the compliance of the agent with the terms of the agreement; and (ii) taken remedial actions where necessary and has documented the reasons for its conclusion.

The Manager maintains a register to record all Interested Person Transactions (and the bases, including any quotations from unrelated parties and independent valuations obtained to support such bases) which are entered into by Suntec REIT. The Manager will incorporate into its internal audit plan a review of all Interested Person Transactions entered into by Suntec REIT. The Audit Committee shall review the internal audit reports to ascertain that the guidelines and procedures established to monitor Interested Person Transactions have been complied with. In addition, the Trustee will also have the right to review such audit reports to ascertain that the Property Funds Appendix and the Listing Manual have been complied with. The Audit Committee will periodically review all Interested Person Transactions to ensure compliance with the Manager's internal control procedures and with the relevant provisions of the Property Funds Appendix and the Listing Manual. The review will include the examination of the nature of the transaction and its supporting documents or such other data deemed necessary by the Audit Committee.

If a member of the Audit Committee has an interest in a transaction, he or she is required to abstain from participating in the review and approval process in relation to that transaction.

The Manager will disclose in Suntec REIT's Annual Report the aggregate value of Interested Person Transactions conducted during the relevant financial year.

#### **Material Contracts**

There are no material contracts entered into by Suntec REIT or any of its subsidiaries that involve the interests of the CEO, any Director or any controlling Unitholder, except as disclosed in this Annual Report.

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Additional Information

### Report Of The Trustee

HSBC Institutional Trust Services (Singapore) Limited (the "Trustee") is under a duty to take into custody and hold the assets of Suntec Real Estate Investment Trust (the "Trust") and its subsidiaries (the "Group") in trust for the holders ("Unitholders") of units in the Trust (the "Units"). In accordance with the Securities and Futures Act 2001, Chapter 289, of Singapore, its subsidiary legislation, and the Code on Collective Investment Schemes, the Trustee shall monitor the activities of ARA Trust Management (Suntec) Limited (the "Manager") for compliance with the limitations imposed on the investment and borrowing powers as set out in the trust deed dated 1 November 2004 (as amended by a first supplemental deed dated 25 January 2006, a second supplemental deed dated 20 April 2006, a third supplemental deed dated 30 July 2007, a fourth supplemental deed dated 11 October 2007, a fifth supplemental deed dated 29 September 2008, a sixth supplemental deed dated 14 April 2010, a first amending and restating deed dated 7 September 2010, a second amending and restating deed dated 14 April 2016, a ninth supplemental deed dated 21 May 2018, a tenth supplemental deed dated 23 July 2018 and an eleventh supplemental deed dated 2 April 2020) (collectively the "Trust Deed") between the Manager and the Trustee in each annual accounting period and report thereon to Unitholders in an annual report.

To the best knowledge of the Trustee, the Manager has, in all material respects, managed the Trust during the period covered by these financial statements, set out on pages 96 to 172 in accordance with the limitations imposed on the investment and borrowing powers set out in the Trust Deed.

For and on behalf of the Trustee, HSBC Institutional Trust Services (Singapore) Limited

**Authorised Signatory** 

Singapore 23 March 2022

### Statement by the Manager

In the opinion of the directors of ARA Trust Management (Suntec) Limited, the accompanying financial statements set out on pages 96 to 172, comprising the Statements of Financial Position, Statements of Total Return, Distribution Statements, Statements of Movements in Unitholders' Funds, Portfolio Statements, Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows and Notes to the Financial Statements are drawn up so as to present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position and the portfolio holdings of Suntec Real Estate Investment Trust (the "Trust") and its subsidiaries (the "Group") as at 31 December 2021, the total return, distributable income, movements in Unitholders' funds and cash flows of the Group and the total return, distributable income and movements in Unitholders' funds of the Trust for the financial year then ended in accordance with the recommendations of Statement of Recommended Accounting Practice 7 Reporting Framework for Investment Funds issued by the Institute of Singapore Chartered Accountants and the provisions of the Trust Deed. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Trust will be able to meet its financial obligations as and when they materialise.

For and on behalf of the Manager, ARA Trust Management (Suntec) Limited

Lim Hwee Chiang, John Director

**Chong Kee Hiong** *Director and Chief Executive Officer* 

Singapore 23 March 2022

### Independent Auditors' Report

Unitholders of Suntec Real Estate Investment Trust (Constituted under a Trust Deed dated 1 November 2004 (as amended) in the Republic of Singapore)

#### Report on the audit of the financial statements

#### Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Suntec Real Estate Investment Trust (the "Trust") and its subsidiaries ("the Group"), which comprise the Statements of Financial Position and Portfolio Statements of the Group and the Trust as at 31 December 2021, the Statements of Total Return, Distribution Statements and Statements of Movements in Unitholders' Funds of the Group and the Trust and the Statement of Cash Flows of the Group for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies as set out on pages 96 to 172.

In our opinion, the accompanying consolidated financial statements of the Group and the Statement of Financial Position, Portfolio Statement, Statement of Total Return, Distribution Statement and Statement of Movements in Unitholders' Funds of the Trust present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position and the portfolio holdings of the Group and the Trust as at 31 December 2021 and the total return, distributable income and movements in Unitholders' funds of the Group and the Trust and cash flows of the Group for the year ended on that date in accordance with the recommendations of Statement of Recommended Accounting Practice 7 Reporting Framework for Investment Funds issued by the Institute of Singapore Chartered Accountants.

#### Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Singapore Standards on Auditing ("SSAs"). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the 'Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements' section of our report. We are independent of the Group in accordance with the Accounting and Corporate Regulatory Authority Code of Professional Conduct and Ethics for Public Accountants and Accounting Entities ("ACRA Code") together with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Singapore, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements and the ACRA Code. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

### Key audit matters

Key audit matters are those matters that, in our professional judgement, were of most significance in our audit of the financial statements of the current period. These matters were addressed in the context of our audit of the financial statements as a whole, and in forming our opinion thereon, and we do not provide a separate opinion on these matters.

### Valuation of investment properties

(Refer to Note 5 to the financial statements)

#### Risk

As at 31 December 2021, the Group has interests in investment properties, including properties held through interests in joint arrangements (collectively "investment properties").

The Group has engaged external valuers to perform independent valuations for each of the investment properties. The valuation process involves significant judgement in determining the appropriate valuation methodology and in estimating the underlying assumptions to be applied. Key underlying assumptions include price per square foot, discount rates, terminal yields and capitalisation rates.

The valuation reports obtained from certain external valuers have included market uncertainty clauses, highlighting that less certainty and a higher degree of caution should be attached to their valuations than would normally be the case. Due to the unknown future impact that the Coronavirus Disease 2019 ("COVID-19") pandemic might have on the real estate market, the external valuers have recommended to keep the valuation of these properties under frequent review.

### Our response:

We evaluated the qualification and competence of the external valuers and held discussions with the valuers to understand their valuation methods and assumptions used, where appropriate.

We compared the valuation methodologies used against those used in the past and those applied by other valuers for similar property types.

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For the underlying assumptions, we tested the integrity of the projected cash flows used in the valuations to supporting leases and other documents. When a growth rate is assumed in the projected cash flows, we assessed the reasonableness by comparing against historical trends and available industry data. We also assessed the price per square foot, discount rates, terminal yields and capitalisation rates, against historical trends of the properties and available industry data, taking into consideration comparability and market factors, as well as understand how the implications of the COVID-19 pandemic were considered in the valuations.

#### **Our findings:**

The valuers are members of generally-recognised professional bodies for valuers. The valuation methodologies used are comparable to methods used in the prior years and those used for similar property types. The key assumptions used are comparable to the historical trends of the properties and within the range of available industry data.

### Other information

ARA Trust Management (Suntec) Limited, the Manager of the Trust (the "Manager") is responsible for the other information contained in the annual report. Other information is defined as all information in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditors' report. We have obtained all other information prior to the date of this auditors' report.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

### Responsibilities of the Manager for the financial statements

The Manager is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with the recommendations of Statement of Recommended Accounting Practice 7 Reporting Framework for Investment Funds issued by the Institute of Singapore Chartered Accountants, and for such internal controls as the Manager determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Manager is responsible for assessing the Group's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Manager either intends to terminate the Group or to cease operations of the Group, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

The Manager's responsibilities include overseeing the Group's financial reporting process.

### Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditors' report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with SSAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with SSAs, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and
  perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide
  a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting
  from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal
  controls.
- Obtain an understanding of internal controls relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Group's internal controls.

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- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the Manager.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the Manager's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Group's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditors' report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditors' report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Group to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.
- Obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the financial information of the entities or business activities within the Group to express an opinion on the consolidated financial statements. We are responsible for the direction, supervision and performance of the group audit. We remain solely responsible for our audit opinion.

We communicate with the Manager regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal controls that we identify during our audit.

We also provide the Manager with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, related safeguards.

From the matters communicated with the Manager, we determine those matters that were of most significance in the audit of the financial statements of the current period and are therefore the key audit matters. We describe these matters in our auditors' report unless the law or regulations preclude public disclosure about the matter or when, in extremely rare circumstances, we determine that a matter should not be communicated in our report because the adverse consequences of doing so would reasonably be expected to outweigh the public interest benefits of such communication.

The engagement partner on the audit resulting in this independent auditors' report is Ronald Tay Ser Teck.

**KPMG LLP** 

Public Accountants and Chartered Accountants

Singapore

23 March 2022

## Statements of Financial Position

As at 31 December 2021

|   |      |            | Group      |           | Trust     |
|---|------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|
|   | Note | 2021       | 2020       | 2021      | 2020      |
|   |      | \$'000     | \$'000     | \$'000    | \$'000    |
| Non-current assets                              |      |            |            |           |           |
| Plant and equipment                             | 4    | 1,346      | 1,616      | 597       | 510       |
| Investment properties                           | 5    | 7,913,100  | 7,262,856  | 4,997,000 | 5,088,000 |
| Rental guarantee receivables                    | 6    | 7,098      | 16,858     | 4,557,000 | 5,000,000 |
| Interests in joint ventures                     | 7    | 3,444,820  | 3,686,493  | 1,471,741 | 1,469,511 |
| Interests in subsidiaries                       | 8    | 0,444,020  | 0,000,400  | 2,434,365 | 2,356,093 |
| Long term investment                            | 9    | _          | _          | 637       | 631       |
| Derivative assets                               | 10   | 19,268     | _          | 1,651     | -         |
| Derivative assets                               | 10   | 11,385,632 | 10,967,823 | 8,905,991 | 8,914,745 |
| Current assets                                  |      | 11,000,002 | 10,001,020 | 0,000,001 | 0,011,110 |
| Derivative assets                               | 10   | 538        | _          | 538       | _         |
| Rental guarantee receivables                    | 6    | 4,233      | 6,827      | _         | _         |
| Trade and other receivables                     | 11   | 29,964     | 31,949     | 22,067    | 31,430    |
| Cash and cash equivalents                       | 12   | 268,311    | 227,474    | 141,477   | 123,357   |
| '   |      | 303,046    | 266,250    | 164,082   | 154,787   |
| Total assets                                    |      | 11,688,678 | 11,234,073 | 9,070,073 | 9,069,532 |
| Oat liabilities                                 |      |            |            |           |           |
| Current liabilities Interest-bearing borrowings | 13   | 499,754    | 678,203    | 499,754   | 678,203   |
| Trade and other payables                        | 15   | 105,096    | 119,537    | 109,539   | 66,256    |
| Derivative liabilities                          | 10   | 828        | 9,559      | 828       | 9,559     |
| Security deposits                               | 10   | 29,830     | 36,843     | 16,891    | 24,365    |
| Current tax liabilities                         |      | 4,210      | 30,643     | 10,091    | 24,303    |
| Outlett tax habilities                          |      | 639,718    | 844,142    | 627,012   | 778,383   |
| Non-current liabilities                         |      |            | 311,112    | 027,012   | 170,000   |
| Interest-bearing borrowings                     | 13   | 4,419,236  | 4,148,258  | 2,939,561 | 2,973,144 |
| Security deposits                               |      | 51,298     | 39,031     | 40,445    | 37,411    |
| Derivative liabilities                          | 10   | 12,503     | 39,054     | 4,313     | 17,377    |
| Deferred tax liabilities                        | 16   | 67,161     | 50,418     | -,        | -         |
|   |      | 4,550,198  | 4,276,761  | 2,984,319 | 3,027,932 |
| Total liabilities                               |      | 5,189,916  | 5,120,903  | 3,611,331 | 3,806,315 |
|   |      | 2 400 700  | 0.440.470  | 5 450 740 | 5.000.047 |
| Net assets                                      |      | 6,498,762  | 6,113,170  | 5,458,742 | 5,263,217 |
| Represented by:                                 |      |            |            |           |           |
| Unitholders' funds                              |      | 6,051,805  | 5,829,657  | 5,110,695 | 5,064,542 |
| Perpetual securities holders                    | 18   | 348,047    | 198,675    | 348,047   | 198,675   |
| Non-controlling interests                       | 19   | 98,910     | 84,838     | · –       | _         |
| •   |      | 6,498,762  | 6,113,170  | 5,458,742 | 5,263,217 |
| Units in issue ('000)                           | 20   | 2,852,999  | 2,825,294  | 2,852,999 | 2,825,294 |
|   |      |            |            |           |           |
| Net asset value per Unit (\$)                   | 21   | 2.110      | 2.055      | 1.782     | 1.785     |

## Statements of Total Return

Year ended 31 December 2021

|   |      | G              | roup           | •              | Trust          |
|---|------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
|   | Note | 2021<br>\$'000 | 2020<br>\$'000 | 2021<br>\$'000 | 2020<br>\$'000 |
| Gross revenue   | 23   | 358,069        | 315,390        | 380,492        | 342,115        |
| Property expenses   | 24   | (105,785)      | (111,260)      | (63,377)       | (71,591)       |
| Net reversal of impairment/                               |      |                |                |                |                |
| (impairment loss) on trade receivables                    | _    | 2,347          | (4,253)        | 2,385          | (3,931)        |
| Net property income                                       |      | 254,631        | 199,877        | 319,500        | 266,593        |
| Other income  | 25   | 14,860         | 7,536          | _              | _              |
| Share of profit of joint ventures                         | 7    | 102,908        | 56,392         | _              | _              |
| Finance income  | 26   | 33,107         | 26,011         | 15,630         | 70,264         |
| Finance costs   | 26   | (127,491)      | (118,853)      | (116,162)      | (103,971)      |
| Net finance costs   |      | (94,384)       | (92,842)       | (100,532)      | (33,707)       |
| Asset management fees                                     | 27   |                |                |                |                |
| - base fee  |      | (39,848)       | (36,920)       | (35,708)       | (33,220)       |
| - performance fee   |      | (18,025)       | (14,508)       | (18,025)       | (14,508)       |
| Professional fees   |      | (1,115)        | (749)          | (26,558)       | (330)          |
| Trustee's fees  |      | (1,965)        | (1,832)        | (1,834)        | (1,688)        |
| Audit fees  |      | (740)          | (547)          | (451)          | (409)          |
| Valuation fees  |      | (262)          | (181)          | (76)           | (80)           |
| Other expenses  |      | (2,122)        | (1,146)        | (1,623)        | (715)          |
| Net income  |      | 213,938        | 115,080        | 134,693        | 181,936        |
| Net change in fair value of financial derivatives         |      | 49,814         | (15,595)       | 22,638         | (2,023)        |
| Net change in fair value of investment properties         | 5    | 223,973        | (214,803)      | 89,029         | (115,070)      |
| Net gain from divestment of investment properties         | 5    | 13,891         | _              | 13,891         | _              |
| Net gain from divestment of joint venture                 | 7    | 13,925         | _              | _              | _              |
| Total return for the year before tax                      | 28   | 515,541        | (115,318)      | 260,251        | 64,843         |
| Tax expense   | 29   | (25,030)       | (341)          | (1,447)        | (166)          |
| Total return for the year after tax                       | _    | 490,511        | (115,659)      | 258,804        | 64,677         |
| Attributable to:  |      |                |                |                |                |
| Unitholders of the Trust and perpetual securities holders |      | 476,439        | (71,364)       | 258,804        | 64,677         |
| Non-controlling interests                                 | 19 _ | 14,072         | (44,295)       | _              |                |
| Earnings per Unit (cents)                                 | -    | 490,511        | (115,659)      | 258,804        | 64,677         |
|   |      |                |                |                |                |
| Basic   | 30 _ | 16.355         | (2.581)        | 8.706          | 2.246          |
| Diluted   | 30 _ | 16.142         | (2.581)        | 8.611          | 2.231          |

## **Distribution Statements**

Year ended 31 December 2021

|  | G         | iroup       | •         | Trust     |
|--|-----------|-------------|-----------|-----------|
|  | 2021      | 2020        | 2021      | 2020      |
|  | \$'000    | \$'000      | \$'000    | \$'000    |
| Amount available for distribution to Unitholders at the beginning            |           |             |           |           |
| of the year  | 64,026    | 65,816      | 64,026    | 65,816    |
| Total return attributable to Unitholders and perpetual securities holders    | 476,439   | (71,364)    | 258,804   | 64,677    |
| Less: Total return attributable to perpetual securities holders              | (11,093)  | (1,375)     | (11,093)  | (1,375)   |
| Net tax adjustments (Note A)   | (382,096) | 151,969     | (508)     | 145,908   |
| Taxable income   | 83,250    | 79,230      | 247,203   | 209,210   |
| Add: Tax exempt dividend income (Note B)                                     | 163,953   | 129,980     | -         | _         |
| Amount available for distribution to Unitholders                             | 311,229   | 275,026     | 311,229   | 275,026   |
| Distributions to Unitholders:  |           |             |           |           |
| Distribution of 2.347 cents per Unit for period from                         |           |             |           |           |
| 1/10/2019 to 31/12/2019  | -         | (65,978)    | _         | (65,978)  |
| Distribution of 1.760 cents per Unit for period from 1/1/2020 to 31/3/2020   | _         | (49,567)    | _         | (49,567)  |
| Distribution of 1.533 cents per Unit for period from 1/4/2020 to 30/6/2020   | _         | (43,243)    | _         | (43,243)  |
| Distribution of 1.848 cents per Unit for period from 1/7/2020 to 30/9/2020   | _         | (52,212)    | _         | (52,212)  |
| Distribution of 2.261 cents per Unit for period from 1/10/2020 to 31/12/2020 | (64,160)  | _           | (64,160)  | _         |
| Distribution of 2.045 cents per Unit for period from 1/1/2021 to 31/3/2021   | (58,121)  | _           | (58,121)  | _         |
| Distribution of 2.109 cents per Unit for period from 1/4/2021 to 30/6/2021   | (60,062)  | _           | (60,062)  | _         |
| Distribution of 2.232 cents per Unit for period from                         | ,         |             | •         |           |
| 1/7/2021 to 30/9/2021  | (63,679)  | - (044.000) | (63,679)  | (044.000) |
| Income evelleble for dictribution to Units aldore                            | (246,022) | (211,000)   | (246,022) | (211,000) |
| Income available for distribution to Unitholders at end of the year          | 65,207    | 64,026      | 65,207    | 64,026    |
| Distribution per Unit (cents) *  | 8.666     | 7.402       | 8.666     | 7.402     |

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

The distribution per Unit relates to the distributions in respect of the relevant financial year. The distribution for the last quarter of the financial year will be paid subsequent to the reporting date.

### **Distribution Statements**

Year ended 31 December 2021

|   | G         | iroup     | 7        | Trust    |
|---|-----------|-----------|----------|----------|
|   | 2021      | 2020      | 2021     | 2020     |
|   | \$'000    | \$'000    | \$'000   | \$'000   |
| Note A  |           |           |          |          |
| Net tax adjustments comprise:                       |           |           |          |          |
| - Amortisation of transaction costs                 | 6,013     | 25,635    | 6,013    | 25,635   |
| - Asset management fees paid/payable in Units       | 42,986    | 38,182    | 42,986   | 38,182   |
| - Net profit from subsidiaries and joint ventures   | (175,444) | (151,451) | _        | _        |
| - Trustee's fees                                    | 1,965     | 1,832     | 1,834    | 1,688    |
| - Net change in fair value of investment properties | (223,973) | 214,803   | (89,029) | 115,070  |
| - Net gain from divestment of joint venture         | (13,925)  | _         | _        | _        |
| - Net gain from disposal of investment properties   | (13,891)  | _         | (13,891) | _        |
| - Net foreign currency exchange differences         | 10,114    | (8,639)   | 32,305   | (53,059) |
| - Net change in fair value of financial derivatives | (51,161)  | 15,595    | (23,985) | 2,023    |
| - Sinking fund contribution                         | 8,025     | 19,260    | 6,688    | 16,050   |
| - Acquisition expenses                              | _         | _         | 26,237   | _        |
| - Deferred tax                                      | 16,857    | (2,518)   | _        | _        |
| - Other items (Note C)                              | 10,338    | (730)     | 10,334   | 319      |
| Net tax adjustments                                 | (382,096) | 151,969   | (508)    | 145,908  |

### Note B

This relates to the dividend income received from Comina Investment Limited, Suntec Harmony Pte. Ltd., Suntec REIT Capital Pte. Ltd., Suntec REIT (PM) Pte. Ltd., Suntec REIT UK 1 Pte. Ltd., Victoria Circle Unit Trust 1, Victoria Circle Unit Trust 2, Suntec REIT UK (LP) Pte. Ltd. and distributions of profits from Suntec REIT (Australia) Trust and BFC Development LLP.

#### Note C

This mainly relates to non-tax deductible expenses and rollover adjustments after finalisation of prior year adjustments.

# Statements of Movements in Unitholders' Funds

Year ended 31 December 2021

|  | (                      | Group                  |                        | Trust                  |
|--|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
|  | 2021<br>\$'000         | 2020<br>\$'000         | 2021<br>\$'000         | 2020<br>\$'000         |
| Unitholders' funds at the beginning of the year  | 5,829,657              | 5,977,058              | 5,064,542              | 5,174,058              |
| Total return attributable to Unitholders and perpetual securities holders  | 476,439                | (71,364)               | 258,804                | 64,677                 |
| Less: Total return attributable to perpetual securities holders  | (11,093)               | (1,375)                | (11,093)               | (1,375)                |
| <b>Hedging reserve</b> Effective portion of changes in fair value of cash flow hedges <sup>1</sup>   | 9,475                  | (5,404)                |                        | -                      |
| Foreign currency translation reserve Translation differences from financial statements of foreign operations Net (loss)/gain recognised directly in Unitholders' funds | (51,115)<br>(41,640)   | 103,560<br>98,156      | <u>-</u>               |                        |
| Unitholders' transactions  |                        |                        |                        |                        |
| Creation of Units: - asset management fees paid/payable in Units - divestment fees paid in Units   | 21,193<br>1,478        | 19,472                 | 21,193<br>1,478        | 19,472                 |
| Units to be issued: - asset management fees payable in Units Distributions to Unitholders  | 21,793<br>(246,022)    | 18,710<br>(211,000)    | 21,793<br>(246,022)    | 18,710<br>(211,000)    |
| Net decrease in Unitholders' funds resulting from Unitholders' transactions  Unitholders' funds at the end of the year   | (201,558)<br>6,051,805 | (172,818)<br>5,829,657 | (201,558)<br>5,110,695 | (172,818)<br>5,064,542 |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> This represents the share of fair value change of the cash flow hedges as a result of interest rate swaps entered into by subsidiaries and a joint venture (2020: a joint venture).

## Statements of Movements in Unitholders' Funds

Year ended 31 December 2021

|   | G        | roup     | 7        | Trust   |
|---|----------|----------|----------|---------|
|   | 2021     | 2020     | 2021     | 2020    |
|   | \$'000   | \$'000   | \$'000   | \$'000  |
| Perpetual securities holders at the beginning of the year               | 198,675  | -        | 198,675  | _       |
| Total return attributable to perpetual securities holders               | 11,093   | 1,375    | 11,093   | 1,375   |
| Transactions with perpetual securities holders                          |          |          |          |         |
| Issue of perpetual securities   | 150,000  | 200,000  | 150,000  | 200,000 |
| Issue expenses  | (925)    | (2,700)  | (925)    | (2,700) |
| Distribution to perpetual securities holders                            | (10,796) | _        | (10,796) | -       |
| Net increase resulting from transactions with perpetual                 | •        |          |          |         |
| securities holders  | 138,279  | 197,300  | 138,279  | 197,300 |
| Perpetual securities holders at the end of the year                     | 348,047  | 198,675  | 348,047  | 198,675 |
| Non-controlling interests at the beginning of the year                  | 84,838   | 129,086  | _        | _       |
| Total return attributable to non-controlling interests                  | 14,072   | (44,295) | -        | -       |
| Transactions with non-controlling interests                             |          |          |          |         |
| Change in ownership of subsidiary with no change in control             | _        | 47       | _        | _       |
| Net increase resulting from transactions with non-controlling interests |          | 47       | _        |         |
| Non-controlling interests at the end of the year                        | 98,910   | 84,838   | _        | _       |

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### Portfolio Statements

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| Description of Property                         | Tenure of<br>Land | Term of<br>Lease | Remaining<br>Term of<br>Lease | Location   | Existing<br>Use | Committed<br>Occupancy Rate<br>2021 2020 | nitted<br>cy Rate<br>2020 | Carry<br>2021          | Carrying Value<br>021 2020 | Percentage of<br>Unitholders' funds<br>2021 2020 | tage of<br>rs' funds<br>2020 |
|---|-------------------|------------------|-------------------------------|--|-----------------|--|---------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|--|------------------------------|
| Investment properties in<br>Singapore           |                   |                  |                               |  |                 |  |                           |                        |                            |  |                              |
| Suntec City Mall                                | Leasehold         | 99 years         | 67 years                      | 3 Temasek<br>Boulevard                           | Commercial      | 94.7                                     | 90.1                      | 2,022,000              | 1,990,000                  | 33.4   | 34.1                         |
| Suntec City Office Towers                       | Leasehold         | 99 years         | 67 years                      | 5 - 9 Temasek<br>Boulevard                       | Commercial      | 97.2                                     | 92.6                      | 2,975,000              | 3,098,000                  | 49.2   | 53.1                         |
| Suntec Singapore ^                              | Leasehold         | 99 years         | 67 years                      | 1 Raffles Boulevard                              | Commercial      | m/u                                      | n/m                       | 662,000                | 625,000                    | 10.9   | 10.7                         |
| Investment properties in Australia              |                   |                  |                               | 1  |                 |  |                           |                        |                            |  |                              |
| 177 Pacific Highway                             | Freehold          | I                | I                             | 177 – 199 Pacific<br>Highway, North<br>Sydney    | Commercial      | 93.8                                     | 100.0                     | 707,904                | 655,707                    | 11.7   | 11.3                         |
| 21 Harris Street                                | Freehold          | I                | I                             | 21 Harris Street,<br>Pyrmont, New<br>South Wales | Commercial      | 91.0                                     | 68.7                      | 296,181¹               | 289,272                    | 6.4  | 5.0                          |
| 55 Currie Street                                | Freehold          | I                | I                             | 55 Currie Street,<br>Adelaide                    | Commercial      | 95.7                                     | 91.7                      | 149,643                | 152,490                    | 2.5  | 2.6                          |
| Olderfleet, 477 Collins Street                  | Freehold          | I                | I                             | 477 Collins Street,<br>Melbourne                 | Commercial      | 98.3                                     | 97.2                      | 466,528                | 452,387                    | 7.7  | 7.8                          |
| Investment property in<br>United Kingdom        |                   |                  |                               |  |                 |  |                           |                        |                            |  |                              |
| The Minster Building                            | Leasehold         | 999 years        | 968 years                     | 21 Mincing Lane,<br>EC3, London                  | Commercial      | 2.96                                     | I                         | 633,8442               | I                          | 10.5   | I                            |
| Investment properties,<br>at valuation          |                   |                  |                               |  |                 |  | •                         | 7,913,100              | 7,262,856                  | 130.8  | 124.6                        |
| (Note 7)  |                   |                  |                               |  |                 |  | '                         | 3,444,820              | 3,686,493                  | 56.9   | 63.2                         |
|   |                   |                  |                               |  |                 |  |                           | 11,357,920             | 10,949,349                 | 187.7  | 187.8                        |
| Orner assets and liabilities<br>(net)           |                   |                  |                               |  |                 |  | '                         | (4,859,158)            | (4,836,179)                | (80.3)   | (83.0)                       |
| Net assets<br>Perpetual securities holders      |                   |                  |                               |  |                 |  |                           | 6,498,762<br>(348,047) | 6,113,170<br>(198,675)     | 107.4<br>(5.8)                                   | 104.8<br>(3.4)               |
| Non-controlling interests<br>Unitholders' funds |                   |                  |                               |  |                 |  | ,                         | (98,910) 6.051,805     | (84,838) 5.829,657         | (1.6)  | (1.4)                        |
|   | :<br>:<br>:       | . (              |                               |  |                 |  | •                         |                        |                            |  |                              |

denotes Suntec Singapore Convention and Exhibition Centre.

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

For 21 Harris Street, the fair value of the investment property including rental guarantee arrangements is \$301.8 million (2020: \$305.0 million).

The valuation reflects the price that would be received from the sale of the investment property where the Purchaser's cost (including stamp duty) is assumed to be 6.8%, in line with accounting standards. The valuation based on the price that would be received for the sale of the special purpose vehicle holding the investment property where the Purchaser's cost (excluding stamp duty) is assumed to be 1.8% is \$665.0 million.

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|---|--------------------|------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|----------------|----------------------------------|--------------------|
| Description of Property                 | Tenure of<br>Land  | Term of<br>Lease | Remaining<br>Term of<br>Lease | Location                      | Existing<br>Use | Committed Occupancy Rate | itted<br>ancy<br>e | Carry                    | Carrying Value | Percentage of Unitholders' funds | ige of<br>s' funds |
|   |                    |                  |                               |                               |                 | %                        | %                  | \$,000                   | \$,000         | %                                | %                  |
| Investment properties in<br>Singapore   |                    |                  |                               |                               |                 |                          |                    |                          |                |                                  |                    |
| Suntec City Mall                        | Leasehold 99 years | 99 years         | 67 years                      | 3 Temasek<br>Boulevard        | Commercial      | 94.7                     | 90.1               | 90.1 2,022,000 1,990,000 | 1,990,000      | 39.6                             | 39.3               |
| Suntec City Office Towers               | Leasehold          | 99 years         | 67 years                      | 5 - 9<br>Temasek<br>Boulevard | Commercial      | 97.2                     | 92.6               | 2,975,000 3,098,000      | 3,098,000      | 58.2                             | 61.2               |
| Investment properties, at valuation     |                    |                  |                               |                               |                 |                          | '                  | 4,997,000                | 5,088,000      | 97.8                             | 100.5              |
| Interests in joint ventures<br>(Note 7) |                    |                  |                               |                               |                 |                          |                    | 1,471,741                | 1,469,511      | 28.8                             | 29.0               |
| Interests in subsidiaries<br>(Note 8)   |                    |                  |                               |                               |                 |                          |                    | 2,434,365                | 2,356,093      | 47.6                             | 46.5               |
|   |                    |                  |                               |                               |                 |                          | •                  | 8,903,106                | 8,913,604      | 174.2                            | 176.0              |
| Other assets and liabilities (net)      |                    |                  |                               |                               |                 |                          |                    | (3,444,364) (3,650,387)  | (3,650,387)    | (67.4)                           | (72.1)             |
| Net assets                              |                    |                  |                               |                               |                 |                          | '                  | 5,458,742                | 5,263,217      | 106.8                            | 103.9              |
| Perpetual securities holders            |                    |                  |                               |                               |                 |                          |                    | (348.047)                | (198.675)      | (6.8)                            | (3.9)              |
| Unitholders' funds                      |                    |                  |                               |                               |                 |                          | '                  | 5,110,695                | 5.064.542      | 100.0                            | 100.0              |

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#### Note:

Suntec City Office Tower Scomprise 12 (2020: 15) strata lots in Suntec City Office Tower One, 3 (2020: 10) strata lots in Suntec City Office Tower Two, 76 (2020: 76) strata lots in Suntec City Office Tower Three and all (2020: all) the strata lots in Suntec City Office Towers Four and Five.

Suntec Singapore comprises more than one million square feet of versatile floor space over six levels which includes approximately 143,000 square feet of retail space.

177 Pacific Highway is a 31-storey commercial building located in North Sydney, Australia.

21 Harris Street is a 9-storey commercial office building located in Pyrmont, New South Wales, Australia.

55 Currie Street is a 12-storey commercial building located in Adelaide, Australia.

Olderfleet, 477 Collins Street is a 40-storey office building located in Melbourne, Australia.

The Minster Building is a 11-storey office building located in London, United Kingdom.

The carrying amounts of the investment properties as at 31 December 2021 were based on independent valuations undertaken by Colliers International Consultancy & Valuation (Singapore) Pte Ltd, Cushman & Wakefield (Valuations) Pty Ltd, CIVAS (VIC) Pty Limited and Jones Lang LaSalle Limited (2020: Savills Valuation and Professional Services (S) Pte Ltd, Savills Valuations Pty Ltd, CIVAS (VIC) Pty Limited, Knight Frank Valuation & Advisory South Australia and Jones Lang LaSalle Advisory Services Pty Ltd).

The independent valuers have appropriate professional qualifications and recent experience in the location and category of the properties being valued. The valuations were based on a combination of the discounted cash flow method, capitalisation approach and direct comparison method.

|                                   | Va        | Valuation      |  |  |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|----------------|--|--|
| Description of property           | 2021      | 2020<br>\$'000 |  |  |
|                                   | \$'000    |                |  |  |
| Suntec City Mall                  | 2,022,000 | 1,990,000      |  |  |
| Suntec City Office Towers         | 2,975,000 | 3,098,000      |  |  |
| Suntec Singapore                  | 662,000   | 625,000        |  |  |
| 177 Pacific Highway               | 707,904   | 655,707        |  |  |
| 21 Harris Street <sup>1</sup>     | 296,181   | 289,272        |  |  |
| 55 Currie Street                  | 149,643   | 152,490        |  |  |
| Olderfleet, 477 Collins Street    | 466,528   | 452,387        |  |  |
| The Minster Building <sup>2</sup> | 633,844   | _              |  |  |

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For 21 Harris Street, the fair value of the investment property including rental guarantee arrangements is \$301.8 million (2020: \$305.0 million)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The valuation reflects the price that would be received from the sale of the investment property where the Purchaser's cost (including stamp duty) is assumed to be 6.8%, in line with accounting standards. The valuation based on the price that would be received for the sale of the special purpose vehicle holding the investment property where the Purchaser's cost (excluding stamp duty) is assumed to be 1.8% is \$665.0 million.

# Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows

Year ended 31 December 2021

|   | Note | Group          |                |
|---|------|----------------|----------------|
|   |      | 2021<br>\$'000 | 2020<br>\$'000 |
| Cash flows from operating activities                              |      |                |                |
| Total return for the year before tax                              |      | 515,541        | (115,318)      |
| Adjustments for:  |      |                | ,              |
| (Net reversal of impairment)/Impairment loss on trade receivables |      | (2,347)        | 4,253          |
| Recovery of bad debt previously written off                       |      | (34)           | (73)           |
| Asset management fees paid/payable in Units                       |      | 42,986         | 38,182         |
| Depreciation of plant and equipment                               | 4    | 786            | 777            |
| Loss on disposal of plant and equipment                           |      | _              | 3              |
| Net change in fair value of financial derivatives                 |      | (49,814)       | 15,595         |
| Net change in fair value of investment properties                 | 5    | (223,973)      | 214,803        |
| Net finance costs   | 26   | 94,384         | 92,842         |
| Net gain from disposal of investment properties                   | 5    | (13,891)       | _              |
| Net gain from divestment of joint venture                         | 7    | (13,925)       | _              |
| Share of profit of joint ventures                                 | 7    | (102,908)      | (56,392)       |
|   | _    | 246,805        | 194,672        |
| Changes in:   |      |                |                |
| - Trade and other receivables                                     |      | (4,757)        | 6,929          |
| - Trade and other payables  |      | 5,569          | 10,479         |
| Cash generated from operations                                    | -    | 247,617        | 212,080        |
| Tax paid  |      | (3,890)        | _              |
| Net cash from operating activities                                | _    | 243,727        | 212,080        |
| Cash flows from investing activities                              |      |                |                |
| Capital expenditure on investment properties                      |      | (7,792)        | (9,615)        |
| Acquisition of investment properties                              |      | _              | (267,417)      |
| Progress payments on construction                                 |      | _              | (229,538)      |
| Dividend income received  |      | 80,589         | 72,316         |
| Acquisition of subsidiary   | 22   | (651,570)      | _              |
| Acquisition of joint ventures                                     | 22   | _              | (779,021)      |
| Additional investments in joint ventures                          |      | (3,056)        | (5,709)        |
| Proceeds from capital reduction of joint ventures                 |      | 194,849        | 53,580         |
| Loan to joint ventures  |      | (2,230)        | (792)          |
| Net proceeds from divestment of joint venture                     |      | 89,851         | _              |
| Net proceeds from disposal of investment properties               |      | 192,505        | _              |
| Interest received   |      | 24,691         | 18,167         |
| Proceeds from disposal of plant and equipment                     |      | 2              | _              |
| Purchase of plant and equipment                                   |      | (518)          | (748)          |
| Net cash used in investing activities                             | _    | (82,679)       | (1,148,777)    |

### Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows

Year ended 31 December 2021

|  |      |             | Group     |  |
|--|------|-------------|-----------|--|
|  | Note | 2021        | 2020      |  |
|  |      | \$'000      | \$'000    |  |
| Cash flows from financing activities                             |      |             |           |  |
| Distributions to Unitholders                                     |      | (246,022)   | (211,000) |  |
| Distributions to perpetual securities holders                    |      | (10,796)    | _         |  |
| Financing costs paid   |      | (116,212)   | (125,886) |  |
| Redemption/Repayment of convertible bonds                        |      | (89,250)    | (297,250) |  |
| Proceeds from medium term notes                                  |      | _           | 400,000   |  |
| Repayment of medium term notes                                   |      | (150,000)   | (310,000) |  |
| Proceeds from issuance of perpetual securities                   |      | 150,000     | 200,000   |  |
| Payment of transaction costs on issuance of perpetual securities |      | (925)       | (2,520)   |  |
| Proceeds from settlement of derivatives                          |      | _           | 42        |  |
| Proceeds from interest-bearing loans                             |      | 1,580,984   | 1,499,368 |  |
| Repayment of interest-bearing loans                              |      | (1,234,722) | (161,314) |  |
| Net cash (used in)/from financing activities                     |      | (116,943)   | 991,440   |  |
| Net increase in cash and cash equivalents                        |      | 44,105      | 54,743    |  |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the year               |      | 227,474     | 157,206   |  |
| Effects of exchange rate fluctuations on cash held               |      | (3,268)     | 15,525    |  |
| Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year                 | 12   | 268,311     | 227,474   |  |

### Significant non-cash transactions

The Group and the Trust had issued and/or will be issuing a total of 28,970,940 (2020: 26,529,800) Units to the Manager, amounting to approximately \$43.0 million (2020: \$38.2 million) at unit prices ranging from \$1.4213 and \$1.5668 (2020: \$1.2147 and \$1.5115) as satisfaction of asset management fees payable in Units in respect of the year ended 31 December 2021 (2020: 31 December 2020).

During 2021, the Group and the Trust had issued a total of 998,580 Units to the Manager, amounting to approximately \$1.5 million at unit price of \$1.4796 as satisfaction of the divestment fee payable in Units in respect of the divestment of Park Mall Investment Limited (Note 7).

These notes form an integral part of the financial statements.

The financial statements were authorised for issue by the Manager and the Trustee on 23 March 2022.

#### 1 GENERAL

Suntec Real Estate Investment Trust (the "Trust") is a Singapore-domiciled unit trust constituted pursuant to the trust deed dated 1 November 2004 (as amended by a first supplemental deed dated 25 January 2006, a second supplemental deed dated 20 April 2006, a third supplemental deed dated 30 July 2007, a fourth supplemental deed dated 11 October 2007, a fifth supplemental deed dated 29 September 2008, a sixth supplemental deed dated 14 April 2010, a first amending and restating deed dated 7 September 2010, a second amending and restating deed dated 14 April 2016, a ninth supplemental deed dated 21 May 2018, a tenth supplemental deed dated 23 July 2018 and an eleventh supplemental deed dated 2 April 2020) (collectively the "Trust Deed") between ARA Trust Management (Suntec) Limited (the "Manager") and HSBC Institutional Trust Services (Singapore) Limited (the "Trustee"). The Trust Deed is governed by the laws of the Republic of Singapore. The Trustee is under a duty to take into custody and hold the assets of the Trust in trust for the holders ("Unitholders") of units in the Trust (the "Units").

The Trust was formally admitted to the Official List of the Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited (the "SGX-ST") on 9 December 2004 and was included in the Central Provident Fund Investment Scheme ("CPFIS") on 9 December 2004.

The principal activity of the Trust and its subsidiaries is to invest in income producing real estate and real estate related assets, which are used or substantially used for commercial purposes, with the primary objective of achieving an attractive level of return from rental income and for long-term capital growth.

The financial statements of the Trust as at and for the year ended 31 December 2021 comprise the Trust and its subsidiaries (together referred to as the "Group" and individually as "Group entities") and the Group's interests in joint ventures.

The Group and the Trust have entered into several service agreements in relation to the Group and the Trust's property operations and management of the Trust. The fee structures of these services are as follows:

# (i) Property management fees

APM Property Management Pte Ltd ("APM"), the property manager of Suntec City Office Towers is entitled to receive 3.0% per annum of gross revenue for provision of lease management services, marketing and marketing co-ordination services and property management services.

APM is also the property manager of Suntec City Mall and the property management fees are charged as follows:

- (a) 2.0% per annum of the gross revenue of Suntec City Mall;
- (b) 2.0% per annum of the net property income of Suntec City Mall; and
- (c) 0.5% per annum of the net property income of Suntec City Mall, in lieu of commissions.

Suntec Singapore International Convention and Exhibition Services Pte Ltd, the operator of Suntec Singapore Convention and Exhibition Centre, is entitled to receive 3.0% per annum of gross revenue for operations, sales and marketing services for conventions, exhibitions, meetings and events facilities.

APM Australia (ARA) Pty Ltd, the property manager of 55 Currie Street and 21 Harris Street is entitled to receive 1.5% per annum of gross income.

APM Australia (ARA) Pty Ltd, the property manager of 177 Pacific Highway from 1 July 2021 is entitled to receive 1.25% per annum of gross income. CBRE Pty Ltd ("CBRE"), the building manager of 177 Pacific Highway up to 30 June 2021, is entitled to receive an agreed annual fee for the provision of property management, real estate accounting and technical services. (2020: CBRE Pty Ltd ("CBRE"), the building manager of 177 Pacific Highway, is entitled to receive an agreed annual fee for the provision of property management, real estate accounting and technical services).

Mirvac Real Estate Pty Limited, the property manager of Olderfleet, 477 Collins, is entitled to receive 1.5% per annum of gross rental income.

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ARA Dunedin Asset Management LLP, the property manager of The Minster Building is entitled to receive 4.13% per annum of net rent.

The property management fees for the Singapore and Australia properties are payable monthly in arrears and the property management fees for The Minster Building are payable quarterly.

# (ii) Asset management fees

Pursuant to the Trust Deed, asset management fees comprise the following:

- (a) a base fee not exceeding 0.3% per annum of the value of the Deposited Property (being all the assets of the Trust (including all its Authorised Investments) as defined in the Trust Deed) of the Trust or such higher percentage as may be approved by an extraordinary resolution of a meeting of Unitholders; and
- (b) an annual performance fee equal to a rate of 4.5% per annum of the Net Property Income (as defined in the Trust Deed) of the Trust and any Special Purpose Vehicles (as defined in the Trust Deed) for each financial year, or such lower percentage as may be determined by the Manager in its absolute discretion or such higher percentage as may be approved by an extraordinary resolution at a meeting of Unitholders.

Based on the current agreement between the Manager and the Trustee, the base fee is agreed to be 0.3% per annum of the value of the Deposited Property.

The asset management fees shall be paid in the form of Units and/or cash as the Manager may elect. The portion of the base fees payable in the form of Units is payable quarterly in arrears and the portion of the asset management fees payable in cash is payable monthly in arrears. The performance fee is paid annually in arrears, regardless of whether it is paid in form of cash and/or Units.

The Manager is also entitled to receive an acquisition fee at the rate of 1.0% of the acquisition price and a divestment fee of 0.5% of the sales price on all future acquisitions and disposals of properties.

## (iii) Trustee's fee

Pursuant to the Trust Deed, the Trustee's fee shall not exceed 0.25% per annum of the value of the Deposited Property (subject to a minimum sum of \$9,000 per month) or such higher percentage as may be approved by an extraordinary resolution of a meeting of Unitholders.

The Trustee's fee is payable out of the Deposited Property of the Trust on a monthly basis, in arrears. The Trustee is also entitled to reimbursement of all reasonable out-of-pocket expenses incurred in the performance of its duties under the Trust Deed.

# 2 BASIS OF PREPARATION

#### 2.1 Statement of compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Accounting Practice ("RAP") 7 Reporting Framework for Investment Funds issued by the Institute of Singapore Chartered Accountants, and the applicable requirements of the Code on Collective Investment Schemes (the "CIS Code") issued by the Monetary Authority of Singapore ("MAS") and the provisions of the Trust Deed. RAP 7 requires the accounting policies to generally comply with the recognition and measurement principles of Singapore Financial Reporting Standards ("FRS").

# 2.2 Basis of measurement

These financial statements are prepared on the historical cost basis except as otherwise described in the notes below.

# 2.3 Functional and presentation currency

The financial statements are presented in Singapore dollars, which is the Trust's functional currency. All financial information presented in Singapore dollars have been rounded to the nearest thousand, unless otherwise stated.

## 2 BASIS OF PREPARATION (CONT'D)

## 2.4 Use of estimates and judgements

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with RAP 7 requires the Manager to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of policies and the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, income and expenses. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

Estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an on-going basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimates are revised and in any future periods affected.

Information about critical judgements in applying accounting policies that have the most significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements and information about assumptions and estimation uncertainties that have a significant risk of resulting in a material adjustment to the carrying amount of assets and liabilities within the next financial year are included in the following notes:

- Note 5 Valuation of investment properties
- Note 17 Valuation of financial instruments

#### Measurement of fair values

A number of the Group's accounting policies and disclosures require the measurement of fair values, for both financial and non-financial assets and liabilities.

The Manager has an established control framework with respect to the measurement of fair values. This includes a team that has overall responsibility for all significant fair value measurements, including Level 3 fair values; and reports directly to the Chief Executive Officer.

The team regularly reviews significant unobservable inputs and valuation adjustments. If third party information, such as property valuations, broker quotes or pricing services, is used to measure fair value, then the team assesses and documents the evidence obtained from the third parties to support the conclusion that such valuations meet the requirements of FRS, including the level in the fair value hierarchy in which the valuation should be classified.

When measuring the fair value of an asset or a liability, the Group uses market observable data as far as possible. Fair values are categorised into different levels in a fair value hierarchy based on the inputs used in the valuation techniques as follows:

- Level 1: Quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.
- Level 2: Inputs other than quoted prices included in Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (i.e., as prices) or indirectly (i.e., derived from prices).
- Level 3: Inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (unobservable data).

If the inputs used to measure the fair value of an asset or a liability fall into different levels of the fair value hierarchy, then the fair value measurement is categorised in its entirety in the same level of the fair value hierarchy as the lowest level input that is significant to the entire measurement (with Level 3 being the lowest).

The Group recognises transfers between levels of the fair value hierarchy as of the end of the reporting period during which the change has occurred.

Further information about the assumptions made in measuring fair values is included in the following notes:

- Note 5 Valuation of investment properties
- Note 17 Valuation of financial instruments

# 2 BASIS OF PREPARATION (CONT'D)

## 2.5 Changes in accounting policies

#### New standards and amendments

The Group has applied the following FRSs, amendments to and interpretations of FRSs for the first time for the annual period beginning on 1 January 2021:

- COVID-19-Related Rent Concessions (Amendments to FRS 116)
- Interest Rate Benchmark Reform Phase 2 (Amendments to FRS 109, FRS 39 and FRS 107, FRS 104 and FRS 116)

Other than the amendment relating to the interest rate benchmark reform Phase 2 Amendments, the application of these amendments to standards and interpretations does not have a material effect on the financial statements.

The Group applied the Phase 2 amendments retrospectively. However, in accordance with the exceptions permitted in the Phase 2 amendments, the Group has elected not to restate comparatives for the prior periods to reflect the application of these amendments. Since the Group had no transactions for which the benchmark rate had been replaced with an alternative benchmark rate as at 31 December 2020, there is no impact on opening equity balances as a result of retrospective application.

# Specific policies applicable from 1 January 2021 for interest rate benchmark reform

The Phase 2 amendments provide practical relief from certain requirements in FRS Standards. These reliefs relate to modifications of financial instruments and lease contracts or hedging relationships triggered by a replacement of a benchmark interest rate in a contract with a new alternative benchmark rate.

If the basis for determining the contractual cash flows of a financial asset or financial liability measured at amortised cost changes as a result of interest rate benchmark reform, then the Group updates the effective interest rate of the financial asset or financial liability to reflect the change that is required by the reform. A change in the basis for determining the contractual cash flows is required by interest rate benchmark reform if the following conditions are met:

- the change is necessary as a direct consequence of the reform; and
- the new basis for determining the contractual cash flows is economically equivalent to the previous basis i.e. the basis immediately before the change.

If changes are made to a financial asset or financial liability in addition to changes to the basis for determining the contractual cash flows required by interest rate benchmark reform, then the Group first updates the effective interest rate of the financial asset or financial liability to reflect the change that is required by interest rate benchmark reform. Subsequently, the Group applies the policies on accounting for modifications to the additional changes.

The amendments also provide an exception to use a revised discount rate that reflects the change in interest rate when remeasuring a lease liability because of a lease modification that is required by interest rate benchmark reform.

Finally, the Phase 2 amendments provide a series of temporary exceptions from certain hedge accounting requirements when a change required by interest rate benchmark reform occurs to a hedged item and/or hedging instrument that permit the hedge relationship to be continued without interruption. The Group applies the following reliefs as and when uncertainty arising from interest rate benchmark reform is no longer present with respect to the timing and the amount of the interest rate benchmark-based cash flows of the hedged item or hedging instrument:

- the Group amends the designation of a hedging relationship to reflect changes that are required by the reform without discontinuing the hedging relationship; and
- when a hedged item in a cash flow hedge is amended to reflect the changes that are required by the reform, the
  amount accumulated in the cash flow hedge reserve is deemed to be based on the alternative benchmark rate
  on which the hedged future cash flows are determined.

Where uncertainty persists in the timing or amount of the interest rate benchmark-based cash flows of the hedged item or hedging instrument, the Group continues to apply the existing accounting policies disclosed in note 3.7(vi).

#### 3 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accounting policies set out below have been applied consistently to all periods presented in these financial statements, and have been applied consistently by the Group, except as explained in Note 2.5, which addresses changes in accounting policies.

#### 3.1 Basis of consolidation

#### **Business combinations**

The Group accounts for business combinations using the acquisition method when the acquired set of activities and assets meets the definition of a business and control is transferred to the Group. In determining whether a particular set of activities and assets is a business, the Group assesses whether the set of assets and activities acquired includes, at a minimum, an input and substantive process and whether the acquired set has the ability to produce outputs.

The Group has an option to apply a 'concentration test' that permits a simplified assessment of whether an acquired set of activities and assets is not a business. The optional concentration test is met if substantially all of the fair value of the gross assets acquired is concentrated in a single identifiable asset or group of similar identifiable assets.

## Subsidiaries

Subsidiaries are entities controlled by the Group. The Group controls an entity when it is exposed to, or has rights to, variable returns from its involvement with the entity and has the ability to affect those returns through its power over the entity. The financial statements of subsidiaries are included in the consolidated financial statements from the date that control commences until the date that control ceases.

The accounting policies of subsidiaries have been changed when necessary to align them with the policies adopted by the Group. Losses applicable to the non-controlling interests ("NCI") in a subsidiary are allocated to the NCI even if doing so causes the NCI to have a deficit balance.

# Loss of control

When the Group loses control over a subsidiary, it derecognises the assets and liabilities of the subsidiary, and any related NCI and other components of equity. Any resulting gain or loss is recognised in profit or loss. Any interest retained in the former subsidiary is measured at fair value when control is lost.

## Joint ventures (equity-accounted investees)

A joint venture is an arrangement in which the Group has joint control, whereby the Group has rights to the net assets of the arrangement, rather than rights to its assets and obligations for its liabilities.

Investments in joint ventures are accounted for using the equity method. They are recognised initially at cost, which includes transaction costs. Subsequent to initial recognition, the consolidated financial statements include the Group's share of the profit or loss and other comprehensive income of equity-accounted investees after adjustments to align the accounting policies with those of the Group, from the date that joint control commences until the date that joint control ceases.

When the Group's share of losses exceeds its investment in an equity-accounted investee, the carrying amount of the investment, together with any long-term interests that form part thereof, is reduced to zero, and the recognition of further losses is discontinued except to the extent that the Group has an obligation to fund the investee's operations or has made payments on behalf of the investee.

### Joint operations

A joint operation is an arrangement in which the Group has joint control whereby the Group has rights to the assets, obligations for the liabilities, relating to the arrangement. The Group accounts for each of its assets, liabilities and transactions, including its share of those held or incurred jointly, in relation to the joint operation.

As at 31 December 2021, the Group is a 50% (31 December 2020: 50%) partner with Mirvac Commercial Sub SPV Ltd in 477 Collins Street Joint Venture (the "477 Collins Street Joint Venture"), whose principal activity is that of a property investment and the place of business is Australia. The Group has classified the 477 Collins Street Joint Venture as a joint operation as the joint venture partners control the 477 Collins Street Joint Venture collectively, and the 477 Collins Street Joint Venture is not structured through a separate legal vehicle.

## 3 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)

#### Transactions eliminated on consolidation

Intra-group balances and transactions and any unrealised income or expenses arising from intra-group transactions, are eliminated in preparing the consolidated financial statements. Unrealised gains arising from transactions with the equity-accounted investees are eliminated against the investment to the extent of the Group's interest in the investee. Unrealised losses are eliminated in the same way as unrealised gains, but only to the extent that there is no evidence of impairment.

#### Subsidiaries and joint ventures in the separate financial statements

Investments in subsidiaries and joint ventures are stated in the Trust's statement of financial position at cost less accumulated impairment losses.

## 3.2 Foreign currency

#### Foreign currency transactions

Transactions in foreign currencies are translated to the respective functional currencies of Group entities at exchange rates at the dates of the transactions. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies at the reporting date are translated to the functional currency at the exchange rate at that date. The foreign currency gain or loss on monetary items is the difference between amortised cost in the functional currency at the beginning of the year, adjusted for effective interest and payments during the year, and the amortised cost in foreign currency translated at the exchange rate at the end of the year.

Non-monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies that are measured at fair value are translated to the functional currency at the exchange rate at the date that the fair value was determined. Non-monetary items in a foreign currency that are measured in terms of historical cost are translated using the exchange rate at the date of the transaction. Foreign currency differences arising on translation are recognised in profit or loss. However, foreign currency differences arising from the translation of an investment in equity securities designated as at fair value through other comprehensive income are recognised in other comprehensive income.

### Foreign operations

The assets and liabilities of foreign operations, including goodwill and fair value adjustments arising on acquisition, are translated to Singapore dollars at exchange rates at the reporting date. The income and expenses of foreign operations are translated to Singapore dollars at exchange rates at the dates of the transactions.

Foreign currency differences are recognised and presented in the foreign currency translation reserve (translation reserve) in Unitholders' funds. However, if the foreign operation is disposed of such that control, or joint control is lost, the cumulative amount in the translation reserve related to that foreign operation is reclassified to profit or loss as part of the gain or loss on disposal. When the Group disposes of only part of its interest in a subsidiary that includes a foreign operation while retaining control, the relevant proportion of the cumulative amount is reattributed to NCI. When the Group disposes of only part of its investment in a joint venture that includes a foreign operation while retaining joint control, the relevant proportion of the cumulative amount is reclassified to profit or loss.

When the settlement of a monetary item receivable from or payable to a foreign operation is neither planned nor likely to occur in the foreseeable future, foreign exchange gains and losses arising from such a monetary item that are considered to form part of a net investment in a foreign operation are recognised and presented in the translation reserve in Unitholders' funds.

#### 3.3 Plant and equipment

Items of plant and equipment are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses.

The gain or loss arising from the retirement or disposal of an item of plant and equipment (calculated as the difference between the net proceeds from disposal and the carrying amount of the item) is recognised in profit or loss.

Depreciation is recognised as an expense in profit or loss on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives of each component of an item of plant and equipment.

# 3 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)

# 3.3 Plant and equipment (cont'd)

The estimated useful lives for the current and comparative years are as follows:

Furniture and fittings 5 years Equipment 3 - 5 years

Depreciation methods, useful lives and residual values are reviewed at the end of each reporting period and adjusted if appropriate.

#### 3.4 Investment properties

Investment properties are properties held either to earn rental income or for capital appreciation or for both, but not for sale in the ordinary course of business, use in production or supply of goods or services or for administrative purposes. Investment properties are measured at cost on initial recognition and subsequently at fair value with any change therein recognised in profit or loss. Fair value is determined in accordance with the Trust Deed, which requires the investment properties to be valued by independent registered valuers in such manner and frequency required under the Property Funds Appendix of the CIS Code issued by the MAS (being (i) at least once a financial year and (ii) in the event that the manager proposes to issue new Units or redeem existing Units and the valuation was conducted more than six months ago and the market conditions indicate that the real estate values have changed materially).

Cost includes expenditure that is directly attributable to the acquisition of the investment property. The cost of self-constructed investment property includes the cost of materials and direct labour, any other costs directly attributable to bringing the investment property to a working condition for their intended use and capitalised borrowing costs.

Any gain or loss on disposal of an investment property (calculated as the difference between the net proceeds from disposal and the carrying amount of the item) is recognised in profit or loss.

When the use of a property changes such that it is reclassified as property, plant and equipment, its fair value at the date of reclassification becomes its cost for subsequent accounting. Property that is being constructed for future use as investment property is accounted for at fair value.

## 3.5 Rental guarantee receivables

This represents the rental guarantee receivables under rental guarantee arrangements with the sellers of certain properties. The rental guarantee arrangement is measured at fair value on initial recognition with reference to the fair value of the rental guarantee provided. Subsequent to initial recognition it is measured at fair value at each reporting date. Any changes in amounts recognised are recognised in profit or loss.

#### 3.6 Leases

At inception of a contract, the Group assesses whether a contract is, or contains, a lease. A contract is, or contains, a lease if the contract conveys the right to control the use of an identified asset for a period of time in exchange for consideration.

# (i) As a lessee

At commencement or on modification of a contract that contains a lease component, the Group allocates the consideration in the contract to each lease component on the basis of its relative stand-alone prices. However, for the leases of property, the Group has elected not to separate non-lease components and account for the lease and non-lease components as a single lease component.

The Group recognises a right-of-use asset and a lease liability at the lease commencement date. The right-of-use asset is initially measured at cost, which comprises the initial amount of the lease liability adjusted for any lease payments made at or before the commencement date, plus any initial direct costs incurred and an estimate of costs to dismantle and remove the underlying asset or to restore the underlying asset or the site on which it is located, less any lease incentives received.

# 3 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)

## 3.6 Leases (cont'd)

#### (i) As a lessee

The right-of-use asset is subsequently depreciated using the straight-line method from the commencement date to the end of the lease term, unless the lease transfers ownership of the underlying asset to the Group by the end of the lease term or the cost of the right-of-use asset reflects that the Group will exercise a purchase option. In that case the right-of-use asset will be depreciated over the useful life of the underlying asset, which is determined on the same basis as those of property and equipment. In addition, the right-of-use asset is periodically reduced by impairment losses, if any, and adjusted for certain remeasurements of the lease liability.

The right-of-use asset is subsequently stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and impairment losses.

The lease liability is initially measured at the present value of the lease payments that are not paid at the commencement date, discounted using the interest rate implicit in the lease or, if that rate cannot be readily determined, the lessee's incremental borrowing rate. Generally, the Group uses the lessee's incremental borrowing rate as the discount rate.

The Group determines the lessee's incremental borrowing rate by obtaining interest rates from various external financing sources and makes certain adjustments to reflect the terms of the lease and type of the asset leased.

Lease payments included in the measurement of the lease liability comprise the following:

- fixed payments, including in-substance fixed payments;
- variable lease payments that depend on an index or a rate, initially measured using the index or rate as at the commencement date;
- amounts expected to be payable under a residual value guarantee; and
- the exercise price under a purchase option that the Group is reasonably certain to exercise, lease payments in an optional renewal period if the Group is reasonably certain to exercise an extension option, and penalties for early termination of a lease unless the Group is reasonably certain not to terminate early.

The lease liability is measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method. It is remeasured when there is a change in future lease payments arising from a change in an index or rate, if there is a change in the Group's estimate of the amount expected to be payable under a residual value guarantee, if the Group changes its assessment of whether it will exercise a purchase, extension or termination option or if there is a revised insubstance fixed lease payment.

When the lease liability is remeasured in this way, a corresponding adjustment is made to the carrying amount of the right-of-use asset, or is recorded in profit or loss if the carrying amount of the right-of-use asset has been reduced to zero.

#### Short-term leases and leases of low-value assets

The Group has elected not to recognise right-of-use assets and lease liabilities for leases of low-value assets and short-term leases. The Group recognises the lease payments associated with these leases as an expense on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

# (ii) As a lessor

At inception or on modification of a contract that contains a lease component, the Group allocates the consideration in the contract to each lease component on the basis of their relative stand-alone prices.

When the Group acts as a lessor, it determines at lease inception whether each lease is a finance lease or an operating lease.

To classify each lease, the Group makes an overall assessment of whether the lease transfers substantially all of the risks and rewards incidental to ownership of the underlying asset. If this is the case, then the lease is a finance lease; if not, then it is an operating lease. As part of this assessment, the Group considers certain indicators such as whether the lease is for the major part of the economic life of the asset.

# 3 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)

## 3.6 Leases (cont'd)

#### (ii) As a lessor (cont'd)

If an arrangement contains lease and non-lease components, then the Group applies FRS 115 to allocate the consideration in the contract.

The Group recognises lease payments received from investment property under operating leases as income on a straight-line basis over the lease term as part of 'revenue'.

#### 3.7 Financial instruments

i) Recognition and initial measurement

## Non-derivative financial assets and financial liabilities

Trade receivables are initially recognised when they are originated. All other financial assets and financial liabilities are initially recognised when the Group becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

A financial asset (unless it is a trade receivable without a significant financing component) or financial liability is initially measured at fair value plus, for an item not at fair value through profit or loss ("FVTPL"), transaction costs that are directly attributable to its acquisition or issue. A trade receivable without a significant financing component is initially measured at the transaction price.

(ii) Classification and subsequent measurement

#### Non-derivative financial assets

On initial recognition, a financial asset is classified as measured at amortised cost, fair value through other comprehensive income ("FVOCI") – equity, or FVTPL.

Financial assets are not reclassified subsequent to their initial recognition unless the Group changes its business model for managing financial assets, in which case all affected financial assets are reclassified on the first day of the first reporting period following the change in the business model.

Financial assets at amortised cost

A financial asset is measured at amortised cost if it meets both of the following conditions and is not designated as at FVTPL:

- it is held within a business model whose objective is to hold assets to collect contractual cash flows; and
- its contractual terms give rise on specified dates to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding.

#### Equity investments at FVOCI

On initial recognition of an equity investment that is not held-for-trading, the Group may irrevocably elect to present subsequent changes in the investment's fair value in other comprehensive income ("OCI"). This election is made on an investment-by-investment basis.

# Financial assets at FVTPL

All financial assets not classified as measured at amortised cost or FVOCI are measured at FVTPL. On initial recognition, the Group may irrevocably designate a financial asset that otherwise meets the requirements to be measured at amortised cost or at FVOCI as at FVTPL if doing so eliminates or significantly reduces an accounting mismatch that would otherwise arise.

# 3 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)

## 3.7 Financial instruments (cont'd)

(ii) Classification and subsequent measurement (cont'd)

#### Financial assets: Business model assessment

The Group makes an assessment of the objective of the business model in which a financial asset is held at a portfolio level because this best reflects the way the business is managed and information is provided to the Manager. The information considered includes:

- how the performance of the portfolio is evaluated and reported to the Manager; and
- the risks that affect the performance of the business model (and the financial assets held within that business model) and how those risks are managed.

Financial assets that are managed and whose performance is evaluated on a fair value basis are measured at FVTPL.

# Non-derivative financial assets: Assessment whether contractual cash flows are solely payments of principal and interest

For the purposes of this assessment, 'principal' is defined as the fair value of the financial asset on initial recognition. 'Interest' is defined as consideration for the time value of money and for the credit risk associated with the principal amount outstanding during a particular period of time and for other basic lending risks and costs (e.g. liquidity risk and administrative costs), as well as a profit margin.

In assessing whether the contractual cash flows are solely payments of principal and interest, the Group considers the contractual terms of the instrument. This includes assessing whether the financial asset contains a contractual term that could change the timing or amount of contractual cash flows such that it would not meet this condition. In making this assessment, the Group considers:

- contingent events that would change the amount or timing of cash flows;
- terms that may adjust the contractual coupon rate, including variable rate features;
- prepayment and extension features; and
- terms that limit the Group's claim to cash flows from specified assets (e.g. non-recourse features).

A prepayment feature is consistent with the solely payments of principal and interest criterion if the prepayment amount substantially represents unpaid amounts of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding, which may include reasonable additional compensation for early termination of the contract. Additionally, for a financial asset acquired at a significant discount or premium to its contractual par amount, a feature that permits or requires prepayment at an amount that substantially represents the contractual par amount plus accrued (but unpaid) contractual interest (which may also include reasonable additional compensation for early termination) is treated as consistent with this criterion if the fair value of the prepayment feature is insignificant at initial recognition.

# Non-derivative financial assets: Subsequent measurement and gains and losses

Financial assets at amortised cost

These assets are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method. The amortised cost is reduced by impairment losses. Interest income, foreign exchange gains and losses and impairment are recognised in profit or loss. Any gain or loss on derecognition is recognised in profit or loss.

#### Equity investments at FVOCI

These assets are subsequently measured at fair value. Dividends are recognised as income in profit or loss unless the dividend clearly represents a recovery of part of the cost of the investment. Other net gains and losses are recognised in OCI and are never reclassified to profit or loss.

# 3 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)

## 3.7 Financial instruments (cont'd)

(ii) Classification and subsequent measurement (cont'd)

Financial assets at FVTPL

These assets are subsequently measured at fair value. Net gains and losses, including any interest or dividend income, are recognised in profit or loss.

## Non-derivative financial liabilities: Classification, subsequent measurement and gains and losses

Financial liabilities are classified as measured at amortised cost.

These financial liabilities are initially measured at fair value less directly attributable transaction costs. They are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method. Interest expense and foreign exchange gains and losses are recognised in profit or loss.

## (iii) Derecognition

## Financial assets

The Group derecognises a financial asset when:

- the contractual rights to the cash flows from the financial asset expire; or
- it transfers the rights to receive the contractual cash flows in a transaction in which either:
  - substantially all of the risks and rewards of ownership of the financial asset are transferred; or
  - the Group neither transfers nor retains substantially all of the risks and rewards of ownership and it does not retain control of the financial asset.

Transferred assets are not derecognised when the Group enters into transactions whereby it transfers assets recognised in its statement of financial position, but retains either all or substantially all of the risks and rewards of the transferred assets.

# Financial liabilities

The Group derecognises a financial liability when its contractual obligations are discharged or cancelled, or expire. The Group also derecognises a financial liability when its terms are modified and the cash flows of the modified liability are substantially different, in which case a new financial liability based on the modified terms is recognised at fair value.

On derecognition of a financial liability, the difference between the carrying amount extinguished and the consideration paid (including any non-cash assets transferred or liabilities assumed) is recognised in profit or loss.

# (iv) Offsetting

Financial assets and financial liabilities are offset and the net amount presented in the statement of financial position when, and only when, the Group currently has a legally enforceable right to set off the amounts and it intends either to settle them on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

(v) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash balances and bank deposits.

(vi) Derivative financial instruments and hedge accounting

The Group holds derivative financial instruments to hedge its foreign currency and interest rate risk exposures. Embedded derivatives are separated from the host contract and accounted for separately if the host contract is not a financial asset and certain criteria are met.

# 3 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)

## 3.7 Financial instruments (cont'd)

(vi) Derivative financial instruments and hedge accounting (cont'd)

Derivatives are initially measured at fair value and any directly attributable transaction costs are recognised in profit or loss as incurred. Subsequent to initial recognition, derivatives are measured at fair value, and changes therein are generally recognised in profit or loss.

The Group designates certain derivatives and non-derivative financial instruments as hedging instruments in qualifying hedging relationships. At inception of designated hedging relationships, the Group documents the risk management objective and strategy for undertaking the hedge. The Group also documents the economic relationship between the hedged item and the hedging instrument, including whether the changes in cash flows of the hedged item and hedging instrument are expected to offset each other.

Phase 1 amendments: Prior to interest rate benchmark reform – when there is uncertainty arising from Interest rate benchmark reform

For the purpose of evaluating whether there is an economic relationship between the hedged item(s) and the hedging instrument(s), the Group assumes that the benchmark interest rate is not altered as a result of interest rate benchmark reform.

For a cash flow hedge of a forecast transaction, the Group assumes that the benchmark interest rate will not be altered as a result of interest rate benchmark reform for the purpose of assessing whether the forecast transaction is highly probable and presents an exposure to variations in cash flows that could ultimately affect profit or loss. In determining whether a previously designated forecast transaction in a discontinued cash flow hedge is still expected to occur, the Group assumes that the interest rate benchmark cash flows designated as a hedge will not be altered as a result of interest rate benchmark reform.

The Group will cease to apply the specific policy for assessing the economic relationship between the hedged item and the hedging instrument (i) to a hedged item or hedging instrument when the uncertainty arising from interest rate benchmark reform is no longer present with respect to the timing and the amount of the contractual cash flows of the respective item or instrument or (ii) when the hedging relationship is discontinued. For its highly probable assessment of the hedged item, the Group will no longer apply the specific policy when the uncertainty arising from interest rate benchmark reform about the timing and the amount of the interest rate benchmark-based future cash flows of the hedged item is no longer present, or when the hedging relationship is discontinued.

Phase 2 amendments: Replacement of benchmark interest rates when there is no longer uncertainty arising from interest rate benchmark reform

When the basis for determining the contractual cash flows of the hedged item or the hedging instrument changes as a result of interest rate benchmark reform and therefore there is no longer uncertainty arising about the cash flows of the hedged item or the hedging instrument, the Group amends the hedge documentation of that hedging relationship to reflect the change(s) required by interest rate benchmark reform. A change in the basis for determining the contractual cash flows is required by interest rate benchmark reform if the following conditions are met:

- the change is necessary as a direct consequence of the reform; and
- the new basis for determining the contractual cash flows is economically equivalent to the previous basis i.e. the basis immediately before the change.

For this purpose, the hedge designation is amended only to make one or more of the following changes:

- designating an alternative benchmark rate as the hedged risk;
- updating the description of hedged item, including the description of the designated portion of the cash flows or fair value being hedged; or
- updating the description of the hedging instrument.

# 3 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)

## 3.7 Financial instruments (cont'd)

(vi) Derivative financial instruments and hedge accounting (cont'd)

Phase 2 amendments: Replacement of benchmark interest rates when there is no longer uncertainty arising from interest rate benchmark reform (cont'd)

The Group amends the description of the hedging instrument only if the following conditions are met:

- it makes a change required by interest rate benchmark reform by changing the basis for determining the
  contractual cash flows of the hedging instrument or using another approach that is economically equivalent
  to changing the basis for determining the contractual cash flows of the original hedging instrument; and
- the original hedging instrument is not derecognised.

The Group amends the formal hedge documentation by the end of the reporting period during which a change required by interest rate benchmark reform is made to the hedged risk, hedged item or hedging instrument. These amendments in the formal hedge documentation do not constitute the discontinuation of the hedging relationship or the designation of a new hedging relationship.

If changes are made in addition to those changes required by interest rate benchmark reform described above, then the Group first considers whether those additional changes result in the discontinuation of the hedge accounting relationship. If the additional changes do not result in discontinuation of the hedge accounting relationship, then the Group amends the formal hedge documentation for changes required by interest rate benchmark reform as mentioned above.

When the interest rate benchmark on which the hedged future cash flows had been based is changed as required by interest rate benchmark reform, for the purpose of determining whether the hedged future cash flows are expected to occur, the Group deems that the hedging reserve recognised in OCI for that hedging relationship is based on the alternative benchmark rate on which the hedged future cash flows will be based.

# Cash flow hedges

The Group designates certain derivatives as hedging instruments to hedge the variability in cash flows associated with highly probable forecast transactions arising from changes in interest rates.

When a derivative is designated as a cash flow hedging instrument, the effective portion of changes in the fair value of the derivative is recognised in the hedging reserve in Unitholders' funds. The effective portion of changes in the fair value of the derivative that is recognised in the hedging reserve in Unitholders' funds is limited to the cumulative change in fair value of the hedged item, determined on a present value basis, from inception of the hedge. Any ineffective portion of changes in the fair value of the derivative is recognised immediately in profit or loss.

If the hedge no longer meets the criteria for hedge accounting or the hedging instrument is sold, expires, is terminated or is exercised, then hedge accounting is discontinued prospectively. When hedge accounting for cash flow hedges is discontinued, the amount that has been accumulated in the hedging reserve remains in Unitholders' funds until it is reclassified to profit or loss in the same period or periods as the hedged expected future cash flows affect profit or loss.

If the hedged future cash flows are no longer expected to occur, then the amounts that have been accumulated in the hedging reserve are immediately reclassified to profit or loss.

#### (vii) Other non-trading derivatives

When a derivative financial instrument is not designated in a hedge relationship that qualifies for hedge accounting, all changes in its fair value are recognised immediately in profit or loss.

# 3 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)

## 3.7 Financial instruments (cont'd)

#### (viii) Convertible bonds

The convertible bonds comprise a liability for the principal and interest and a derivative liability. The liability component of the convertible bonds is recognised initially at the fair value of a similar liability that does not have an equity conversion option. The derivative liability is recognised initially at the difference between the fair value of the convertible bonds as a whole and the fair value of the liability component. Any directly attributable transaction costs are allocated to the liability component and derivative liability in proportion to their initial carrying amounts.

Subsequent to initial recognition, the convertible bonds are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method. The separated derivative liability is measured at FVTPL.

# 3.8 Impairment

#### (i) Non-derivative financial assets

The Group recognises loss allowances for expected credit loss ("ECL") on financial assets measured at amortised costs.

Loss allowances of the Group are measured on either of the following bases:

- 12-month ECLs: these are ECLs that result from default events that are possible within 12 months after the reporting date (or for a shorter period if the expected life of the instrument is less than 12 months); or
- Lifetime ECLs: these are ECLs that result from all possible default events over the expected life of a financial instrument.

## Simplified approach

The Group applies the simplified approach to provide for ECLs for all trade receivables. The simplified approach requires the loss allowance to be measured at an amount equal to lifetime ECLs.

# General approach

The Group applies the general approach to provide for ECLs on all other financial instruments. Under the general approach, the loss allowance is measured at an amount equal to 12-month ECLs at initial recognition.

At each reporting date, the Group assesses whether the credit risk of a financial instrument has increased significantly since initial recognition. When credit risk has increased significantly since initial recognition, loss allowance is measured at an amount equal to lifetime ECLs.

When determining whether the credit risk of a financial asset has increased significantly since initial recognition and when estimating ECLs, the Group considers reasonable and supportable information that is relevant and available without undue cost or effort. This includes both quantitative and qualitative information and analysis, based on the Group's historical experience and informed credit assessment and includes forward-looking information.

If credit risk has not increased significantly since initial recognition or if the credit quality of the financial instruments improves such that there is no longer a significant increase in credit risk since initial recognition, loss allowance is measured at an amount equal to 12-month ECLs.

The Group considers a financial asset to be in default when:

- the debtor is unlikely to pay its credit obligations to the Group in full, without recourse by the Group to actions such as realising security (if any is held); or
- the financial asset is more than 90 days past due.

The maximum period considered when estimating ECLs is the maximum contractual period over which the Group is exposed to credit risk.

# 3 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)

## 3.8 Impairment (cont'd)

#### (i) Non-derivative financial assets (cont'd)

#### Measurement of ECLs

ECLs are probability-weighted estimates of credit losses. Credit losses are measured at the present value of all cash shortfalls (i.e. the difference between the cash flows due to the entity in accordance with the contract and the cash flows that the Group expects to receive). ECLs are discounted at the effective interest rate of the financial asset.

#### Credit-impaired financial assets

At each reporting date, the Group assesses whether financial assets carried at amortised cost are creditimpaired. A financial asset is 'credit-impaired' when one or more events that have a detrimental impact on the estimated future cash flows of the financial asset have occurred.

Evidence that a financial asset is credit-impaired includes the following observable data:

- significant financial difficulty of the debtor;
- a breach of contract such as a default or being more than 90 days past due; or
- it is probable that the debtor will enter bankruptcy or other financial reorganisation.

Presentation of allowance for ECLs in the statement of financial position

Loss allowances for financial assets measured at amortised cost are deducted from the gross carrying amount of these assets.

#### Write-off

The gross carrying amount of a financial asset is written off (either partially or in full) to the extent that there is no realistic prospect of recovery. This is generally the case when the Group determines that the debtor does not have assets or sources of income that could generate sufficient cash flows to repay the amounts subject to the write-off. However, financial assets that are written off could still be subject to enforcement activities in order to comply with the Group's procedures for recovery of amounts due.

## (ii) Non-financial assets

The carrying amounts of the Group's non-financial assets, other than investment properties and deferred tax assets, are reviewed at each reporting date to determine whether there is any indication of impairment. If any such indication exists, then the asset's recoverable amount is estimated. An impairment loss is recognised if the carrying amount of an asset or its cash-generating unit ("CGU") exceeds its estimated recoverable amount.

The recoverable amount of an asset or CGU is the greater of its value in use and its fair value less costs of disposal. In assessing value in use, the estimated future cash flows are discounted to their present value using a pre-tax discount rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the asset or CGU.

Impairment losses are recognised in profit or loss. Impairment losses recognised in respect of CGUs are allocated first to reduce the carrying amount of any goodwill allocated to the CGU (group of CGUs), and then to reduce the carrying amounts of the other assets in the CGU (group of CGUs) on a *pro rata* basis.

Impairment losses recognised in prior periods in respect of assets other than goodwill are assessed at each reporting date for any indications that the loss has decreased or no longer exists. An impairment loss is reversed if there has been a change in the estimates used to determine the recoverable amount. An impairment loss is reversed only to the extent that the asset's carrying amount does not exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined, net of depreciation or amortisation, if no impairment loss had been recognised.

An impairment loss in respect of joint venture is measured by comparing the recoverable amount of the investment with its carrying amount in accordance with the requirements for non-financial assets. An impairment loss is recognised in profit or loss. An impairment loss is reversed if there has been a change in the estimates used to determine the recoverable amount and only to the extent that the recoverable amount increases.

# 3 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)

## 3.9 Unitholders' funds

Unitholders' funds are classified as equity.

Issue costs relate to expenses incurred in connection with the issue of units. The expenses are deducted directly against Unitholders' funds.

### 3.10 Perpetual securities

The perpetual securities do not have a maturity date and distribution payment is optional at the discretion of the Trust. As the Trust does not have a contractual obligation to repay the principal nor make any distributions, the perpetual securities are classified as equity.

Any distributions made are directly debited from equity. Incremental costs directly attributable to the issue of the perpetual securities are deducted against the proceeds from the issue.

## 3.11 Revenue recognition

# (i) Rental income from operating leases

Rental income receivable under operating leases is recognised as 'revenue' on a straight-line basis over the term of the lease, except where an alternative basis is more representative of the pattern of benefits to be derived from the leased assets. Lease incentives granted are recognised as an integral part of the total rental to be received. Contingent rentals, which include gross turnover rental, are recognised as income in the accounting period in which they are earned. No contingent rentals are recognised if there are uncertainties due to the possible return of amounts received.

# (ii) Dividend income

Dividend income is recognised in profit or loss on the date that the right to receive payment is established.

# 3.12 Expenses

# (i) Property expenses

Property expenses consist of advertising and promotion expenses, property tax, property management fees (using the applicable formula stipulated in Note 1(i)), maintenance charges and other property outgoings in relation to investment properties where such expenses are the responsibility of the Group.

# (ii) Asset management fees

Asset management fees are recognised on an accrual basis using the applicable formula stipulated in Note 1(ii).

#### (iii) Trustee's fee

Trustee's fee is recognised on an accrual basis using the applicable formula stipulated in Note 1(iii).

## 3.13 Government grants

Government grants are initially recognised as deferred income at fair value when there is reasonable assurance that they will be received and the Group will comply with the conditions associated with the grant. Grants that compensate the Group for expenses incurred are recognised in profit or loss on a systematic basis in the same periods in which the expenses are recognised, unless the conditions for receiving the grant are met after the related expenses have been recognised. In this case, the grant is recognised when it becomes receivable.

#### 3.14 Finance income and finance costs

Finance income comprises interest income on funds invested and net foreign exchange gains that are recognised in profit or loss.

Finance costs comprise interest expense on borrowings, amortisation of transaction costs incurred on borrowings and net foreign exchange losses that are recognised in profit or loss.

# 3 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)

## 3.14 Finance income and finance costs (cont'd)

Foreign exchange gains and losses are reported on a net basis as either finance income or finance cost depending on whether the foreign exchange movements are in a net gain or net loss position.

Interest income or expense is recognised using the effective interest method.

The 'effective interest rate' is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash payments or receipts through the expected life of the financial instrument to:

- the gross carrying amount of the financial asset; or
- the amortised cost of the financial liability.

In calculating interest income and expense, the effective interest rate is applied to the gross carrying amount of the asset (when the asset is not credit-impaired) or to the amortised cost of the liability. However, for financial assets that have become credit-impaired subsequent to initial recognition, interest income is calculated by applying the effective interest rate to the amortised cost of the financial asset. If the asset is no longer credit-impaired, then the calculation of interest income reverts to the gross basis.

Borrowing costs that are not directly attributable to the acquisition, construction or production of a qualifying asset are recognised in profit or loss using the effective interest method.

#### 3.15 Tax

Tax expense comprises current and deferred tax. Current tax and deferred tax are recognised in profit or loss except to the extent that it relates to items recognised directly in Unitholders' funds.

Current tax is the expected tax payable on the taxable income for the year, measured using tax rates enacted or substantively enacted at the reporting date and any adjustment to tax payable in respect of previous years. The amount of current tax payable or receivable is the best estimate of the tax amount expected to be paid or received that reflects uncertainty related to income taxes, if any.

Deferred tax is recognised in respect of temporary differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities for financial reporting purposes and the amounts used for tax purposes.

Deferred tax is not recognised for temporary difference on the initial recognition of assets or liabilities in a transaction that is not a business combination and that affects neither accounting nor taxable profit or loss, and temporary differences related to investments in subsidiaries and joint arrangements to the extent that the Group is able to control the timing of the reversal of the temporary difference and it is probable that they will not reverse in the foreseeable future.

The measurement of deferred taxes reflects the tax consequences that would follow the manner in which the Group expects, at the end of the reporting date, to recover or settle the carrying amount of its assets and liabilities. For investment property that is measured at fair value, the presumption that the carrying amount of the investment property will be recovered through sale has not been rebutted. Deferred tax is measured at the tax rates that are expected to be applied to temporary differences when they reverse, based on tax rates and tax laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the reporting date and reflects uncertainty related to income tax, if any.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are offset if there is a legally enforceable right to offset current tax liabilities and assets, and they relate to income taxes levied by the same tax authority on the same taxable entity; or on different tax entities, but they intend to settle current tax liabilities and assets on a net basis or their tax assets and liabilities will be realised simultaneously.

A deferred tax asset is recognised to the extent that it is probable that future taxable profits, against which the temporary differences can be utilised, will be available. Deferred tax assets are reviewed at each reporting date and are reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that the related tax benefit will be realised.

# 3 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)

## 3.15 Tax (cont'd)

The Inland Revenue Authority of Singapore ("IRAS") has issued a tax ruling on the taxation of the Trust for income earned and expenditure incurred after its listing on the SGX-ST. Subject to meeting the terms and conditions of the tax ruling which includes a distribution of at least 90% of the taxable income of the Trust, the Trustee will not be taxed on the portion of taxable income of the Trust that is distributed to Unitholders. Any portion of the taxable income that is not distributed to Unitholders will be taxed on the Trustee. In the event that there are subsequent adjustments to the taxable income when the actual taxable income of the Trust is finally agreed with the IRAS, such adjustments are taken up as an adjustment to the taxable income for the next distribution following the agreement with the IRAS.

Although the Trust is not taxed on its taxable income distributed, the Trustee and the Manager are required to deduct income tax from distributions of such taxable income of the Trust (i.e. which has not been taxed in the hands of the Trustee) to certain Unitholders. However, the Trustee and the Manager will not deduct tax from distributions made out of the Trust's taxable income to the extent that the beneficial Unitholder is:

- An individual (excluding a partnership in Singapore);
- A tax resident Singapore-incorporated company;
- A body of persons registered or constituted in Singapore (e.g. a town council, a statutory board, a registered charity, a registered cooperative society, a registered trade union, a management corporation, a club or a trade and industry association);
- A Singapore branch of a foreign company which has been presented a letter of approval from the Comptroller
  of Income Tax granting waiver from tax deducted at source in respect of distributions from the Trust;
- An agent bank acting as a nominee for individuals who have purchased Units within the CPFIS and the distributions received from the Trust are returned to CPFIS; or
- An international organisation that is exempt from tax on such distributions by reason of an order made under the International Organisations (Immunities and Privileges) Act (Cap. 145).

The above tax transparency ruling does not apply to gains from sale of properties. Where the gains are trading gains, the Trustee will be assessed for tax. Where the gains are capital gains, the Trustee will not be assessed for tax and may distribute the capital gains without tax being deducted at source.

# 3.16 Earnings per Unit

Basic earnings per Unit is calculated by dividing the total return for the year after tax attributable to Unitholders of the Trust by the weighted average number of units outstanding during the year. Diluted earnings per Unit is determined by adjusting the total return for the year after tax attributable to Unitholders of the Trust and the weighted average number of units outstanding, adjusted for the effects of all dilutive potential units.

# 3.17 Segment reporting

An operating segment is a component of the Group that engages in business activities from which it may earn revenues and incur expenses, including revenues and expenses that relate to transactions with any of the Group's other components. All operating segments' operating results are reviewed regularly by the Group's Chief Executive Officer (the chief operating decision maker), to make decisions about resources to be allocated to the segment and to assess the segment's performance, and for which discrete financial information is available.

# 3.18 New standards and interpretations not yet adopted

A number of new standards, interpretations and amendments to standards are effective for annual periods beginning after 1 January 2021 and earlier application is permitted; however, the Group has not early adopted the new or amended standards and interpretations in preparing these financial statements.

The Group is in the process of assessing the impact of the following new standards, interpretations and amendments to the standards on the Group's consolidated financial statements and the Trust's financial statements.

# 3 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)

# 3.18 New standards and interpretations not yet adopted (cont'd)

- FRS 117 Insurance Contracts and amendments to FRS 117 Insurance Contracts
- Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-current (Amendments to FRS 1)
- Covid-19-Related Rent Concessions beyond 30 June 2021 (Amendment to FRS 116)
- Reference to the Conceptual Framework (Amendments to FRS 103)
- Property, Plant and Equipment Proceeds before Intended Use (Amendments to FRS 16)
- Onerous Contracts Costs of Fulfilling a Contract (Amendments to FRS 37)
- Annual Improvements to FRSs 2018 2020
- Disclosure of Accounting Policies (Amendments to FRS 1 and FRS Practice Statement 2)
- Definition of Accounting Estimates (Amendments to FRS 8)
- Deferred Tax related to Assets and Liabilities arising from a Single Transaction (Amendments to FRS 12)

# 4 PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

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| Depreciation charge for the year       445       332       777         Disposals       (2)       (15)       (17)         At 31 December 2020       5,513       2,513       8,026         Depreciation charge for the year       413       373       786         Disposals       (105)       (85)       (190)         At 31 December 2021       5,821       2,801       8,622         Carrying amounts         At 1 January 2020       1,200       448       1,648         At 31 December 2020       945       671       1,616   | Accumulated depreciation         |              |           |        |
| Disposals       (2)       (15)       (17)         At 31 December 2020       5,513       2,513       8,026         Depreciation charge for the year       413       373       786         Disposals       (105)       (85)       (190)         At 31 December 2021       5,821       2,801       8,622         Carrying amounts         At 1 January 2020       1,200       448       1,648         At 31 December 2020       945       671       1,616  | At 1 January 2020                | 5,070        | 2,196     | 7,266  |
| At 31 December 2020       5,513       2,513       8,026         Depreciation charge for the year       413       373       786         Disposals       (105)       (85)       (190)         At 31 December 2021       5,821       2,801       8,622         Carrying amounts         At 1 January 2020       1,200       448       1,648         At 31 December 2020       945       671       1,616  | Depreciation charge for the year | 445          | 332       | 777    |
| Depreciation charge for the year       413       373       786         Disposals       (105)       (85)       (190)         At 31 December 2021       5,821       2,801       8,622         Carrying amounts         At 1 January 2020       1,200       448       1,648         At 31 December 2020       945       671       1,616  | Disposals                        | (2)          | (15)      | (17)   |
| Disposals       (105)       (85)       (190)         At 31 December 2021       5,821       2,801       8,622         Carrying amounts         At 1 January 2020       1,200       448       1,648         At 31 December 2020       945       671       1,616   | At 31 December 2020              | 5,513        | 2,513     | 8,026  |
| At 31 December 2021       5,821       2,801       8,622         Carrying amounts       3,622       3,622       3,622       3,622         At 1 January 2020       1,200       448       1,648         At 31 December 2020       945       671       1,616  | Depreciation charge for the year | 413          | 373       | 786    |
| Carrying amounts       At 1 January 2020     1,200     448     1,648       At 31 December 2020     945     671     1,616  | Disposals                        | (105)        | (85)      | (190)  |
| At 1 January 2020       1,200       448       1,648         At 31 December 2020       945       671       1,616   | At 31 December 2021              | 5,821        | 2,801     | 8,622  |
| At 1 January 2020       1,200       448       1,648         At 31 December 2020       945       671       1,616   | Carrying amounts                 |              |           |        |
| At 31 December 2020 945 671 1,616   |                                  | 1,200        | 448       | 1,648  |
| At 31 December 2021 557 789 1,346   |                                  | 945          | 671       |        |
|   | At 31 December 2021              | 557          | 789       | 1,346  |

# 4 PLANT AND EQUIPMENT (CONT'D)

|                                  | Equipment<br>\$'000 |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|
| Trust                            |                     |
| Cost                             |                     |
| At 1 January 2020                | 1,595               |
| Additions                        | 478                 |
| At 31 December 2020              | 2,073               |
| Additions                        | 321                 |
| At 31 December 2021              | 2,394               |
| Accumulated depreciation         |                     |
| At 1 January 2020                | 1,358               |
| Depreciation charge for the year | 205                 |
| At 31 December 2020              | 1,563               |
| Depreciation charge for the year | 234                 |
| At 31 December 2021              | 1,797               |
| Carrying amounts                 |                     |
| At 1 January 2020                | 237                 |
| At 31 December 2020              | 510                 |
| At 31 December 2021              | 597                 |

# **5 INVESTMENT PROPERTIES**

|   | (         | Group     |           | Trust     |  |  |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--|--|
| Note                                    | 2021      | 2020      | 2021      | 2020      |  |  |
|   | \$'000    | \$'000    | \$'000    | \$'000    |  |  |
| At 1 January                            | 7,262,856 | 6,879,695 | 5,088,000 | 5,206,000 |  |  |
| Acquisition of a subsidiary 22          | 645,838   | _         | _         | _         |  |  |
| Acquisition of property                 | _         | 267,417   | _         | _         |  |  |
| Capital expenditure capitalised         | 37,997    | 214,522   | 891       | 2,124     |  |  |
| Divestments                             | (180,920) | _         | (180,920) | _         |  |  |
| Reversal of accruals no longer required | _         | (5,054)   | _         | (5,054)   |  |  |
|   | 7,765,771 | 7,356,580 | 4,907,971 | 5,203,070 |  |  |
| Changes in fair value                   | 223,973   | (214,803) | 89,029    | (115,070) |  |  |
| Effects of movements in exchange rates  | (76,644)  | 121,079   | _         | _         |  |  |
| At 31 December                          | 7,913,100 | 7,262,856 | 4,997,000 | 5,088,000 |  |  |

During the year ended 31 December 2020, accrued renovation cost for Suntec City Mall no longer required amounting to \$5.1 million was reversed.

On 6 April 2020, the Group entered into a sales and purchase contract to acquire a property at 21 Harris street, Pyrmont, Sydney, Australia for a net purchase consideration of \$267.4 million.

On 21 September 2021, the Trust completed the divestment of a portfolio of Suntec City Office Strata Units for an aggregate sales consideration of \$197.0 million. A net gain from divestment of investment properties amounting to \$13.9 million was recognised to the Statement of Total Return.

# 5 INVESTMENT PROPERTIES (CONT'D)

## Measurement of fair value

The fair value of investment properties is determined by external independent valuers having appropriate recognised professional qualifications and recent experience in the location and category of properties being valued. Valuations of the investment properties are carried out at least once a year.

The valuers have considered valuation techniques including the discounted cash flow method, capitalisation approach and/or direct comparison method (2020: discounted cash flow method, capitalisation approach and/or direct comparison method). The discounted cash flow method involves the estimation and projection of an income stream over a period and discounting the income stream with an internal rate of return to arrive at the market value. The capitalisation approach capitalises an income stream into a present value using single-year capitalisation rates.

The direct comparison method involves the analysis of comparable sales of similar properties, with adjustments made to differentiate the comparable in terms of location, area, quality and other relevant factors.

The valuation technique(s) considered by valuers for each property is in line with market practices generally adopted in the jurisdiction in which the property is located.

The valuation reports obtained from certain external valuers (2020: all valuers) have included market uncertainty clauses, highlighting that less certainty and a higher degree of caution should be attached to their valuations than would normally be the case. Due to the unknown future impact that COVID-19 pandemic might have on the real estate market, the external valuers have recommended to keep the valuation of these properties under frequent review.

#### Fair value hierarchy

The fair value measurement for investment properties have been categorised as a Level 3 fair value based on the inputs to the valuation techniques used.

# Valuation techniques and significant unobservable inputs

The following table shows the valuation techniques used in measuring the fair value of investment properties, as well as the significant unobservable inputs used.

| Valuation techniques        | Key unobservable inputs | Range   | Inter-relationship between<br>significant unobservable<br>inputs and fair value<br>measurement |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------|---|--|
| Discounted cash flow method | Discount rate           | Singapore<br>6.50% - 7.00%<br>(2020: 6.00% - 6.50%) | The estimated fair value would increase if the discount rate and terminal yield were lower.    |
|                             |                         | Australia<br>5.75% - 7.00%<br>(2020: 6.13% - 7.25%) |  |
|                             | Terminal yield          | Singapore<br>3.80% - 6.00%<br>(2020: 4.00% - 6.25%) |  |
|                             |                         | Australia<br>5.00% - 6.75%<br>(2020: 5.00% - 7.00%) |  |

# 5 INVESTMENT PROPERTIES (CONT'D)

Valuation techniques and significant unobservable inputs (cont'd)

| Valuation techniques     | Key unobservable inputs | Range   | Inter-relationship between<br>significant unobservable<br>inputs and fair value<br>measurement |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|---|--|
|                          |                         |   |  |
| Capitalisation approach  | Capitalisation rate     | Singapore<br>3.55% - 5.75%<br>(2020: 3.75% - 6.00%)         | The estimated fair value would increase if the capitalisation rate was lower.                  |
|                          |                         | Australia<br>4.50% - 6.50%<br>(2020: 4.63% - 6.75%)         |  |
|                          |                         | United Kingdom<br>4.33% (2020: N/A)                         |  |
| Direct comparison method | Price per square foot   | Singapore<br>\$1,882 - \$2,567<br>(2020: \$1,024 - \$2,522) | The estimated fair value would increase if the price per square foot was higher.               |
|                          |                         | Australia<br>N/A<br>(2020: \$2,540)                         |  |

### Security

The investment properties, Suntec City Mall, Suntec Singapore, 177 Pacific Highway, 55 Currie Street and 21 Harris Street (2020: Suntec City Mall, Suntec Singapore, 177 Pacific Highway, 55 Currie Street and 21 Harris Street), with a total carrying value of \$3,837.7 million (2020: \$3,712.5 million), have been mortgaged as security for credit facilities (Note 13).

# **6 RENTAL GUARANTEE RECEIVABLES**

|             | Gr             | oup            |
|-------------|----------------|----------------|
|             | 2021<br>\$'000 | 2020<br>\$'000 |
| Non-current | 7,098          | 16,858         |
| Current     | 4,233          | 6,827          |
|             | 11,331         | 23,685         |

This represents the rental guarantee receivable under the rental guarantee arrangements with the sellers of 21 Harris Street and Nova Properties. Pursuant to the terms of the rental guarantee arrangements, the sellers will provide a rental guarantee on minimum tenancy levels for a period of 2 to 5 years.

# 7 INTERESTS IN JOINT VENTURES

|                              |                | Group          | Trust          |                |  |
|------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|--|
|                              | 2021<br>\$'000 | 2020<br>\$'000 | 2021<br>\$'000 | 2020<br>\$'000 |  |
| Investment in joint ventures | 2,214,067      | 2,456,585      | 850,574        | 850,574        |  |
| Loans to joint ventures      | 1,230,753      | 1,229,908      | 621,167        | 618,937        |  |
|                              | 3,444,820      | 3,686,493      | 1,471,741      | 1,469,511      |  |

## 7 INTERESTS IN JOINT VENTURES (CONT'D)

Included in the Group's loans to joint ventures as at 31 December 2021 are amounts of \$938.3 million (2020: \$996.0 million) which bear interest ranging from 2.40% to 5.00% (2020: 2.37% to 5.00%) per annum. The remaining balances are interest-free.

The Trust's loans to joint ventures bear interest between 2.40% to 2.88% (2020: 2.37% to 3.99%) per annum.

The loans to joint ventures are not due within 12 months of the reporting date and represents the Group's and the Trust's net investments in the joint ventures. Accordingly, the loans are classified as non-current.

Disposal of PMIL and its subsidiaries ("PMIL Group")

On 16 June 2021, the Group completed the sale of its 30.0% interest in PMIL Group to a related party, Haiyi Holdings Pte. Ltd., for an aggregate consideration of \$90.0 million, based on the adjusted net asset value of PMIL Group. The consideration takes into account the agreed value of the Property – 9 Penang Road (on a 100% basis) of \$985.0 million. A net gain from divestment of the joint venture amounting to \$13.9 million was recognised to the Statement of Total Return.

Details of the material joint ventures are as follows:

| Name of joint ventures                                     | Country of incorporation  | Effective interests held by the Group 2021 2020 % |       |  |
|--|---------------------------|---|-------|--|
| One Raffles Quay Pte. Ltd. ("ORQPL") (1)                   | Singapore                 | 33.33   | 33.33 |  |
| BFC Development LLP ("BFCDLLP") (1)                        | Singapore                 | 33.33   | 33.33 |  |
| Park Mall Investment Limited ("PMIL") (2)                  | British<br>Virgin Islands | -   | 30.0  |  |
| Southgate Trust ("SGT") (3)                                | Australia                 | 50.0  | 50.0  |  |
| Nova Limited Partnership ("NLP") (1)                       | United<br>Kingdom         | 50.0  | 50.0  |  |
| Nova Residential Limited Partnership (1)                   | United<br>Kingdom         | 50.0  | 50.0  |  |
| Held by joint ventures                                     |                           |   |       |  |
| Held by PMIL   |                           |   |       |  |
| Park Mall Holdings Limited (2)                             | British<br>Virgin Islands | -   | 30.0  |  |
| Held by Park Mall Holdings Limited Park Mall Pte. Ltd. (4) | Singapore                 | _   | 30.0  |  |

<sup>(1)</sup> Audited by a member of Ernst & Young Global Limited. The Manager's Board of Directors and Audit Committee are satisfied that the appointment does not compromise the standard and effectiveness of the audit.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>(2)</sup> Not required to be audited under the laws of the country in which it was incorporated.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>(3)</sup> For consolidation purposes, this entity has been audited by a member of KPMG International.

<sup>(4)</sup> Audited by KPMG LLP Singapore.

# 7 INTERESTS IN JOINT VENTURES (CONT'D)

One Raffles Quay Pte. Ltd. owns One Raffles Quay, Singapore.

BFC Development LLP owns Marina Bay Financial Centre Towers 1 and 2 and the Marina Bay Link Mall, Singapore.

Park Mall Pte. Ltd. owns a commercial property located at 9 Penang Road, Singapore.

Suntec REIT (Australia) Trust owns 50% interest in Southgate Trust which in turn, owns 100% in Southgate Complex, Melbourne, Australia.

Nova Limited Partnership owns the properties, Nova North, Nova South, and commercial units in The Nova Building, United Kingdom.

Nova Residential Limited Partnership holds the residential ground lease in The Nova Building, United Kingdom.

The following summarises the financial information of the Group's material joint ventures based on their financial statements prepared in accordance with FRS, modified for fair value adjustments on acquisition and differences in the Group's accounting policies.

|  | ORQPL<br>\$'000 | BFCDLLP<br>\$'000 | PMIL<br>\$'000 | SGT<br>\$'000 | NLP<br>\$'000 |
|--|-----------------|-------------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|
| 2021   |                 |                   |                |               |               |
| Revenue  | 150,567         | 210,613           | 20,197         | 54,823        | 69,129        |
| Expenses   | (76,815)        | (94,912)          | (30,875)       | (26,362)      | (53,131)      |
| Net change in fair value of investment properties  | (45,200)        | 3,900             | _              | 19,562        | 49,436        |
| Total return for the year (a)  | 28,552          | 119,601           | (10,678)       | 48,023        | 65,434        |
| (a) Includes:  |                 |                   |                |               |               |
| - Depreciation   | (135)           | (44)              | (10)           | _             | _             |
| - Interest income  | 33              | 31                | -              | _             | _             |
| - Interest expense   | (17,823)        | (42,015)          | (3,222)        | (1,084)       | (34,806)      |
| - Tax expense  | (14,786)        | -                 | (300)          | -             | -             |
| Non-current assets   | 1,659,530       | 5,047,442         | _              | 790,845       | 1,537,063     |
| Current assets <sup>(b)</sup>  | 1,517,617       | 19,198            | _              | 22,157        | 133,545       |
| Current liabilities(c)   | (28,044)        | (7,487)           | _              | (21,840)      | (39,485)      |
| Non-current liabilities <sup>(d)</sup>   | (1,086,904)     | (1,736,964)       | _              | (388,463)     | (1,201,248)   |
| Net assets   | 2,062,199       | 3,322,189         | _              | 402,699       | 429,875       |
| (b) Includes cash and cash equivalents (c) Includes current financial liabilities (excluding trade and | 13,024          | 15,014            | _              | 11,479        | 53,457        |
| other payables and provisions)  (d) Includes non-current financial liabilities (excluding trade        | 3,203           | 916               | -              | 11,346        | _             |
| and other payables and provisions)   | 1,051,528       | 1,709,471         | _              | 388,463       | 1,201,248     |

# 7 INTERESTS IN JOINT VENTURES (CONT'D)

|   | ORQPL<br>\$'000 | BFCDLLP<br>\$'000 | PMIL<br>\$'000 | SGT<br>\$'000 | NLP<br>\$'000 | Immaterial<br>joint<br>ventures<br>\$'000 | Total<br>\$'000 |
|---|-----------------|-------------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|---|-----------------|
| 2021  |                 |                   |                |               |               |   |                 |
| Group's interest in net assets of joint ventures at the beginning |                 |                   |                |               |               |   |                 |
| of the year   | 697,198         | 1,105,112         | 81,251         | 398,055       | 174,956       |   | 2,456,585       |
| Share of total return   | 9,517           | 39,867            | (3,203)        | 24,012        | 32,717        | (2)                                       | 102,908         |
| Distributions for the year  | (24,579)        | (37,583)          | (1,800)        | (16,302)      | _             | _   | (80,264)        |
| Gain/(Loss) recognised directly in                                | 5.000           |                   |                | (4.4.404)     | 000           |   | (0.000)         |
| Unitholders' funds  | 5,263           | _                 | (7.4.440)      | (14,421)      | 898           | _   | (8,260)         |
| Divestment  | _               | _                 | (74,448)       | (400.040)     | _             | _   | (74,448)        |
| Capital reduction   | <del>-</del>    | _                 | (1,800)        | (193,049)     | - 0.000       | _   | (194,849)       |
| Group's contribution during the year                              | ·               | _                 |                | 3,056         | 9,339         | _   | 12,395          |
| Carrying amount of interest in joint ventures at the end of the   |                 |                   |                |               |               |   |                 |
| year  | 687,399         | 1,107,396         | _              | 201,351       | 217,910       | 11  | 2,214,067       |
| ,   |                 | .,,               |                |               |               |   |                 |
| 2020  |                 |                   |                |               |               |   |                 |
| Revenue   | 155,719         | 208,115           | 47,298         | 47,299        | 2,652         |   |                 |
| Expenses  | ,               | ,                 | ,              | (11,095)      | (685)         |   |                 |
| Net change in fair value of                                       | (76,840)        | (96,131)          | (18,129)       | (11,093)      | (003)         |   |                 |
| investment properties   | (10,900)        | (40,000)          | (31,234)       | (36,717)      | 19,252        |   |                 |
| Total return for the year (a)                                     | 67,979          | 71,984            | (2,065)        | (513)         | 21,219        | -   |                 |
|   |                 | ,                 | (=,000)        | (0.0)         |               | -   |                 |
| (a) Includes:   |                 |                   |                |               |               |   |                 |
| - Depreciation  | (146)           | (54)              | (10)           | _             | _             |   |                 |
| - Interest income   | 140             | 101               | -              | 6             | _             |   |                 |
| - Interest expense  | (22,141)        | (48,377)          | (11,810)       | _             | _             |   |                 |
| - Tax expense   | (16,304)        | -                 | -              | _             | _             |   |                 |
| •   | ( , ,           |                   |                |               |               |   |                 |
| Non-current assets  | 1,703,387       | 5,042,996         | 930,150        | 795,117       | 1,581,924     |   |                 |
| Current assets <sup>(b)</sup>                                     | 1,516,246       | 20,553            | 17,856         | 21,776        | 16,540        |   |                 |
| Current liabilities(c)  | (37,796)        | (10,181)          | (27,584)       | (20,785)      | (33,519)      |   |                 |
| Non-current liabilities(d)  | (1,090,242)     | (1,738,031)       | (649,583)      |               | (1,221,925)   |   |                 |
| Net assets  | 2,091,595       | 3,315,337         | 270,839        | 796,108       | 343,020       | _   |                 |
|   |                 | , ,               | •              | •             |               | -   |                 |
| (b) Includes cash and cash equivalents                            | 20,330          | 16,410            | 13,396         | 11,251        | 28,761        |   |                 |
| (c) Includes current financial                                    | 20,330          | 10,410            | 10,090         | 11,201        | 20,701        |   |                 |
| liabilities (excluding trade and                                  |                 |                   |                |               |               |   |                 |
| other payables and provisions)                                    | 2,722           | 639               | 1,132          | 13,273        | 37,387        |   |                 |
| (d) Includes non-current financial                                | •               |                   | ,              | ,             | •             |   |                 |
| liabilities (excluding trade and other payables and provisions)   | 1,059,727       | 1,709,471         | 649,583        | _             | 1,221,943     |   |                 |

# 7 INTERESTS IN JOINT VENTURES (CONT'D)

|   |          |           |          |          |         | Immaterial ioint |           |
|---|----------|-----------|----------|----------|---------|------------------|-----------|
|   | ORQPL    | BFCDLLP   | PMIL     | SGT      | NLP     | ventures         | Total     |
|   | \$'000   | \$'000    | \$'000   | \$'000   | \$'000  | \$'000           | \$'000    |
| 2020  |          |           |          |          |         |                  |           |
| Group's interest in net assets of joint ventures at the beginning of the year | 706,224  | 1,116,805 | 131,611  | 384,049  | _       | _                | 2,338,689 |
| Share of total return   | 22,660   | 23,995    | (620)    | (257)    | 10,610  | 4                | 56,392    |
| Distributions for the year  | (26,282) | (35,688)  | _        | (15,755) | _       | _                | (77,725)  |
| (Loss)/Gain recognised directly in<br>Unitholders' funds                      | (5,404)  | _         | _        | 28,149   | 1,021   | _                | 23,766    |
| Acquisition   | _        | _         | _        | _        | 163,325 | 9                | 163,334   |
| Capital reduction   | _        | _         | (53,580) | _        | _       | _                | (53,580)  |
| Group's contribution during the year  | _        | _         | 3,840    | 1,869    | _       | _                | 5,709     |
| Carrying amount of interest in joint ventures at the end of the year          | 697,198  | 1,105,112 | 81,251   | 398,055  | 174,956 | 13               | 2,456,585 |

# **8 INTERESTS IN SUBSIDIARIES**

|                           | Trust          |                |  |
|---------------------------|----------------|----------------|--|
|                           | 2021<br>\$'000 | 2020<br>\$'000 |  |
| Equity investment at cost | 1,106,193      | 1,184,441      |  |
| Loans to subsidiaries     | 1,328,172      | 1,171,652      |  |
|                           | 2,434,365      | 2,356,093      |  |

The loans are unsecured and interest-free. The loans to subsidiaries represent the Group's and the Trust's net investments in the subsidiaries and are not due within 12 months of the reporting date.

Accordingly, the loans are classified as non-current.

# 8 INTERESTS IN SUBSIDIARIES (CONT'D)

Details of the subsidiaries are as follows:

| Name of subsidiaries   | Country of incorporation |      | interests<br>he Group<br>2020<br>% |
|--|--------------------------|------|------------------------------------|
| Held by the Trust  |                          |      |                                    |
| Comina Investment Limited. (2)   | British Virgin Islands   | 100  | 100                                |
| Suntec Harmony Pte. Ltd. (1)   | Singapore                | 100  | 100                                |
| Suntec REIT MTN Pte. Ltd. (1)  | Singapore                | 100  | 100                                |
| Suntec REIT Capital Pte. Ltd. (1)  | Singapore                | 100  | 100                                |
| Suntec REIT (Australia) Trust (2)  | Australia                | 100  | 100                                |
| Suntec (PM) Pte. Ltd. (1)  | Singapore                | 100  | 100                                |
| Suntec REIT UK1 Pte. Ltd. (1)  | Singapore                | 100  | 100                                |
| Suntec REIT UK (LP) Pte. Ltd. (1)  | Singapore                | 100  | -                                  |
| Suntec REIT UK (GP) Pte. Ltd. (1)  | Singapore                | 100  | -                                  |
| Held through subsidiaries  |                          |      |                                    |
| Held by Suntec Harmony Pte. Ltd. Harmony Partners Investments Limited (2)        | British Virgin Islands   | 57.8 | 57.8                               |
| Held by Harmony Partners Investments Limited Harmony Investors Group Limited (2) | British Virgin Islands   | 66.3 | 66.3                               |
| Held by Harmony Investors Group Limited Harmony Investors Holding Limited (2)    | British Virgin Islands   | 66.3 | 66.3                               |
| Held by Harmony Investors Holding Limited Harmony Convention Holding Pte Ltd (1) | Singapore                | 66.3 | 66.3                               |
| Held by Suntec REIT (Australia) Trust Suntec REIT 177 Trust (3)                  | Australia                | 100  | 100                                |
| Suntec REIT 477 Trust (3)  | Australia                | 100  | 100                                |
| Suntec REIT 55 Trust (3)   | Australia                | 100  | 100                                |
| Suntec REIT 21 Trust (3)   | Australia                | 100  | 100                                |
| Held by Suntec REIT 477 Trust Suntec REIT 477 Sub-Trust (5)                      | Australia                | 100  | 100                                |

# 8 INTERESTS IN SUBSIDIARIES (CONT'D)

| Name of subsidiaries  | Country of<br>incorporation | Effective held by t | interests<br>he Group |
|---|-----------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
|   |                             | <b>2021</b><br>%    | <b>2020</b><br>%      |
| Held through subsidiaries (cont'd)  |                             |                     |                       |
| Held by the Trust and Suntec REIT UK1 Pte. Ltd. Victoria Circle Unit Trust 1 (2)                          | Jersey                      | 100                 | 100                   |
| Victoria Circle Unit Trust 2 (2)  | Jersey                      | 100                 | 100                   |
| Held by Suntec REIT UK (LP) Pte. Ltd. and Suntec REIT UK (GP) Pte. Ltd. Suntec UK Limited Partnership (2) | Singapore                   | 100                 | _                     |
| Held by Suntec UK Limited Partnership Suntec REIT Jersey Holdings Limited (3)                             | Jersey                      | 100                 | _                     |
| Held by Suntec REIT Jersey Holdings Limited Suntec REIT Jersey 1 Limited (3)                              | Jersey                      | 100                 | _                     |
| Suntec REIT Jersey 2 Limited (3)  | Jersey                      | 100                 | -                     |
| Held by Suntec REIT Jersey 1 Limited and Suntec REIT  Jersey 2 Limited  3 Minster Court Unit Trust (4)    | Jersey                      | 100                 | _                     |
| o windto: Goart Offic fluor   | ocracy                      | 100                 |                       |

Harmony Convention Holding Pte Ltd owns Suntec Singapore, Singapore.

Suntec REIT 177 Trust owns 177 - 199 Pacific Highway, North Sydney.

Suntec REIT 477 Trust owns 50% interest in Olderfleet, 477 Collins Street, Melbourne.

Suntec REIT 55 Trust owns 55 Currie Street, Adelaide.

Suntec REIT 21 Trust owns 21 Harris Street, Pyrmont, New South Wales.

Victoria Circle Unit Trust 1 and Victoria Circle Unit Trust 2 (collectively known as "VCUTs") indirectly own 50% interest in Nova North, Nova South and The Nova Building (collectively known as "Nova Properties") through the 50% ownership interest in Nova Limited Partnership and Nova Residential Limited Partnership.

3 Minster Court Unit Trust owns The Minster Building, London.

The Trust's interests in Suntec REIT 177 Trust, Suntec REIT 55 Trust, Suntec REIT 21 Trust and the VCUTs, have been mortgaged as security for credit facilities (Note 13).

<sup>(1)</sup> Audited by KPMG LLP Singapore.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>(2)</sup> Not required to be audited under the laws of the country in which it is incorporated.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>(3)</sup> Audited by a member of KPMG International.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>(4)</sup> Audited by a member of PricewaterhouseCoopers.

<sup>(5)</sup> Entity is dormant.

## 9 LONG TERM INVESTMENT

|                               | Gr     | Group |                | rust           |
|-------------------------------|--------|-------|----------------|----------------|
|                               | 2021   |       | 2021<br>\$'000 | 2020<br>\$'000 |
|                               | \$'000 |       |                |                |
| Non-current investments       |        |       |                |                |
| Equity investments – at FVOCI |        | _     | 637            | 631            |

# **Equity investments designated at FVOCI**

These equity investments relate to the Trust's 0.1% direct interest in Victoria Circle Unit Trust 1 and Victoria Circle Unit Trust 2. These equity investments represent investments that the Trust intends to hold for the long-term for strategic purposes and are designated at FVOCI.

## 10 FINANCIAL DERIVATIVES

|  | Group  |        | Trust  |        |
|--|--------|--------|--------|--------|
|  | 2021   | 2020   | 2021   | 2020   |
|  | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 |
| Derivative assets                                    |        |        |        |        |
| - Interest rate swaps                                | 19,159 | _      | 1,542  | _      |
| - Forward exchange contracts                         | 647    | _      | 647    | _      |
|  | 19,806 | _      | 2,189  | _      |
| Classified as:                                       |        |        |        |        |
| Current  | 538    | _      | 538    | _      |
| Non-current  | 19,268 | _      | 1,651  | _      |
|  | 19,806 | -      | 2,189  | _      |
| Derivative liabilities                               |        |        |        |        |
| - Interest rate swaps                                | 13,302 | 44,623 | 5,112  | 22,946 |
| - Forward exchange contracts                         | 29     | 3,222  | 29     | 3,222  |
| - Embedded derivatives relating to convertible bonds | _      | 768    | _      | 768    |
|  | 13,331 | 48,613 | 5,141  | 26,936 |
| Classified as:                                       |        |        |        |        |
| Current  | 828    | 9,559  | 828    | 9,559  |
| Non-current  | 12,503 | 39,054 | 4,313  | 17,377 |
|  | 13,331 | 48,613 | 5,141  | 26,936 |
|  |        |        |        |        |

# Interest rate swaps

The Group and the Trust use interest rate swaps to manage its exposure to interest rate movements on its floating rate interest-bearing term loans by swapping the interest expense on a proportion of these term loans from floating rates to fixed rates. During 2021, certain of the Group's interest rate swaps were designated as cash flow hedges to hedge against the Group's interest rate risk arising from variable rate loans and borrowings.

Interest rate swaps of the Group and the Trust with a total notional amount of \$1,761.3 million (2020: \$1,849.0 million) and \$680.0 million (2020: \$1,025.5 million) respectively, have been entered into at the reporting date to provide fixed rate funding for 3 to 6 years (2020: 3 to 6 years) at an average interest rate of 0.33% to 2.09% (2020: 0.35% to 2.24%) per annum.

# 10 FINANCIAL DERIVATIVES (CONT'D)

## Forward foreign exchange contracts

The Group manages its exposure to foreign currency movements on its net income denominated in Australian Dollar from its investment in Australia by using forward exchange contracts.

Forward exchange contracts with aggregate notional amounts of \$37.0 million (2020: \$80.3 million), have been entered into to hedge the currency risk of Australian Dollar.

## Offsetting financial assets and financial liabilities

The Group enters into derivative transactions under International Swaps and Derivatives Association ("ISDA") master netting agreements. In general, under such agreements, the amounts owed by each counterparty on a single day in respect of all transactions outstanding in the same currency are aggregated into a single net amount that is payable by one party to the other. In certain circumstances, for example, when a credit event such as a default occurs, all outstanding transactions under the agreement are terminated, the termination value is assessed and only a single net amount is due or payable in settlement of all transactions.

The above ISDA agreements do not meet the criteria for offsetting in the statement of financial position. This is because they create a right of set-off of recognised amounts that is enforceable only following an event of default, insolvency or bankruptcy of the Group or the counterparties. In addition, the Group and its counterparties do not intend to settle on a net basis or to realise the assets and settle the liabilities simultaneously.

As at 31 December 2021 and 31 December 2020, the Group's derivative financial assets and liabilities do not have any amounts that are eligible for offsetting under the enforceable master netting arrangement.

# 11 TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

|                               | Group          |                | Trust          |                |
|-------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
|                               | 2021<br>\$'000 | 2020<br>\$'000 | 2021<br>\$'000 | 2020<br>\$'000 |
| Current                       |                |                |                |                |
| Trade receivables             | 13,928         | 17,789         | 5,689          | 13,640         |
| Impairment losses             | (2,719)        | (5,358)        | (2,408)        | (5,030)        |
| Net receivables               | 11,209         | 12,431         | 3,281          | 8,610          |
| Deposits                      | 20             | 13             | _              | _              |
| Amounts due from subsidiaries |                |                |                |                |
| - Non-trade                   | _              | _              | 14,456         | 14,993         |
| Amount due from joint venture |                |                |                |                |
| - Non-trade                   | 3,672          | 4,125          | _              | _              |
| Other receivables             | 8,236          | 5,575          | 219            | 390            |
| Prepayments                   | 6,827          | 9,805          | 4,111          | 7,437          |
|                               | 29,964         | 31,949         | 22,067         | 31,430         |

The trade receivables in respect of Suntec City Mall and Suntec Singapore (2020: Suntec City Mall and Suntec Singapore), amounting to \$9.6 million (2020: \$16.1 million) are charged or assigned by way of security for credit facilities granted to the Trust and certain subsidiaries (Note 13).

The non-trade amounts due from the subsidiaries are unsecured, interest-free and repayable on demand.

The exposure of the Group and the Trust to currency risk, credit risk and impairment losses related to trade receivables is disclosed in Note 17.

## 12 CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

|                           | G              | Group          |                | Trust          |
|---------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
|                           | 2021<br>\$'000 | 2020<br>\$'000 | 2021<br>\$'000 | 2020<br>\$'000 |
| Cash at bank and in hand  | 267,217        | 226,400        | 140,383        | 122,283        |
| Fixed deposits            | 1,094          | 1,074          | 1,094          | 1,074          |
| Cash and cash equivalents | 268,311        | 227,474        | 141,477        | 123,357        |

Certain cash and cash equivalents in respect of Suntec City Mall, Suntec Singapore, 177 Pacific Highway, 55 Currie Street, 21 Harris Street, the VCUTs and a subsidiary (2020: Suntec City Mall, Suntec Singapore, 177 Pacific Highway, 55 Currie Street, 21 Harris Street, the VCUTs and a subsidiary) amounting to \$73.6 million (2020: \$75.8 million) are charged or assigned by way of security for credit facilities granted to the Trust and certain subsidiaries (Note 13).

The exposure of the Group and the Trust to interest rate and currency risks related to financial assets is disclosed in Note 17.

# 13 INTEREST-BEARING BORROWINGS

|      | (           | Trust  |  |  |
|------|-------------|--|--|--|
| Note | 2021        | 2020   | 2021   | 2020   |
|      | \$'000      | \$'000   | \$'000   | \$'000   |
|      |             |  |  |  |
|      | 2,056,549   | 1,414,550  | 891,354  | 239,436  |
|      | 2,862,441   | 3,253,574  | 2,547,961  | 3,253,574  |
| -    | 4,918,990   | 4,668,124  | 3,439,315  | 3,493,010  |
|      |             |  |  |  |
| -    | _           | 70,000   |  | 70,000   |
|      |             |  |  |  |
| 14   | _           | 88,337   | _  | 88,337   |
| -    | 4,918,990   | 4,826,461  | 3,439,315  | 3,651,347  |
|      |             |  |  |  |
|      | 499,754     | 678,203  | 499,754  | 678,203  |
| _    | 4,419,236   | 4,148,258  | 2,939,561  | 2,973,144  |
| _    | 4,918,990   | 4,826,461  | 3,439,315  | 3,651,347  |
|      | -<br>-<br>- | Note 2021<br>\$'000<br>2,056,549<br>2,862,441<br>4,918,990<br>14 4,918,990<br>499,754<br>4,419,236 | \$'000 \$'000  2,056,549 1,414,550 2,862,441 3,253,574 4,918,990 4,668,124  - 70,000  14 - 88,337 4,918,990 4,826,461  499,754 678,203 4,419,236 4,148,258 | Note         2021         2020         2021           \$'000         \$'000         \$'000           2,056,549         1,414,550         891,354           2,862,441         3,253,574         2,547,961           4,918,990         4,668,124         3,439,315           14         -         88,337         -           4,918,990         4,826,461         3,439,315           499,754         678,203         499,754           4,419,236         4,148,258         2,939,561 |

The exposure of the Group and the Trust to liquidity and interest rate risks related to interest-bearing borrowings is disclosed in Note 17.

# 13 INTEREST-BEARING BORROWINGS (CONT'D)

# Terms and debt repayment schedule

Terms and conditions of outstanding interest-bearing borrowings are as follows:

|                             |          | Weighted average                 |                                       | 4 60              | n4                     | 4 000             | , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , |
|-----------------------------|----------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------------|
|                             | Currency | nominal<br>interest<br>rate<br>% | Year of<br>maturity                   | Face value \$'000 | Carrying amount \$'000 | Face value \$'000 | Carrying amount \$'000                |
| Group                       |          |                                  |                                       |                   |                        |                   |                                       |
| Floating rate term loans    | SGD      | 1.42%<br>(2020: 1.14%)           | 2022 - 2026<br>(2020: 2021 -<br>2026) | 2,939,104         | 2,926,694              | 2,847,607         | 2,830,814                             |
| Floating rate<br>term loans | AUD      | 1.49%<br>(2020: 1.47%)           | 2025 - 2026<br>(2020: 2025 -<br>2026) | 442,440           | 440,016                | 457,470           | 454,263                               |
| Floating rate term loans    | GBP      | 2.19%<br>(2020: 2.30%)           | 2025 – 2026<br>(2020: 2025)           | 682,238           | 674,363                | 360,740           | 355,922                               |
| Fixed rate term loans       | SGD      | 3.01%<br>(2020: 3.01%)           | 2022 – 2027<br>(2020: 2021 –<br>2027) | 880,000           | 877,917                | 1,030,000         | 1,027,125                             |
| Revolving credit facility   | SGD      | Nil<br>(2020: 1.19%)             | Nil<br>(2020: 2021)                   | -                 | -                      | 70,000            | 70,000                                |
| Convertible bonds           | SGD      | Nil<br>(2020: 1.75%)             | Nil<br>(2020: 2021)                   | _                 | _                      | 2,750             | 2,748                                 |
| Convertible bonds           | SGD      | Nil<br>(2020: 1.75%)             | Nil<br>(2020: 2021)                   | -                 | - 4.040.000            | 86,500            | 85,589                                |
| Trust                       |          |                                  | -                                     | 4,943,782         | 4,918,990              | 4,855,067         | 4,826,461                             |
| Floating rate term loans    | SGD      | 1.47%<br>(2020: 1.14%)           | 2022 – 2026<br>(2020: 2021 –<br>2026) | 2,573,104         | 2,561,398              | 2,481,607         | 2,465,885                             |
| Fixed rate term loans       | SGD      | 3.01%<br>(2020: 3.01%)           | 2022 - 2027<br>(2020: 2021 -<br>2027) | 880,000           | 877,917                | 1,030,000         | 1,027,125                             |
| Revolving credit facility   | SGD      | Nil<br>(2020: 1.19%)             | Nil<br>(2020: 2021)                   | -                 | -                      | 70,000            | 70,000                                |
| Convertible bonds           | SGD      | Nil<br>(2020: 1.75%)             | Nil<br>(2020: 2021)                   | -                 | -                      | 2,750             | 2,748                                 |
| Convertible bonds           | SGD      | Nil<br>(2020: 1.75%)             | Nil<br>(2020: 2021)                   | -                 | - 0.406.045            | 86,500            | 85,589                                |
|                             |          |                                  | -                                     | 3,453,104         | 3,439,315              | 3,670,857         | 3,651,347                             |

# 13 INTEREST-BEARING BORROWINGS (CONT'D)

## Secured loans

As at 31 December 2021, the Group has in place the following loan facilities:

- \$406.0 million (2020: \$406.0 million) secured term loan facility and revolving credit facility;
- \$900.0 million (2020: \$900.0 million) secured syndicated term loan facility;
- A\$450.0 million (2020: A\$450.0 million) secured term green loan facility; and
- GBP200.0 million (2020: GBP200.0 million) secured syndicated term loan facility.

As at 31 December 2021, the Group has drawn down \$2,072.0 million (2020: \$1,434.0 million) of the secured facilities.

The facilities are secured on the following:

- A first legal mortgage on Suntec City Mall, Suntec Singapore, 177 Pacific Highway, 55 Currie Street and 21 Harris Street (Note 5) (2020: Suntec Singapore, Suntec City Mall, 177 Pacific Highway, 55 Currie Street and 21 Harris Street);
- A first fixed charge over the central rental collection account in relation to the Suntec Singapore and Suntec City Mall (Note 12) (2020: Suntec Singapore and Suntec City Mall);
- A first registered general security over the rental collection accounts in relation to the 177 Pacific Highway, 55 Currie Street and 21 Harris Street (Note 12) (2020: 177 Pacific Highway, 55 Currie Street and 21 Harris Street);
- An assignment of the rights, title and interest in the key documents and the proceeds in connection with the Suntec Singapore and Suntec City Mall (Note 11) (2020: Suntec Singapore and Suntec City Mall);
- An assignment of the rights, title and interest in the insurance policies in relation to Suntec Singapore and Suntec City Mall);
- A fixed and floating charge over the assets of a subsidiary in relation to Suntec Singapore (2020: Suntec Singapore), agreements, collateral, as required by the financial institutions granting the facility;
- A first registered specific security deed in respect of all units and shares in, and any shareholder loans to Suntec REIT 177 Trust, Suntec REIT 55 Trust and Suntec REIT 21 Trust (Note 8) (2020: Suntec REIT 177 Trust, Suntec REIT 55 Trust and Suntec REIT 21 Trust);
- First ranking charge over units in the VCUTs, bank accounts of the VCUTs, and bank accounts of a subsidiary (Notes 8 and 12) (2020: VCUTs, bank accounts of the VCUTs, and bank accounts of a subsidiary); and
- Corporate guarantees from the Trust.

### Unsecured loans

Included in unsecured term loans are euro medium term notes ("EMTN") amounting to \$880.0 million (2020: \$1,030.0 million).

# 13 INTEREST-BEARING BORROWINGS (CONT'D)

Reconciliation of movements of liabilities to cash flows arising from financing activities

|   | •   | Liabilities ——                 |                               | Derivative<br>liabilities<br>Embedded                        |                   |
|---|---|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|--|-------------------|
|   | Term<br>loans and<br>revolving<br>credit facility<br>\$'000 | Convertible<br>bonds<br>\$'000 | Interest<br>payable<br>\$'000 | derivatives liabilities relating to convertible bonds \$'000 | Total<br>\$'000   |
| Balance at 1 January 2021   | 4,738,124   | 88,337                         | 13,632                        | 768  | 4,840,861         |
| Changes from financing cash flows                                 |   |                                |                               |  |                   |
| Financing costs paid  | (4,417)   | _                              | (111,795)                     | _  | (116,212)         |
| Redemption / Repayment of convertible bonds                       | _   | (89,250)                       | _                             | _  | (89,250)          |
| Proceeds from interest-bearing loans                              | 1,580,984   | _                              | _                             | _  | 1,580,984         |
| Repayment of medium term notes                                    | (150,000)   | _                              | _                             | _  | (150,000)         |
| Repayment of interest-bearing loans                               | (1,234,722)   | _                              | _                             | _  | (1,234,722)       |
| Total changes from financing cash flows                           | 191,845   | (89,250)                       | (111,795)                     |  | (9,200)           |
| Effects of changes in foreign exchange rates Change in fair value | (18,341)<br>-   | -<br>-                         | -<br>-                        | -<br>(768)   | (18,341)<br>(768) |
| Other changes<br>Liability-related                                |   |                                |                               |  |                   |
| Financing costs   | 7,362   | 913                            | 109,178                       | _  | 117,453           |
| Total liability-related other changes                             | 7,362   | 913                            | 109,178                       | _  | 117,453           |
| Balance at 31 December 2021                                       | 4,918,990   |                                | 11,015                        |  | 4,930,005         |

# 13 INTEREST-BEARING BORROWINGS (CONT'D)

Reconciliation of movements of liabilities to cash flows arising from financing activities (cont'd)

|  | •   | – Liabilities ––––             |                               | Derivative liabilities Embedded                              |                 |
|--|---|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|--|-----------------|
|  | Term<br>loans and<br>revolving<br>credit facility<br>\$'000 | Convertible<br>bonds<br>\$'000 | Interest<br>payable<br>\$'000 | derivatives liabilities relating to convertible bonds \$'000 | Total<br>\$'000 |
| Balance at 1 January 2020                    | 3,266,497   | 363,751                        | 22,976                        | 12,561   | 3,665,785       |
| Changes from financing cash flows            |   | -                              | •                             |  |                 |
| Financing costs paid                         | (21,481)  | (5)                            | (104,400)                     | _  | (125,886)       |
| Redemption of convertible bonds              | _   | (297,250)                      | _                             | _  | (297,250)       |
| Proceeds from medium term notes              | 400,000   | _                              | _                             | _  | 400,000         |
| Proceeds from interest-bearing               |   |                                |                               |  |                 |
| loans  | 1,499,368   | _                              | _                             | _  | 1,499,368       |
| Repayment of medium term notes               | (310,000)   | _                              | _                             | _  | (310,000)       |
| Repayment of interest-bearing loans          | (161,314)   | _                              | _                             | _  | (161,314)       |
| Total changes from financing cash flows      | 1,406,573   | (297,255)                      | (104,400)                     | _  | 1,004,918       |
| Effects of changes in foreign exchange rates | 60,306  | _                              | _                             | _  | 60,306          |
| Change in fair value                         | -   | -                              | _                             | (11,793)   | (11,793)        |
| Other changes                                |   |                                |                               |  |                 |
| Liability-related                            |   |                                |                               |  |                 |
| Financing costs                              | 4,748   | 21,841                         | 92,264                        | _  | 118,853         |
| Capitalised borrowing costs                  | _   | _                              | 2,792                         |  | 2,792           |
| Total liability-related other changes        | 4,748   | 21,841                         | 95,056                        | -  | 121,645         |
| Balance at 31 December 2020                  | 4,738,124   | 88,337                         | 13,632                        | 768  | 4,840,861       |

# 14 CONVERTIBLE BONDS - DEBT COMPONENT

|  | 2021<br>\$'000 | 2020<br>\$'000 |
|--|----------------|----------------|
|  | \$'000         | *              |
|  | \$'000         |                |
| At 1 January                             | 88,337         | 363,751        |
| Redemption of convertible bonds due 2024 | (2,750)        | (297,250)      |
| Repayment of convertible bonds due 2021  | (86,500)       | _              |
| Transaction costs                        | _              | (5)            |
| Amortisation of transaction costs        | 164            | 2,775          |
| Interest accretion                       | 749            | 19,066         |
| At 31 December                           |                | 88,337         |

# 14 CONVERTIBLE BONDS - DEBT COMPONENT (CONT'D)

## Convertible bonds due 2024

In 2017, the Trust issued \$300.0 million principal amounts of convertible bonds (the "2024 Bonds") due 2024 which carry a coupon interest at 1.75% per annum. The 2024 Bonds are convertible by bondholders into Units at the initial conversion price of \$2.189 per new Unit. In accordance with the terms and conditions of the 2024 Bonds (the "Terms of the 2024 Bonds"), the initial conversion price of \$2.189 was adjusted to \$2.14 per new Unit, effective 28 February 2019. On 22 January 2020, the Manager announced that the conversion price of \$2.14 was adjusted to \$2.11 per new Unit, effective 28 February 2020 in accordance with the Terms of the 2024 Bonds.

Pursuant to condition 7.4 of the terms and conditions of the 2024 Bonds, on 30 November 2020, the Trust redeemed \$297.3 million of the 2024 Bonds and such bonds had been cancelled on 1 December 2020. On 6 January 2021, the Trust redeemed the remaining outstanding \$2.8 million in principal amount of the 2024 Bonds. Accordingly, there are no outstanding 2024 Bonds as at 31 December 2021 (2020: \$2.8 million).

#### Convertible bonds due 2021

In 2016, the Trust issued \$300.0 million principal amounts of convertible bonds (the "2021 Bonds") due 2021 which carry a coupon interest at 1.75% per annum. The 2021 Bonds are convertible by bondholders into Units at the initial conversion price of \$2.101 per new Unit. The initial conversion price of \$2.101 was adjusted to \$2.06 per new Unit, in accordance with the terms and conditions of the 2021 Bonds (the "Terms of the 2021 Bonds"), effective 28 February 2017.

The Trust has the option to pay cash in lieu of issuing new Units on conversion of any 2021 Bonds. The 2021 Bonds may be redeemed, in whole or in part, at the option of the bondholders on 5 September 2019 at their principal amount plus interest accrued up to the date of the redemption. The 2021 Bonds may also be redeemed, in whole but not in part at their principal amount plus interest accrued to (but excluding) the date of redemption, at the option of the Trust on or at any time after 5 September 2019 but not less than 7 business days prior to 5 September 2021 (subject to the satisfaction of certain conditions).

The conversion price of \$2.06 was adjusted to \$2.04 per new Unit, effective 28 November 2018, adjusted to \$2.01 per new Unit, effective 28 February 2019, and further adjusted to \$1.98 per new Unit, effective 28 February 2020 in accordance with the Terms of the 2021 Bonds.

On 26 January 2021, the Manager announced that the conversion price of the 2021 Bonds would be adjusted from \$1.98 to \$1.96 per new Unit effective 26 February 2021.

On 5 September 2021, the remaining outstanding \$86.5 million in principal amount of the 2021 Bonds matured. Accordingly, there are no outstanding 2021 Bonds as at 31 December 2021.

#### 15 TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES

|  | G       | roup    | 1       | Trust  |  |
|--|---------|---------|---------|--------|--|
|  | 2021    | 2020    | 2021    | 2020   |  |
|  | \$'000  | \$'000  | \$'000  | \$'000 |  |
| Trade payables                         | 1,081   | 1,292   | 479     | 518    |  |
| Accrued expenses                       | 35,269  | 49,120  | 10,650  | 15,564 |  |
| Amount due to subsidiaries             |         |         |         |        |  |
| - Non-trade                            | _       | _       | 66,873  | _      |  |
| Amounts due to related parties (trade) |         |         |         |        |  |
| - Trustee                              | 310     | 295     | 310     | 295    |  |
| - Manager                              | 4,918   | 12,416  | 4,918   | 12,416 |  |
| - Related corporations of the Manager  | 971     | 896     | _       | _      |  |
| Deferred income                        | 19,436  | 15,274  | 9,716   | 8,654  |  |
| Interest payable                       | 11,015  | 13,632  | 9,359   | 12,784 |  |
| Deferred grant liabilities             | _       | 4,287   | _       | 4,287  |  |
| Other payables                         | 32,096  | 22,325  | 7,234   | 11,738 |  |
|  | 105,096 | 119,537 | 109,539 | 66,256 |  |

The deferred grant liabilities relate to the Singapore government's property tax rebates and other cash grants as part of the COVID-19 relief measures, which will be passed to eligible tenants in the form of rental rebates.

The non-trade amounts due to subsidiaries are unsecured, interest-free and repayable on demand.

The exposure of the Group and the Trust to liquidity and currency risks related to trade and other payables is disclosed in Note 17.

#### 16 DEFERRED TAX LIABILITIES

Movements in deferred tax liabilities of the Group during the year

|                              | At 1<br>January<br>2020 | Recognised in<br>statement of<br>total return<br>(Note 29) | At 31<br>December<br>2020 | Recognised in<br>statement of<br>total return<br>(Note 29) | Translation | At 31<br>December<br>2021 |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|--|---------------------------|--|-------------|---------------------------|
|                              | \$'000                  | \$'000   | \$'000                    | \$'000   | \$'000      | \$'000                    |
| Investment properties        | 53,481                  | 525  | 54,006                    | 20,562   | (114)       | 74,454                    |
| Plant and equipment          | 113                     | (298)  | (185)                     | (657)  | _           | (842)                     |
| Tax losses carry-<br>forward | (426)                   | (2,744)  | (3,170)                   | (2,983)  | _           | (6,153)                   |
| Others                       | (232)                   | (1)  | (233)                     | (65)   | _           | (298)                     |
| _                            | 52,936                  | (2,518)  | 50,418                    | 16,857   | (114)       | 67,161                    |

### 17 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

#### Financial risk management

The Group has exposure to credit risk, liquidity risk and market risk.

This note presents information about the Group's exposure to each of the above risks, the Group's objectives, policies and processes for measuring and managing risk, and the Group's management of capital. Further quantitative disclosures are included throughout these financial statements.

### 17 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (CONT'D)

#### Risk management framework

Risk management is integral to the whole business of the Group. The Group has a system of controls in place to create an acceptable balance between the cost of risks occurring and the cost of managing the risk. The Manager monitors the Group's risk management process to ensure that an appropriate balance between risk and control is achieved. Risk management policies and systems are reviewed regularly to reflect changes in market conditions and the Group's activities.

The Board of Directors of the Manager oversees how management of the Manager monitors compliance with the Group's risk management policies and procedures, and reviews the adequacy of the risk management framework in relation to the risks faced by the Group. The Board is assisted in its oversight role by the Audit Committee. The Audit Committee undertakes both regular and ad hoc reviews of risk management controls and procedures, the results of which are reported to the Board.

#### Credit risk

Credit risk is the potential loss resulting from the failure of a tenant or a counterparty to settle its financial and contractual obligations to the Group as and when they fall due.

The Manager has established credit limits for tenants, obtained security deposits and/or bank guarantees (where applicable) and monitors their balances on an on-going basis. Credit evaluations are performed by the Manager before lease agreements are entered into with tenants.

### Exposure to credit risk

The carrying amount of financial assets represents the maximum credit exposure. The maximum exposure to credit risk at the reporting date is:

|  |      | G              | roup           | •              | Trust          |
|--|------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
|  | Note | 2021<br>\$'000 | 2020<br>\$'000 | 2021<br>\$'000 | 2020<br>\$'000 |
| Rental guarantee receivables Derivative assets | 6    | 11,331         | 23,685         | -              | -              |
| - Interest rate swaps                          | 10   | 19,159         | _              | 1,542          | _              |
| - Forward exchange contracts                   | 10   | 647            | _              | 647            | _              |
| Trade and other receivables*                   | 11   | 23,137         | 22,144         | 17,956         | 23,993         |
| Cash and cash equivalents                      | 12   | 268,311        | 227,474        | 141,477        | 123,357        |
|  | _    | 322,585        | 273,303        | 161,622        | 147,350        |

<sup>\*</sup> Excludes prepayments.

The maximum exposure to credit risk for trade receivables at the reporting date by type of tenant is:

|            |      | Gı     | roup   | Ti     | rust   |
|------------|------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
|            | Note | 2021   | 2020   | 2021   | 2020   |
|            |      | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 |
| Office     |      | 3,752  | 2,194  | 446    | 545    |
| Retail     |      | 2,858  | 7,988  | 2,835  | 8,065  |
| Convention |      | 4,599  | 2,249  | _      | _      |
|            | 11   | 11,209 | 12,431 | 3,281  | 8,610  |

The Group's tenants are engaged in a wide spectrum of business activities across many industry segments.

### 17 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (CONT'D)

#### Impairment losses

#### Expected credit loss assessment for individual tenants

The Group uses an allowance matrix to measure the ECLs of trade receivables from individual tenants, which comprise a large number of small balances.

Loss rates are calculated using a 'roll rate' method based on the probability of a receivable progressing through successive stages of delinquency to write-off and are based on actual credit loss experience over the last three years.

The ageing of trade receivables at the reporting date was:

| N                     | ote  | 2021    | 2020    |
|-----------------------|------|---------|---------|
|                       |      | \$'000  | \$'000  |
| Group                 |      |         |         |
| Not past due          |      | 8,652   | 6,520   |
| Past due 31 – 60 days |      | 1,061   | 1,628   |
| Past due 61 – 90 days |      | 587     | 1,577   |
| More than 90 days*    |      | 3,628   | 8,064   |
|                       |      | 13,928  | 17,789  |
| Less: Impairment loss |      | (2,719) | (5,358) |
|                       | 11 _ | 11,209  | 12,431  |
| Trust                 |      |         |         |
| Not past due          |      | 3,960   | 3,545   |
| Past due 31 – 60 days |      | 773     | 1,431   |
| Past due 61 – 90 days |      | 70      | 1,422   |
| More than 90 days*    |      | 886     | 7,242   |
|                       |      | 5,689   | 13,640  |
| Less: Impairment loss |      | (2,408) | (5,030) |
|                       | 11 _ | 3,281   | 8,610   |

<sup>\*</sup> Included in these balances of the Group and the Trust were credit impaired balances of \$2.7 million (2020: \$5.4 million) and \$2.4 million (2020: \$5.0 million) respectively.

#### Movements in allowance for impairment in respect of trade receivables

The movements in the allowance for impairment in respect of trade receivables during the year were as follows:

|                             | Group   |        | Trust   |        |
|-----------------------------|---------|--------|---------|--------|
|                             | 2021    | 2020   | 2021    | 2020   |
|                             | \$'000  | \$'000 | \$'000  | \$'000 |
| At 1 January                | 5,358   | 1,707  | 5,030   | 1,698  |
| Impairment loss recognised  | 773     | 4,909  | 366     | 4,153  |
| Reversal of impairment loss | (3,120) | (656)  | (2,751) | (222)  |
| Allowance utilised          | (292)   | (602)  | (237)   | (599)  |
| At 31 December              | 2,719   | 5,358  | 2,408   | 5,030  |

The Manager believes that, apart from the above, no additional impairment allowance is necessary in respect of trade receivables as these receivables mainly arose from tenants that have a good track record with the Group, and the Group has sufficient security deposits as collateral.

#### 17 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (CONT'D)

#### Non-trade amounts due from subsidiaries and loans to subsidiaries

The Trust has non-trade receivables from its subsidiaries of \$1,342.6 million (2020: \$1,186.6 million). These balances are amounts lent to subsidiaries to satisfy their funding requirements. Based on an assessment of qualitative and quantitative factors that are indicative of the risk of default, these exposures are considered to have low credit risk. Therefore, impairment on these balances has been measured on the 12-month expected credit loss basis and the amount of the allowance is insignificant.

#### Loans to joint ventures

The Group and the Trust have loans to joint ventures of \$1,230.8 million (2020: \$1,229.9 million) and \$621.2 million (2020: \$618.9 million) respectively. These balances are amounts lent to joint ventures to satisfy their funding requirements. Based on an assessment of qualitative and quantitative factors that are indicative of the risk of default, these exposures are considered to have low credit risk. Therefore, impairment on these balances has been measured on the 12-month expected credit loss basis and the amount of the allowance is insignificant.

#### Rental guarantee receivables

The Group has rental guarantee receivables amounting to \$11.3 million (2020: \$23.7 million). Based on an assessment of qualitative and quantitative factors that are indicative of the risk of default, these exposures are considered to have low credit risk.

#### **Derivatives**

The derivatives are entered into with bank and financial institution counterparties with sound credit ratings.

### Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and fixed deposits are placed with financial institutions which are regulated. The Group and the Trust held cash and cash equivalents of \$268.3 million and \$141.5 million respectively at 31 December 2021 (2020: \$227.5 million and \$123.4 million respectively). The cash and cash equivalents are held with bank and financial institution counterparties with sound credit ratings.

Impairment on cash and cash equivalents has been measured on the 12-month expected loss basis and reflects the short maturities of the exposures. The Group considers that its cash and cash equivalents have low credit risk based on the external credit ratings of the counterparties. The amount of the allowance on cash and cash equivalents is negligible.

#### Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Group will encounter difficulty in meeting the obligations associated with its financial liabilities that are settled by delivering cash or another financial asset. The Manager monitors and maintains a level of cash and cash equivalents deemed adequate to finance the Group's operations and to mitigate the effects of fluctuations in cash flows. In addition, the Manager monitors and observes limits on total borrowings according to the CIS Code issued by the MAS.

The Group has a US\$2,000.0 million (approximately \$2,724.4 million) (2020: US\$2,000.0 million (approximately \$2,642.6 million)) Euro Medium Term Securities Programme, of which \$1,494.4 million (2020: \$1,412.6 million) is unutilised as at 31 December 2021.

# 17 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (CONT'D)

### Liquidity risk (cont'd)

The following are the remaining contractual maturities of financial liabilities, including estimated interest payments and excluding the impact of netting agreements:

|   |                              | <b>←</b>                            | Cash flo                   | ows —                  | <b>——</b>                      |
|---|------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------|
|   | Carrying<br>amount<br>\$'000 | Contractual<br>cash flows<br>\$'000 | Within<br>1 year<br>\$'000 | 1 to 5 years<br>\$'000 | More than<br>5 years<br>\$'000 |
| Group                                   |                              |                                     |                            |                        |                                |
| 2021                                    |                              |                                     |                            |                        |                                |
| Non-derivative financial liabilities    |                              |                                     |                            |                        |                                |
| Floating rate term loans                | 4,041,073                    | (4,264,500)                         | (460,047)                  | (3,804,453)            | _                              |
| Fixed rate term loans                   | 877,917                      | (951,600)                           | (124,038)                  | (626,996)              | (200,566)                      |
| Trade and other                         |                              |                                     |                            |                        |                                |
| payables*                               | 85,660                       | (85,660)                            | (85,660)                   | -                      | _                              |
| Security deposits                       | 81,128                       | (81,128)                            | (29,830)                   | (41,060)               | (10,238)                       |
|   | 5,085,778                    | (5,382,888)                         | (699,575)                  | (4,472,509)            | (210,804)                      |
| Derivative financial                    |                              |                                     |                            |                        |                                |
| instruments                             |                              |                                     |                            |                        |                                |
| Interest rate swaps                     | 10.000                       | (10,000)                            | (11,000)                   | (7.070)                |                                |
| (net-settled)                           | 13,302                       | (19,066)                            | (11,093)                   | (7,973)                | _                              |
| Forward exchange contracts              | 29                           |                                     |                            |                        |                                |
| - Outflow                               | 29                           | (7.966)                             | (7.066)                    |                        |                                |
| - Inflow                                |                              | (7,866)                             | (7,866)                    | _                      | _                              |
| - IIIIOW                                | 10 001                       | 7,815                               | 7,815                      | (7.072)                | <u>_</u>                       |
|   | 13,331<br>5,099,109          | (19,117)<br>(5,402,005)             | (11,144)<br>(710,719)      | (7,973)<br>(4,480,482) | (210,804)                      |
|   | 3,099,109                    | (3,402,003)                         | (110,119)                  | (4,400,402)            | (210,004)                      |
| 2020                                    |                              |                                     |                            |                        |                                |
| Non-derivative financial<br>liabilities |                              |                                     |                            |                        |                                |
| Floating rate term loans                | 3,640,999                    | (3,822,738)                         | (294,717)                  | (3,046,992)            | (481,029)                      |
| Fixed rate term loans                   | 1,027,125                    | (1,130,466)                         | (178,866)                  | (745,134)              | (206,466)                      |
| Revolving credit facility               | 70,000                       | (70,048)                            | (70,048)                   | _                      | _                              |
| Convertible bonds                       | 88,337                       | (90,275)                            | (90,275)                   | _                      | _                              |
| Trade and other                         |                              |                                     |                            |                        |                                |
| payables*                               | 99,976                       | (99,976)                            | (99,976)                   | _                      | _                              |
| Security deposits                       | 75,874                       | (75,874)                            | (36,843)                   | (35,431)               | (3,600)                        |
| _                                       | 5,002,311                    | (5,289,377)                         | (770,725)                  | (3,827,557)            | (691,095)                      |
| Derivative financial instruments        |                              |                                     |                            |                        |                                |
| Interest rate swaps                     |                              |                                     |                            |                        |                                |
| (net-settled)                           | 44,623                       | (49,961)                            | (23,226)                   | (26,693)               | (42)                           |
| Forward exchange                        | ,525                         | (.0,001)                            | (=3,==3)                   | (=0,000)               | (12)                           |
| contracts                               | 3,222                        |                                     |                            |                        |                                |
| - Outflow                               | ,                            | (83,361)                            | (66,079)                   | (17,282)               | _                              |
| - Inflow                                |                              | 80,340                              | 63,483                     | 16,857                 | _                              |
| _                                       | 47,845                       | (52,982)                            | (25,822)                   | (27,118)               | (42)                           |
| _                                       | 5,050,156                    | (5,342,359)                         | (796,547)                  | (3,854,675)            | (691,137)                      |
|   | -,,                          | (-,,)                               | (, /                       | \-,,                   | (,:5.)                         |

<sup>\*</sup> Excludes deferred income and deferred grant liabilities.

# 17 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (CONT'D)

Liquidity risk (cont'd)

|                                      | •                            | •                                   | Cash flo                   | ws —                   | <b></b>                        |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------|
|                                      | Carrying<br>amount<br>\$'000 | Contractual<br>cash flows<br>\$'000 | Within<br>1 year<br>\$'000 | 1 to 5 years<br>\$'000 | More than<br>5 years<br>\$'000 |
| Trust                                |                              |                                     |                            |                        |                                |
| 2021                                 |                              |                                     |                            |                        |                                |
| Non-derivative financial liabilities |                              |                                     |                            |                        |                                |
| Floating rate term loans             | 2,561,398                    | (2,678,112)                         | (434,451)                  | (2,243,661)            | _                              |
| Fixed rate term loans                | 877,917                      | (951,600)                           | (124,038)                  | (626,996)              | (200,566)                      |
| Trade and other                      |                              |                                     |                            |                        |                                |
| payables*                            | 99,823                       | (99,823)                            | (99,823)                   | _                      | _                              |
| Security deposits                    | 57,336                       | (57,336)                            | (16,891)                   | (38,215)               | (2,230)                        |
| _                                    | 3,596,474                    | (3,786,871)                         | (675,203)                  | (2,908,872)            | (202,796)                      |
| Derivative financial instruments     |                              |                                     |                            |                        |                                |
|                                      |                              |                                     |                            |                        |                                |
| Interest rate swaps (net-settled)    | 5,112                        | (7,596)                             | (5,095)                    | (2,501)                | _                              |
| Forward exchange                     | 5,112                        | (7,550)                             | (3,033)                    | (2,501)                |                                |
| contracts                            | 29                           |                                     |                            |                        |                                |
| - Outflow                            | 20                           | (7,866)                             | (7,866)                    | _                      | _                              |
| - Inflow                             |                              | 7.815                               | 7,815                      | _                      | _                              |
|                                      | 5,141                        | (7,647)                             | (5,146)                    | (2,501)                | _                              |
|                                      | 3,601,615                    | (3,794,518)                         | (680,349)                  | (2,911,373)            | (202,796)                      |
| 2020                                 |                              |                                     |                            |                        |                                |
| Non-derivative                       |                              |                                     |                            |                        |                                |
| financial liabilities                | 0.405.005                    | (0.550.004)                         | (075 077)                  | (0.000.040)            | (054 545)                      |
| Floating rate term loans             | 2,465,885                    | (2,553,834)                         | (275,677)                  | (2,026,612)            | (251,545)                      |
| Fixed rate term loans                | 1,027,125                    | (1,130,466)                         | (178,866)                  | (745,134)              | (206,466)                      |
| Revolving credit facility            | 70,000                       | (70,048)                            | (70,048)                   | _                      | _                              |
| Convertible bonds                    | 88,337                       | (90,275)                            | (90,275)                   | -                      | _                              |
| Trade and other                      | 50.045                       | (50.045)                            | (50.045)                   |                        |                                |
| payables*                            | 53,315                       | (53,315)                            | (53,315)                   | (00.044)               | (0.000)                        |
| Security deposits                    | 61,776                       | (61,776)                            | (24,365)                   | (33,811)               | (3,600)                        |
| _                                    | 3,766,438                    | (3,959,714)                         | (692,546)                  | (2,805,557)            | (461,611)                      |
| Derivative financial instruments     |                              |                                     |                            |                        |                                |
| Interest rate swaps                  |                              |                                     |                            |                        |                                |
| (net-settled)                        | 22,946                       | (23,236)                            | (14,865)                   | (8,371)                | _                              |
| Forward exchange                     |                              | , , ,                               | , , ,                      | , ,                    |                                |
| contracts                            | 3,222                        |                                     |                            |                        |                                |
| - Outflow                            |                              | (83,361)                            | (66,079)                   | (17,282)               | _                              |
| - Inflow                             |                              | 80,340                              | 63,483                     | 16,857                 |                                |
|                                      | 26,168                       | (26,257)                            | (17,461)                   | (8,796)                |                                |
|                                      | 3,792,606                    | (3,985,971)                         | (710,007)                  | (2,814,353)            | (461,611)                      |

<sup>\*</sup> Excludes deferred income and deferred grant liabilities.

#### 17 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (CONT'D)

#### Market risk

Market risk is the risk that changes in market prices, such as interest rates will affect the Group's total return or the value of its holdings of financial instruments. The objective of market risk management is to manage and control market risk exposures within acceptable parameters, while optimising the return.

#### Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk is managed by the Manager on an on-going basis with the primary objective of limiting the extent to which net interest expense could be affected by adverse movements in interest rates.

The Group targets to maintain between 60% to 80% of its interest rate risk exposure at a fixed-rate. This is achieved partly by entering into fixed-rate instruments and partly by borrowing at a floating rate and using interest rate swaps as hedges of the variability in cash flows attributable to interest rate risk.

The Group determines the existence of an economic relationship between the hedging instrument and hedged item based on the reference interest rates, tenures, repricing dates, maturities and the notional amounts.

The Group assesses whether the derivative designated in each hedging relationship is expected to be effective in offsetting changes in cash flows of the hedged item using the hypothetical derivative method.

In these hedge relationships, the main sources of ineffectiveness are:

- the effect of the counterparty and the Group's own credit risk on the fair value of the swaps, which is not reflected in the change in the fair value of the hedged cash flows attributable to the change in interest rates; and
- changes in the critical terms of either the swaps or the loans and borrowings.

#### Managing interest rate benchmark reform and associated risks

A fundamental reform of major interest rate benchmarks is being undertaken globally, including the replacement of some interbank offered rates ("IBORs") with alternative nearly risk-free rates (referred to as 'IBOR reform'). The Group has exposures to IBORs on its financial instruments that will be replaced or reformed as part of these market-wide initiatives. The Group's main IBOR exposure at the reporting date is the Singapore swap offer rate ("SOR"). The alternative reference rate is the Singapore Overnight Rate Average ("SORA").

The Group anticipates that IBOR reform will impact its risk management processes and hedge accounting. The main risks to which the Group is exposed as a result of IBOR reform are operational. For example, renegotiating borrowing contracts through bilateral negotiation with counterparties, implementing new fallback clauses with its derivative counterparties, updating contractual terms and revising operational controls related to the reform. Financial risk is predominantly limited to interest rate risk.

#### Non-Derivative Financial Liabilities

The Group's IBOR exposures to non-derivative financial liabilities as at 31 December 2021 included bank loans indexed to SOR. The Group is still in discussions with the counterparties for all relevant SOR indexed exposures.

#### **Derivatives**

The Group holds interest rate swaps for risk management purposes. The interest rate swaps have floating legs that are indexed to SOR. The Group's derivative instruments are governed by contracts based on the International Swaps and Derivatives Association ("ISDA")'s master agreements. The Group is currently in discussions with counterparties of respective contracts.

### 17 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (CONT'D)

### Interest rate risk (cont'd)

#### Total amounts of unreformed contracts

The Group monitors the progress of transition from IBORs to new benchmark rates by reviewing the total amounts of contracts that have yet to transition to an alternative benchmark rate.

The following table shows the total amounts of unreformed contracts as at 31 December 2021. The amounts of financial liabilities are shown at their carrying amounts and derivatives are shown at their nominal amounts.

|   | SOR<br>Total amount<br>of unreformed<br>contracts<br>\$'000 |
|---|---|
| Group<br>31 December 2021                                     |   |
| Financial liabilities Secured bank loans Unsecured bank loans | 1,256,649<br>897,739  |
| Derivatives<br>Interest rate swaps                            | 621,000   |
| Trust<br>31 December 2021                                     |   |
| Financial liabilities Secured bank loans Unsecured bank loans | 891,353<br>897,739  |
| Derivatives Interest rate swaps                               | 255,000   |

The Group and the Trust have loans and borrowings indexed to SOR amounting to \$772.3 million which will be repaid by April 2023, and interest rate swaps indexed to SOR amounting to \$425.0 million which will mature by May 2023. Quantitative information relating to these bank loans and interest rate swaps have not been included in the above table, as the Group does not intend for the interest rate benchmark of these bank loans and interest rate swaps to transit from SOR to SORA.

#### Exposure to interest rate risk

At the reporting date, the interest rate profile of the interest-bearing financial instruments was as follows:

|                             | Group<br>Nominal amount |                | Trust<br>Nominal amoun |                |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------|----------------|------------------------|----------------|
|                             | 2021<br>\$'000          | 2020<br>\$'000 | 2021<br>\$'000         | 2020<br>\$'000 |
| Fixed rate instruments      |                         |                |                        |                |
| Interest-bearing borrowings | (880,000)               | (1,119,250)    | (880,000)              | (1,119,250)    |
| Interest rate swaps         | (1,761,337)             | (1,848,971)    | (680,000)              | (1,025,500)    |
| ·                           | (2,641,337)             | (2,968,221)    | (1,560,000)            | (2,144,750)    |
| Variable rate instruments   |                         |                |                        |                |
| Interest-bearing borrowings | (4,063,782)             | (3,735,817)    | (2,573,104)            | (2,551,607)    |
| Interest rate swaps         | 1,761,337               | 1,848,971      | 680,000                | 1,025,500      |
|                             | (2.302.445)             | (1.886.846)    | (1.893.104)            | (1.526.107)    |

#### 17 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (CONT'D)

#### Interest rate risk (cont'd)

#### Cash flow sensitivity analysis for variable rate instruments

For the interest rate swaps and the other variable rate financial assets and liabilities, a change of 50 basis points ("bp") (2020: 50 bp) in interest rate at the reporting date would increase/(decrease) total return (before any tax effects) by the amounts shown below. This analysis assumes that all other variables remain constant.

|                             | Statement of   | f total return |
|-----------------------------|----------------|----------------|
|                             | 50 bp increase | 50 bp decrease |
|                             | \$'000         | \$'000         |
| Group                       |                |                |
| 2021                        |                |                |
| Variable rate instruments   | (20,319)       | 20,319         |
| Interest rate swaps         | 16,261         | (16,528)       |
| Cash flow sensitivity (net) | (4,058)        | 3,791          |
| 2020                        |                |                |
| Variable rate instruments   | (18,679)       | 18,679         |
| Interest rate swaps         | 22,272         | (22,790)       |
| Cash flow sensitivity (net) | 3,593          | (4,111)        |
| Trust                       |                |                |
| 2021                        |                |                |
| Variable rate instruments   | (12,866)       | 12,866         |
| Interest rate swaps         | 3,997          | (4,044)        |
| Cash flow sensitivity (net) | (8,869)        | 8,822          |
| 2020                        |                |                |
| Variable rate instruments   | (12,758)       | 12,758         |
| Interest rate swaps         | 7,696          | (7,816)        |
| Cash flow sensitivity (net) | (5,062)        | 4,942          |

Fair value sensitivity analysis for fixed rate instruments

The Group does not account for any fixed rate financial assets and liabilities at FVTPL, nor does the Group designate derivatives (interest rate swaps) as hedging instruments under a fair value hedge accounting model. Therefore, a change in interest rates at the reporting date would not affect profit or loss.

#### **Currency risk**

The Group is exposed to currency risk on distributions from its Australia and United Kingdom operations. In 2021, the Trust entered into forward currency contracts with a total notional amount of \$36.9 million (2020: \$80.3 million) whereby the Trust agreed with counterparties to exchange Australian Dollar at specified rates, on specified dates.

# 17 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (CONT'D)

# Currency risk (cont'd)

At the reporting date, the exposure to currency risk is as follows:

|  | AUD<br>\$'000 | GBP<br>\$'000 | Total<br>\$'000 |
|--|---------------|---------------|-----------------|
| Group  |               |               |                 |
| 2021   |               |               |                 |
| Cash and cash equivalents                    | 29,626        | 14,106        | 43,732          |
| Trade and other receivables                  | 14,068        | 143           | 14,211          |
| Trade and other payables                     |               | (396)         | (396)           |
| Net statement of financial position exposure | 43,694        | 13,853        | 57,547          |
| Forward exchange contracts                   | (36,901)      | _             | (36,901)        |
| Net exposure                                 | 6,793         | 13,853        | 20,646          |
| 2020   |               |               |                 |
| Cash and cash equivalents                    | 31,842        | _             | 31,842          |
| Trade and other receivables                  | 14,746        | _             | 14,746          |
| Net statement of financial position exposure | 46,588        | _             | 46,588          |
| Forward exchange contracts                   | (80,340)      | _             | (80,340)        |
| Net exposure                                 | (33,752)      | -             | (33,752)        |
| Trust  |               |               |                 |
| 2021   |               |               |                 |
| Cash and cash equivalents                    | 29,510        | 14,106        | 43,616          |
| Trade and other receivables                  | 14,068        | 143           | 14,211          |
| Trade and other payables                     | · –           | (396)         | (396)           |
| Net statement of financial position exposure | 43,578        | 13,853        | 57,431          |
| Forward exchange contracts                   | (36,901)      | _             | (36,901)        |
| Net exposure                                 | 6,677         | 13,853        | 20,530          |
| 2020   |               |               |                 |
| Cash and cash equivalents                    | 31,457        | _             | 31,457          |
| Trade and other receivables                  | 14,746        | _             | 14,746          |
| Net statement of financial position exposure | 46,203        | _             | 46,203          |
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| Forward exchange contracts                   | (80,340)      | _             | (80,340)        |

#### 17 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (CONT'D)

#### Currency risk (cont'd)

Sensitivity analysis

The following table indicates the approximate increase/(decrease) in the Statement of Total Return (before any tax effects) of the Group in response to a 10% strengthening of the functional currencies of the respective entities as compared with the exchange rates of the foreign currencies to which the Group has significant exposure at the reporting dates.

|         | Statement of total re | eturn  |
|---------|-----------------------|--------|
|         | 2021                  | 2020   |
|         | \$'000                | \$'000 |
| Group   |                       |        |
| AUD (1) | (679)                 | 3,375  |
| GBP (1) | (1,385)               |        |
| Trust   |                       |        |
| AUD (1) | (668)                 | 3,414  |
| GBP (1) | (1,385)               | _      |

<sup>(1)</sup> As compared to the functional currency of Singapore Dollar.

A 10% weakening of the functional currencies of the respective entities as compared with the exchange rates of the foreign currencies to which the Group has significant exposure at the reporting dates would have had the equal but opposite effect on the above currencies to the amounts shown above. The analysis assumed that all other variables remain constant and does not take into account the translation related risk, associated tax effects and share of non-controlling interests.

### Capital management

The Board of Directors of the Manager reviews the Group's capital management policy regularly so as to optimise Unitholders' return through a mix of available capital sources. The Group monitors its gearing ratio and maintains it within the approved limits. The Group assesses its capital management approach as a key part of the Group's overall strategy, and this is continuously reviewed by the Manager. The Group's aggregate leverage ratio stood at 43.7% (2020: 44.3%) as at 31 December 2021.

The Group is subject to the aggregate leverage limit as defined in the Property Funds Appendix. The Property Funds Appendix stipulates that the total borrowings and deferred payments (together the "Aggregate Leverage") of a property fund should not exceed 50.0% (2020: 50.0%) of the fund's deposited property. The Group has complied with the stipulated Aggregate Leverage limit.

There were no changes in the Group's approach to capital management during the financial year.

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# Notes to the Financial Statements

The carrying amounts and fair values of financial assets and financial liabilities, including their level in fair value hierarchy, are as follows. It does not include fair value information of financial assets and liabilities not measured at fair value if the carrying amount is a reasonable approximation of fair value.

|   |      |   |  |                |                                   |                       |         | Fair value |             |
|---|------|---|--|----------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|---------|------------|-------------|
|   | Note | Fair value<br>through profit<br>or loss | Fair value<br>- hedging<br>instruments | Amortised cost | Other<br>financial<br>liabilities | Total carrying amount | Level 1 | Level 2    | Level 3     |
|   |      | \$,000                                  | \$,000                                 | \$,000         | \$,000                            | \$,000                | \$,000  | \$,000     | \$,000      |
| Group   |      |   |  |                |                                   |                       |         |            |             |
| 2021  |      |   |  |                |                                   |                       |         |            |             |
| Financial assets<br>measured at fair value          |      |   |  |                |                                   |                       |         |            |             |
| Rental guarantee receivables                        | 9    | 11,331                                  | I                                      | I              | I                                 | 11,331                | ı       | ı          | 11,331      |
| Interest rate swaps                                 | 10   | 14,947                                  | 4,212                                  | I              | I                                 | 19,159                | I       | 19,159     | I           |
| Forward exchange contracts                          | 10   | 647                                     | I                                      | I              | I                                 | 647                   | ı       | 647        | I           |
|   |      | 26,925                                  | 4,212                                  | 1              | I                                 | 31,137                |         |            |             |
| Financial assets not<br>measured at fair value      |      |   |  |                |                                   |                       |         |            |             |
| Loans to joint ventures                             | 7    | I                                       | I                                      | 1,230,753      | I                                 | 1,230,753             | I       | ı          | 1,216,430   |
| Trade and other receivables*                        | =    | ı                                       | ļ                                      | 23,137         | I                                 | 23,137                |         |            |             |
| Cash and cash equivalents                           | 12   | I                                       | I                                      | 268,311        | I                                 | 268,311               |         |            |             |
|   |      | ı                                       | I                                      | 1,522,201      | I                                 | 1,522,201             |         |            |             |
| Financial liabilities<br>measured at fair value     |      |   |  |                |                                   |                       |         |            |             |
| Interest rate swaps                                 | 10   | (13,302)                                | I                                      | I              | I                                 | (13,302)              | I       | (13,302)   | I           |
| Forward exchange contracts                          | 10   | (29)                                    | ļ                                      | I              | I                                 | (29)                  | ı       | (29)       | I           |
|   |      | (13,331)                                | I                                      | ı              | I                                 | (13,331)              |         |            |             |
| Financial liabilities not<br>measured at fair value |      |   |  |                |                                   |                       |         |            |             |
| Interest-bearing borrowings                         | 13   | I                                       | I                                      | I              | (4,918,990)                       | (4,918,990)           | I       | I          | (4,921,504) |
| Security deposits                                   |      | I                                       | ļ                                      | 1              | (81,128)                          | (81,128)              | I       | I          | (77,634)    |
| Trade and other payables^                           | 15   | I                                       | ļ                                      | I              | (85,660)                          | (85,660)              |         |            |             |
|   |      | 1                                       | ı                                      | ı              | (5,085,778)                       | (5,085,778)           |         |            |             |
|   |      |   |  |                |                                   |                       |         |            |             |

Excludes prepayments.

FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (CONT'D)
Accounting classifications and fair values

Excludes deferred income and deferred grant liabilities.

|   |      |   |                             |                                    |                              | <b>\</b>          | — Fair value      |             |
|---|------|---|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------|
|   | Note | Fair value<br>through profit<br>or loss<br>\$'000 | Amortised<br>cost<br>\$'000 | Other financial liabilities \$'000 | Total carrying amount \$'000 | Level 1<br>\$'000 | Level 2<br>\$'000 | \$'000      |
| Group   |      |   |                             |                                    |                              |                   |                   |             |
| 2020<br>Financial assets measured at fair value<br>Rental guarantee receivables | ဖ    | 23,685  | I                           | 1                                  | 23,685                       | I                 | 1                 | 23,685      |
| · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·   |      | <b>,</b>  |                             |                                    | ,                            |                   |                   |             |
| Financial assets not measured at fair value                                     | 1    |   | 000                         |                                    | 000                          |                   |                   | 000         |
| Loans to joint ventures<br>Trade and other receivables*                         | - =  | 1 1   | 1,229,908                   | 1 1                                | 1,229,908                    | I                 | I                 | 1,216,023   |
| Cash and cash equivalents   | 12   | I   | 227,474                     | I                                  | 227,474                      |                   |                   |             |
|   | •    | I   | 1,479,526                   | ı                                  | 1,479,526                    |                   |                   |             |
| Financial liabilities measured at fair value                                    | -    |   |                             |                                    |                              |                   |                   |             |
| Interest rate swaps   | 10   | (44,623)  | I                           | I                                  | (44,623)                     | I                 | (44,623)          | I           |
| Forward exchange contracts  | 10   | (3,222)   | I                           | I                                  | (3,222)                      | I                 | (3,222)           | I           |
| Embedded derivatives relating to convertible                                    | Ç    | (260)   |                             |                                    | (09/2)                       |                   |                   | (100)       |
| Solids  | 2    | (700)   | 1   1                       | 1   1                              | (48 613)                     | I                 | I                 | (00 /)      |
| Financial liabilities not measured  |      | (2) (2)   |                             |                                    | (2:0,0)                      |                   |                   |             |
| at fair value   |      |   |                             |                                    |                              |                   |                   |             |
| Interest-bearing borrowings   | 13   | I   | I                           | (4,738,124)                        | (4,738,124)                  | I                 | I                 | (4,742,014) |
| Security deposits   |      | I   | I                           | (75,874)                           | (75,874)                     | I                 | I                 | (74,019)    |
| Convertible bonds   | 4    | I   | I                           | (88,337)                           | (88,337)                     | I                 | I                 | (88,048)    |
| Trade and other payables^   | 15   | I   | I                           | (96,976)                           | (92,66)                      |                   |                   |             |
|   |      | 1   | 1                           | (5,002,311)                        | (5,002,311)                  |                   |                   |             |
|   |      |   |                             |                                    |                              |                   |                   |             |

Excludes prepayments.

Accounting classifications and fair values (cont'd)

FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (CONT'D)

Excludes deferred income and deferred grant liabilities.

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FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (CONT'D)

Accounting classifications and fair values (cont'd)

<sup>\*</sup> Excludes prepayments.

Excludes deferred income and deferred grant liabilities.

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FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (CONT'D)

Accounting classifications and fair values (cont'd)

Excludes prepayments.

A Excludes deferred income and deferred grant liabilities.

# 17 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (CONT'D)

### Measurement of fair values

### (i) Valuation techniques and significant unobservable inputs

The following tables show the valuation techniques used in measuring Level 2 and Level 3 fair values, as well as the significant unobservable inputs used.

Financial instruments measured at fair value

| Type   | Valuation technique  | Key unobservable inputs                                     | Inter-relationship<br>between key<br>unobservable inputs and<br>fair value measurement  |
|--|--|---|---|
| Type<br>Group                                      | Valuation technique  | прис  | iaii value illeasureillelit   |
| Rental guarantee receivables                       | Discounted cash flows: The discounted cash flow method involves the estimation and projection of an income stream over a period and discounting the income stream with an internal rate of return to arrive at the market value.   | Discount rate:<br>4.27% - 5.00%<br>(2020: 4.49% -<br>5.13%) | The estimated fair value would increase if the discount rate was lower.   |
| Group and Trust                                    |  |   |   |
| Forward exchange contracts and interest rate swaps | Market comparison technique: The fair values are based on broker quotes. Similar contracts are traded in an active market and the quotes reflect the actual transactions in similar instruments.   | Not applicable  | Not applicable  |
| Embedded derivatives relating to convertible bonds | Discounted cash flows and market comparison technique: The fair value of the embedded derivative is the difference between the fair value of the convertible bonds based on broker quotes and the fair value of the liability component of the convertible bonds, determined using the discounted cash flows approach. The valuation requires management to estimate the expected cash flows over the life of the convertible bonds to investors, which are not evidenced by observable market data. | Discount rate:<br>Nil<br>(2020: 3.17%)                      | The estimated fair value of the embedded derivatives relating to convertible bonds would increase if the discount rate was lower. |
| Trust  |  |   |   |
| Long term investment                               | Asset-based value approach: The fair value was determined using the net asset value of investee, which mainly comprise investment properties.  | Net asset value of investee                                 | The estimated fair value would increase if the net asset value is higher.   |

### 17 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (CONT'D)

### Measurement of fair values (cont'd)

### (i) Valuation techniques and significant unobservable inputs (cont'd)

Financial instruments not measured at fair value

#### **Group and Trust**

| Туре                                     | Valuation technique   | Key unobservable inputs                                   |
|--|-----------------------|---|
| Fixed rate borrowings                    | Discounted cash flows | Discount rate –<br>2.61% - 3.33%<br>(2020: 2.61% - 3.31%) |
| Security deposits                        | Discounted cash flows | Discount rate –<br>1.82% - 1.86%<br>(2020: 1.48% - 1.68%) |
| Loans to joint ventures and subsidiaries | Discounted cash flows | Discount rate –<br>1.42% - 2.38%<br>(2020: 1.12% - 2.30%) |

#### **Trust**

| Туре                  | Valuation technique   | Key unobservable inputs                                   |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|---|
| Loans to subsidiaries | Discounted cash flows | Discount rate –<br>1.42% - 2.38%<br>(2020: 1.12% - 2.30%) |

# (ii) Transfer between Level 1 and 2

During the financial year ended 31 December 2021, there were no transfers between Level 1 and Level 2.

#### (iii) Level 3 fair values

The following table shows a reconciliation from the beginning balances to the ending balances for fair value measurement in Level 3 of the fair value hierarchy:

|  | Gro  | oup  | Tr                                | ust  |
|--|--|--|-----------------------------------|--|
|  | Rental<br>guarantee<br>receivables<br>\$'000 | Embedded<br>derivatives<br>relating to<br>convertible<br>bonds<br>\$'000 | Long term<br>investment<br>\$'000 | Embedded<br>derivatives<br>relating to<br>convertible<br>bonds<br>\$'000 |
| At 1 January 2021                                  | 23,685                                       | (768)  | 631                               | (768)  |
| Additions  | _  | _  | 6                                 | _  |
| Income guarantee earned                            | (12,088)                                     | _  | _                                 | _  |
| Effects of movement in exchange rates              | (266)  | _  | _                                 | _  |
| Changes in fair value recognised in profit or loss | _  | 768  | _                                 | 768  |
| At 31 December 2021                                | 11,331                                       | _  | 637                               | _  |

### 17 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (CONT'D)

Measurement of fair values (cont'd)

(iii) Level 3 fair values (cont'd)

|  | Gro  | up   | Tr                          | ust  |
|--|--|--|-----------------------------|--|
|  | Rental<br>guarantee<br>receivables<br>\$'000 | Embedded<br>derivatives<br>relating to<br>convertible<br>bonds<br>\$'000 | Long term investment \$'000 | Embedded<br>derivatives<br>relating to<br>convertible<br>bonds<br>\$'000 |
| At 1 January 2020                                  | _  | (12,561)   | _                           | (12,561)   |
| Acquisition  | 27,712                                       | _  | 631                         | _  |
| Income guarantee earned                            | (6,929)                                      | _  | _                           | _  |
| Effects of movement in exchange rates              | 2,902  | _  | _                           | _  |
| Changes in fair value recognised in profit or loss | _  | 11,793   | _                           | 11,793   |
| At 31 December 2020                                | 23,685                                       | (768)  | 631                         | (768)  |

#### Sensitivity analysis

If the fair value of the rental guarantee receivables were 5.0% favourable or unfavourable with all other variables held constant, the fair value of the rental guarantee receivables would increase/(decrease) by \$567,000 (2020: \$1,184,000) and (\$567,000) (2020: (\$1,184,000)) respectively.

If the fair value of the long term investment were 5.0% favourable or unfavourable with all other variables held constant, the fair value of the long term investment would increase/(decrease) by \$32,000 (2020: \$32,000) and (\$32,000) (2020: (\$32,000)) respectively.

If the discount rate assumption applied by management were 5.0% favourable or unfavourable with all other variables held constant, the fair value of the embedded derivative relating to the convertible bonds would decrease/(increase) by \$Nil (2020: \$133,000) and \$Nil (2020: (\$132,000)) respectively.

### 18 PERPETUAL SECURITIES HOLDERS

On 15 October 2020, the Trust updated its EMTN Programme ("Programme") to increase the Programme limit from US\$1,500.0 million to US\$2,000.0 million and to issue perpetual securities under the Programme. The Programme was renamed as the US\$2,000.0 million Euro Medium Term Securities Programme.

On 27 October 2020, the Trust issued \$200.0 million of fixed rate subordinated perpetual securities with an initial distribution rate of 3.80% per annum. The first distribution rate reset falls on 27 October 2025 with subsequent resets occurring every five years thereafter.

On 15 June 2021 the Trust issued \$150.0 million of fixed rate subordinated perpetual securities with an initial distribution rate of 4.25% per annum. The first distribution rate reset falls on 15 June 2026 with subsequent resets occurring every five years thereafter.

The perpetual securities have no fixed redemption date and redemption is at the option of the Trust in accordance with the terms of issue of the securities. The distribution will be payable semi-annually at the discretion of the Trust and will be non-cumulative.

In terms of distribution payments or in the event of winding-up of the Trust:

- These perpetual securities rank pari passu with the holders of preferred Units (if any) and rank ahead of the Unitholders
  of the Trust, but junior to the claims of all other present and future creditors of the Trust.
- The Trust shall not declare or pay any distributions to the Unitholders, or make redemptions, unless the Trust declares
  or pays any distributions to the holders of the perpetual securities.

### 18 PERPETUAL SECURITIES HOLDERS (CONT'D)

These perpetual securities are classified as equity instruments and recorded within the Statements of Movements in Unitholders' Funds. The \$348.0 million (2020: \$198.7 million) presented on the Statements of Financial Position represents the \$350.0 million (2020: \$200.0 million) perpetual securities net of issue expenses and includes total return attributable to perpetual securities holders from the issue date.

As at 31 December 2021, issue expenses amounting to \$0.9 million (2020: \$2.7 million) have been capitalised in equity. Included in issue expenses incurred during the year ended 31 December 2021 are audit fees paid to the auditors of the Trust amounting to \$65,000 (2020: \$Nil), for services rendered in connection to the issuance of the perpetual securities.

#### 19 NON-CONTROLLING INTERESTS

The following subsidiaries have material Non-Controlling Interests ("NCI"):

| Name   | Principal place of<br>business/<br>Country of<br>incorporation | Effective inte |      |
|--|--|----------------|------|
|  |  | 2021           | 2020 |
|  |  | %              | %    |
| Harmony Investors Group Limited subgroup ("Harmony") | Singapore  | 33.7           | 33.7 |
| Harmony Partners Investment Limited ("HPIL")         | British Virgin Islands   | 42.1           | 42.1 |

The following summarises the financial information of each of the Group's subsidiaries with material NCI based on their respective financial statements prepared in accordance with FRS, modified for fair value adjustments on acquisition and differences in the Group's accounting policies.

|   | Harmany   | HPIL*    | Intra-group elimination | Total  |
|---|-----------|----------|-------------------------|--------|
|   | Harmony   |          |                         |        |
|   | \$'000    | \$'000   | \$'000                  | \$'000 |
| 2021  |           |          |                         |        |
| Revenue   | 26,392    | _        | _                       | 26,392 |
| Total return for the year                                       | 41,760    | _        | _                       | 41,760 |
| Total return attributable to NCI for the year                   | 14,072    | -        | _                       | 14,072 |
| Non-current assets  | 662,747   | 90,730   |                         |        |
| Current assets  | 47,060    | _        |                         |        |
| Non-current liabilities   | (387,189) | (55,200) |                         |        |
| Current liabilities   | (23,950)  | (17)     |                         |        |
| Net assets  | 298,668   | 35,513   | -                       |        |
| Net assets attributable to NCI                                  | 100,651   | 14,958   | (16,699)                | 98,910 |
| Cash flows from operating activities                            | 5,200     | _        |                         |        |
| Cash flows used in investing activities                         | (2,503)   | _        |                         |        |
| Cash flows used in financing activities (dividends to NCI: nil) | (10,716)  | _        |                         |        |
| Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents                       | (8,019)   | _        | _                       |        |

<sup>\*</sup> The company did not prepare a cash flow statement. All expenses and receipts of the company are paid/received by its subsidiary.

### 19 NON-CONTROLLING INTERESTS (CONT'D)

|  |           |          | Intra-group |           |
|--|-----------|----------|-------------|-----------|
|  | Harmony   | HPIL*    | elimination | Total     |
|  | \$'000    | \$'000   | \$'000      | \$'000    |
| 2020   |           |          |             |           |
| Revenue  | 30,845    | _        | _           | 30,845    |
| Total return for the year                                    | (116,832) | _        | _           | (116,832) |
| Total return attributable to NCI for the year                | (44,295)  | _        | _           | (44,295)  |
|  | 000 100   | 00.700   |             |           |
| Non-current assets   | 626,106   | 90,730   |             |           |
| Current assets   | 53,258    | _        |             |           |
| Non-current liabilities                                      | (398,921) | (55,200) |             |           |
| Current liabilities  | (23,534)  | (15)     |             |           |
| Net assets   | 256,909   | 35,515   | •           |           |
| Net assets attributable to NCI                               | 86,578    | 14,959   | (16,699)    | 84,838    |
| Ocale flavor was die amountier and this                      | (0.700)   |          |             |           |
| Cash flows used in operating activities                      | (2,789)   | _        |             |           |
| Cash flows used in investing activities                      | (3,353)   | _        |             |           |
| Cash flows from financing activities (dividends to NCI: nil) | 29,159    | _        |             |           |
| Net increase in cash and cash equivalents                    | 23,017    | _        |             |           |

<sup>\*</sup> The company did not prepare a cash flow statement. All expenses and receipts of the company are paid/received by its subsidiary.

### 20 UNITS IN ISSUE

|  | Grou         | p and Trust  |
|--|--------------|--------------|
|  | 2021<br>'000 | 2020<br>'000 |
| Units in issue:                                |              |              |
| At 1 January                                   | 2,825,294    | 2,801,016    |
| Issue of Units:                                |              |              |
| - asset management fees paid in Units          | 26,706       | 24,278       |
| - divestment fees paid in Units                | 999          | _            |
| At 31 December                                 | 2,852,999    | 2,825,294    |
| Units to be issued:                            |              |              |
| - asset management fees payable in Units       | 14,643       | 12,379       |
| Total issued and issuable Units at 31 December | 2,867,642    | 2,837,673    |

Each Unit in the Trust represents an undivided interest in the Trust. The rights and interests of Unitholders are contained in the Trust Deed and include the right to:

- receive income and other distributions attributable to the Units held;
- participate in the termination of the Trust by receiving a share of all net cash proceeds derived from the realisation
  of the assets of the Trust and available for purposes of such distribution less any liabilities, in accordance with their
  proportionate interests in the Trust. However, a Unitholder has no equitable or proprietary interest in the underlying
  assets of the Trust and is not entitled to the transfer to it of any assets (or part thereof) or of any estate or interest in
  any asset (or part thereof) of the Trust; and
- attend all Unitholders' meetings. The Trustee or the Manager may (and the Manager shall at the request in writing of
  not less than 50 Unitholders or one-tenth in number of the Unitholders, whichever is the lesser) at any time convene
  a meeting of Unitholders in accordance with the provisions of the Trust Deed.

#### 20 UNITS IN ISSUE (CONT'D)

The Unitholders cannot give any directions to the Manager or the Trustee (whether at a meeting of Unitholders or otherwise) if it would require the Trustee or the Manager to do or omit doing anything which may result in:

- the Trust ceasing to comply with the Listing Manual issued by SGX-ST or the Property Funds Appendix; or
- the exercise of any discretion expressly conferred on the Trustee or the Manager by the Trust Deed or the determination of any matter for which the agreement of either or both the Trustee and the Manager is required under the Trust Deed.

A Unitholder's liability is limited to the amount paid or payable for any Units. The provisions of the Trust Deed provide that no Unitholder will be personally liable to indemnify the Trustee or any creditor of the Trustee in the event that liabilities of the Trust exceed its assets.

#### 21 NET ASSET VALUE PER UNIT

|   |      | Group                    |                          | Trust                    |                          |  |
|---|------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--|
|   | Note | 2021<br>\$'000           | 2020<br>\$'000           | 2021<br>\$'000           | 2020<br>\$'000           |  |
| Net asset value per Unit is based on:<br>Net assets attributable to Unitholders | _    | 6,051,805                | 5,829,657                | 5,110,695                | 5,064,542                |  |
| Total issued and issuable Units at 31 December                                  | 20   | <b>'000</b><br>2,867,642 | <b>'000</b><br>2,837,673 | <b>'000</b><br>2,867,642 | <b>'000</b><br>2,837,673 |  |

#### 22 ACQUISITION OF SUBSIDIARIES AND JOINT VENTURES

#### 2021

Acquisition of subsidiary - 3 Minster Court Unit Trust

On 28 July 2021, the Group completed the acquisition of 100% equity interest in 3 Minster Court Unit Trust at a cash consideration of GBP343.2 million (approximately \$647.4 million). As a result, the Group obtained control of 3 Minster Court Unit Trust, which owns The Minster Building. The Group has determined that the acquisition does not represent a business, and is accounted for as an acquisition of a group of assets and liabilities. The cost of acquisition is allocated to the assets and liabilities acquired and no goodwill or deferred tax is recognised.

The following table summarises the recognised amounts of assets acquired and liabilities assumed at the date of acquisition.

|   | Note | \$'000   |
|---|------|----------|
| Investment property   | 5    | 645.838  |
| Trade and other receivables                                   | •    | 8.309    |
| Cash and cash equivalents                                     |      | 6,875    |
| Trade and other payables                                      |      | (13,618) |
| Identifiable net assets acquired                              | _    | 647,404  |
| The following table summarises the consideration transferred: |      |          |
| Purchase consideration  |      | 647,404  |
| Professional fees   |      | 11,041   |
| Cash acquired   |      | (6,875)  |
| Net cash outflow presented as 'acquisition of subsidiary'     | _    | 651,570  |

The Group incurred acquisition-related costs of \$11.0 million on legal fees and due diligence costs. These costs have been capitalised in "investment properties".

### 22 ACQUISITION OF SUBSIDIARIES AND JOINT VENTURES (CONT'D)

### 2020

Acquisition of joint ventures - Nova Limited Partnership and Nova Residential Limited Partnership

On 18 December 2020, the Group completed the acquisition of 100% equity interest in Victoria Circle Unit Trust 1 and Victoria Circle Unit Trust 2 (collectively known as "VCUTs") at a cash consideration of GBP426.3 million (approximately \$764.8 million). As a result, the Group obtained control of VCUTs, which collectively have interests in joint ventures which own the Nova Properties.

The following table summarises the recognised amounts of assets acquired and liabilities assumed at the date of acquisition.

|  | \$'000  |
|--|---------|
|  |         |
| Rental guarantee receivables                   | 8,074   |
| Interests in joint ventures                    | 766,462 |
| Fair value of identifiable net assets acquired | 774,536 |

Measurement of fair values

The valuation techniques used for measuring the fair value of material assets acquired were as follows:

| Assets acquired              | Valuation techniques   |
|------------------------------|--|
| Rental guarantee receivables | Capitalisation approach: The approach is based on income method which takes into consideration the estimated net rent (using the current and projected average reversal rates and occupancy) and a capitalisation rate applicable to the nature and type of investment properties in question. |
| Joint ventures               | Asset-based value approach: This approach is based on the net asset value of the joint ventures, which comprise mainly investment properties which are adjusted to their fair values using the capitalisation approach.  |

Negative goodwill from the acquisition has been recognised as follows:

|   | \$'000    |
|---|-----------|
| Purchase consideration  | 764,820   |
| Fair value of identifiable net assets                               | (774,536) |
| Negative goodwill recognised in 'share of profit of joint ventures' | (9,716)   |
| The following table summarises the consideration transferred:       |           |
| Purchase consideration  | 764,820   |
| Professional fees   | 14,201    |
| Net cash outflow presented as 'acquisition of joint ventures'       | 779,021   |

The Group incurred acquisition-related costs of \$14.2 million on legal fees and due diligence costs. These costs have been capitalised in "interests in joint ventures".

### 23 GROSS REVENUE

|   | Group          |                | Trust          |                |
|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
|   | 2021<br>\$'000 | 2020<br>\$'000 | 2021<br>\$'000 | 2020<br>\$'000 |
| Gross rental income Dividend income from: | 357,784        | 315,197        | 216,306        | 212,055        |
| - subsidiaries                            | _              | _              | 101,791        | 68,011         |
| <ul><li>joint ventures</li></ul>          | _              | _              | 62,162         | 61,969         |
| Others                                    | 285            | 193            | 233            | 80             |
|   | 358,069        | 315,390        | 380,492        | 342,115        |

Included in gross rental income of the Group and the Trust are contingent rents amounting to \$5.5 million (2020: \$2.7 million) and \$4.7 million (2020: \$2.2 million) respectively.

### 24 PROPERTY EXPENSES

|  | Group   |         | Trust  |        |      |      |      |      |      |           |      |      |
|--|---------|---------|--------|--------|------|------|------|------|------|-----------|------|------|
|  | 2021    | 2021    | 2021   | 2021   | 2021 | 2021 | 2021 | 2021 | 2021 | 2021 2020 | 2021 | 2020 |
|  | \$'000  | \$'000  | \$'000 | \$'000 |      |      |      |      |      |           |      |      |
| Advertising and promotion expenses                 | 5,165   | 5,508   | 3,625  | 3,775  |      |      |      |      |      |           |      |      |
| Depreciation of plant and equipment                | 786     | 777     | 234    | 205    |      |      |      |      |      |           |      |      |
| Loss on disposal of plant and equipment            | _       | 3       | _      | _      |      |      |      |      |      |           |      |      |
| Maintenance expenses                               | 11,681  | 7,972   | 309    | 214    |      |      |      |      |      |           |      |      |
| Contributions to sinking fund                      | 8,025   | 19,260  | 6,688  | 16,050 |      |      |      |      |      |           |      |      |
| Contributions to maintenance fund                  | 20,005  | 20,144  | 16,642 | 16,781 |      |      |      |      |      |           |      |      |
| Property management fees (including reimbursables) | 16,389  | 18,149  | 7,888  | 7,618  |      |      |      |      |      |           |      |      |
| Property tax and rates                             | 28,539  | 30,878  | 21,929 | 24,071 |      |      |      |      |      |           |      |      |
| Utilities  | 3,439   | 3,230   | 176    | 268    |      |      |      |      |      |           |      |      |
| Agency commission                                  | 3,290   | 2,252   | 2,770  | 2,125  |      |      |      |      |      |           |      |      |
| Food and beverages related cost                    | 151     | 454     | _      | _      |      |      |      |      |      |           |      |      |
| Others   | 8,315   | 2,633   | 3,116  | 484    |      |      |      |      |      |           |      |      |
|  | 105,785 | 111,260 | 63,377 | 71,591 |      |      |      |      |      |           |      |      |

Property expenses represent the direct operating expenses arising from rental of investment properties and sale of food and beverages.

# 25 OTHER INCOME

Other income relates to the recognition of the income support in relation to 21 Harris Street, Olderfleet, 477 Collins Street, Nova Properties and The Minster Building (2020: 21 Harris Street, Olderfleet, 477 Collins Street and Nova Properties).

### **26 FINANCE INCOME AND FINANCE COSTS**

|   | Group     |           | Trust     |           |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
|   | 2021      | 2020      | 2021      | 2020      |
|   | \$'000    | \$'000    | \$'000    | \$'000    |
|   |           |           |           |           |
| Interest income:                            |           |           |           |           |
| - bank deposits                             | 285       | 510       | 219       | 349       |
| - loan to joint ventures                    | 32,822    | 17,657    | 15,411    | 17,657    |
| - interest rate swaps                       | _         | 34        | _         | 34        |
| Net foreign exchange gain                   | _         | 7,810     | _         | 52,224    |
| Finance income                              | 33,107    | 26,011    | 15,630    | 70,264    |
| Interest expense:                           |           |           |           |           |
| - bank loans                                | (84,790)  | (68,408)  | (62,415)  | (60,362)  |
| - convertible bonds                         | (1,032)   | (6,326)   | (1,032)   | (6,326)   |
| - interest rate swaps                       | (23,159)  | (17,530)  | (14,673)  | (11,648)  |
| Amortisation of transaction costs           | (8,472)   | (26,589)  | (6,013)   | (25,635)  |
| Net foreign exchange loss                   | (10,038)  | _         | (32,029)  | _         |
| Finance costs                               | (127,491) | (118,853) | (116,162) | (103,971) |
| Recognised in the statement of total return | (94,384)  | (92,842)  | (100,532) | (33,707)  |

### 27 ASSET MANAGEMENT FEES

Included in the asset management fees of the Group and the Trust is \$43.0 million (2020: \$38.1 million) or an aggregate of 28,971,000 (2020: 26,529,800) Units of asset management fees that have been and/or will be issued to the Manager in satisfaction of the asset management fees payable in Units.

# 28 TOTAL RETURN FOR THE YEAR BEFORE TAX

Included in total return for the year before tax are the following items:

|                         | Group          |                | Trust          |                |
|-------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
|                         | 2021<br>\$'000 | 2020<br>\$'000 | 2021<br>\$'000 | 2020<br>\$'000 |
| Audit fees to:          |                |                |                |                |
| - auditors of the Trust | 560            | 475            | 441            | 399            |
| - other auditors        | 180            | 71             | 10             | 10             |
| Non-audit fees to:      |                |                |                |                |
| - auditors of the Trust | 246            | 186            | 1,123          | 151            |
| - other auditors        | _              | _              | 693            | _              |

# 29 TAX EXPENSE

|   |      | Group          |                | Trust          |                |
|---|------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
|   | Note | 2021<br>\$'000 | 2020<br>\$'000 | 2021<br>\$'000 | 2020<br>\$'000 |
| Current tax expense                               |      |                |                |                |                |
| Current year                                      |      | 4,283          | _              | _              | _              |
| Over provided in prior years                      |      | (1,431)        | _              | _              | _              |
| Withholding tax                                   | _    | 5,321          | 2,859          | 1,447          | 166            |
|   | _    | 8,173          | 2,859          | 1,447          | 166            |
| Deferred tax expense                              |      |                |                |                |                |
| Origination and reversal of temporary differences |      | 19,040         | (2,517)        | _              | _              |
| Over provided in prior years                      | _    | (2,183)        | (1)            | _              |                |
|   | 16   | 16,857         | (2,518)        | _              | _              |
| Total tax expense                                 | _    | 25,030         | 341            | 1,447          | 166            |
| Reconciliation of effective tax rate              |      |                |                |                |                |
| Total return for the year before tax              |      | 515,541        | (115,318)      | 260,251        | 64,843         |
| Less: Share of profit of joint ventures           |      | (102,908)      | (56,392)       | _              |                |
|   | _    | 412,633        | (171,710)      | 260,251        | 64,843         |
| Income tax using the Singapore tax rate of 17%    |      |                |                |                |                |
| (2020: 17%)                                       |      | 70,148         | (29,191)       | 44,243         | 11,023         |
| Effect of tax rates in foreign jurisdictions      |      | (9,103)        | (1,170)        | _              | _              |
| Non-tax deductible items                          |      | 16,669         | 64,470         | 24,816         | 38,775         |
| Non-taxable income                                |      | (23,570)       | (7,783)        | (21,574)       | (9,824)        |
| Withholding tax                                   |      | 5,321          | 2,859          | 1,447          | 166            |
| Tax exempt income                                 |      | _              | _              | (16,664)       | (11,131)       |
| Tax transparency                                  |      | (30,821)       | (28,843)       | (30,821)       | (28,843)       |
| Over provided in prior years                      | _    | (3,614)        | (1)            | <u> </u>       |                |
| Total tax expense                                 | _    | 25,030         | 341            | 1,447          | 166            |

### 30 EARNINGS PER UNIT

Basic earnings per Unit ("EPU") is based on:

|  | Group          |                | Trust          |                |
|--|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
|  | 2021<br>\$'000 | 2020<br>\$'000 | 2021<br>\$'000 | 2020<br>\$'000 |
| Total return for the year after tax attributable to Unitholders and perpetual securities holders | 476,439        | (71,364)       | 258,804        | 64,677         |
| Less: Total return for the year attributable to perpetual securities holders                     | (11,093)       | (1,375)        | (11,093)       | (1,375)        |
| Total return attributable to Unitholders   | 465,346        | (72,739)       | 247,711        | 63,302         |

|  | Number of Units |              |              |              |  |
|--|-----------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--|
|  |                 | Group        |              | Trust        |  |
|  | 2021<br>'000    | 2020<br>'000 | 2021<br>'000 | 2020<br>'000 |  |
| Weighted average number of Units: - outstanding during the year - to be issued as payment of asset management fees | 2,845,301       | 2,818,460    | 2,845,301    | 2,818,460    |  |
| payable in Units   | 40              | 34           | 40           | 34           |  |
|  | 2,845,341       | 2,818,494    | 2,845,341    | 2,818,494    |  |

### 30 EARNINGS PER UNIT (CONT'D)

In calculating diluted earnings per Unit, the total return for the year after tax and weighted average number of Units in issue are adjusted to take into account the effect of all dilutive potential units, as set out below:

|  | Group    |                  | Trust    |         |
|--|----------|------------------|----------|---------|
|  | 2021     | 2021 2020 2021 2 | 2020     |         |
|  | \$'000   | \$'000           | \$'000   | \$'000  |
| Total return for the year after tax attributable to Unitholders and  |          |                  |          |         |
| perpetual securities holders   | 476,439  | (71,364)         | 258,804  | 64,677  |
| Less: Total return for the year attributable to perpetual securities |          |                  |          |         |
| holders  | (11,093) | (1,375)          | (11,093) | (1,375) |
| Total return attributable to Unitholders                             | 465,346  | (72,739)         | 247,711  | 63,302  |
| Profit impact of conversion of the dilutive potential Units          | 1,156    | _                | 1,156    | _       |
| Adjusted total return for the year after tax                         | 466,502  | (72,739)         | 248,867  | 63,302  |

|  |           | Numb      | er of Units |           |
|--|-----------|-----------|-------------|-----------|
|  | (         | Group     |             | Trust     |
|  | 2021      | 2020      | 2021        | 2020      |
|  | '000      | '000      | '000        | '000      |
| Weighted average number of Units used in calculation of basic earnings per Unit Weighted average number of Units to be issued in relation to | 2,845,341 | 2,818,494 | 2,845,341   | 2,818,494 |
| asset management fees and assuming conversion of bonds   | 44,589    | _         | 44,589      | 19,199    |
| Weighted average number of Units used in calculation of diluted earnings per Unit  | 2,889,930 | 2,818,494 | 2,889,930   | 2,837,693 |

As at 31 December 2020, the Group and the Trust had convertible bonds which were convertible into approximately 44,990,185 Units. The convertible bonds were anti-dilutive and were excluded from the calculation of diluted EPU.

For the year ended 31 December 2020, the diluted EPU was the same as the basic EPU for the Group as the convertible bonds were anti-dilutive and the Group did not have any other potentially dilutive units.

#### 31 OPERATING SEGMENTS

For the purpose of making resource allocation decisions and assessing segment performance, the Group's chief operating decision maker reviews internal/management reports of the Group's retail, office and convention business segments. The nature of the leases (lease of retail, office, convention or other space) is the factor used to determine the reportable segments. This forms the basis of identifying the operating segments of the Group under FRS 108 Operating Segments.

Segment revenue comprises mainly income generated from its tenants. Segment net property income represents the income earned by each segment after allocating property operating expenses. This is the measure reported to the chief operating decision maker for the purpose of assessing segment performance.

Unallocated items comprise mainly other income, trust-related income and expenses, changes in fair value of investment properties and tax expense.

(8,788)

(15,320)

# Notes to the Financial Statements

| Information about reportable segments           | reportable se       | 2             |          |          |              |                     |          |                                      |                              |           |
|---|---------------------|---------------|----------|----------|--------------|---------------------|----------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------|
|   |                     | Singapore     | ore      | <b>↑</b> |              | ——Australia         | alia ——— | 1                                    | United<br>◆ Kingdom <b>→</b> |           |
|   | Convention          | ← Retail      | <b>▼</b> |          |              | PO                  | Office   |                                      |                              |           |
|   | Suntec<br>Singapore | Sun<br>Singap | S        |          | 177 P<br>Hig | 21 Harris<br>Street |          | Olderfleet,<br>477 Collins<br>Street | The Minster<br>Building      | Total     |
|   | \$,000              | \$,000        | \$,000   | \$,000   | \$,000<br>\$ | \$,000              | \$,000   | \$,000                               | \$,000                       | \$,000    |
| 2021  |                     |               |          |          |              |                     |          |                                      |                              |           |
| Revenue   | 11,390              | 15,002        | 85,864   | 130,675  | 42,752       | 16,519              | 16,599   | 26,721                               | 12,547                       | 358,069   |
| Property expenses                               | (16,741)            | (4,326)       | (29,862) | (31,130) | (6,261)      | (3,415)             | (5,039)  | (2,601)                              | (1,063)                      | (103,438) |
| Reportable<br>segment<br>net property<br>income | (5,351)             | 10,676        | 56,002   | 99,545   | 36,491       | 13,104              | 11,560   | 21,120                               | 11,484                       | 254,631   |
| Change in fair value of investment properties   | 29,467              | 5,787         | 31,109   | 57,920   | 73,741       | 4,203               | (928)    | 24,787                               | (2,113)                      | 223,973   |
| 2020  |                     |               |          |          |              |                     |          |                                      |                              |           |
| Revenue   | 16,081              | 14,763        | 78,418   | 133,718  | 38,479       | 8,154               | 15,901   | 9,876                                | I                            | 315,390   |
| Property expenses                               | (22,138)            | (5,088)       | (38,851) | (36,670) | (5,177)      | (1,613)             | (4,083)  | (1,893)                              | I                            | (115,513) |
| Reportable<br>segment<br>net property<br>income | (6,057)             | 9,675         | 39,567   | 97,048   | 33,302       | 6,541               | 11,818   | 7,983                                | I                            | 199,877   |
| Change in fair<br>value of                      |                     |               |          |          |              |                     |          |                                      |                              |           |

**OPERATING SEGMENTS (CONT'D)** 

### 31 OPERATING SEGMENTS (CONT'D)

Reconciliation of reportable segment net property income

|   | G        | iroup     |
|---|----------|-----------|
|   | 2021     | 2020      |
|   | \$'000   | \$'000    |
| Total return  |          |           |
| Reportable segment net property income              | 254,631  | 199,877   |
| Reconciling items:                                  |          |           |
| - Other income                                      | 14,860   | 7,536     |
| - Net finance costs                                 | (94,384) | (92,842)  |
| - Asset management fees                             | (57,873) | (51,428)  |
| - Other trust expenses                              | (6,204)  | (4,455)   |
| - Net change in fair value of financial derivatives | 49,814   | (15,595)  |
| - Net change in fair value of investment properties | 223,973  | (214,803) |
| - Net gain from divestment of investment properties | 13,891   | _         |
| - Net gain from divestment of joint venture         | 13,925   | _         |
| - Share of profit of joint ventures                 | 102,908  | 56,392    |
| Consolidated total return for the year before tax   | 515,541  | (115,318) |

### 32 COMMITMENTS

|     |                                   | G              | Group          |                | Trust          |
|-----|-----------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
|     |                                   | 2021<br>\$'000 | 2020<br>\$'000 | 2021<br>\$'000 | 2020<br>\$'000 |
| (a) | Capital commitments               |                |                |                |                |
|     | Loan facilities to joint ventures | 545,833        | 639,683        | 545,833        | 548,063        |

(b) Investment properties comprise commercial properties that are leased to external customers. The leases contain an initial non-cancellable period of between 3 and 25 (2020: 3 and 12) years. Subsequent renewals are negotiated with the lessees.

The following table sets out a maturity analysis of lease payments, showing the undiscounted lease payments to be received after the reporting date.

|                      | (         | Group     | Trust   |         |  |
|----------------------|-----------|-----------|---------|---------|--|
|                      | 2021      | 2021 2020 |         | 2020    |  |
|                      | \$'000    | \$'000    | \$'000  | \$'000  |  |
| Less than one year   | 332,509   | 289,440   | 210,165 | 194,430 |  |
| One to two years     | 272,990   | 231,703   | 159,124 | 139,008 |  |
| Two to three years   | 175,508   | 165,960   | 80,936  | 88,838  |  |
| Three to four years  | 110,906   | 95,884    | 26,392  | 39,820  |  |
| Four to five years   | 93,202    | 72,119    | 17,503  | 15,622  |  |
| More than five years | 346,984   | 274,543   | 7,591   | 19,224  |  |
| Total                | 1,332,099 | 1,129,649 | 501,711 | 496,942 |  |

#### 33 CONTINGENT LIABILITY

Pursuant to the tax transparency ruling from IRAS, the Trustee and the Manager have provided a tax indemnity for certain types of tax losses, including unrecovered late payment penalties that may be suffered by IRAS should IRAS fail to recover from Unitholders tax due or payable on distributions made to them without deduction of tax, subject to the indemnity amount agreed with IRAS. The amount of indemnity, as agreed with IRAS, is limited to the higher of \$500,000 or 1.0% of the taxable income of the Trust for the financial year. Each yearly indemnity has a validity period of the earlier of seven years from the relevant year of assessment and three years from the termination of the Trust.

#### 34 FINANCIAL RATIOS

|  | Group |      | Tr   | ust  |
|--|-------|------|------|------|
|  | 2021  | 2020 | 2021 | 2020 |
| <u>-                                    </u>               | %     | %    | %    | %_   |
| Expenses to weighted average net assets <sup>1</sup>       |       |      |      |      |
| - including performance component of asset management fees | 1.04  | 0.94 | 1.58 | 0.99 |
| - excluding performance component of asset management fees | 0.75  | 0.70 | 1.24 | 0.71 |
| Portfolio turnover rate <sup>2</sup>                       | 3.20  | _    | 3.70 |      |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The annualised ratios are computed in accordance with the guidelines of the Investment Management Association of Singapore. The expenses used in the computation relate to expenses of the Group and the Trust, excluding property expenses, interest expense and income tax expense.

#### 35 RELATED PARTIES

During the financial year, other than the transactions disclosed elsewhere in the financial statements, there were the following related party transactions:

|   | 2021     | 2020     |
|---|----------|----------|
|   | \$'000   | \$'000   |
| Group   |          |          |
| Acquisition fees paid/payable to the Manager  | (6,660)  | (12,600) |
| Divestment fees paid/payable to the Manager   | (2,463)  | _        |
| Asset management fees paid/payable to a related corporation of the Manager              | (3,185)  | (3,388)  |
| Investment management fees paid/payable to a related corporation of the Manager         | (50)     | (49)     |
| Strategic advisor performance fees paid/payable to a related corporation of the Manager | (7,088)  | _        |
| Agency commission paid/payable to a related corporation of the Manager                  | (3,238)  | (2,400)  |
| Development management fees paid/payable to a related corporation of the Manager        | (263)    | (321)    |
| Rental income received/receivable from an associate of the Manager                      | 2,401    | 2,401    |
| Rental income received/receivable from related corporations of the Manager              | 1,055    | 1,342    |
| Rental income received/receivable from a close member of a key management               |          |          |
| personnel of the Manager  | 317      | 314      |
| Property management fees paid/payable (including reimbursable) to related               |          |          |
| corporations of the Manager   | (18,555) | (20,309) |
| Professional services fees paid/payable to related corporations of the Manager          | (1,643)  | (1,745)  |

The annualised ratio is computed based on the lesser of purchases or sales of underlying investment properties of the Group and the Trust expressed as a percentage of daily average net asset value.

# 35 RELATED PARTIES (CONT'D)

|  | 2021    | 2020     |
|--|---------|----------|
|  | \$'000  | \$'000   |
| Trust  |         |          |
| Acquisition fees paid/payable to the Manager                                   | (6,660) | (12,600) |
| Divestment fees paid/payable to the Manager                                    | (2,463) | _        |
| Agency commission paid/payable to a related corporation of the Manager         | (2,770) | (2,125)  |
| Rental income received/receivable from an associate of the Manager             | 2,401   | 2,401    |
| Rental income received/receivable from related corporations of the Manager     | 378     | 626      |
| Rental income received/receivable from a close member of a key management      |         |          |
| personnel of the Manager   | 317     | 314      |
| Property management fees paid/payable (including reimbursable) to a related    |         |          |
| corporation of the Manager   | (7,888) | (7,618)  |
| Professional services fees paid/payable to related corporations of the Manager | (1,423) | (1,566)  |

### **36 SUBSEQUENT EVENT**

There were the following significant events subsequent to the reporting date:

- The Manager declared distribution of 2.280 cents per Unit in respect of the period from 1 October 2021 to 31 December 2021; and
- 14,642,819 Units, amounting to \$21.8 million, were issued as satisfaction of the base and performance management fee for the period from 1 October 2021 to 31 December 2021.

# Statistics of Unitholders

# STATISTICS OF UNITHOLDINGS

As at 1 March 2022

### **DISTRIBUTION OF UNITHOLDINGS**

| Size of Holdings    | No. of<br>Units | % of<br>Units | No. of<br>Unitholders | % of<br>Unitholders |
|---------------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| 1 - 99              | 629             | 0.00          | 30                    | 0.12                |
| 100 - 1,000         | 3,977,006       | 0.14          | 4,380                 | 18.27               |
| 1,001 - 10,000      | 71,570,483      | 2.50          | 14,230                | 59.36               |
| 10,001 - 1,000,000  | 237,243,272     | 8.27          | 5,300                 | 22.11               |
| 1,000,001 AND ABOVE | 2,554,850,903   | 89.09         | 34                    | 0.14                |
| Grand Total         | 2,867,642,293   | 100.00        | 23,974                | 100.00              |

There were 2,867,642,293 Units (voting rights: one vote per Unit) outstanding as at 1 March 2022.

There is only one class of Units.

### **TWENTY LARGEST UNITHOLDERS**

| tibank Noms Spore Pte Ltd BS Nominees Pte Ltd affles Nominees(Pte) Limited nited Overseas Bank Nominees P L BBC (Singapore) Nominees Pte Ltd BSN Services Pte Ltd | 856,495,318<br>440,448,445<br>245,581,051<br>237,882,102<br>207,885,969   | 29.87<br>15.36<br>8.56<br>8.30<br>7.25   |
|---|---|--|
| BS Nominees Pte Ltd  affles Nominees(Pte) Limited  nited Overseas Bank Nominees P L  BBC (Singapore) Nominees Pte Ltd  BSN Services Pte Ltd                       | 440,448,445<br>245,581,051<br>237,882,102<br>207,885,969  | 15.36<br>8.56<br>8.30<br>7.25  |
| affles Nominees(Pte) Limited<br>nited Overseas Bank Nominees P L<br>SBC (Singapore) Nominees Pte Ltd<br>BSN Services Pte Ltd                                      | 245,581,051<br>237,882,102<br>207,885,969   | 8.56<br>8.30<br>7.25   |
| nited Overseas Bank Nominees P L<br>SBC (Singapore) Nominees Pte Ltd<br>3SN Services Pte Ltd  | 237,882,102<br>207,885,969  | 8.30<br>7.25   |
| SBC (Singapore) Nominees Pte Ltd<br>3SN Services Pte Ltd  | 207,885,969   | 7.25   |
| BSN Services Pte Ltd  | , ,   |  |
|   | 156 300 184   |  |
|   | 100,000,104   | 5.45   |
| BS Vickers Securities (S) Pte Ltd   | 88,140,300  | 3.07   |
| CBC Securities Private Ltd  | 71,883,473  | 2.50   |
| RA Real Estate Investors XIII Limited   | 68,779,606  | 2.40   |
| 3 Nominees (Singapore) Pte Ltd  | 28,838,364  | 1.01   |
| raits Real Estate Pte Ltd   | 26,312,000  | 0.92   |
| ii Pte. Ltd.  | 16,656,900  | 0.58   |
| CK Corporation  | 13,649,414  | 0.48   |
| organ Stanley Asia (S) Sec Pte Ltd  | 12,687,869  | 0.44   |
| vord Investments Private Ltd  | 11,914,000  | 0.42   |
| nillip Securities Pte Ltd   | 11,901,058  | 0.42   |
| CBC Nominees Singapore Pte Ltd  | 8,010,751   | 0.28   |
| PSS Nominees Singapore (Pte.) Ltd.  | 6,779,559   | 0.24   |
| BN Amro Clearing Bank N.V.  | 5,316,225   | 0.19   |
| eiren Charles   | 5,000,000   | 0.17   |
| tal   | 2,520,462,588   | 87.91  |
|   | BS Vickers Securities (S) Pte Ltd CBC Securities Private Ltd RA Real Estate Investors XIII Limited B Nominees (Singapore) Pte Ltd raits Real Estate Pte Ltd iii Pte. Ltd. CK Corporation organ Stanley Asia (S) Sec Pte Ltd word Investments Private Ltd nillip Securities Pte Ltd CBC Nominees Singapore Pte Ltd CBC Nominees Singapore (Pte.) Ltd. BN Amro Clearing Bank N.V. eiren Charles | ### BS Vickers Securities (S) Pte Ltd ### CBC Securities Private Ltd ### CBC Nominees (Singapore) Pte Ltd ### CBC Nominees Singapore Pte Ltd ### CBC Nominees Singapore (Pte.) Ltd ### CBC Nominees Singap |

# Statistics of Unitholders

#### SUBSTANTIAL UNITHOLDERS

As at 1 March 2022 As shown in the Register of Substantial Unitholders

|   | Number of Units        |                        |  |
|---|------------------------|------------------------|--|
| Name of Substantial Unitholders                       | <b>Direct Interest</b> | <b>Deemed Interest</b> |  |
|   |                        |                        |  |
| ESR Cayman Limited <sup>1</sup>                       | 0                      | 243,277,073            |  |
| ARA Asset Management Limited <sup>2,3</sup>           | 0                      | 227,950,372            |  |
| ARA RE Investment Group (Singapore) Pte. Ltd.3        | 0                      | 242,278,493            |  |
| ARA RE Investment Group Limited <sup>3</sup>          | 0                      | 242,278,493            |  |
| Tang Gordon @ Tang Yigang @ Tang Gordon⁴              | 234,152,261            | 0                      |  |
| Celine Tang @ Chen Huaidan @ Celine Tang <sup>5</sup> | 162,803,194            | 0                      |  |
| Yang Chanzhen @ Janet Yeo <sup>6</sup>                | 198,363,400            | 57,095,100             |  |
| Tang Jialin <sup>7</sup>                              | 199,208,300            | 57,095,100             |  |

#### Notes:

- 1 ESR Cayman Limited ("ESR") holds 100% interest in ARA Asset Management Limited ("ARA"). Accordingly, ESR is deemed to have an interest in the Units that ARA has a deemed interest in.
- <sup>2</sup> ARA is the sole shareholder of the Manager and ARA RE Investment Group (Singapore) Pte. Ltd. ("ARA RIGS"). Accordingly, ARA is deemed to have an interest in the Units held by the Manager and Units that ARA RIGS has a deemed interest in.
- 3 ARA RIGS is a wholly-owned subsidiary of ARA, whereby ARA RE Investment Group Limited ("ARA RIG") is a wholly-owned subsidiary of ARA RIGS. In addition, ARA RIG's wholly-owned subsidiaries, namely ARA Investors II Limited ("ARA Investors II"), ARA Real Estate Investors XII Limited ("ARA RE XIII") and ARA Real Estate Investors XIII Limited ("ARA RE XIII"), collectively hold more than 5.0% of the Units. Accordingly, each of ARA RIGS and ARA RIG is deemed to have an interest in the Units held by ARA Investors II, ARA RE XII and ARA RE XIII.
- <sup>4</sup> Mr Tang Gordon @ Tang Yigang @ Tang Gordon is the spouse of Madam Celine Tang @ Chen Huaidan @ Celine Tang. Mr Tang Gordon together with his spouse, Madam Celine Tang holds 82,650,314 Units in their joint account.
- Mr Tang Jialin and Madam Yang Chanzhen @ Janet Yeo are entitled to exercise or control the exercise of not less than 20 per cent. of the voting rights of Senz Holdings Limited ("Senz"). They are therefore deemed interested in the Units held by Senz.
- Madam Yang Chanzhen @ Janet Yeo holds 193,185,600 Units in the joint accounts with Mr Tang Jialin, and solely holds 5,177,800 Units.
- Mr Tang Jialin holds 199,208,300 Units in the joint accounts with Madam Yang Chanzhen.

# Statistics of Unitholders

### **MANAGER'S DIRECTORS' UNITHOLDINGS**

As at 21 January 2022 As shown in the Register of Directors' Unitholdings

| Number of Units |                               |  |
|-----------------|-------------------------------|--|
| Direct Interest | Deemed Interest               |  |
| 0               | 0                             |  |
| 3,000,000       | 1,000,0001                    |  |
| 0               | 0                             |  |
| 0               | 0                             |  |
| 0               | 0                             |  |
| 0               | 0                             |  |
| 0               | 0                             |  |
| 0               | 0                             |  |
|                 | 0<br>3,000,000<br>0<br>0<br>0 |  |

#### Note:

### **FREE FLOAT**

Based on information made available to the Manager as at 1 March 2022, approximately 70.8% of the Units are held in public hands. Under Rule 723 of the Listing Manual of the SGX-ST, a listed issuer must ensure that at least 10% of its listed securities are at all times held by the public. Rule 723 of the Listing Manual of SGX-ST has accordingly been complied with.

Mr. Lim Hwee Chiang, John is deemed to have an interest in 1,000,000 units of Suntec REIT held by Citibank Nominees Singapore Pte. Ltd. (as nominee of JL Philanthropy Ltd). The beneficiary of JL Philanthropy Ltd is JL Charitable Settlement and Mr. Lim is the settlor of JL Charitable Settlement.

# **Additional Information**

### **INTERESTED PERSON TRANSACTIONS**

The aggregate value of interested person transactions entered into during the financial year under review, which fall within the Listing Manual of SGX-ST and the Property Fund Appendix (excluding transactions of less than \$100,000 each) are as follows:

| Name of interested person   | Nature of relationship                              | Aggregate value of all interested person transactions during the financial year under review (excluding transactions less than \$100,000 and transactions conducted under unitholders mandate pursuant to Rule 920) | Aggregate value of all interested person transactions conducted under unitholders mandate pursuant to Rule 920 (excluding transactions less than \$100,000) |
|---|---|---|---|
| ARA Trust Management (Suntec) Limited                                   | Suntec REIT Manager (the "Manager")                 | 56,851  | -   |
| APM Property Management Pte Ltd ("APM")                                 | Associate of controlling shareholder of the Manager | 11,373  | -   |
| ARA Managers (Harmony) Pte Ltd  | Associate of controlling shareholder of the Manager | 3,173   | -   |
| ARA Harmony (V) Limited   | Associate of controlling shareholder of the Manager | 7,172   | -   |
| APM Innovate Pte Ltd (formerly<br>Quantum Interactive Pte Ltd)          | Associate of controlling shareholder of the Manager | 1,643   | -   |
| Suntec Singapore International Convention & Exhibition Services Pte Ltd | Associate of controlling shareholder of the Manager | 5,873   | -   |
| HSBC Institutional Trust Services (Singapore) Limited                   | Suntec REIT Trustee (the "Trustee")                 | 1,834   | -   |
| ARAM Australia Pty Ltd  | Associate of controlling shareholder of the Manager | 977   | -   |
| APM Australia Pty Ltd   | Associate of controlling shareholder of the Manager | 4,125   | -   |
| ARA Dunedin Asset Management LLP  | Associate of controlling shareholder of the Manager | 685   | -   |
| Beeworks Pte. Ltd.  | Associate of a Director of the Manager              | 317   | -   |

For the purpose of the disclosure, the full contract sum was used when an interested person transaction had a fixed term and contract value, while the annual amount incurred and/or accrued was used when the contract had an indefinite term or where the total contract value was not specified.

# Additional Information

#### FEES PAYABLE TO THE MANAGER

The Manager is committed to delivering value to the stakeholders of Suntec REIT, in addition to its key responsibilities of managing and maintaining the long-term interest of all Unitholders.

The Manager is entitled to the following fees for the management of Suntec REIT, which cover an extensive scope of functions including but not limited to asset management (including asset enhancements), financing, investment management, marketing and investor relations:

- (1) a base fee of 0.3% per annum of the value of the properties of Suntec REIT (as defined under Clause 15.1.1 of the Trust Deed). Pursuant to Clause 15.1.4 of the Trust Deed, the base fee is paid monthly or quarterly, in arrears, in the form of cash and/or Units, as the Manager may elect. The Base Fee, which is based on a fixed percentage of the value of the assets of the Trust, is to commensurate with the complexity and efforts required of the Manager in managing Suntec REIT.
- (2) a performance fee equal to 4.5% per annum of the Net Property Income of Suntec REIT or any special purpose vehicles for each financial year (each as defined under Clause 15.1.2 in the Trust Deed). The performance fee is paid in the form of cash and/or Units, as the Manager may elect. The performance fee methodology is reflective of the alignment of interests between the Manager and the Unitholders in incentivising the Manager to drive higher income yields for Suntec REIT. The Manager is incentivised to review the growth potential of the assets in the portfolio and improve the long-term performance of such assets on a sustainable basis (as opposed to taking excessive short-term risks) through proactive management including undertaking effective leasing strategies and asset enhancement/repositioning initiatives and achieving cost efficiencies.

In accordance with the Code on Collective Investment Schemes issued by the Monetary Authority of Singapore dated 1 January 2016 (the "CIS Code"), crystallisation of the Performance Fee should be no more frequent than once a year. Therefore, with effect from financial year ended 31 December 2016, the Performance Fee payable in the form of Units and/or cash will be paid on an annual basis in arrears, subsequent to the end of the applicable financial year.

In addition, the Manager is entitled to an acquisition fee¹ which is paid in cash after the completion of an acquisition. The Manager is also entitled to a divestment fee¹ which is paid in cash after the completion of a divestment. Details of the fee structure of the acquisition fee and divestment fee are set out in Note 1 to the Financial Statements herein (and Clause 15.2.1 of the Trust Deed). The acquisition fee and divestment fee payable to the Manager are to recognise the Manager's efforts in actively seeking potential opportunities to acquire new properties and/or in unlocking the underlying value of existing properties within its asset portfolio through divestments to optimise returns to the Unitholders. The Manager provides these services over and above the provision of ongoing management services with an aim to generate long term benefits for the Unitholders.

#### Note:

In the case of an interested party transaction, the fee is paid in the form of Units at the prevailing marketing price and such Units should not be sold within one year from their date of issuance as stipulated in the CIS Code.

# Additional Information

### **MANAGER'S MANAGEMENT FEES PAID IN UNITS**

A summary of Units issued for payment of the Manager's management fees (part payment) in respect of the financial year are as follows:

|                                    |                 |           | Issue<br>Price¹ | Total<br>Value |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------|-----------------|----------------|
| For Period                         | Issue Date      | Units     | S\$             | S\$'000        |
| Base Management Fees               |                 |           |                 |                |
| 1 January 2021 to 31 March 2021    | 23 April 2021   | 4,438,242 | 1.5668          | 6,954          |
| 1 April 2021 to 30 June 2021       | 22 July 2021    | 4,792,926 | 1.4595          | 6,995          |
| 1 July 2021 to 30 September 2021   | 26 October 2021 | 5,096,953 | 1.4213          | 7,244          |
| 1 October 2021 to 31 December 2021 | 26 January 2022 | 4,953,789 | 1.4883          | 7,373          |
| PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT FEES        |                 |           |                 |                |
| 1 January 2021 to 31 December 2021 | 26 January 2022 | 9,689,030 | 1.4883          | 14,420         |
| DIVESTMENT FEES                    |                 |           |                 |                |
| 1 January 2021 to 31 December 2021 | 22 July 2021    | 998,580   | 1.4796          | 1,478          |
|                                    |                 |           |                 | 44,464         |

Based on the volume weighted average traded price for a Unit for all trades on the SGX-ST in the ordinary course of trading on the SGX-ST for the last ten business days of the relevant period in which the management fees accrued.

### **SUBSCRIPTION OF UNITS**

As at 31 December 2021, an aggregate of 2,852,999,474 Units were in issue. On 26 January 2022, Suntec REIT issued 4,953,789 and 9,689,030 Units to the Manager as base fees for the period from 1 October 2021 to 31 December 2021 and performance fees for the period from 1 January 2021 to 31 December 2021 respectively.

#### **NON-DEAL ROADSHOW EXPENSES**

Non-deal roadshow expenses of S\$7,400 were incurred during the year ended 31 December 2021.

### PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES TO NET ASSETS

| Group   | 2021<br>\$'000 |
|---|----------------|
| Total Operating Expenses, including all fees, charges and reimbursables paid to the Manager and interested parties <sup>1,2</sup> | 232,078        |
| Net Assets  | 6,498,762      |
| Percentage of total operating expenses to net assets attributable to Unitholders  | 3 6%           |

#### Notes:

- Excludes finance costs, amortisation of intangible asset, net grant (income)/expense and exceptional item(s).
- Includes one-third interest in One Raffles Quay Pte. Ltd, one-third interest in BFC Development LLP, 66.3% interest in Harmony Convention Holding Pte Ltd, 30.0% interest in Park Mall Pte Ltd from 1 January 2021 to 15 June 2021, 50.0% interest in Southgate Complex and 50.0% interest in Nova Properties.





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Yu-Foo Yee Shoon
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