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Croesus Retail Trust

Financial Results for the period from 10 May 2013 to 31 March 2014

15 May 2014





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About Croesus Retail Trust





Aeon Town Moriya

A suburban shopping centre located in Moriya city, Ibaraki Prefecture, a growing residential area



Luz Shinsaibashi

A prime retail property located in Shinsaibashisuji Avenue, a premier shopping district in Osaka



Luz Omori

A prime retail property located 3 minutes walking distance from JR Omori Station

- First Asia-Pacific retail business trust with an initial portfolio in Japan listed on the SGX-ST
- Portfolio currently comprises 6 quality prime and suburban retail malls with an aggregate NLA of 198,168 sq m and committed occupancy of approximately 100% as at 31 March 2014
- Market Capitalisation of S\$399 million 1



Aeon Town Suzuka

A suburban shopping centre located in Suzuka city, Mie Prefecture



Mallage Shobu

A suburban shopping centre located in Kuki city, Saitama Prefecture

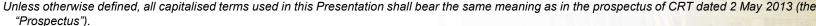


NIS Wave I

A prime retail property directly connected to JR Tachikawa Station via pedestrian deck

- 4 Exposure to resilient income-producing stabilised assets in Japan
 - Close to major transportation nodes and conveniently accessible
 - Mix of quality malls catering to the young and trendy and suburban malls catering to daily necessities
 - Most leases are Fixed-Term Leases, allowing for adjustment in rental income and tenant composition upon expiry





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- CRT's first distribution per unit of 5.24(1) Singapore cents was paid on 31 March 2014
- Q3 FY2014 Available Distribution Per Unit of 1.76₍₂₎ Singapore cents exceeds the forecast figures₍₄₎ by 8.0%. Year-to-date Available Distribution Per Unit of 7.00₍₃₎ Singapore cents also exceeds forecast figures₍₄₎ by 7.7%
- Portfolio gross revenue and net property income for Q3 FY2014 exceeds forecast figures by 3.7% and 12.3%, respectively, due mainly to better than expected performance of Mallage Shobu. Tenant replacements at Mallage Shobu continue to show positive rental reversions
- The two Tokyo acquisitions in March 2014 were DPU accretive by 5.7% for Forecast Year 2014₍₅₎, and increased the portfolio value by approximately 28.3% and further expanded NLA by approximately 9.0%
- CRT voted Best Small-Cap Company in Singapore in FinanceAsia's Best Managed Companies Poll 2014 and 6th most committed listed company in Singapore to a strong dividend policy
- (1) For the Period from 10 May 2013 to 31 December 2013.
- (2) For the Period from 1 January 2014 to 31 March 2014.
- (3) For the Period from 10 May 2013 to 31 March 2014.
- (4) The forecast figures are extracted from the announcement dated 27 February 2014 in relation to the acquisition of Luz Omori and NIS Wave I (the "Additional Portfolio"), subject to the bases and assumptions stated therein, and pro-rated using the actual number of days attributable to the respective reporting period, except for non-recurring items such as unrealized fair value gains, their related deferred tax expenses, prepaid property tax and a part of finance cost which are not proportionally prorated.
- (5) From the announcement dated 27 February 2014 in relation to the acquisition of the Additional Portfolio.



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	10 M	ay to 31 March	2014 (1)	1 Jan to 31 March 2014				
	Actual	Forecast (2)	Variance %	Actual	Forecast (2)	Variance %		
Income Available for Distribution (¥'000)	2,472,314	2,301,859	7.4%	619,785	576,946	7.4%		
Available Distribution Per Unit (Singapore cents)	7.00	6.50	7.7%	1.76	1.63	8.0%		
Historical Annualised DPU (Singapore cents)	7.84(3)	7.41						
Historical Annualised Distribution Yield(4) @ S\$0.930 per unit (IPO Price & Closing Price on 9 May 2014)	8.4%	8.0%						

- (1) The acquisition of the Portfolio of CRT was completed on 10 May 2013, which was the day CRT was officially listed on the SGX-ST.
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- (3) The historical annualised DPU is calculated by dividing the available DPU for the period from 10 May 2013 to 31 March 2014 by 326 days and multiplying the result by 365 days (the "Historical Annualised DPU"). The annualised DPU is for illustrative purposes only and should not be construed as a representation of the future DPU in FY2014 or a forecast of the future DPU.
- (4) The annualised distribution yield is calculated by dividing the Historical Annualised DPU by the respective unit price (in Singapore cents). The annualised distribution yield is for illustrative purposes only and should not be construed as a representation of the future distribution yield in FY2014 or a forecast of the future distribution yield.



Income Available for Distribution Exceeds Forecast by 7.4%



	YTD -	10 May to 31 Marcl	า 2014	Q3 – 1 Jan to 31 March 2014					
(JPY"000)	Actual	Forecast (5)	Variance %	Actual	Forecast (5)	Variance %			
Gross Revenue	4,676,803	4,603,929	1.6%	1,391,654	1,341,658	3.7%			
Less: Property Operating Expenses	(1,667,754)	(1,754,188)	(4.9)%	(457,921)	(510,367)	(10.3)%			
Net Property Income	3,009,049	2,849,741	5.6%	933,733	831,291	12.3%			
Trustee Manager's Fees (1)	(417,501)	(408,865)	2.1%	(130,567)	(120,282)	8.6%			
Finance Costs	(474,945)	(477,873)	(0.6)%	(185,836)	(187,695)	(1.0)%			
Other Trust Expenses (4)	(135,514)	(119,826)	13.1%	(86,456)	(36,753)	135%			
Total Trust Income and Expenses	1,981,089	1,843,177	7.5%	530,874	486,561	9.1%			
Net Change in Fair Value of Investment Properties/ Financial Instruments (2)	1,855,082	1,683,585	10.2%	329,407	411,941	(20.0)%			
Income Tax Expenses (4)	(874,429)	(591,847)	47.7%	(243,211)	(154,082)	57.8%			
Profit after Tax	2,961,742	2,934,915	0.9%	617,070	744,420	(17.1)%			
Distribution Adjustments (3)	(489,428)	(633,056)	(22.7)%	2,715	(167,474)	102%			
Income Available for Distribution to Unitholders	2,472,314	2,301,859	7.4%	619,785	576,946	7.4%			

⁽¹⁾ Includes Japan Asset Manager's fees.

(4) Reclassification of JPY5,343,000 of business scale taxes from the forecasted income tax expenses to forecasted other trust expenses were made to be consistent with the actual accounts.

(5) The forecast figures are extracted from the announcement dated 27 February 2014 in relation to the acquisition of the Additional Portfolio, subject to the bases and assumptions stated therein, and pro-rated using the actual number of days attributable to the respective reporting period, except for non-recurring items such as unrealized fair value gains, their related deferred tax expenses, prepaid property tax and a part of finance cost which are not proportionally prorated.



⁽²⁾ Net sum between the fair value gain on investment properties arose from unrealized gain on revaluation of the investment properties of the Group and the fair value loss on financial instruments arose from mark to market of forward foreign exchange contracts (in accordance with FRS 39) used to hedge distribution for the financial periods from Listing Date to 30 June 2014 and 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2015.

⁽³⁾ Adjustments include Trustee-Manager's fees paid/ payable in units, amortization of upfront costs, amortization of prepaid property tax, fair value gains on investment properties net of tax, fair value losses on financial instruments, and others.

Healthy Balance Sheet



(JPY"000)	Actual as of 31 December 2013	Actual as of 31 March 2014
Investment Properties	52,954,221	67,917,027
Other Non-current Assets	1,577,990	2,285,771
Current Assets	5,996,587	5,534,720
Total Assets	60,528,798	75,737,518
Loans and Borrowings (long-term)	24,012,719	40,152,436
Other Non-current Liabilities	2,637,308	3,603,701
Current Liabilities	2,115,981	1,468,068
Net Assets	31,762,790	30,513,313
Number of Units Issued and to be issued (1)	428,698,000	430,038,000
Net Asset Value per Unit (JPY)	74.09	70.95

⁽¹⁾ The number of units issued and to be issued as of 31 March 2014 consists of a) the number of units in issue as at 31 March 2014 of 428,698,000; and b) the estimated number of units to be issued to the Trustee-Manager as partial satisfaction of Trustee-Manager's fees payable for the period from 1 January 2014 to 31 March 2014 of 1,340,000.**

^{**} As provided for in the trust deed dated 7 May 2012 constituting CRT (the "Trust Deed"), the price of the units issued shall be computed based on the volume weighted average price of a unit for the period of ten business days immediately preceding the relevant business day of the issue of such units. Therefore, the actual number of units to be issued may deviate from the above illustrative number of units.



Key Financial Indicators



	Actual as of 31 December 2013	Actual as of 31 March 2014
Gearing Ratio	41.8%	53.5%
Interest Coverage Ratio	5.9 times	5.2 times
% of Debt Hedged	100%	100%
Average All-In Cost of Debt(1)	1.59%	2.15%
Debt Maturity	4.4 years	4.0 years
Additional Debt Headroom(2)	JPY27.5 billion	JPY12.3 billion

⁽¹⁾ Cost of debt excluding professional and other fees incurred during the transaction.



⁽²⁾ Calculated based on a leverage limit of 60.0%.

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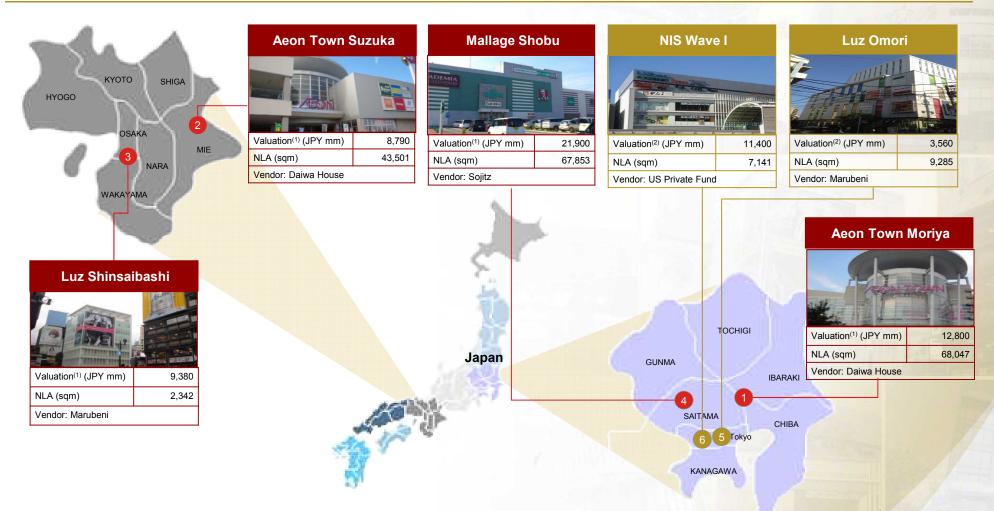


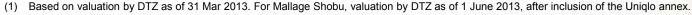


Portfolio Overview



Sponsor has locked in attractive purchase prices (4.7% discount to valuation⁽²⁾) for the recent acquisition of Luz Omori and NIS Wave I, at a time when real estate prices in Japan are escalating. Enlarged Portfolio is geographically diversified across Japan, located near major transportation nodes.





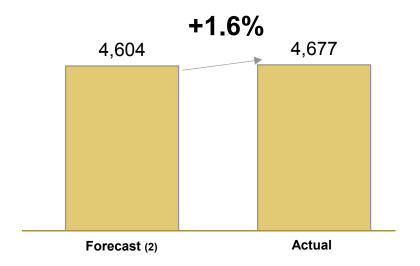
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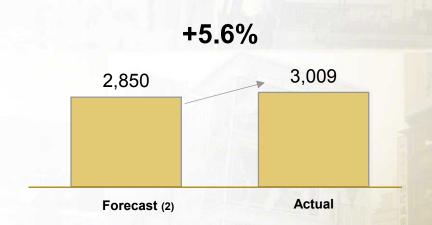
Portfolio Gross Revenue and NPI — above Forecast



Gross Revenue (1) (JPY mm)



Net Property Income (1) (JPY mm)



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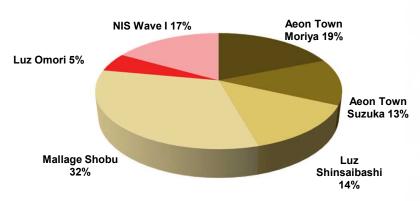


Key Information on the Enlarged Portfolio



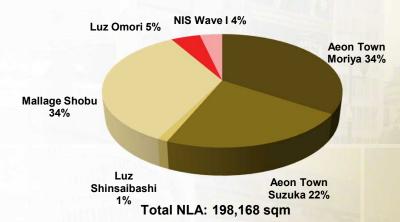
	City	Number of Tenants	Age of Building (yrs) ⁽¹⁾	Leasehold / Freehold	Valuation ⁽²⁾ (JPY mm)	Forecast Year 2014 NPI ⁽³⁾ (JPY mm)	Purchase Price (JPY mm)	Annualised NPI Yield ⁽⁴⁾
Aeon Town Moriya	Ibaraki	1 master lessee, 110 subtenants	6.8	Freehold	12,800	820.0	12,154	6.7%
Aeon Town Suzuka	Mie	1 master lessee, 41 subtenants	6.8	Freehold	8,790	591.5	8,439	7.0%
Luz Shinsaibashi	Osaka	4	4.5	Freehold	9,380	449.2	9,021	5.0%
Mallage Shobu	Saitama	242	5.4	Freehold	21,900	1,261.1	20,584	6.1%
Luz Omori	Tokyo	30	3.1	Leasehold expiring in July 2059	3,560	71.4 ⁽⁶⁾	3,450	6.2%
NIS Wave I	Tokyo	11	6.8	Freehold / Leasehold expiring in Dec 2029 ⁽⁵⁾	11,400	217.4 ⁽⁶⁾	10,800	6.0%
Total		438	6.1		67,830	3,410.6	64,448	6.2%

Breakdown of Valuation



Total Valuation: JPY 67,830 mm

Breakdown of NLA



- 1) As at 31 March 2014
- For the Initial Portfolio, based on valuation by DTZ as of 31 Mar 2013. For Mallage Shobu, valuation by DTZ as of 1 Jun 2013, after inclusion of the Uniqlo annex. For the Enlarged Portfolio, based on valuation by DTZ as of 18 Sep 2013
- 3) From 1 July 2013 to 30 June 2014
- Based on annualised forecast NPI (for the 12-month period ended 30 June 2014 and for the Forecast Period, for the Existing Portfolio and the Properties respectively) divided by the purchase price
- (5) NIS Wave I comprises 4 plots of amalgamated land. 3 parcels are freehold and owned by CRT, while 1 parcel is leasehold with an expiry in Dec 2029
- (6) Based on four months contribution (1 March 2014 to 30 June 2014) for the Forecast Period



Balanced Portfolio Ensures Stable Income and Sustainable Growth

Each of the properties is strategically located within its submarket, being directly connected via major transportation nodes

				Lease Exp	oiry Profile	Connectivity		
	Forecast Year 2014 NPI % (2)	Occupancy (3)	WALE by NLA ⁽³⁾ (yrs)	31 Mar 2014 to 30 Jun 2014	Projection Year 2015	By Train	By Major Road	Key Tenants / Sub tenants
Aeon Town Moriya	24%	100%	13.2	-	-	✓	✓	Aeon Cinema, Alpen, Food Square Kasumi, Futaba-Tosho, Uniqlo, Nojima
Aeon Town Suzuka	17%	100%	13.2	-	-	✓	✓	Kahma Home Centre, APINA, Nitori, Hana-Shobu, Uniqlo, Atelier, Seria, G.U.
Luz Shinsaibashi	13%	100%	8.0	-	-	\checkmark	✓	H&M
Mallage Shobu	37%	99.3%	5.1	0.2%	21.1%	✓	✓	Nafco, 109 Cinemas, Himaraya, York Mart, Nojima, Academia, Sanki, Play Land, Uniqlo
Luz Omori	2% ⁽¹⁾	97.2%	16.5	-		✓	\checkmark	Ota ward, Docomo, Daiso
NIS Wave I	7% ⁽¹⁾	100%	4.6	-	0.4%	✓	✓	NEXUS Holdings, Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Bank

41% of Forecast Period NPI secured through master leases with high quality tenant (Aeon Town)

Approximately 100% occupancy across all properties

~99% of period from 31 Mar 2014 to 30 June 2014 and ~79% of Projection Year 2015 rentals already locked in

Well-connected by train, bus or major roads

Quality tenant base from diversified trade sectors



⁽¹⁾ Based on four months contribution (1 March 2014 to 30 June 2014) for the Forecast Period

⁽²⁾ From 1 July 2013 to 30 June 2014

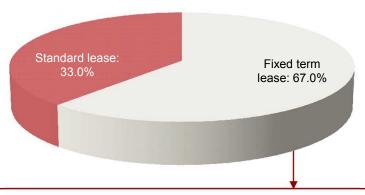
⁽³⁾ As of 31 March 2014

Favorable Lease Profile



A substantial portion of CRT's Gross Rental Income is derived from leases structured as Fixed Term Leases, giving it greater flexibility to adjust rentals / tenant composition, or variable rent, allowing it to share any income upside with its tenants.

% of Gross Rental Income from Fixed Term Leases⁽²⁾

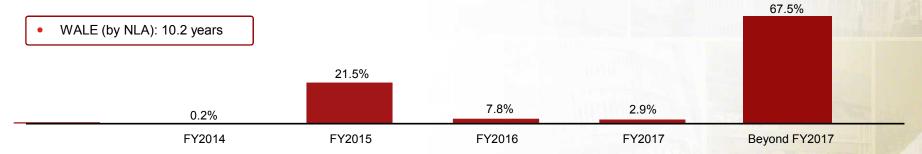


- Greater flexibility in adjusting rental income and tenant composition upon expiry of lease
- Shorter lease tenure (typically 3 5 years)

Growth in Gross Rental Income from Variable Rent(1)

- Among the Properties, Luz Omori, Luz Shinsaibashi and Mallage Shobu, have leases with variable rent components
- As of 31 March 2014₍₃₎ 41.8% of monthly gross rental income of the portfolio had a variable rent component
- Of total variable rent, the variable portion is 15.3% and 26.5% is guaranteed minimum base rent. Therefore, pure fixed rent constitutes 84.7% of total portfolio gross rental income

Lease Expiry Profile⁽²⁾



- (1) Variable rent figures mentioned included guaranteed minimum rent.
- (2) By Gross Rental Income for the month of March 2014.
- (3) From 1 July 2013 to 31 March 2014.

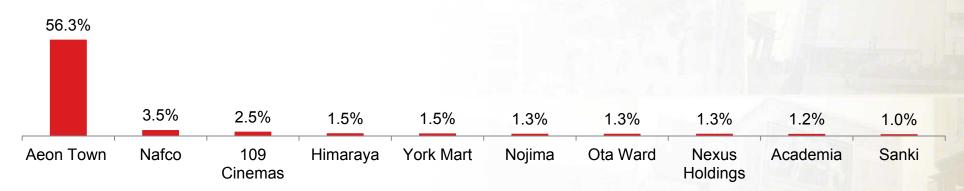


Top Ten Tenants of CRT

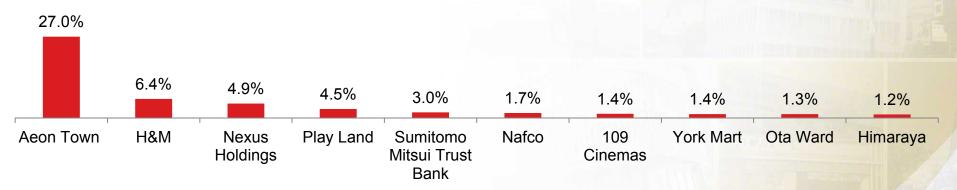


Diversification of CRT's tenant base achieved post recent acquisitions with additions of new anchor tenants





Top 10 Tenants by **Gross Rental Income** (For the month of March 2014)





Mallage Shobu - New Shop Openings in Q3 FY2014







EMODA

Arnold Palmer





SUUMO Service Counter



Mallage Shobu – Marketing & Promotional Activities







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Mallage Shobu – Tenant Replacements

- Significant movement in the tenant composition, with 148 of 242 leases expiring in Nov-14
 - Rental reversion upon lease expiry, since most of the expiring leases were entered into in 2008 with lease terms favoring the lessees, given market conditions at the time
 - Attract strategic anchor tenants to further enhance the overall growth
 - Recent additions of new tenants such as Arnold Palmer, Emoda, New Style and SUUMO; currently in negotiations with other high quality tenants

Favorable rental reversions anticipated when leases expire in November 2014



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Outlook: Promising Macro-Environment



- Promising GDP and Tankan data
 - 4Q 2013 annualised GDP growth of +0.7% (quarter-on-quarter) to mark fifth straight quarter of expansion.
 - Quarterly Tankan index released in March 2014 rose to +17 from -8 in March 2013, reaching its highest level in the post-bubble era and highlighting increased confidence and optimism for the economy.
- Increase in CPI numbers
 - Core consumer prices for the month of March 2014 rose 1.3% on a year-toyear basis, making it the tenth consecutive month of increase.
 - 2013 annual CPI rose 0.4% (year-to-year), indicating an annual increase for the first time in the past five years.
- Based on survey by Japan Real Estate Institute
 - Suburban Tokyo, suburban Nagoya and prime Osaka have all shown expected cap rate compressions of approximately 10 to 30bps for the period from April 2012 to October 2013.
 - Tokyo suburban shown compression of 50bps from its recent peak in 2011.

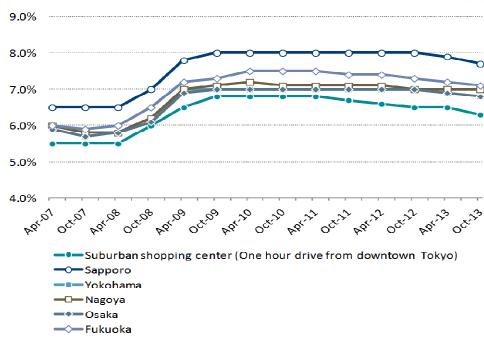
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Retail Cap Rate Trends

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Suburban Retail Cap Rate Trends

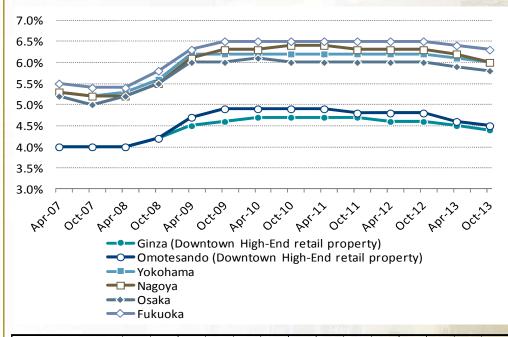


	2007.4	2007.10	2008.4	2008.10	2009.4	2009.10	2010.4	2010.10	2011.4	2011.10	2012.4	2012.10	2013.4	2013.10
Suburban shopping center (One hour drive from downtown Tokyo)	5.5%	5.5%	5.5%	6.0%	6.5%	6.8%	6.8%	6.8%	6.8%	6.7%	6.6%	6.5%	6.5%	6.3%
Sapporo	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%	7.0%	7.8%	8.0%	8.0%	8.0%	8.0%	8.0%	8.0%	8.0%	7.9%	7.7%
Yokohama	5.9%	5.7%	5.8%	6.2%	7.0%	7.0%	7.0%	7.0%	7.0%	7.0%	7.0%	7.0%	6.9%	6.8%
Nagoya	6.0%	5.8%	5.8%	6.2%	7.0%	7.1%	7.2%	7.1%	7.1%	7.1%	7.1%	7.0%	7.0%	7.0%
Osaka	5.9%	5.7%	5.8%	6.1%	6.9%	7.0%	7.0%	7.0%	7.0%	7.0%	7.0%	7.0%	6.9%	6.8%
Fukuoka	6.0%	5.9%	6.0%	6.5%	7.2%	7.3%	7.5%	7.5%	7.5%	7.4%	7.4%	7.3%	7.2%	7.1%



Expected cap rates of suburban shopping centers located one hour drive from Tokyo have shown compression by 50bp to 6.3% compared to the highest point in April 2011 of 6.8%.

Prime Retail Cap Rate Trends



	2007.4	2007.10	2008.4	2008.10	2009.4	2009.10	2010.4	2010.10	2011.4	2011.10	2012.4	2012.10	2013.4	2013.10
Ginza (Downtown High-End retail property)	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	4.2%	4.5%	4.6%	4.7%	4.7%	4.7%	4.7%	4.6%	4.6%	4.5%	4.4%
Omotesando (Downtown High-End retail property)	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	4.2%	4.7%	4.9%	4.9%	4.9%	4.9%	4.8%	4.8%	4.8%	4.6%	4.5%
Yokohama	5.3%	5.2%	5.3%	5.6%	6.2%	6.2%	6.2%	6.2%	6.2%	6.2%	6.2%	6.2%	6.1%	6.0%
Nagoya	5.3%	5.2%	5.2%	5.5%	6.1%	6.3%	6.3%	6.4%	6.4%	6.3%	6.3%	6.3%	6.2%	6.0%
Osaka	5.2%	5.0%	5.2%	5.5%	6.0%	6.0%	6.1%	6.0%	6.0%	6.0%	6.0%	6.0%	5.9%	5.8%
Fukuoka	5.5%	5.4%	5.4%	5.8%	6.3%	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%	6.4%	6.3%



Osaka's expected cap rate has recently compressed by 10bp to 5.8% compared to just 6 months ago in April 2013 when the survey was last conducted.



Significant Retail deals across Japan



Property Name	Town/ City	Purchaser	Vendor	Price (JPY Billion)	NOI Cap Rate (%)	Closing Date
Yodobashi Camera Multimedia Kichijoji	Kichijoji, Tokyo	United Urban Investment (REIT)	Kichijoji YCM Funding	28.0	5.2	Mar 2013
Kawasaki Lefront	Kawasaki, Kanagawa	Japan Retail Fund Investment (REIT)	MJ Retail Investments One	30.0	6.2	Oct 2013
G Building Shinsaibashi 03	Shinsaibashisuji, Osaka	Japan Retail Fund Investment (REIT)	Unique Osaka LLC (RREEF)	22.3	4.3	Oct 2013
Aeon Lake Town Mori (40%)	Koshigaya, Saitama	Aeon REIT Investment (REIT)	Aeon Retail	21.1	5.6	Nov 2013
Kobe Kyu Kyoryuchi 25 Bankan (includes hotel)	Kobe, Hyogo	Activia Properties (REIT)	SPC of Tokyu Land	21.3	4.8	Dec 2013

Source: DTZ Research



Japan may see another property price boom

'Asset inflation' in stock prices has returned, property prices may follow suit

By ANTHONY ROWLEY

A 74 billion yen (S\$906.1 milion) property deal in one of Tokyo's prime districts has sparked speculation that a property price boom may be brewing again in major Japanese cities after some 25 years of continuing price de-clines following the collapse of Japan's bubble economy af-

While attention continues to be focused on whether the Bank of Japan can succeed in turning 15 years of declining prices into a 2 per cent annual increase in consumer prices. es has reared back and property prices may be about to fol-

to buy the Kokusai Akasaka til recently, Mr Courtis noted. Building, reported at the

and low loan to deposit ratios, and qualitative easing there is an ocean of ultra cheap liquidity new available for investors," Mr Courtis not-

flowing into the real economy - similar to the US and EU experience of quanto easing, and to Japan's experience in the late 1990s and after - that means that there is a tsunami of funds which has now started to flow into asset markets both in Japan, and from Japan to world markets.

"With cap (capitalisation) rates low, real estate in central Tokyo looks like one of the best games in town, and in Japanese real estate prices. Is this a new bubble? Not yet. but the market is now building good momentum."

The BOJ is now embarked on a quantitative easing (quanto) programme three times more aggressive in GDP-rela-The plan by Osaka-based tive terms than those pursued house builder Sekisui House by the US Federal Reserve un-

"If that is where we are

As reported also in BT this month, land prices in some major Japanese cities rose "With little of that so far many years - by more than 10 per cent in parts of Tokyo - as a result of the BOJ's easing, although government officials reject the idea that an asset bubble is building up.

Prices of residential land in major metropolitan areas of Tokyo, Osaka and Nagoya rose on average by 0.5 per cial land prices went up by an average of 1.6 per cent - the first upticks in six years, according to the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism.

During Japan's bubble economy period from 1985 to 1990, land prices rocketed so far that the grounds of the Im-perial Palace in Tokyo briefly became worth as much as the entire state of California. Prices then collapsed back to pre-bubble levels over a peri-

Sekisni House has agreed Building, reported at the "If that is where we are to buy the 20-storey, weekend by Reuters quoting headed, and nothing indi- 41-year-old Kokusai Akasaka 22 Friday - Sunday, February 28 - March 2, 2014

Japan Property Hunger

Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Pushes to Broker Sales as Demand Surges

By ATSUKO FUKASE

TOKYO-The top executive of Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Bank said he is making a stronger push to broker real-estate deals with Asian in vestors as Japan's improving economy has snarked a resurrence in interest in the country's property

His effort comes as Japan's realestate industry has benefited from Prime Minister Shinzo Abe's economic and monetary policies, known as Abenomics. The Bank of Japan has expanded its purchases of shares in Japanese real-estate investment trusts, or REITs.

The country's biggest trust bank by assets is now taking advantage of its expertise as a real-estate broker to meet a growing investment appe tite for condominiums and office buildings, Hitoshi Tsunekage, the president of Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Bank, said in an interview.

"We held several seminars in Singapore, Taiwan and South Korea for prospective investors last year. and we've seen great interest from them in a wide range of properties from offices through apartments," Mr. Tsunekage said.

On the Rise

The transaction amount for Japanese commercial real-estate deals doubled last year



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Land prices in Japan's major cities continued to rise in the final three months of 2013, according to govern ment data released Tuesday. Prices of commercial properties rose in the biggest metropolitan areas, while residential prices also showed gains.

The land ministry's quarterly survey found that prices rose in 122 urban locations out of the 150 sur veyed, mainly in Tokyo, Osaka and

As the Bank of Japan buys up various financial assets, including Japanese REITs, land prices in Japa nese major cities have surged for the first time in five years. The Tokyo Stock Exchange REIT index which consists of more than 40 realestate investment trusts, rose above 1.500 in late December for the first time since June 2008.

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According to Jones Lang La-Salle, a real-estate services company, the transaction amount for Jananese commercial real-estate deals doubled in 2013 to Y4 trillion (\$39 billion) from Y2 trillion That was the biggest figure since 2008. "Abenomics has been effectively

boosting investors' sentiment," Yasuo Nakashima, chief executive officer for LaSalle Investment Management in Japan, said at a new: conference on Feb. 20. "We've seen asset-price inflation in the Japanese real-estate market in the past 14 months, helped by the country's monetary easing," Mr. Nakashima said, though he added that similar trends have been seen in the U.S and U.K. in the past few years.

U.K. real-estate firm Grosvenor Ltd. listed 20 rooms in a luxury

Ascendas on track to beefing up presence in Japan

Trust raises \$50m to partly fund Osaka acquisition



PROPERTY firm Ascendas Hospitality Trust is a sten closer to boosting its presence in Ispan's fas per cent of Ascendas Hospitality's portfolio, with its remaining assets spread out over Australia, Sin-gapore and China. This "diversification strategy", according to Mr

Tan, is important "because different countries wi have different cycle of the economy and the tour-This, perhaps, will go some way to ride out any



Visitors enjoying the view from the observation deck at the Abeno Harukas building in Osaka. Tourism in Japan has picked up, with the number of foreign visitors crossing the 10 million mark tast year for the first time.

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Land prices rise in Japan's 3 largest cities

Tokyo, Osaka and

Ascott Reit buys Japan property for 6.3b yen

Yield-accretive acquisition is trust's second property in Fukuoka

ASCOTT Residence Trust (Ascott million: Reit) has signed a deal to purchase rental housing property In-rights issue was to "increase Asfor 6.3 billion yen (S\$78.4 mil-

and ArcResidential Japan Invest-

The Ascott Limited, a Capita- ious asset enhancement plans". Land unit, set up Ascott Reit in It had added that the rights is-2006. Ascott Reit's manager, Ascott Residence Trust Managewned by The Ascott Limited.

It is also its second acquisition since its rights issue last December, which raised around \$253.7 At the time, it had said the

fini Garden in Fukuoka, Japan, cott Reit's debt headroom through a reduction of its borrow ings, hence enhancing Ascott Re-The 389-unit property was ac- it's ability to pursue potential acquired from The Ascott Limited quisitions in an efficient manner and uplifting its competitive positioning in the market through var

> sue would also improve its credit profile and financial flexibility, so that it can negotiate and secure INFINI GARDEN



debt facilities for future acquisi- Ascott Reit said the 389-unit property, which is a 25-minute drive to the CBD and offers two to four bedroom tions on more competitive terms. apartments, will enhance its income stability as the property is under a master lease to a third party

Bloombera

Goldman to Expand Japan REIT to 60 Billion Yen as Demand Rises

Goldman Sachs Group Inc. (GS) plans to expand its private real estate investment trust in Japan to 60 billion yen (\$583 million) by the end of March amid rising demand to invest in the nation's real estate market.

The REIT will acquire two office buildings in Tokyo and Fukuoka, on the southern island of Kyushu, said Hiroyasu Kaizuka, head of the real estate investment department at Goldman Sachs Asset Management Co. in Tokyo. The REIT, which started in August 2012 with 30 billion yen, plans to add about 4 billion yen of properties by the end of June, he said.

Goldman Sachs, the first non-Japanese company to start a private REIT, is targeting 100 billion yen of properties in three years from inception Property transactions in Japan may rise as much as 30 percent to about 5 trillion yen this year from 4 trillion yen in 2013, according to an estimate by brokerage Jones Lang LaSalle Inc. (JLL)

Bloomberg

Japan Beyond Tokyo Luring BlackRock With Overseas Money

BlackRock Inc. (BLK), the world's biggest money manager, is helping to drive a revival in Japan's property market as investors bet Prime Minister Shinzo Abe's plan to sustain economic growth will boost real estate returns.

BlackRock is looking for investments outside of Tokyo this year as it seeks higher yields, said John Saunders, managing director and head of Asian real estate. Japan real estate investment trusts, or J-REITs, acquired properties worth 2.23 trillion yen (\$21.6 billion) in 2013, almost triple the previous year, after raising a record amount of cash from equity sales, according to the Association for Real Estate Securitization.



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