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SPH REIT FINANCIAL STATEMENT ANNOUNCEMENT FOR THE FIRST HALF YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2021

Constituted in the Republic of Singapore pursuant to a Trust Deed dated 9 July 2013.

Introduction

The investment strategy of SPH REIT is to invest, directly or indirectly, in a portfolio of incomeproducing real estate which is used primarily for retail purposes in Asia Pacific, as well as real estate-related assets.

The portfolio of SPH REIT comprises the following five quality and well located commercial properties in Singapore and Australia:

- * Paragon, a premier upscale retail mall and medical suite/office property, well known for its upscale mall housing many luxury brands, located in the heart of Orchard Road.
- * The Clementi Mall, a mid-market suburban mall located in the centre of Clementi town, an established residential estate in the west of Singapore.
- * The Rail Mall, a unique cluster of shop units with established F&B offerings along Upper Bukit Timah Road, nestled in an affluent residential catchment.
- * SPH REIT holds a 85.0% stake in Figtree Grove Shopping Centre, an established sub-regional shopping centre in Wollongong, New South Wales, Australia.
- SPH REIT holds a 50.0% stake in Westfield Marion Shopping Centre, the largest regional shopping centre in South Australia.

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1(a) An income statement together with a comparative statement for the corresponding period of the immediately preceding financial year

1(a)(i) Statement of Total Return

		<u>Group</u>	
	1H 2021	1H 2020	Change
	S\$'000	S\$'000	%
Gross revenue ¹	139,958	133,405	4.9
Property operating expenses	(35,104)	(29,909)	17.4
Net property income	104,854	103,496	1.3
Manager's management fees	(10,433)	(10,008)	4.2
Investment management fee	(1,453)	(885)	64.2
Trust expenses ²	(1,236)	(1,387)	(10.9)
Impairment loss on trade receivables ³	(1,892)	-	NM
Finance income	69	1,685	(95.9)
Finance costs	(11,856)	(16,830)	(29.6)
Grant income ⁴	2,903	-	NM
Grant expense ⁴	(2,903)	-	NM
Net income	78,053	76,071	2.6
Fair value change on investment properties ⁵	(8,438)	(2,260)	NM
Net foreign currency exchange differences ⁶	334	443	(24.6)
Total return before taxes and distribution	69,949	74,254	(5.8)
Less: income tax ⁷	(221)	(1,313)	(83.2)
Total return after taxes and before distribution	69,728	72,941	(4.4)
Attributable to:			
Unitholders	63,108	66,236	(4.7)
Perpetual securities holders ⁸	6,098	6,098	-
Non-controlling interests	522	607	(14.0)
Total return for the period	69,728	72,941	(4.4)

NM Not Meaningful

For The First Half Year Ended 28 February 2021

1(a) An income statement together with a comparative statement for the corresponding period of the immediately preceding financial year (cont'd)

1(a)(i) Statement of Total Return (Cont'd)

Notes:

- 1. The gross revenue is net of rental waivers and reliefs granted by landlord to eligible tenants in Singapore affected by COVID-19.
- 2. Includes recurring trust expenses such as trustee's fees, valuation fees, audit and tax adviser's fees, legal & others professional fees, cost associated with the preparation of annual reports.
- 3. The impairment loss on trade receivables comprises of the allowance for rental arrears and reliefs for Singapore and Australia properties.
- 4. Grant income relates to property tax rebates and cash grants from Singapore government as part of the COVID-19 relief measures. Grant expense relates to the property tax rebates and cash grants being passed on to eligible tenants in the form of rental reliefs in FY2021.
- 5. This relates to the fair value change on the investment properties as at 28 February 2021, based on the assessment performed by the Manager. It has no impact on the income available for distribution to unitholders.
- 6. The net foreign currency exchange differences relate mainly to unrealised foreign exchange gain from revaluing of the monetary assets and liabilities that were denominated in Australian dollars.
- 7. This relates to withholding tax payable for Australia income.
- 8. On 30 August 2019, the Trust issued S\$300.0 million of subordinated perpetual securities (the 'Perpetual Securities") at a rate of 4.10% per annum, with the first distribution rate reset falling on 30 August 2024 and 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 is payable semi-annually at the discretion of the Trust and is non-cumulative.

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1(a)(ii) Distribution Statement

	<u>Group</u>		
	1H 2021	1H 2020	Change
	S\$'000	S\$'000	%
Total return for the period attributable to unitholders and perpetual securities holders	69,206	72,334	(4.3)
Less: Amount reserved for distribution to perpetual securities holders	(6,098)	(6,098)	-
Add: Non-tax deductible items ¹	6,924	11,112	(37.7)
Income available for distribution	70,032	77,348	(9.5)
Add: Tax-exempt income ²	6,149	-	NM
Distributable income to unitholders	76,181	77,348	(1.5)
Distribution to unitholders ³	67,764	44,132	53.5

NM Not Meaningful

Notes:

- 1. Non-tax deductible items refer to the Manager's management fees paid/payable in units, trustee's fees, straight-line rental adjustments, amortisation of debt issuance costs, fair value change on investment properties and net income from subsidiaries.
- 2. This relates to the release of tax-exempt income from Australia subsidiaries.
- 3. The distribution to unitholders for 1H 2021 includes the release of approximately S\$7.3 million of FY20 distributable income deferred as allowed under COVID-19 relief measures

1(b)(i) A balance sheet together with a comparative statement as at the end of the immediately preceding financial year

Statements of Financial Position

	<u>Group</u>		<u>Trust</u>	
	As at 28 Feb 21	As at 31 Aug 20	As at 28 Feb 21	As at 31 Aug 20
	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000
Non-current assets				
Plant and equipment	482	589	482	589
Investment properties ¹	4,140,035	4,125,447	3,287,195	3,286,200
Subsidiaries	-	-	188,658	184,410
Trade and other receivables	-	-	377,885	377,876
<u> </u>	4,140,517	4,126,036	3,854,220	3,849,075
Current assets	40.000	00.050	44.000	00.040
Trade and other receivables ²	13,269	32,653	11,828	26,612
Cash and cash equivalents ³	127,485	81,974	74,469	52,770
-	140,754	114,627	86,297	79,382
Total assets	4,281,271	4,240,663	3,940,517	3,928,457
Non-aumont liabilities				
Non-current liabilities	1 055 750	1,083,708	042 440	770 750
Borrowings Derivative financial instruments ⁴	1,255,758 7,370	9,398	943,449 5,495	778,759 6,607
Deferred tax liabilities ⁵	3,119	3,119	3,119	3,119
Trade and other payables ⁶	37,922	34,217	37,922	34,217
Trade and other payables	1,304,169	1,130,442	989,985	822,702
Current liabilities	1,504,109	1,100,442	909,900	022,702
Borrowings	49,980	214,877	49,980	214,877
Derivative financial instruments ⁴	3,678	680	3,678	680
Trade and other payables ⁶	70,722	79,955	51,026	65,817
· ,	124,380	295,512	104,684	281,374
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Total liabilities	1,428,549	1,425,954	1,094,669	1,104,076
Net assets	2,852,722	2,814,709	2,845,848	2,824,381
Represented by:	0.540.540	0.500.004	0.547.050	0.500.457
Unitholders' funds	2,540,518	2,503,324	2,547,958	2,526,457
Perpetual securities holders' funds ⁷	297,890	297,924	297,890	297,924
Non-controlling interests	14,314	13,461	- 2 0 4 E 0 4 C	2 024 204
Total Equity	2,852,722	2,814,709	2,845,848	2,824,381

1(b)(i) A balance sheet together with a comparative statement as at the end of the immediately preceding financial year (cont'd)

Statements of Financial Position (cont'd)

Notes:

1. The carrying amounts of the investment properties as at 28 February 2021 were based on assessment by the Manager. Valuations of investment properties are currently subject to significant estimation uncertainty. The ongoing Novel Coronavirus ("COVID-19") pandemic has created a high level of uncertainty to the near-term global economic prospects and caused disruptions to various businesses. Many countries have implemented strict travel restrictions and a range of measures from 'lockdown' to 'social distancing'. These measures have negatively affected the retail sector in countries where the Group's investment properties are located, the extent of which will depend on how long the outbreak lasts and the progress of the vaccine rollout in due course.

Given that the potential impact of COVID-19 is constantly evolving, significant market uncertainty exists. Therefore the carrying amounts of the investment properties assessed by the Manager were current as at 28 February 2021 only. These carrying amounts may change significantly after the balance sheet date.

- 2. Trade and other receivables comprised mainly rental receivable, deposits and grant receivable. The decrease was largely attributed to the net receipt of grant receivables from the Singapore Government as part of the COVID-19 relief measures, and net settlement of rent arrears (net of allowance) for the Group during the current period.
- 3. The increase in cash and cash equivalents was largely attributed to cash generated from operations, partially offset by the payment of distributions.
- Derivative financial instruments represent the fair value of the interest rate swap, cross currency swap and cross currency interest rate swap contracts.
- 5. Deferred tax liabilities are mainly in respect of the capital expenditures incurred for Singapore investment properties, and have been estimated based on the differences between the carrying amount and tax carrying value of these capital expenditures.
- 6. Trade and other payables comprised mainly rental deposits, accrued interests and other expenses, deferred grant liability and collection in advance. The decrease was largely attributed to the lower rent collection in advance, and the net realisation of deferred grant liability arising from passing through the Singapore Government's property tax rebates and other cash grants to the eligible tenants in the form of rental reliefs.
- 7. On 30 August 2019, the Trust issued S\$300.0 million of fixed rate Perpetual Securities. The Perpetual Securities, net of issuance costs, are classified as equity instruments and recorded as equity in the Statement of Changes in Unitholders' Funds.

1(b)(ii) Borrowing

Secured borrowings

	<u>Group</u>		Tr	<u>ust</u>
	As at 28 Feb 21	As at 31 Aug 20	As at 28 Feb 21	As at 31 Aug 20
	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000
Amount repayable within one year	49,980	214,877	49,980	214,877
Amount repayable after one year	1,255,758	1,083,708	943,449	778,759
Total	1,305,738	1,298,585	993,429	993,636

Details of collateral

The Group's secured term loans amounted to S\$1.3 billion. These relate to term loans comprising S\$995 million secured by way of a legal mortgage on Paragon, A\$105 million secured by way of a legal mortgage on Figtree Grove Shopping Centre and A\$200 million secured by way of a legal mortgage on Westfield Marion Shopping Centre.

Loan tranches of S\$215 million were successfully refinanced as five-year loan tranches on 24 February 2021.

A loan tranche of S\$50 million which matures in December 2021 will be refinanced in due course.

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1(c) A cash flow statement together with a comparative statement for the corresponding period of the immediately preceding financial year

Statement of Cash Flows

	<u>Group</u>	
	1H — 1H	
	2021	2020
	S\$'000	S\$'000
Cash flows from operating activities		
Net income	69,728	72,941
Adjustments for:		
Fair value change on investment properties	8,438	2,260
Manager's fee paid/payable in units	10,433	10,008
Depreciation of plant and equipment	117	109
Finance income	(69)	(1,685)
Finance costs	11,856	16,830
Straight-line rental adjustments	(705)	(864)
Impairment loss on trade receivables	1,892	-
Operating cash flow before working capital changes	101,690	99,599
Changes in operating assets and liabilities		
Trade and other receivables	17,492	(7,422)
Trade and other payables	(5,145)	10,422
Net cash from operating activities	114,037	102,599
Cash flows from investing activities		
Acquisition of investment properties	-	(627,594)
Additions to investment properties	(3,946)	(2,523)
Purchase of plant and equipment	(10)	(138)
Interest received	69	1,702
Net cash used in investing activities	(3,887)	(628,553)

1(c) A cash flow statement together with a comparative statement for the corresponding period of the immediately preceding financial year

Statement of Cash Flows (Cont'd)

<u>Group</u>	
1H 1H	
2021	2020
S\$'000	S\$'000
-	184,469
-	164,477
-	(1,654)
(48,228)	(73,655)
(6,132)	(6,132)
-	(485)
(538)	-
(11,198)	(15,435)
(66,096)	251,585
44,054	(274,369)
1,457	(636)
81,974	342,657
127,485	67,652
	1H 2021 S\$'000 - - (48,228) (6,132) - (538) (11,198) (66,096) 44,054 1,457 81,974

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1(d)(i) Statement of Changes in Unitholders' Funds

	Group		<u>Group</u> <u>Trus</u>		rust
	1H	1H	1H	1H	
<u>-</u>	2021	2020	2021	2020	
	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	
Unitholders' Funds					
Balance as at beginning of period	2,503,324	2,458,864	2,526,457	2,471,777	
Operations Total return for the period after tax, attributable to unitholders and perpetual securities holders Less: Total return for the period after tax, attributable to perpetual securities	69,206	72,334	64,484	67,632	
holders	(6,098)	(6,098)	(6,098)	(6,098)	
Net increase in assets from operations	63,108	66,236	58,386	61,534	
Hedging reserve Effective portion of changes in fair value of cash flow hedges¹ Net change in fair value of cash flow	441	(4,065)	(100)	(2,545)	
hedge reclassified to Statement of Total Return	1,454	1,126	1,010	1,111	
Foreign currency translation reserve Translation differences from financial statements of foreign entities Exchange differences on monetary item forming part of net investments in foreign operations	5,738 4,248	(5,660) (3,936)	-	-	
Unitholders' transactions Distribution to unitholders Issuance of new units Issuance costs for the new units Manager's fee paid/payable in units	(48,228) - - 10,433 (37,795)	(73,655) 164,477 (1,654) 10,008 99,176	(48,228) - - 10,433 (37,795)	(73,655) 164,477 (1,654) 10,008 99,176	
Unitholders' funds as at end of period	2,540,518	2,611,741	2,547,958	2,631,053	
Perpetual Securities Holders' Funds Balance as at beginning of period	297,924	297,924	297,924	297,924	
Total return attributable to perpetual securities holders Distribution to perpetual securities	6,098	6,098	6,098	6,098	
holders	(6,132)	(6,132)	(6,132)	(6,132)	
Balance as at end of period	297,890	297,890	297,890	297,890	

Notes:

^{1.} This relates to interest rate swap and cross currency interest rate swap arrangements.

1(d)(ii) Details of Changes in Issued and Issuable Units

	Group and Trust		
	1H 2021	1H 2020	
	No. of units '000	No. of units '000	
Issued units as at beginning of period	2,763,122	2,588,701	
Issue of units ¹	-	156,645	
Manager's fee paid in units ²	15,675	11,875	
	2,778,797	2,757,221	
Issuable units:			
Manager's fee payable in units ^{3,4}	9,525	7,344	
Total issued and issuable units as at end of period	2,788,322	2,764,565	

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Notes:

In accordance with the amendments to the Trust Deed and requirement by the Monetary Authority of Singapore, the performance fee for FY2017 and thereafter will be paid on an annual basis, after Board's approval of the audited annual accounts.

- 1. On 2 December 2019, the Trust issued 156,645,000 units at an issue price of \$1.05 per unit.
- 2. For 1H 2021, the issued units relates to performance management fees for FY2020 and base management fee for 4Q 2020 and 1Q 2021. For 1H 2020, the issued units relate to performance management fees for FY2019, partial satisfaction of base management fee for Q4 2019 and base management fee for Q1 2020.
- 3. The units issuable to the Manager were in full satisfaction of management fee for respective half years.
- 4. The number of units is calculated based on volume weighted average traded price for the last 10 business days for the respective quarters, as provided in the Trust Deed.

1(d)(iii) To show the total number of issued units excluding treasury shares as at the end of the current financial period and as at the end of the immediately preceding year.

As at 28 February 2021, SPH REIT had 2,778,796,714 units (31 August 2020: 2,763,122,035 units).

1(d)(iv) A statement showing all sales, transfers, disposal, cancellation and/or use of treasury shares as at the end of the current financial period reported on.

Not applicable.

2. Whether the figures have been audited or reviewed, and in accordance with which auditing standard or practice.

The financial information for the first half year ended 28 February 2021 as set out in this announcement has been extracted from the interim financial information for the first half year ended 28 February 2021, which has been reviewed by our auditors, KPMG LLP, in accordance with the Singapore Standard on Review Engagement 2410 Review of Interim Financial Information Performed by the Independent Auditor of the Entity.

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3. Where the figures have been audited or reviewed, the auditors' report (including any qualifications or emphasis of matter).

Please refer to the attached auditor's review report.

4. Whether the same accounting policies and methods of computation as in the issuer's most recently audited annual financial statements have been applied.

Except as disclosed in paragraph 5 below, the Group has applied the same accounting policies and methods of computation in the preparation of the financial statements for the current reporting period compared with the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2020.

5. If there are any changes in the accounting policies and methods of computation, including any required by an accounting standard, what has changed, as well as the reasons for, and the effect of, the change.

None noted.

6. Earnings per unit ("EPU") and Distribution per unit ("DPU")

	Group	
	1H	1H
	2021	2020
Earnings per unit		
Weighted average number of units¹ ('000)	2,778,666	2,678,105
Total return for the period after tax attributable to unitholders		
(S\$'000)	63,108	66,236
EPU ² (basic and diluted) (cents)	2.27	2.47
EPU (basic and diluted) (cents), excluding fair value change		
on investment properties	2.57	2.56
Distribution per unit		
Total number of units in issue at end of period	2,778,797	2,757,221
Distribution to unitholders ³ (S\$'000)	67,764	44,132
DPU ⁴ (cents)	2.44	1.68

Notes:

- 1. The weighted average number of units was based on the number of units in issue and issuable units to the Manager.
- 2. Included the effects of fair value change on investment properties for the respective periods.
- 3. As shown in 1(a)(ii) Distribution Statement.
- 4. The DPU was computed based on the number of units entitled to distribution.

7. Net Asset Value ("NAV") per unit and Net Tangible Asset ("NTA") per unit

	<u>Group</u>		<u>Trust</u>	
	As at 28 Feb 21	As at 31 Aug 20	As at 28 Feb 21	As at 31 Aug 20
NAV / NTA per unit1 (S\$)	0.91	0.91	0.92	0.91

Note:

1. The NAV per unit and NTA per unit were computed based on the net assets attributable to unitholders. Number of units used to compute NAV and NTA was based on number of units in issue as at balance sheet date.

8. Review of Performance

Review of Results for the First Half Year Ended 28 February 2021 ("1H 2021") compared with the First Half Year Ended 29 February 2020 ("1H 2020")

Gross revenue for 1H 2021 grew by S\$6.5 million (4.9%) to S\$140.0 million. The increase was mainly due to contribution amounting to S\$26.4 million from the 50% interest in Westfield Marion Shopping Centre .which was acquired on 6 December 2019.

Property operating expenses increased by S\$5.2 million (17.4%) to S\$35.1 million for 1H 2021 largely attributed to the acquisition of Westfield Marion.

Net property income ("NPI") of S\$104.9 million for 1H 2021 was S\$1.4 million (1.3%) higher than 1H 2020.

Net income of S\$78.1 million for 1H 2021 was S\$2.0 million (2.6%) higher than 1H 2020.

Based on the assessment performed by the Manager, the Trust has recognised a fair value loss on the investment properties amounting to S\$8.4 million. The fair value loss has no impact on the income available for distribution.

Distributable income to unitholders for 1H 2021 was S\$76.1 million, which was consistent with 1H 2020.

9. Variance from Prospect Statement

No forecast was made previously.

10. A commentary at the date of announcement of the significant trends and competitive conditions of the industry in which the group operates and any known factors or events that may affect the group in the next reporting period and the next 12 months

COVID-19 outbreak continued to bring uncertainties into the Group's operating environment and has negatively impacted the retail sector in Singapore and Australia. Although recent vaccine approvals have raised hopes of a turnaround in the pandemic, renewed waves and new variants of the virus pose concerns for the outlook. Amid exceptional uncertainty, the global economy is projected to grow 5.5% in 2021.

According to Ministry of Trade and Industry (MTI), Singapore economy contracted by 5.4% in 2020. For 2021, MTI has maintained the GDP growth forecast at 4.0% to 6.0%. According to Department of Statistics Singapore, most retail industries continued to register declines in sales on a year-on-year basis. Retail sales (excluding motor vehicles) decreased 8.4% in January 2021, compared to the 4.2% decline in December 2020. With the prolonged global pandemic situation and travel restrictions, international visitor arrivals to Singapore for period from September 2020 to February 2021 declined approximate 99%.

In Australia, Reserve Bank of Australia expects the Australian economy to reach their pre-pandemic levels over the course of 2021, around 6 to 12 months earlier than previously expected. The unemployment rate is likely to decline steadily to around 5.25% by mid of the year 2023. According to Australian Bureau of Statistics, retail turnover rose 10.6% compared to January 2020.

While activities have gradually resumed, COVID-19 continues to impact the financial performance of SPH REIT's portfolio with travel restrictions remain in place. The rise of new COVID-19 variants, recurring waves of infections and fresh lockdowns in many countries remain risks to global recovery. Although COVID-19 impact is still uncertain, with the rapid rollout of the vaccination in Singapore as well as around the world, the COVID-19 situation will be better contained leading to a recovery in travel. The Manager's near term focus is to maintain healthy occupancy, sustainable rental income by working with our tenants, whilst carefully managing cost.

The Manager will stay focused to position the assets to be ready to capture the business opportunities when recovery begins with the core objective of preserving long term returns for unitholders.

Distribution rate per unit (cents):

11. <u>Distribution</u>

(a) Current Financial Period

Any distribution recommended for the current financial period reported on? Yes.

Name of distribution: Distribution for the period from 1 December 2020 to 28 February 2021

Distribution type

Distribution Type: (i) Taxable income

(ii) Tax-exempt income

Tax-exempt income 0.22 ca

Taxable income

1.02 cents per unit

Tax-exempt income

0.22 cents per unit

Distribution rate

Par value of units: Not applicable.

Tax rate: <u>Taxable income distribution:</u>

Qualifying investors and individuals (other than those who hold their units through a partnership) will generally receive pre-tax distribution. These distributions are exempt from tax in the hands of individuals unless such distributions are derived through a Singapore partnership or from the carrying on of a trade, business or profession. Such individual unitholders, i.e. to whom the exemption will not apply, must declare the distribution received as income in their tax returns.

Qualifying foreign non-individual investors and foreign funds under Section 13CA, 13X or 13Y of the Singapore Income Tax Act will receive their distributions after deduction of tax at the rate of 10%. This is based on the existing income tax concession for listed REITs on distributions made to non-resident non-individual investors during the period from 18 February 2005 to 31 December 2025 and non-resident funds during the period from 1 July 2019 to 31 December 2025.

All other investors will receive their distributions after deduction of tax at the rate of 17%.

Tax-exempt income distribution:

Tax-exempt income distribution is exempt from tax in the hands of all unitholders

11. Distribution (Cont'd)

(b) Corresponding Period of the Immediately Preceding Financial Year

Any distribution declared for the corresponding period of the immediately preceding financial year? Yes

Name of distribution: Distribution for the period from 2 December 2019 to

29 February 2020

Distribution Type: Taxable Income

Distribution rate per unit (cents): Distribution

Distribution type	Distribution rate
Taxable income	0.27 cents per unit
Tax-exempt income	0.03 cents per unit

Par value of units: Not applicable.

Tax rate: Taxable income distribution:

Qualifying investors and individuals (other than those who hold their units through a partnership) will generally receive pre-tax distribution. These distributions are exempt from tax in the hands of individuals unless such distributions are derived through a Singapore partnership or from the carrying on of a trade, business or profession. Such individual unitholders, i.e. to whom the exemption will not apply, must declare the distribution received as income in their tax returns.

Qualifying foreign non-individual investors and foreign funds under Section 13CA, 13X or 13Y of the Singapore Income Tax Act will receive their distributions after deduction of tax at the rate of 10%. This is based on the existing income tax concession for listed REITs on distributions made to non-resident non-individual investors during the period from 18 February 2005 to 31 December 2025 and non-resident funds during the period from 1 July 2019 to 31 December 2025.

All other investors will receive their distributions after deduction of tax at the rate of 17%.

Tax-exempt income distribution:

Tax-exempt income distribution is exempt from tax in the hands of all unitholders

(c) Date payable

The date the distribution is payable: Tuesday, 11 May 2021.

(d) Record date

The Transfer Books and Register of Unitholders of SPH REIT have been closed at 5.00pm on 7 April 2021 for purposes of determining each Unitholder's entitlement to SPH REIT distribution.

12. If no distribution has been declared (recommended), a statement to that effect

Not applicable.

13. <u>Segment Results</u>

	<u>Group</u>		
	1H 2021	1H 2020	Change
Gross Revenue	S\$'000	S\$'000	%
			
<u>Singapore</u>			
Paragon	81,764	88,843	(8.0)
The Clementi Mall	20,527	21,280	(3.5)
The Rail Mall	2,786	2,539	9.7
	105,077	112,662	(6.7)
Australia			
Westfield Marion Shopping Centre	26,410	12,614	NM
Figtree Grove Shopping Centre	8,471	8,129	4.2
	34,881	20,743	68.2
Total	139,958	133,405	4.9
Net Property Income			
Singapore			
Paragon	63,167	70,752	(10.7)
The Clementi Mall	15,619	16,096	(3.0)
The Rail Mall	2,261	1,968	14.9
	81,047	88,816	(8.7)
Australia	47.040	0.400	
Westfield Marion Shopping Centre	17,248	8,436	NM 5.0
Figtree Grove Shopping Centre	6,559	6,244	5.0 62.2
	23,807	14,680	02.2
Total	104,854	103,496	1.3

14. If the group has obtained a general mandate from shareholders for Interested Person Transactions, the aggregate value of such transactions as required under Rule 920(1)(a)(ii). If no IPT mandate has been obtained, a statement to that effect.

SPH REIT has not obtained a general mandate from unitholders for Interested Person Transactions.

15. Confirmation By the Manager Pursuant to Rule 720(1) of the SGX Listing Manual.

The Manager confirms that it has procured undertakings from all its Directors and Executive Officers in the format set out in Appendix 7.7 pursuant to Rule 720(1) of the SGX Listing Manual.

For The First Half Year Ended 28 February 2021

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BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

Jessie Phua Swee Hoon Sheryl Cher Ya Li

Company Secretaries

Singapore, 29 March 2021



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CONFIRMATION BY THE BOARD Pursuant to Rule 705(5) of the Listing Manual

To the best of our knowledge, nothing has come to the attention of the Board of Directors of the Manager which may render the financial results of the Group and the Trust (comprising the statement of financial position, statement of total return and distribution statement, statement of changes in Unitholders' funds and cashflow statement, together with their accompanying notes) as at 28 February 2021, to be false or misleading in any material respect.

On behalf of the Directors

LEONG HORN KEE

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Singapore, 29 March 2021



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The Board of Directors
SPH REIT Management Pte. Ltd.
(in its capacity as Manager of SPH REIT)

Review of the Interim Financial Information For the Half Year Ended 28 February 2021

We have reviewed the accompanying Interim Financial Information of SPH REIT (the "Trust") and its subsidiaries (collectively the "Group") for the half year ended 28 February 2021. The Interim Financial Information consists of the following:

- Statements of financial position of the Group and the Trust as at 28 February 2021;
- Portfolio statements of the Group and Trust as at 28 February 2021;
- Statement of total return of the Group for the half year ended 28 February 2021;
- Distribution statement of the Group for the half year ended 28 February 2021;
- Statement of changes in unitholders' funds of the Group and the Trust for the half year ended 28 February 2021;
- Statement of cash flows of the Group for the half year ended 28 February 2021; and
- Certain explanatory notes to the above financial information.

The Manager of the Trust is responsible for the preparation and presentation of this Interim Financial Information in accordance with the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Accounting Practice ("RAP") 7 Reporting Framework for Unit Trusts issued by the Institute of Singapore Chartered Accountants. Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on these Interim Financial Statements based on our review.

Scope of review

We conducted our review in accordance with Singapore Standard on Review Engagements 2410 Review of Interim Financial Information Performed by the Independent Auditor of the Entity. A review of interim financial information consists of making inquiries, primarily of persons responsible for financial and accounting matters, and applying analytical and other review procedures. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit conducted in accordance with Singapore Standards on Auditing and consequently does not enable us to obtain assurance that we would become aware of all significant matters that might be identified in an audit. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion.



Review of the interim financial information For the Half Year Ended 28 February 2021

Conclusion

Based on our review, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the accompanying Interim Financial Information is not prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with the provisions of RAP 7 issued by the Institute of Singapore Chartered Accountants.

Restriction on use

Our report is provided in accordance with the terms of our engagement. Our work was undertaken so that we might report to you on the Interim Financial Information for the purpose of assisting the Trust to meet the requirements of the Singapore Exchange Limited Listing Manual and for no other purpose. Our report is included in the Trust's announcement of its interim financial information for the information of its unitholders. We do not assume responsibility to anyone other than the Trust for our work, for our report, or for the conclusions we have reached in our report.

Public Accountants and Chartered Accountants

Singapore 29 March 2021

For Immediate Release 29 March 2021



Steady Improvement across the Portfolio

- Q2 FY2021 DPU at 1.24 cents, increase by 3.3% from Q1 FY2021
- Gross revenue increase by 4.9% year-on-year
- Strong portfolio occupancy of 98.0%

SINGAPORE, 29 March 2021 – SPH REIT Management Pte. Ltd. ("SPH RM" or the "Manager"), the Manager of SPH REIT, reported a distribution per unit ("DPU") of 1.24 cents for Q2 FY2021, representing an increase of 3.3% over that of the last quarter. Q2 FY2021 distribution will be paid to unitholders on 11 May 2021. First half DPU is at 2.44⁽¹⁾ cents.

Financial Performance

For the period 1 September 2020 to 28 February 2021, SPH REIT's gross revenue increased 4.9% year-on-year to S\$140.0 million. The increase was mainly from Westfield Marion Shopping Centre's ("Westfield Marion") first full half-year contribution versus three months of contribution in the same period last year. Gross revenue for the Singapore assets declined 6.7% due to COVID-19 rental relief granted to eligible tenants. Rental relief was also provided for eligible Australian tenants in accordance with the Australian "Code of Leasing".

Operational Performance

The Manager's pro-active leasing strategy to renew or sign new leases in advance mitigated vacancies, achieving a portfolio occupancy of 98.0% as at 28 February 2021. Portfolio WALE (weighted average lease expiry) is at 5.4 years by NLA (net lettable area) and 3.0 years by GRI (gross rental income).

Tenant sales at the Singapore assets showed signs of recovery following the phased lifting of safe distancing measures, driven by growing shoppers' confidence in physical visits to the malls, and the festive season shopping.

Covid-19 incidents are low in South Australia and Wollongong where SPHREIT assets are located. Such incidents were also well managed which boosted shoppers confidence. Tenant sales at both assets were resilient and tracked closely to prior years.

Capital Management

SPH REIT has refinanced the S\$215 million loan for a new term of 5 years. The 5-year loan tenure will continue to ensure that SPH REIT's debt maturity profile is well staggered, without major concentration of debts maturing in any single year. Gearing as at 28 February 21 was at 30.4%. In addition, SPH REIT has unsecured credit facilities of S\$225 million that can be drawn when required.

Outlook

Dr Leong Horn Kee, Chairman of SPH REIT, said: "Against the backdrop of a gradual recovery in tenants' sales across our assets, we are pleased to announce a DPU of 1.24 cents to unitholders for Q2 FY 2021. We will continue to engage with our stakeholders to overcome the challenges ahead so as to position SPH REIT to be stronger for the future."

Ms Susan Leng, CEO of SPH REIT, said: "Notwithstanding the rollout of vaccinations, both in Singapore and globally, which will probably allow some relaxation for international travel requirements, however full recovery for leisure travel will still take some time. We will continue to engage with our tenants and monitor the impact of COVID-19 on their businesses and render targeted assistance."

Summary Results of SPH REIT

	1H FY2021 S\$'000	1H FY2020 S\$'000	Change %
Gross revenue	139,958	133,405	4.9
Net property income	104,854	103,496	1.3
Distributable income to unitholders	76,181	77,348	(1.5)
Distribution to Unitholders	67,764	44,132	53.5
Distribution per unit (cents)	2.44	1.68	45.2
Annualised distribution yield (%)	5.93 ¹	3.35^{2}	77.0

Notes:

- 1. Based on S\$0.83 per unit closing price on 28 February 2021.
- 2. Based on S\$1.01 per unit closing price on 28 February 2020.

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ABOUT SPH REIT

SPH REIT is a Singapore-based real estate investment trust established principally to invest in a portfolio of income-producing real estate primarily for retail purposes in Asia-Pacific, as well as real estate-related assets.

SPH REIT has a portfolio of five assets in Singapore and Australia.

Its portfolio of properties in Singapore comprises a 99-year leasehold interest in Paragon that commenced on 24 July 2013, a 99-year leasehold interest in The Clementi Mall that commenced on 31 August 2010 and a 99-year leasehold interest in The Rail Mall that commenced on 18 March 1947. These Singapore properties have an aggregate net lettable area of approximately 960,000 sq. ft.

In Australia, SPH REIT owns a 50% freehold interest in Westfield Marion Shopping Centre, the largest regional shopping centre in Adelaide, South Australia. SPH REIT also owns an 85% interest in Figtree Grove Shopping Centre, a freehold sub-regional shopping centre in Wollongong, New South Wales, Australia. Both Australian properties have an aggregate gross lettable area of approximately 1.7 million sq. ft.

Visit SPH REIT's website at www.sphreit.com.sg for more details.

ABOUT THE REIT MANAGER: SPH REIT MANAGEMENT PTE. LTD.

SPH REIT is managed by SPH REIT Management Pte. Ltd., a wholly-owned subsidiary of

Singapore Press Holdings Limited. The Manager's key objective for SPH REIT is to

provide Unitholders with regular and stable distributions, and sustainable long-term growth

in DPU and NAV per Unit, while maintaining an appropriate capital structure.

ABOUT THE SPONSOR: SINGAPORE PRESS HOLDINGS LTD

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leading media organisation, engaging minds and enriching lives across multiple

languages and platforms. SPH's core business is in the publishing of newspapers.

magazines and books in both print and digital editions. It also owns other digital products,

online classifieds, radio stations and outdoor media.

On the property front, SPH owns 66% in SPH REIT whose portfolio comprises three

properties in Singapore, namely Paragon, The Clementi Mall and The Rail Mall. In

Australia, SPH REIT holds an 85% stake in Figtree Grove Shopping Centre and a 50%

stake in Westfield Marion Shopping Centre. SPH also owns and operates The Seletar

Mall and is developing an integrated development consisting of The Woodleigh

Residences and The Woodleigh Mall. It is also an owner, manager and developer of a

portfolio of Purpose-Built Student Accommodation (PBSA) in the United Kingdom and

Germany. It currently operates two distinctive brands, Student Castle and Capitol

Students.

SPH is in the aged care sector in Singapore and Japan, and owns Orange Valley, one of

Singapore's largest nursing homes. It also invested in the education and events business.

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1H FY2021 Financial Results

Date: 29 March 2021



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This presentation shall be read in conjunction with SPH REIT's financial results for the first half and year-to-date ended 28 February 2021 in the SGXNET announcement.



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1H FY2021 Key highlights



1H FY2021 Gross Revenue & Distribution

- Gross revenue grew by 4.9% mainly contributed by full half year results from Westfield Marion vs 3 months from the same period last year
- Singapore portfolio gross revenue decreased by 6.7%, due to rental relief granted to eligible tenants; Australia eligible tenants rental relief have also been provided, in accordance to the Australia "Code of Leasing"
- Q2 FY2021 DPU of 1.24 cents represents 3.3% increase vs Q1 FY2021



Resilient Portfolio

- Portfolio occupancy remains high 98.0%
- WALE of 5.4 years by NLA & 3.0 years by GRI



Strong Balance Sheet through Prudent Capital Management

- Debt maturity is well staggered
- Secured refinancing of S\$215 million
- Gearing of 30.4%







1H FY2021 Financial performance

	1H FY2021 S\$'000	1H FY2020 S\$'000	Change %
Gross revenue	139,958 ^(a)	133,405	4.9
Property expenses	(35,104)	(29,909)	17.4
Net property income (NPI)	104,854	103,496	1.3
Distributable income to unitholders	76,181	77,348	(1.5)
Distribution to unitholders (b)	67,764	44,132	53.5
Distribution per unit (cents) (b)	2.44	1.68	45.2

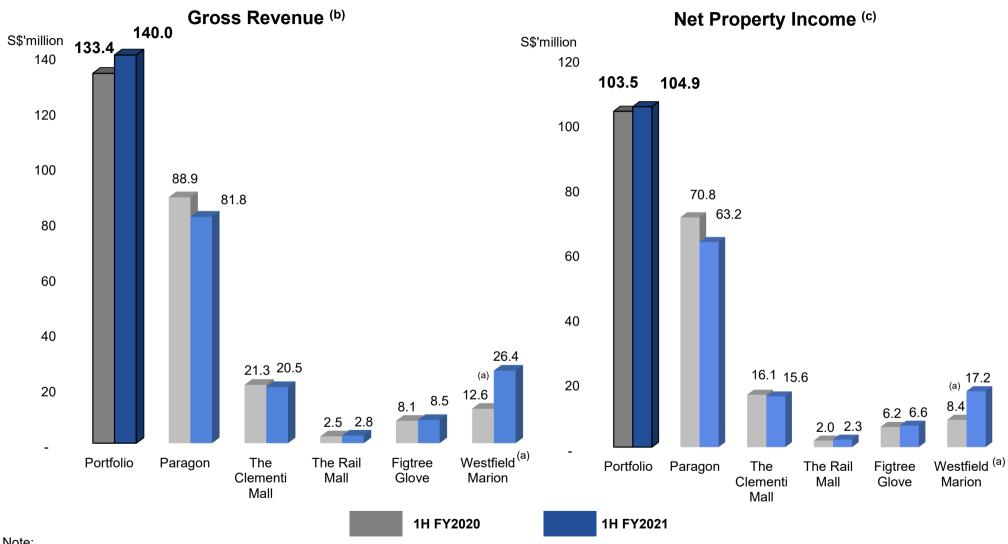
Note:

⁽b) The distribution to unitholders for 1H 2021 includes the release of approximately S\$7.3 million (0.26 cents) of FY20 distributable income deferred as allowed under COVID-19 relief measures



⁽a) Gross revenue is net of rental relief to tenants in Singapore

Gross Revenue and Net Property Income



Note:

- (a) Asset was acquired on 6 December 2019.
- (b) Gross revenue is net of rental relief to tenants in Singapore.
- (c) 1H FY2021 net property income for Figtree Grove & Westfield Marion excludes the allowance for rental arrears and relief.



Recovering distribution

S\$ cents 1.60 1.38 1.24 1.20 1.20 0.80 0.54 0.50 0.40 0.30 0.00 Q1 FY20 Q2 FY20 Q3 FY20 Q4 FY20 Q1 FY21 Q2 FY21



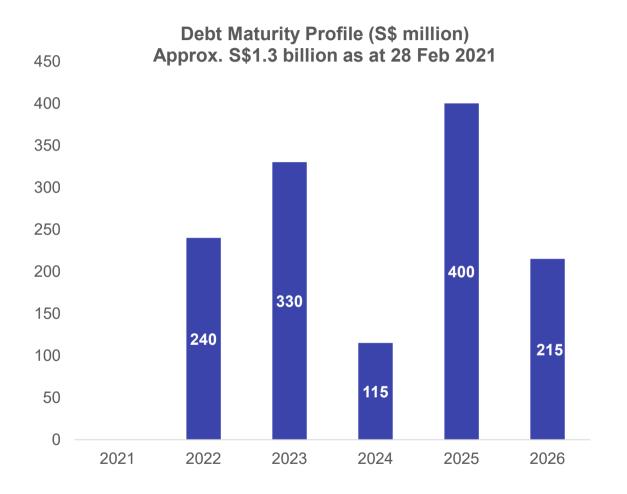


position **Capital** management

Financial position

S\$'000	28 February 2021	31 August 2020	Change (%)
Total assets	4,281,271	4,240,663	1.0
Total liabilities	1,428,549	1,425,954	0.2
Net assets	2,852,722	2,814,709	1.4
Net asset value per unit	S\$0.91	S\$0.91	-

Capital management



Gearing	30.4%
Average Cost of Debts for 1H FY2021	1.84%
Weighted Average Term to Maturity	3.1 years
Floating rate % Fixed rate %	50.5% 49.5%
Interest coverage ratio (1)	5.4 times
Available Facilities	S\$225m





Portfolio updates

2.7m

Net Lettable Area ("NLA") (sqft)

5.4 years

98.0%

Portfolio occupancy

3.0 years

by Gross Rental income

Singapore







The Clementi Mall



The Rail Mall

Australia



Westfield Marion, SA



Figtree Grove, NSW

	Singapore			Australia		
As of 28 February 2021	Paragon	The Clementi Mall	The Rail Mall	Westfield Marion	Figtree Grove	
NLA (sqft)	715,264	195,242	49,767	1,475,483	236,667	
Occupancy rate	97.1%	100.0%	100.0%	97.9%	99.2%	

Rental reversion

As at 28 February 2021	Number of renewals / new leases ⁽¹⁾	NLA renewed/ new leases (sqft)	As a % of properties' NLA	Change compared to preceding rental rates ⁽³⁾
PARAGON	29	149,862	21.0%	1.3%
CLEMENTI	7	15,930	8.2%	-7.8%
TheroMol	5	5,998	12.1%	5.4%
Singapore assets	41	171,790	17.9% ⁽²⁾	0.4%(4)

Note:

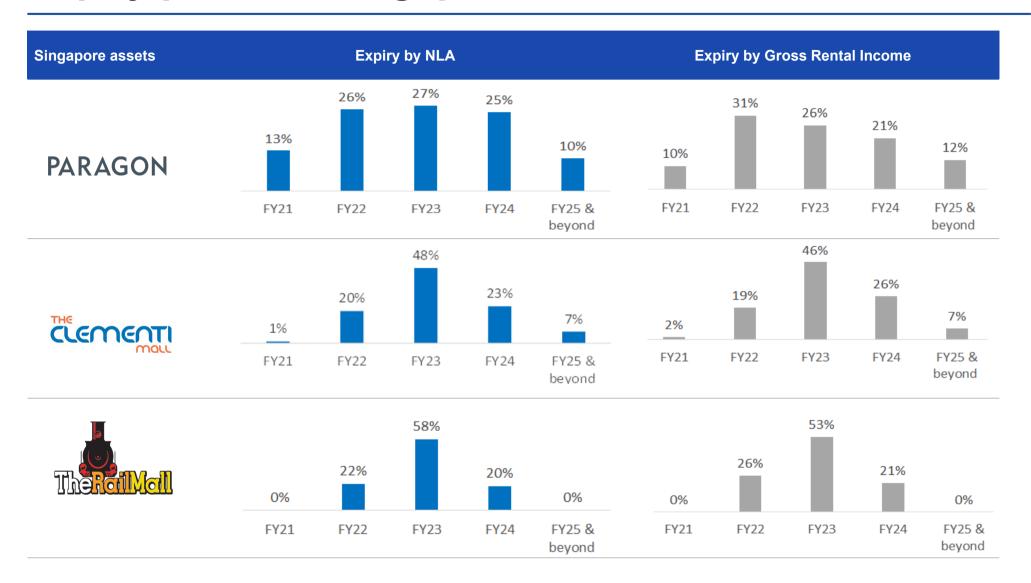
- (1) For expiries in 1H FY2021, excluding newly created and reconfigured units
- (2) As a % of SPH REIT portfolio's total Net Lettable Area ("NLA") of 960,273 sqft as at 28 February 2021.
- (3) The change is measured between average rents of the renewed & new lease terms and the average rents of the preceding lease terms. Preceding leases were typically committed three years ago.
- (4) Reversion rate is computed based on weighted average of all expiring leases.



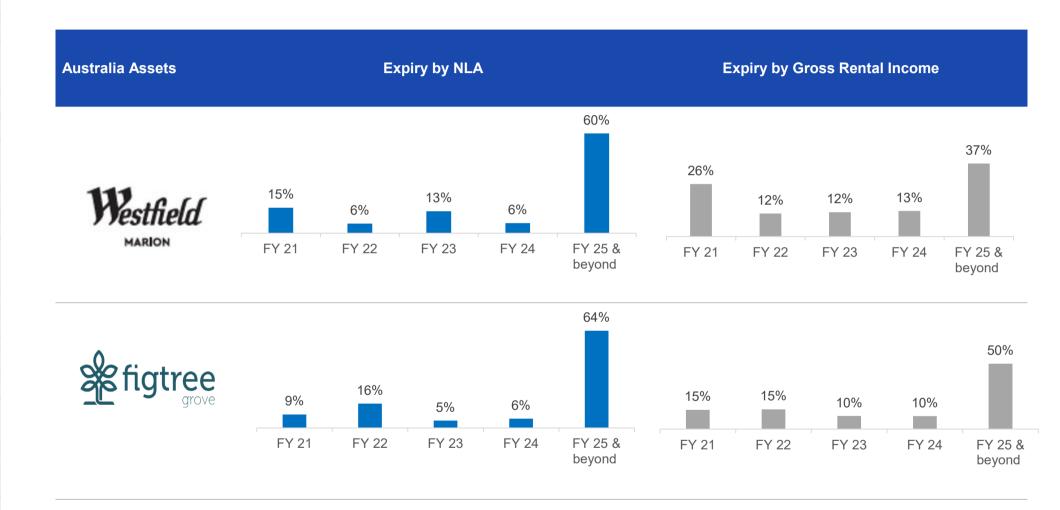
Expiry profile – portfolio

Lease expiry as at 28 February 2021	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25 & beyond
SPH REIT Portfolio					
Expiries as a % of total NLA	13%	13%	19%	13%	42%
Expiries as a % of Gross rental income	14%	22%	24%	19%	21%
Singapore assets					
Expiries as a % of total NLA	10%	24%	33%	24%	9%
Expiries as a % of Gross rental income	8%	28%	31%	22%	11%
Australia assets					
Expiries as a % of total NLA	14%	7%	12%	6%	60%
Expiries as a % of Gross rental income	25%	12%	12%	13%	39%

Expiry profile – Singapore assets



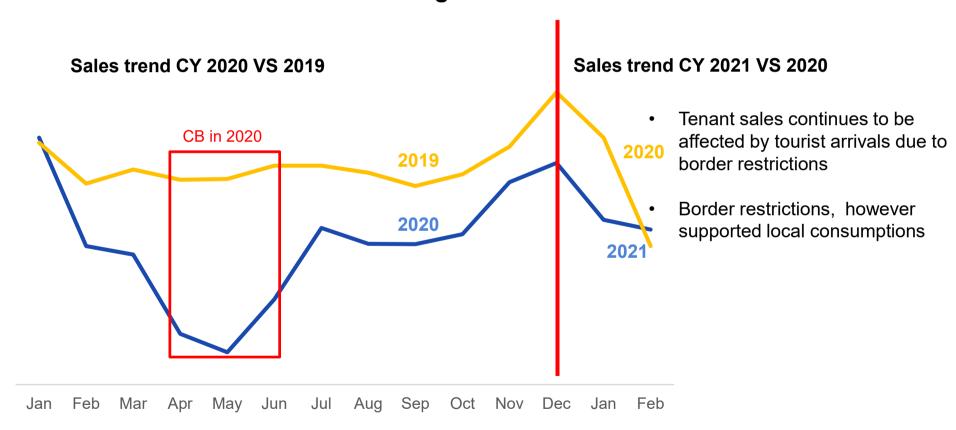
Expiry profile – Australia assets



Tenant sales – Sgp Assets

PARAGON

Tenant sales recovery since "circuit breaker" and the phased lifting of safe distancing measures



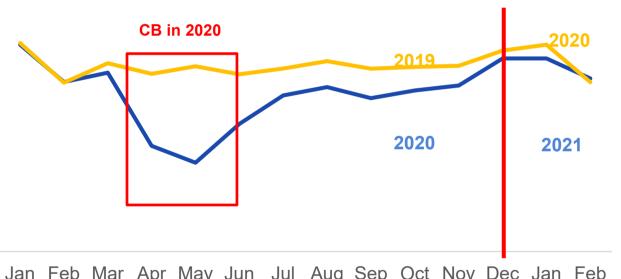
Tenant sales – Sgp Assets



Tenant sales recovery in line with resilient suburban malls performance

Sales trend CY 2020 VS 2019

Sales trend CY 2021 VS 2020



- Tenant mix offering necessities mitigated the drop in sales during the **COVID** period
- Phased relaxing of safe distancing provided impetus for consumption





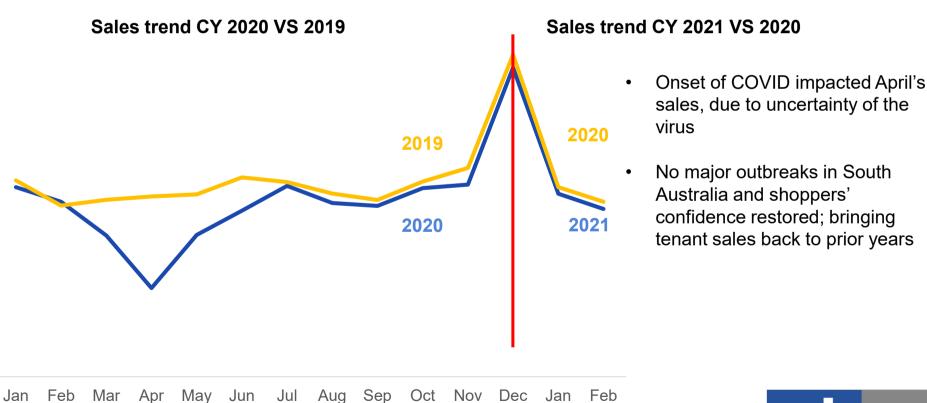
 The Rail Mall was acquired in June 2018, and since then, tenant sales submissions are progressively integrated into the lease arrangements.



Tenant sales -Aus assets



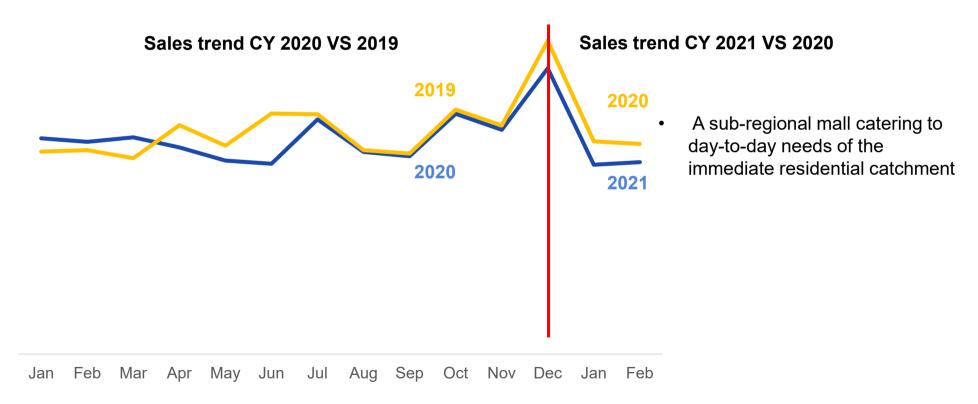
Resilient tenant sales backed by prompt actions to manage the isolated virus incidents



Tenant sales -Aus assets



Resilient tenant sales as it is a dominant asset in Wollongong





Multi-pronged strategy to ensure growth

Proactive asset management and asset enhancement strategy

- Ensure that interests of all stakeholders, including tenants, shoppers and Unitholders are protected while keeping its properties at the forefront of evolving retail mall trends and relevant to changing demands of consumers
- Continually optimise tenant mix of its properties
- Deliver high quality service to tenants and become the landlord of choice in the retail real estate space
- Implement asset enhancement initiatives and implement pro-active marketing plans

Investments and acquisition growth strategy

- ROFR on the Sponsor's future income-producing properties used primarily⁽¹⁾ for retail purposes in Asia Pacific:
 - ➤ One applicable ROFR property, The Seletar Mall which opened in 2014 has maintained high occupancy; the second ROFR, The Woodleigh Mall is currently under construction.
 - Explore acquisition opportunities that will add value to SPH REIT's portfolio and improve returns to Unitholders.

Note:

(1) 'primarily' means more than 50.0% of net lettable area or (in the case of a property where the concept of net lettable area is not applicable) gross floor area.



Market outlook

Singapore

- Ministry of Trade and Industry (MTI)'s GDP growth forecast for calendar year 2021 is 4% to 6%.
- Department of Statistics Singapore (DOS) reported that the retail sales index (excluding motor vehicles) decreased by 8.4% y-o-y in January 2021.
- Singapore Tourism Board (STB) international visitor arrivals from September 2020 to February 2021 declined 99% due to travel restrictions. Even with the rollout of vaccines, STB expects mass international travel will be unlikely to resume in a major way in 2021 as it will take time for traveler confidence to return.

Australia

- Reserve Bank of Australia expects GDP to grow by around 3.5% in calendar year 2021 and consumption to recover to pre-pandemic levels around the end of calendar year 2021.
- According to the latest Australian Bureau of Statistics, retail turnover rose 10.6% in January 2021 compared to January 2020.

Portfolio

- Although COVID-19 impact is still uncertain, with the rapid rollout of the vaccination in Singapore as well as around the world, the COVID-19 situation will be better contained leading to a recovery in travel.
- Near term focus is to maintain healthy occupancy and sustainable rental income in partnership with tenants, whilst carefully managing cost.
- Positioning assets to be ready for recovery with the core objective of preserving unitholders long term returns.



Distribution details & timeline



Distribution details and timeline

Distribution period	Q2 FY2021 (1 December 2020 – 28 February 2021)
Distribution per unit ^(a)	1.24 cents per unit
Annualised distribution yield ^(b)	5.93%
Ex-date	6 April 2021
Record date	7 April 2021
Payment date	11 May 2021

Note:

- (a) Distribution per unit includes 0.13 cents from the release of FY2020 income deferred as allowed under COVID-19 relief measures announced by IRAS
- (b) Computed based on 1H FY2021 distribution annualised and S\$0.83 per unit closing price on 28 February 2021.





Thank You

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