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# **Overview of Proposed Acquisition**

Proposed Acquisition	Proposed acquisition of an additional 24.5% effective interest in NEX ("Proposed Acquisition")  After the Draw and Acquisition, ECT will have an effective 50.0% interest in NEX.		
	<ul> <li>After the Proposed Acquisition, FCT will have an effective 50.0% interest in NEX</li> </ul>		
Agreed Property Value	<ul><li>\$\$2,127.0 million (S\$3,352 per sq ft of NLA including CSFS)</li></ul>		
	<ul> <li>Average of the two independent valuations of the Property of S\$2,144.0 million by Colliers and S\$2,110.0 million by JLL as at 31 December 2023</li> </ul>		
	<ul> <li>NPI yield based on Agreed Property Value (FY2023): 4.8%</li> </ul>		
Estimated Total Acquisition Cost	Approximately \$\$523.1 million <sup>2</sup>		
Proposed Funding	<ul> <li>The Manager intends to finance the estimated Total Acquisition Cost (excluding the GRPL Bank Loans and the Acquisition Fee Units) through the net proceeds from the Private Placement launched on 25 January 2024 and debt financing</li> </ul>		
Extraordinary General Meeting	<ul> <li>Proposed Acquisition is subject to unitholders' approval at an extraordinary general meeting to be convened on 25 March 2024</li> </ul>		

<sup>1.</sup> The Proposed Acquisition will be effected through the acquisition of all the ordinary shares in the capital of FCL Emerald which holds a 49.0% interest in NP Trust and a 49.0% interest in Frasers Property Coral Pte. Ltd., the NP Trustee-Manager.

<sup>2.</sup> Comprising (a) the acquisition price payable by the Trustee in respect of the Proposed Acquisition of approximately \$\$321.3 million; (b) approximately \$\$5.2 million for the acquisition fee payable to the Manager; (c) approximately \$\$0.6 million for other Acquisition-related fees and expenses; and (d) the GRPL Bank Loans, of which the pro rata share attributable to FCL Emerald's shareholding interest in GRPL is estimated to be approximately \$\$196.0 million. For the avoidance of doubt, the GRPL bank loans will not be discharged by GRPL under the Proposed Acquisition.

# **Property highlights – NEX**

## Largest suburban mall in the Northeast of Singapore

Location	23 Serangoon Central, Singapore 556083	
Title	99-year leasehold title commencing from 26 June 2008 (Approximately 84 years remaining)	
Description	Seven levels of retail space, including two basement levels (Total: 326 leases)	
GFA	942,131 sq ft	
NLA <sup>1</sup>	634,631 sq ft	
Committed Occupancy	100.0% as at 31 December 2023	



#### **Bus / MRT Connectivity**

**Key Tenants** 

Location



Serangoon North MRT (future)













Serangoon Bus Interchange

Includes 17,562 sq ft for CSFS use.



**Investment rationale** 

## Investment rationale

1

# **NEX** is a high-quality prime suburban retail asset with competitive strengths

- Well-located with excellent transportation links
- NEX is the largest prime suburban mall in Northeastern region of Singapore
- Excellent catchment with projected population growth supported by housing developments

2

# Strategic fit to FCT's prime suburban retail portfolio

- Strengthens FCT's leading position in the Singapore prime suburban retail market
- Enhances diversification and resilience of FCT
- Improves FCT's overall retail portfolio performance on a pro forma basis

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## **NEX** is well-positioned to grow

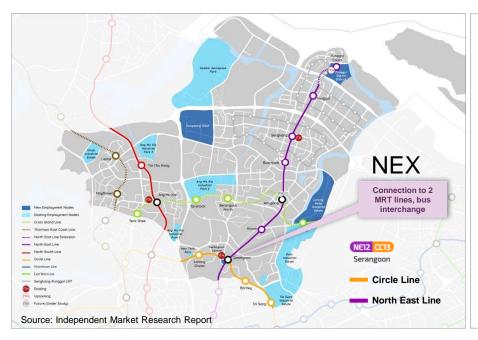
- Growth through AEI, tenant remix strategy and rent improvement
- Improvement in gross revenue per NLA and shopper traffic
- Opportunity for rent growth through space reconfiguration
- NEX's lower effective occupancy cost provides rent growth opportunity for FCT's Retail Portfolio
- Potential opportunity to restructure for tax transparency, directly improving distributable income

4

#### **DPU-accretive acquisition**

 Expected to be 1.5% DPU-accretive on a Combined Acquisition basis

# Well-located with excellent transportation links



- NEX attracted approximately 36.2 million shopper traffic in FY2023, the second highest within FCT's Retail Portfolio<sup>1</sup>
- Excellent public transportation links via direct connectivity to MRT interchange and bus terminal that underpin healthy shopper traffic and leasing demand
- Future Cross Island Line Phase 1 (expected to complete in 2030) will enhance the connectivity and travelling time to NEX and improve its shopper traffic²

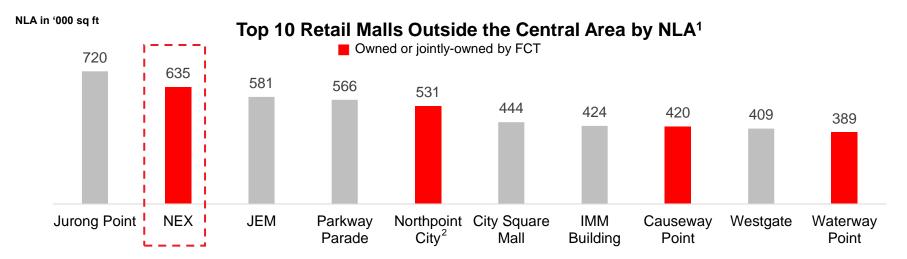
1. "Retail Portfolio" refers to all the retail malls in FCT's existing portfolio and includes Waterway Point (50.0%-owned by FCT) and NEX (currently effective 25.5%-owned by FCT) but excludes Central Plaza which is an office property.

2. Source: Independent Market Research Report



# Largest prime suburban mall in Northeastern region of Singapore

- With a NLA of over 634,000 sq ft, NEX is the largest suburban mall in the northeast of Singapore and it is also the second-largest suburban mall in Singapore
- Acquisition of NEX strengthens FCT's leading position in Singapore's prime suburban retail market with four prime suburban malls among the top ten largest retail malls (by NLA) outside the Central Area owned or jointly-owned by FCT



Source: Independent Market Research Report

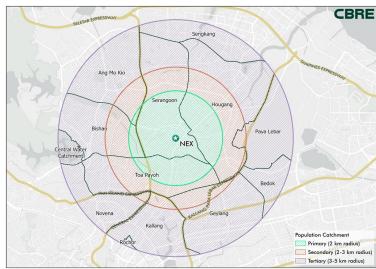
<sup>1.</sup> Excluded Jewel Changi Airport, Changi Airport retail space, VivoCity, Harbourfront Centre, Quayside Isle and Mess Hall @ Sentosa from malls outside Central Area of Singapore.

<sup>2.</sup> Northpoint City includes both North Wing and South Wing; South Wing is jointly owned by the Sponsor and another investor.

# 1

# **Excellent catchment with projected population growth supported by housing developments**

- NEX's primary and secondary trade areas have an average population density of approximately 19,600 per sq km, which is more than twice the national population density of approximately 7,500 per sq km
- Residents in NEX's primary and secondary trade areas have purchasing power per capita of S\$40,777 per year which is higher than the national average of S\$40,196 per year
- New residential units supply to be completed in the next five years is expected to increase catchment population by an estimated 19,800 people, representing 8.1% population growth in NEX's primary trade area
- A new 14,500 sqm GFA polyclinic is currently under construction on a site opposite NEX. When completed in 2025, it will be the largest polyclinic (by floor area) in Singapore and is expected to bring additional footfall to NEX



Trade Area	Population	Population Density / sq km <sup>1</sup>	Purchasing Power Per Capita (per year)
a) Primary	244,100	19,400	S\$ 41,752
b) Secondary	309,000	19,700	S\$ 40,007
Aggregate a) + b)	553,100	19,600	S\$ 40,777
Singapore <sup>2</sup>	5,538,300	7,500²	S\$ 40,196

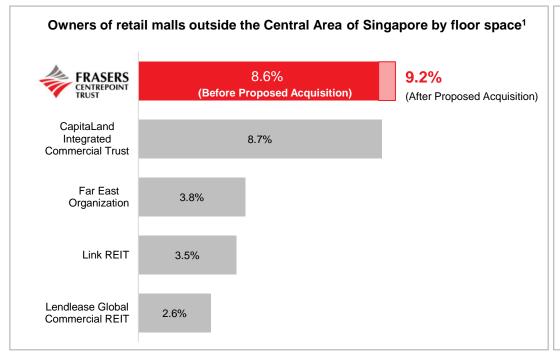
Source: Independent Market Research Report

Figures rounded to the nearest hundred.

The population has since grown by 5.0% to 5.9 million in 2023, representing a population density of 8,060 / sq. km.

# Strategic fit to FCT's prime suburban retail portfolio

#### Strengthens FCT's leading position in the Singapore prime suburban retail market



- Acquisition of NEX will uplift FCT to be the largest prime suburban retail space owner in Singapore
- Enhances FCT's ability to attract and retain retailers, and to offer them a wider choice of locations as they look to expand

Source: Independent Market Research Report

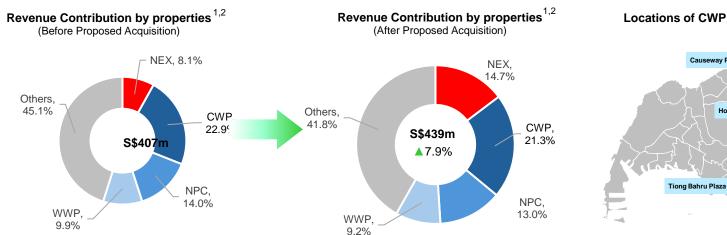
<sup>1.</sup> The above chart includes malls that are located in Rest of Central Region and Outside Central Region of Singapore, but excludes the following malls: Jewel Changi Airport, Changi Airport retail space, VivoCity, Harbourfront Centre, Quayside Isle and Mess Hall @ Sentosa.



# Strategic fit to FCT's prime suburban retail portfolio

#### Enhances diversification and resilience of FCT's Retail Portfolio

- FCT's Retail Portfolio's revenue base will be further diversified with the increased contribution from NEX post Proposed Acquisition from 8.1% to 14.7% and improve the resilience of FCT's performance in the long run
- NEX will be the second-largest property by revenue contribution within FCT's Retail Portfolio after Causeway Point



Locations of CWP, NPC, WWP and NEX



Notes: CWP: Causeway Point; NPC: Northpoint City North Wing (including Yishun 10 retail podium); WWP: Waterway Point

<sup>1.</sup> Based on FY2023 gross revenue of the Retail Portfolio which excludes Changi City Point (divested on 31 October 2023).

<sup>2.</sup> Based on FCT's proportionate share in Waterway Point and NEX.

# 2

# Strategic fit to FCT's prime suburban retail portfolio

#### Enhances diversification and resilience of FCT's Retail Portfolio

- Essential trades make up nearly half of NEX's trade mix, similar to the comparable malls in FCT's Retail Portfolio
- This reinforces FCT's trade mix focus on essential trades and services, which underpins FCT's resilience in its
  operating performance





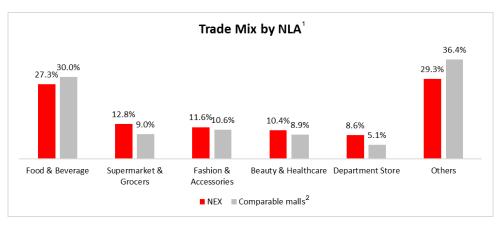
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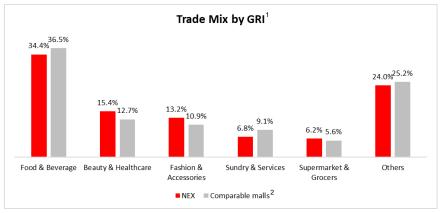
<sup>2.</sup> Comparable malls in FCT's Retail Portfolio are Causeway Point, Northpoint City North Wing and Waterway Point.

# Strategic fit to FCT's prime suburban retail portfolio

#### Enhances diversification and resilience of FCT's Retail Portfolio

• The similarity between NEX's trade mix and the comparable malls in FCT's Retail Portfolio also helps to strengthen FCT's partnerships with its retailers and provide wider options for them as they expand





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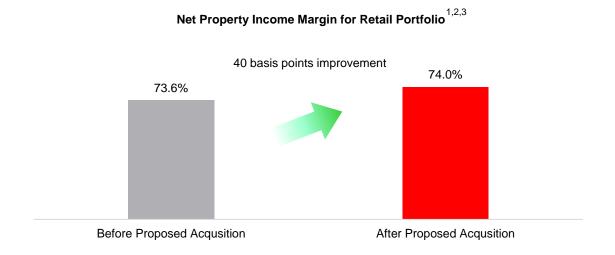
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# 2

# Strategic fit to FCT's prime suburban retail portfolio

#### Improves FCT's overall retail portfolio performance on a pro forma basis

The increased interest in NEX is expected to uplift the Retail Portfolio's NPI margin on a pro forma basis



<sup>1.</sup> Excludes Changi City Point (divested on 31 October 2023) and Tampines 1 (ongoing AEI).

<sup>2.</sup> Based on FCT's proportionate share in Waterway Point and NEX.

<sup>3.</sup> Based on FY2023 gross revenue and net property income.

#### Growth through AEI, tenant remix strategy and rent improvement



#### Key AEI opportunities to unlock value and improve performance<sup>1</sup>

- Re-deploy approximately 60,000 sq ft<sup>2</sup> of non-commercial carpark GFA for retail and office use
- Slab over voids on multiple floors to create new retail spaces



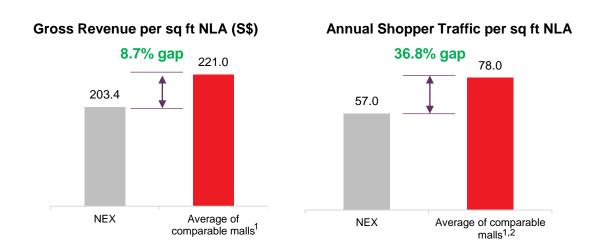
- Reconfigure existing areas to improve space efficiency and optimise rental potential
- Refresh and improve retail offering to cater to shopper needs and growing catchment
- Target return on investment (ROI) above 7% based on indicative development costing of S\$80.0 million to S\$100.0 million for the enhancement opportunities indicated above<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1.</sup> Subject to relevant authorities' and joint venture partner's approvals.

<sup>2.</sup> Based on preliminary feasibility studies undertaken by GRPL.

#### Improvement in gross revenue per NLA and shopper traffic

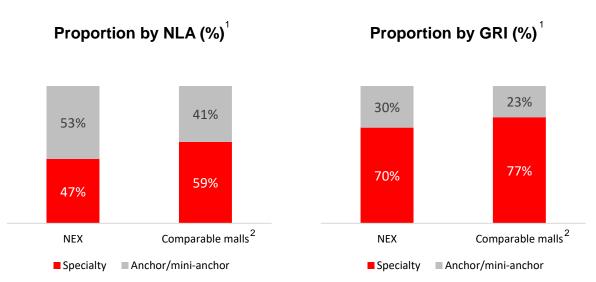
- Improve NEX's gross revenue per NLA through rent growth and increasing contribution from the ancillary revenues
- Increase NEX's annual shopper traffic per NLA through active property management and targeted marketing strategies as well as from future catchment population growth



- 1. Comparable malls in FCT's Retail Portfolio are Causeway Point, Northpoint City North Wing and Waterway Point.
- 2. The shopper traffic figure includes the shopper traffic for both Northpoint City North Wing and Northpoint City South Wing.

#### Opportunity for rent growth through space reconfiguration

- There is opportunity for NEX to reconfigure and right-size tenancies to improve trading productivity and rental yield
- This will further diversify the retail offering for its shoppers



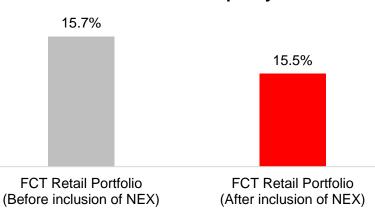
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# **NEX's lower effective occupancy cost provides** rent growth opportunity

 NEX has a healthy effective occupancy cost and there is good rental growth potential

#### FY2023 Effective Occupancy Cost <sup>1</sup>



<sup>1.</sup> Excludes Changi City Point (divested on 31 October 2023) and Tampines 1 (ongoing AEI).

# Potential opportunity to restructure for tax transparency, directly improving distributable income



- There is potential opportunity to achieve tax transparency for NEX through the conversion of the entity status to a limited liability partnership structure
- This is subject to the joint venture partner's agreement and relevant authorities' approval
- If approved, this could result in annual tax savings and would be accretive to the earnings of NEX

## **DPU-accretive acquisition**

#### Expected to be 1.5% DPU-accretive on Combined Acquisition basis

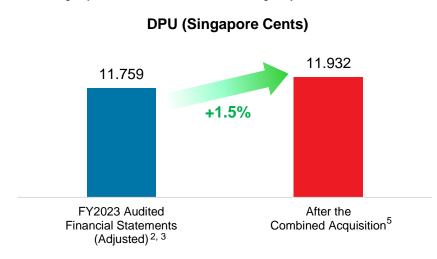
#### **Proposed Acquisition**

No adjustment for divestment of Changi City Point and Hektar REIT

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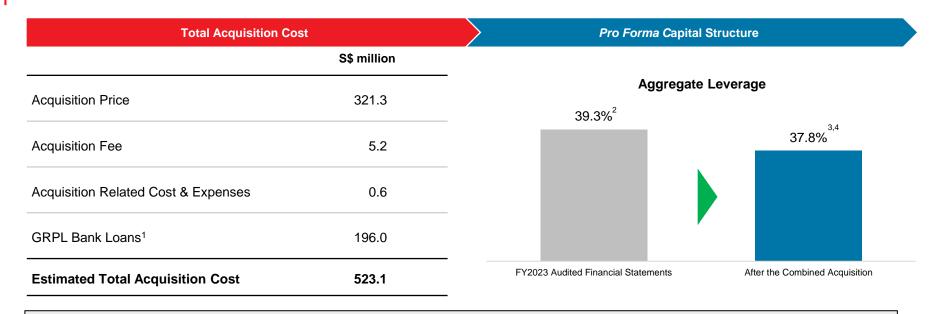
#### Combined Acquisition<sup>1</sup>

Including adjustments for divestment of Changi City Point and Hektar REIT



- 1. The Combined Acquisition represents the acquisition by FCT of an effective interest of 50.0% in GRPL, which holds NEX
- 2. Based on FY2023 Audited Financial Statements and adjustments made to assume that the divestments of Changi City Point and interests in Hektar REIT took place on 30 September 2022 and excluding the financial effects of the following one-off items: (A) the recognition of S\$3.8 million of grant income in relation to property tax rebates and cash grant received from the Inland Revenue Authority of Singapore; and (B) property tax refund of S\$1.1 million received in relation to the outcome of the food court appeal and reduction in the prior year annual value for atrium space.
- 3. Excluding the financial effects of the acquisition of an effective interest of 25.5% in GRPL which was completed on 6 February 2023. The Manager is of the view that the financial effects of acquiring NEX against the portfolio without any interests in NEX would present the true value of NEX to Unitholders and is also consistent with the Manager's intention of an eventual acquisition of 50.0% in GRPL, which holds NEX.
- 4. Based on the enlarged number of issued and issuable Units, including (a) approximately 91.7 million New Units at S\$2.18 per Unit issued pursuant to the Private Placement; (b) approximately 2.4 million Acquisition Fee Units issued in connection with the Proposed Acquisition; and (c) 100% of the Manager's management fee in relation to the Proposed Acquisition payable and settled in Units.
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# **Total Acquisition Cost and Capital Structure**



The Manager intends to finance the Total Acquisition Cost (excluding the GRPL Bank Loans and the Acquisition Fee Units) through the net proceeds from the Private Placement completed on 25 January 2024 and debt financing.

<sup>1.</sup> Based on the pro rata share of FCL Emerald's shareholding interest in GRPL. For avoidance of doubt, the GRPL Bank Loans will not be discharged by GRPL under the Proposed Acquisition.

<sup>2.</sup> In accordance with Property Fund Appendix, the aggregate leverage includes FCT's proportionate 50.0% interest in the deposited property value and borrowings in SST which owns Waterway Point and the proportionate 25.5% effective interest in the deposited property value and borrowings in GRPL.

<sup>3.</sup> Based on FY2023 Audited Financial Statements and adjustments made to assume that the divestments of Changi City Point and interests in Hektar REIT took place on 30 September 2023.

<sup>4.</sup> Includes FCT's proportionate 50.0% interest in the deposited property value and borrowings in SST and the proportionate 50.0% effective interest in the deposited property value and borrowings in GRPL.

# **Summary**

# Delivering growth and value and reinforcing FCT's leadership in the Singapore suburban retail market





NEX is a high quality prime suburban retail asset, a **strategic fit** to FCT's portfolio and is **well-positioned to grow** 



NEX serves an **excellent growing catchment population** with relatively high purchasing power, with future connectivity improvement



The Proposed Acquisition strengthens FCT's leading position as the largest prime suburban retail space owner in Singapore and the largest pureplay retail S-REIT



The Proposed Acquisition is expected to be **DPU-accretive** based on historical pro forma financial information and is in line with the Manager's strategic objectives to deliver long-term growth in NAV and stable distributions to FCT's Unitholders



# **Appendix**

# Leading pure play Singapore suburban retail REIT

#### Portfolio of 9 suburban prime retail properties in Singapore

#### AUM S\$6.5 billion<sup>1</sup>

as at 31 December 2023

# 2.7 million sq ft<sup>2</sup> >1,600 leases

Retail Portfolio<sup>3</sup> NLA as at 31 December 2023

#### 3.0 million4

**Catchment Population** 



















- S\$6.5 billion AUM includes the assets of the joint ventures and associates on a pro-rata basis.
- NLA includes CSFS space.
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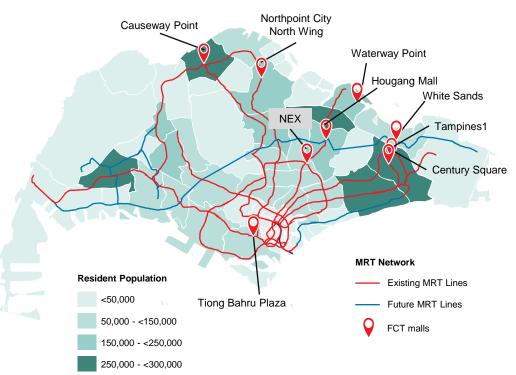
4. Aggregate catchment population within 3km of each property in the portfolio. Population in overlapping areas are only counted once. Source: Cistri, 2023

# FCT's suburban retail malls are well-connected to transport network

#### Supports shopper traffic and retailers' demand for prime retail space

Connectivity to public transport nodes Accessibility provides a consistent feed of shopper traffic to the malls Well-connected malls are convenient venues, near homes and especially Convenience important in an era of hybrid work arrangement, for click-and-collect, last mile delivery and social meeting hubs FCT malls are located in high

Geographic coverage FCT malls are located in high population density areas and the portfolio serves an aggregate 3.0 million catchment



## FCT's retail malls are located in low retail space per capita areas

#### Lower competition within established catchment

Relatively low retail supply in Singapore Singapore's retail space per capita at **6.2 sq ft NLA** is lower than that of major Asian cities<sup>1</sup> such as Hong Kong and Kuala Lumpur, and is expected to **remain stable through 2027** 

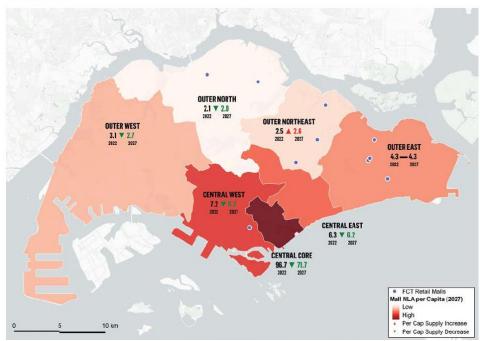
Strategically located

FCT malls are located in areas with **lower retail space per capita** compared to the national average

Headroom for organic growth

Low retail space per capita generally implies **lower competing supply** nearby and more **headroom for growth** for existing malls



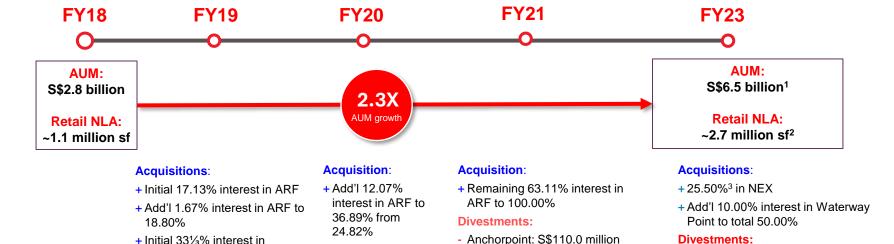


Source: CISTRI, FCT Annual Report 2023 pages 52-53

<sup>1.</sup> Shopping centre floorspace per capita (sq ft NLA) for Kuala Lumpur is 10.9, for Hong Kong is 10.8 and for Bangkok is 11.9

## FCT's portfolio growth journey

#### Stronger portfolio focused on the suburban prime retail sector in Singapore



- YewTee Point: S\$220.0 million

Bedok Point: S\$108.0 million

1. After the completion of announced divestments of Changi City Point and interest in Hektar REIT.

Waterway Point

40.00%

ARF

+ Add'l 63/3% interest in

Waterway Point to total

+ Increased interest in ARF to 24.82% from 18.80%, arising from the capital redemption of

- 2. NLA includes CSFS space.
- 3. FCT and its sponsor Frasers Property Limited jointly acquired 50.00% in GRPL, the entity holding the retail property NEX, in February 2023. FCT's effective interest in GRPL is 25.50% and FPL holds 24.50% effective interest in GRPL.

- Changi City Point: S\$338.0 million

- Hektar REIT: S\$38.7 million

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AEI:

## **Performance of NEX and Waterway Point**

#### Improved performance since acquisition

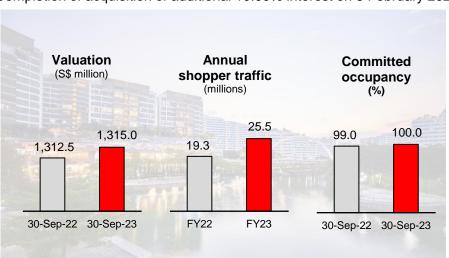
#### **NEX**

Completion of acquisition of 25.50% interest on 6 February 2023



#### **Waterway Point**

Completion of acquisition of additional 10.00% interest on 8 February 2023



<sup>1.</sup> Based on agreed value of \$\$2077.8 million in the announcement "Proposed Joint Acquisition Of 50% Of Gold Ridge Pte. Ltd. Which Holds The Property Located At 23 Serangoon Central" dated 26 January 2023.

<sup>2.</sup> Based on 12-month period ending 31 January 2023, which was prior to the acquisition completion date on 6 February 2023.

<sup>3.</sup> As at 31 January 2023.



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