

(a real estate investment trust constituted on 5 August 2015 under the laws of the Republic of Singapore)

#### **ANNOUNCEMENT**

### **UPDATE IN RELATION TO THE LEASES AT HENGDE LOGISTICS**

EC World Asset Management Pte. Ltd., in its capacity as manager of EC World Real Estate Investment Trust ("EC World REIT", and as manager of EC World REIT, the "Manager") refers to the following leases which have been entered into between the EC World REIT group (as lessor) and China Tobacco Zhejiang Industrial Co., Ltd ("China Tobacco") (as lessee) in relation to Hengde Logistics:

- (i) the lease with a term from 5 October 2020 to 31 December 2023 in relation to 159,752 square metres of Hengde Logistics ("Hengde Phase 1"); and
- (ii) the lease with a term from 9 May 2021 to 31 December 2023 in relation to 74,057 square metres of Hengde Logistics ("Hengde Phase 2").

The Manager wishes to update unitholders of EC World REIT ("**Unitholders**") that despite the Manager's active negotiations with China Tobacco in relation to the renewal of the lease at Hengde Phase 1, China Tobacco has decided to discontinue the lease.

The Manager is currently in discussions with China Tobacco in relation to the proposed renewal of the lease at Hengde Phase 2.

The Manager is conducting a review of Hengde Logistics, including exploring a new leasing strategy for Hengde Phase 1.

The Manager will provide Unitholders with a further update as and when there are material developments.

# **Cautionary Statement**

Unitholders are advised to read this announcement and any further announcements by the Manager carefully. The Manager wishes to highlight that there is no certainty or assurance as at the date of this announcement that any discussions or prospects will be successfully concluded or any definitive agreements in relation to any transactions will be entered into, or that any transactions previously announced by the Manager will be completed by the stipulated long-stop date (or at all). Unitholders should consult their stockbrokers, bank managers, solicitors or other professional advisors if they have any doubt about the actions they should take.

The Manager will make further announcements on the SGXNET in the event there are any material developments which warrant disclosure, in compliance with its obligations under the Listing Manual. Unitholders and investors are advised to refrain from taking any action in respect of Units which may be prejudicial to their interests, and to exercise caution when dealing in the Units. Persons who are in doubt as to the action they should take should consult their stockbroker, bank manager, solicitor or other professional advisers.

For and on behalf of the Board **EC WORLD ASSET MANAGEMENT PTE. LTD.**(as manager of EC World Real Estate Investment Trust)
(Company Registration No. 201523015N)

### **Goh Toh Sim**

Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer 31 October 2023

## **Important Notice**

The value of the units in EC World REIT (the "**Units**") and the income derived from them may fall as well as rise. The Units are not obligations of, deposits in, or guaranteed by, the Manager, the Trustee or any of their affiliates.

An investment in the Units is subject to investment risks, including the possible loss of the principal amount invested. Investors have no right to request the Manager to redeem their Units while the Units are listed. It is intended that Unitholders may only deal in their Units through trading on the SGX-ST. Listing of the Units on the SGX-ST does not guarantee a liquid market for the Units.

Unitholders and potential investors are advised to exercise caution when dealing in Units. Unitholders and potential investors are advised to read this announcement and any further announcements to be released by EC World REIT carefully. Unitholders and potential investors should consult their stockbrokers, bank managers, solicitors or other professional advisers if they have any doubt about the actions they should take.

This announcement is for information only and does not constitute an invitation or offer to acquire, purchase or subscribe for the Units.

The past performance of EC World REIT is not necessarily indicative of the future performance of EC World REIT.

This announcement may contain forward-looking statements that involve risks and uncertainties. Actual future performance, outcomes and results may differ materially from those expressed in forward-looking statements as a result of a number of risks, uncertainties and assumptions. Representative examples of these factors include (without limitation) general industry and economic conditions, interest rate trends, cost of capital and capital availability, competition from similar developments, shifts in expected levels of property rental income, changes in operating expenses, property expenses and governmental and public policy changes. You are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which are based on the Manager's current view of future events.