

# FRASERS LOGISTICS & COMMERCIAL TRUST ACQUIRES A PRIME FREEHOLD SUBURBAN COMMERCIAL PROPERTY IN AUSTRALIA

- Prime freehold suburban commercial property in Mount Waverly, Victoria, Australia, for an asset purchase consideration of A\$60.25 million (approximately S\$58.4 million<sup>1</sup>)
- 100%<sup>2</sup> occupancy rate with a WALE of 5.0 years<sup>2</sup>

## SINGAPORE, 19 MAY 2022

Frasers Logistics & Commercial Asset Management Pte. Ltd., the manager of Frasers Logistics & Commercial Trust ("**FLCT**" and the manager of FLCT, the "**REIT Manager**"), is pleased to announce the proposed acquisition of a fully leased freehold suburban commercial property in Mount Waverley, Victoria, Australia (the "**Property**") from an unrelated third party, Fortune Building No.3 Pty Ltd (the "**Acquisition**"). The asset purchase consideration for the Property is A\$60.25 million (approximately S\$58.4 million) (the "**Purchase Consideration**").

The Purchase Consideration was negotiated on a willing buyer and willing seller basis and taking into consideration the independent valuation conducted by CIVAS (VIC) Pty Limited ("**Colliers**") at A\$60.25 million (approximately S\$58.4 million)<sup>3</sup> as at 30 April 2022. The Colliers valuation is based on the capitalisation and discounted cash flow approaches and referenced comparable market transactions. The acquisition is expected to complete on 20 May 2022.

Mr. Robert Wallace, Chief Executive Officer of the REIT Manager, said, "The acquisition is aligned with our strategy to pursue strategic opportunities which provides attractive yields and enables us to leverage our management expertise in Australia. With the Property being 100% leased to reputable tenants in diverse industries, the Acquisition is expected to further enhance FLCT's quality tenant mix and portfolio metrics, while providing unitholders with a stable income stream."

# **KEY ATTRIBUTES OF THE ACQUISITION**

The Property is strategically located at 545 Blackburn Road, Mount Waverley, Victoria, Australia, within the heart of the City of Monash, one of the most populated municipalities in Victoria. The City of Monash has the highest concentration of employment outside Melbourne's CBD and the precinct continues to see growth and demand from businesses and investors due to its diverse industry, infrastructure investment and long-established residential markets within and around it.<sup>4</sup>

The Property is a five-storey A Grade suburban office building with a total net lettable area of 7,297 square metres ("**sqm**") comprising two retail tenancies on the ground level and four upper levels of office space. It is 100% leased to nine tenants with a weighted average lease expiry ("**WALE**") of approximately 5.0 years as at 31 March 2022. The building has a National Australian Built Environment Rating System energy rating of 4.5 stars.

According to JLL Research<sup>5</sup>, the Melbourne south-eastern office market recorded a positive net absorption of 14,221 sqm in 2021, which continued into the first quarter of 2022 with a positive net absorption of 1,684 sqm, backed by positive relocation activity from large tenants. Occupier demand is expected to be positive with recovery post-COVID-19 in the Melbourne south-eastern office market. Thus, the Manager is of the view that

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Unless otherwise stated, the S\$ equivalent of the A\$ figures in this press release have been arrived at based on an assumed exchange rate of A\$1:S\$0.97.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Based on gross rental income ("**GRI**"), being the contracted rental income and estimated recoverable outgoings for the month of March 2022. Excludes straight lining rental adjustments and include committed leases.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> The valuation of the Property does not take into account the effects of outstanding tenant incentives and landlord's works, which will be reimbursed by Fortune Building No.3 Pty Ltd by way of a cash adjustment on settlement, and the Purchase Consideration amount is also prior to the adjustment on settlement of such reimbursement.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Source: Monash Council Submission, 25 January 2022 (https://www.invest.vic.gov.au/opportunities/precincts/monash-nationalemployment-and-innovation-cluster)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Source: JLL Real Estate Intelligence Service, Melbourne South-East Suburbs Office Market 1Q22.

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good quality buildings such as the Property continue to be the preferred products in this market as flight to quality opportunities arise.

The Property will be FLCT's fourth commercial asset in Australia, increasing FLCT's exposure to the Australian market to 51.8% of its total portfolio value, from 51.3% prior to the Acquisition<sup>6</sup>. Post-Acquisition, based on the portfolio metrics as at 31 March 2022, portfolio occupancy rate will increase to 96.2% from 96.1% with a WALE at 4.6 years.

## FUNDING AND FINANCIAL EFFECTS

The total cost of the Acquisition is estimated to be A\$65.0 million (approximately S\$63.1 million), comprising the Purchase Consideration as well as the stamp duty payable, professional and other fees and expenses in connection with the Acquisition and the acquisition fee. The Acquisition will be funded from the divestment proceeds of Cross Street Exchange in Singapore<sup>7</sup>.

The Acquisition is not expected to have any material effect on FLCT's net tangible assets.

#### OTHER INFORMATION

Based on the relative figures as computed on the bases set out in Rule 1006 of the listing manual of Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited (the "Listing Manual"), the Acquisition is a "Non-Discloseable Transaction" within the meaning of Rule 1006 of the Listing Manual.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Based on the book value of FLCT's portfolio as at 31 March 2022 and excludes right-of-use assets for the existing portfolio, and based on the Purchase Consideration for the Property.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Please refer to the announcements dated 2 December 2021 and 25 January 2022 for details.

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#### About the Property

Completed in November 2016, the Property is a new and modern standalone office building in Melbourne's eastern and south-eastern commercial precinct, sited in a preferred location within the Monash precinct with convenient access to various major arterial roads. The Property is also only 480 metres to the Monash Freeway, which provides connectivity to both the eastern suburbs and is only 18 kilometres south-east of Melbourne's CBD.

Major tenants of the Property include General Mills Australia, Sushi Sushi, Bank of Melbourne, ECI Software Solutions and MST Lawyers. The Property is the Australian corporate headquarters of General Mills and Sushi Sushi.

#### **About Frasers Logistics & Commercial Trust**

Frasers Logistics & Commercial Trust ("**FLCT**") is a Singapore-listed real estate investment trust with a portfolio comprising 101 industrial and commercial properties, worth approximately S\$6.7 billion, diversified across five major developed markets – Australia, Germany, Singapore, the United Kingdom and the Netherlands. FLCT was listed on the Mainboard of Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited ("**SGX-ST**") on 20 June 2016 as Frasers Logistics & Industrial Trust and was subsequently renamed Frasers Logistics & Commercial Trust on 29 April 2020 following the completion of a merger with Frasers Commercial Trust.

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