

## ASCENDAS REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST PRIVATE PLACEMENT

## **USE OF PROCEEDS**

The Board of Directors of Ascendas Funds Management (S) Limited, in its capacity as the manager of Ascendas Real Estate Investment Trust ("A-REIT", and the manager of A-REIT, the "Manager"), is pleased to announce that further to its announcement dated 11 August 2009 in relation to the launch of the Private Placement (as defined herein) (the "Announcement") wherein it was stated that the intended use of the net proceeds from the Private Placement was to (i) fund the development of the high-tech built-to-suit facility for Singapore Telecommunications Limited (the "SingTel BTS") and (ii) partly or wholly fund potential acquisition of income-producing properties and built-to-suit development opportunities, S\$53.7 million of the net proceeds (which is equivalent to 18.1% and 17.8% of the net proceeds and gross proceeds of the Private Placement respectively) of S\$296.0 million from the private placement of 185,000,000 new units in A-REIT ("New Units") at an issue price of S\$1.63 per New Unit (the "Private Placement") has been used to fund the progress payment of the SingTel BTS. Such use is in accordance with the stated use and in accordance with the percentage of the gross proceeds of the Private Placement allocated to such use.

It was further stated in the Announcement that pending the deployment of the net proceeds from the Private Placement, the net proceeds may, subject to relevant laws and regulations, be deposited with banks and/or financial institutions or used to repay outstanding borrowings or for any other purpose on a short-term basis as the Manager may, in its absolute discretion, deem fit. The balance S\$242.3 million of the net proceeds from the Private Placement has been used to repay outstanding borrowings, pending the deployment of such funds for their intended use.

The Manager will make further announcements via SGXNET on the actual deployment of the net proceeds from the Private Placement as disclosed in the Announcement.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD ASCENDAS FUNDS MANAGEMENT (S) LIMITED (Company Registration No. 200201987K) (as manager of Ascendas Real Estate Investment Trust)

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Maria Theresa Belmonte Assistant Company Secretary 20 August 2009

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