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## **A-REIT Manager Appoints General Manager for the Australia Operations**

2 December 2015, Singapore – Ascendas Funds Management (S) Limited (the “**Manager**”), the manager of Ascendas Real Estate Investment Trust (“**A-REIT**”) wishes to announce that Mr Matthew Meredith is to be appointed General Manager in Australia with effect from 28 December 2015.

Mr Meredith will be responsible for the overall management of the Ascendas Funds Management (Australia) Pty Ltd (“**Australian manager**”), which has its business and operations in Australia and manages the investment of the property assets of the Ascendas REIT Australia trust. Within the Australian manager, Mr Meredith will be supported by a team of asset managers in Australia, and will report to the Chief Executive Officer of the Manager.

Mr Meredith is currently Head of Industrial at AMP Capital where his responsibilities include ensuring the delivery of value adding investment performance. Prior to his current role, Mr Meredith spent two years in Singapore with AMP Capital as Head of Office & Industrial Asia and was formerly the inaugural Head of Industrial from 2005 to 2007. Prior to joining AMP Capital, he was senior Asset Manager and Investment Manager (Industrial) with Colonial First State Property.

Mr Tan Ser Ping, Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer of the Manager said, “With the completion of our maiden acquisition in Australia, we are pleased to announce that Matthew Meredith is to be appointed as our General Manager in Australia. Matthew brings with him 20 years of experience in Australia and Asia across agency, valuation, asset management and acquisition disciplines. We believe that he has the experience and capabilities to execute A-REIT’s strategy in Australia and to deliver success from and grow our portfolio of Australian assets.”

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**About A-REIT ([www.a-reit.com](http://www.a-reit.com))**

A-REIT is Singapore's first and largest listed business space and industrial real estate investment trust. It has a diversified portfolio of 102 properties in Singapore, comprising business and science park properties, hi-specs industrial properties, light industrial properties, logistics and distribution centres, integrated development, amenities and retail properties, 26 logistics properties in Australia and 2 business park properties in China. As at 30 September 2015, total assets amount to about S\$8.3 billion. These properties house a tenant base of around 1,430 international and local companies from a wide range of industries and activities, including research and development, life sciences, information technology, engineering, light manufacturing, logistics service providers, electronics, telecommunications, manufacturing services and back-room office support in service industries. Major tenants include SingTel, Siemens, Honeywell, Zuellig Pharma, Citibank N.A., OSIM International, DBS Bank, Federal Express, Baidu, Inc., Johnson & Johnson, RSH, Infineon Technologies, Cold Storage and Hyflux.

A-REIT is listed in several indices. These include the FTSE Straits Times Index (with effect from 4 June 2014), the Morgan Stanley Capital International, Inc (MSCI) Index, the European Public Real Estate Association/National Association of Real Estate Investment Trusts (EPRA/NAREIT) Global Real Estate Index and Global Property Research (GPR) Asia 250. A-REIT has an issuer rating of "A3" by Moody's Investor Services.

A-REIT is managed by Ascendas Funds Management (S) Limited (in its capacity as manager of A-REIT), a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Singapore-based Ascendas Group and a member of the Ascendas-Singbridge Group.

**About Ascendas Group ([www.ascendas.com](http://www.ascendas.com))**

A member of the Ascendas-Singbridge Group, Ascendas is Asia's leading provider of business space solutions with more than 30 years of experience. Based in Singapore, Ascendas has built a strong regional presence and serves a global clientele of over 2,400 customers in 26 cities across 10 countries including Singapore, China, India, Malaysia, South Korea and Vietnam.

Ascendas specialises in masterplanning, developing, managing and marketing IT parks, industrial & logistics parks, business parks, science parks, hi-specs facilities, office and retail spaces. Leveraging on its track record and experience, Ascendas has introduced new business space concepts such as integrated communities and solutions which seamlessly combine high-quality business, lifestyle, retail and hospitality spaces to create conducive human-centric work-live-play-learn environments. Its flagship projects include the Singapore Science Park and Changi City at Changi Business Park in Singapore, International Tech Park Bangalore in India and Ascendas-Xinsu in Suzhou Industrial Park, China. Ascendas provides end-to-end real estate solutions, assisting companies across the entire real estate process.

In November 2002, Ascendas launched Singapore's first business space trust, Ascendas Real Estate Investment Trust (A-REIT), and in August 2007, Ascendas India Trust (a-iTrust) was listed as the first Indian property trust in Asia. In July 2012, Ascendas listed Ascendas Hospitality Trust (A-HTRUST), which comprises a portfolio of quality hotels in Australia, China, Japan and Singapore. Besides managing listed real estate funds, Ascendas also manages a series of private funds with commercial and industrial assets across Asia.

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The value of A-REIT's Units ("Units") and the income derived from them may fall as well as rise. Units are not obligations of, deposits in, or guaranteed by, the Manager or any of its affiliates. An investment in 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 of A-REIT 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.

The past performance of A-REIT is not necessarily indicative of the future performance of A-REIT.

This release may contain forward-looking statements that involve assumptions, 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 and occupancy, changes in operating expenses, including employee wages, benefits and training, property expenses and governmental and public policy changes and the continued availability of financing in the amounts and the terms necessary to support A-REIT's future business. Investors are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which are based on the Manager's current view on future events.

Any discrepancies in the figures included herein between the listed amounts and total thereof are due to rounding.