## Press Statement on SIAS REITs On The Move

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## SIAS Launches "REITs on the Move" to Bring Investors Closer to Real Estate Investment Trusts

The Securities Investors Association (Singapore) (SIAS) has launched "REITs on the Move," a 10-part educational series designed to unpack the world of Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs) through immersive, on-the-ground experiences over the next six months.

Organised by SIAS and supported by SGX Group, REIT Association of Singapore (REITAS), and the Securities Association of Singapore (SAS), each session will be guided by experienced research analysts, trading representatives, and REIT managers, offering investors practical insights into REIT fundamentals, portfolio strategies, and the broader investment landscape. Featuring 12 participating REITs, the initiative will provide over 300 investors exclusive access to behind-the-scenes tours of iconic REIT-owned properties across Singapore.

"REITs on the Move is about bringing investment education to life," said David Gerald, Founder, President & CEO of SIAS. "Going beyond reading annual reports or attending webinars, investors will now walk through the actual assets, engage the managers, ask questions and understand the fundamentals as part of investor education. Investors will need to understand and assess the risks involved as well when investing in REITs."

Singapore is home to one of the most developed and vibrant REITs markets in Asia. It is the largest REIT market in the region outside of Japan, establishing itself as a growing global hub for REIT investments. With around 40 listed REITs and Property Trusts valued at approximately \$\$90 billion, Singapore-listed REITs (S-REITs) play a vital role in the local stock market, making up around 10% of SGX's market capitalisation.

Offering global exposure, over 80% of S-REITs hold properties across Asia Pacific, South Asia, Europe, and the U.S., with 16 focused entirely overseas. This diversification, coupled with Singapore's strong regulatory framework and political stability, enhances investor confidence and receptivity.

Ng Yao Loong, Head of Equities, SGX Group said, "REITs on the Move is an engaging initiative to deliver a hands-on educative experience for investors. SGX is pleased to support our partners in their efforts to help investors gain a deeper, more practical understanding of the REITs sector. By demystifying REITs, we can build appreciation for the asset class and empower informed investment decisions."

S-REITs provide regular income distributions and benefit from tax transparency when they distribute at least 90% of taxable income from local assets. In April 2025, S-REITs outperformed the FTSE EPRA Nareit Global REITs Index, with the top 10 performers in the S-REIT index

receiving combined net institutional inflows of S\$23.2 million. Furthermore, despite the market volatility, S-REITs have managed to stay positive in the year to date.

Backed by strong governance and favourable tax policies, S-REITs remain a compelling option for investors seeking yield, resilience, and long-term growth.

Chua Hsien Yang, President of REITAS said, "This initiative offers retail investors a unique opportunity to go beyond the numbers and see firsthand how REIT managers actively manage their properties to drive long-term value. We are pleased that 12 of our member REITs are participating in this initiative to support deeper investor understanding and engagement with the sector."

Melinda Sam, CEO of SAS said, "The SAS is happy to support the "REITS on the Move" initiative, a first in Singapore for investors to have an immersive learning experience. By showcasing Singapore's vibrant REITs market and providing exposure to a diverse range of REITs assets, this will deepen investors' investment knowledge and confidence. Such engagement will enhance market liquidity and supports the growth of the REIT sector in Singapore."

With S-REITs playing a significant role in the portfolios of retail investors in Singapore, this initiative aims to deepen financial understanding, enhance investor confidence, and encourage informed, long-term investment decisions.

The initiative will officially be launched at the REITs Symposium 2025 organised by ShareInvestor, InvestingNote and REITAS on Saturday, 24 May. For more information on this event visit here.

## Participating REITs:

- 1. AIMS APAC REIT
- 2. CapitaLand Ascendas REIT
- 3. CapitaLand Ascott Trust
- 4. CapitaLand Integrated Commercial Trust
- ESR REIT
- 6. Frasers Centrepoint Trust
- 7. Keppel REIT
- 8. Lendlease Global Commercial REIT
- 9. Mapletree Industrial Trust

- 10. OUE REIT
- 11. Starhill Global REIT
- 12. Suntec REIT