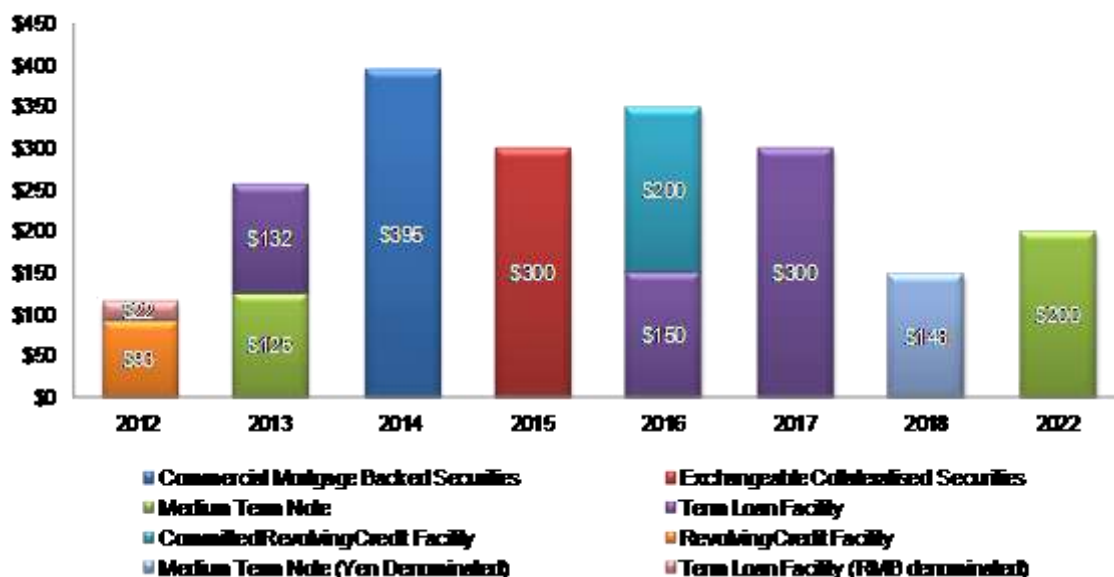


A-REIT enhances its debt maturity profile with the issuance of S\$200 million 10-year Medium Term Note

3 February 2012, Singapore – Ascendas Funds Management (S) Limited (the “**Manager**”), the manager of Ascendas Real Estate Investment Trust (“**A-REIT**”) is pleased to announce that HSBC Institutional Trust Services (Singapore) Limited (in its capacity as trustee of A-REIT) (the “**Issuer**”) has issued S\$200 million 4.00% Notes due 2022 (the “**Notes**”) today.

Ms Tan Shu Lin, Head, Capital Market and Transactions of the Manager said, “We are pleased to achieve a coupon of 4% for the 10-year tenure note. With the issuance, A-REIT’s debt maturity profile is extended and its average term of debt is expected to increase to 4.1 years from 3.1 years as at 31 December 2011. This is consistent with the Manager’s effort to proactively and prudently manage A-REIT’s capital structure. There is no change to the aggregate leverage of A-REIT as a result of this issuance”.

Debt maturity profile after issuance of the Notes



The Notes were issued under the S\$1,000,000,000 Multicurrency Medium Term Note Programme (the “Programme”) established by the Issuer on 20 March 2009. Australia and New Zealand Banking Group Limited and United Overseas Bank Limited were the joint lead managers for the Issue.

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About A-REIT (www.a-reit.com)

A-REIT is Singapore's first listed business space and industrial real estate investment trust. As at 31 December 2011, A-REIT has a diversified portfolio of 96 properties in Singapore, comprising business and science park properties, hi-tech industrial properties, light industrial properties, and logistics and distribution centres, and a business park property in China with total assets of about S\$6.0 billion. These properties house a tenant base of over 1,100 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, C&P Logistics, Siemens, Honeywell, Zuellig Pharma, LFD (Singapore), OSIM International, Venture Corporation, Federal Express, Baidu, Inc., Johnson & Johnson, RSH, Infineon Technologies, Procter & Gamble and Hyflux.

A-REIT is listed in several indices. These include 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 and FTSE ST Mid Cap. A-REIT has a corporate family 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.

About the Ascendas Group (www.ascendas.com)

Ascendas is Asia's premier provider of business space solutions with a significant presence in the region. Ascendas develops, manages and markets IT Parks, industrial parks (manufacturing, logistics and distribution centres), business parks, science parks, hi-tech facilities, office and retail space. Among its flagships are the Singapore Science Park, International Tech Park Bangalore, Ascendas-Xinsu in Suzhou and Dalian-Ascendas IT Park. More than 1,800 of the world's leading companies, many in the Fortune 500 list, have made Ascendas properties their preferred address in Asia.

Ascendas is also a leading real estate fund management player focused on the management of public-listed property trusts and private real estate funds, investing in a diverse range of industrial and commercial real estate properties across Asia. Listed on the main board of Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited are Ascendas Real Estate Investment Trust (A-REIT), Singapore's first business space trust, and Ascendas India Trust (a-iTrust), Asia and Singapore's first Indian property trust. The Ascendas Group also manages a range of private real estate funds which invest in business space in India, China, South Korea and ASEAN. All the funds are supported by Ascendas' strong fund management and real estate expertise, and are testament to its commitment to each of its markets.

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The value of 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 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 other companies and venues for the sale or distribution of goods and services, shifts in customer demands, customers and partners, changes in operating expenses (including employee wages, benefits and training costs), governmental and public policy changes and the continued availability of financing in the amounts and the terms necessary to support 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.