

(Constituted in the Republic of Singapore pursuant to a trust deed dated 9 October 2002 (as amended))

ANNOUNCEMENT

PAYMENT OF ACQUISITION FEE BY WAY OF ISSUE OF UNITS IN ASCENDAS REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST

The Board of Directors of Ascendas Funds Management (S) Limited ("**Ascendas-FMS**") wishes to announce that 898,247 units ("**Units**") in Ascendas Real Estate Investment Trust ("**A-REIT**") have been issued today to Ascendas-FMS, in its capacity as Manager of A-REIT. The Units were for payment of acquisition fee in relation to the acquisition of Cintech I to IV from a related party on 29 March 2012 ("**Acquisition Fee**"). These Units were issued at an issue price of S\$2.0373 per Unit.

In accordance with the Trust Deed and the Property Funds Guidelines, when A-REIT acquires real estate assets from interested parties, acquisition fee earned on such acquisition shall be paid in the form of units issued by A-REIT at the prevailing market price. The units should not be sold within one year from their date of issuance. In accordance with established precedence, related fees payable in Units are to be paid one month upon the completion of the transaction.

The issue price of the units for the Acquisition Fee was determined based on the volume weighted average traded price for all trades done on Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited ("**SGX-ST**") in the ordinary course of trading on the SGX-ST from 13 April 2012 to 26 April 2012 which is 10 business days immediately preceding the date of issue of Units to Ascendas-FMS.

Following the above issue of Units, the total A-REIT units on issue is 2,085,975,441 of which Ascendas-FMS' holding is 36,726,407 units or approximately 1.76%.

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

Ms. Mary Judith De Souza Company Secretary 27 April 2012

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

A-REIT is Singapore's first listed business space and industrial real estate investment trust. It has a diversified portfolio of 101 properties in Singapore, comprising business and science park properties, hi-tech industrial properties, light industrial properties, and logistics and distribution centres, and 1 business park property in China. As at 31 March 2012, total assets amount to about S\$6.6 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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Important Notice

The value of units in A-REIT ("Units") and the income derived from them, if any, 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 should note that they will have no right to request the Manager to redeem or purchase their Units for so long as the Units are listed on the SGX-ST. 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 ven ues 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.