



A-REIT receives Accolades at SIAS Investors' Choice Awards 2012

03 October 2012, Singapore – *The Board of Directors of Ascendas Funds Management (S) Limited, in its capacity as the Manager (the “Manager”) of Ascendas Real Estate Investment Trust (“A-REIT) is pleased to announce that A-REIT has been awarded the Winner of the Most Transparent Company Awards for the REITs category at the Securities Investors Association of Singapore (“SIAS”) Investors' Choice Awards 2012.*

A-REIT has been commended for its transparency in eight of the nine years since the Most Transparent Company Award for the REITs category was introduced in 2004, four years as the winner, and another four as runner up. This is testimonial to A-REIT's unwavering pursuit of good corporate governance practices which conform to the prevailing best practices principles.

For the first time in the history of the awards, SIAS is also giving out the Brendan Wood/SIAS TopGun CEO Award to CEOs who are rated best-in-class by shareholders on the Brendan Wood Panel. We are pleased to announce that Mr Tan Ser Ping (the CEO of the Manager) is one of the winners of the inaugural award. We are also delighted to note that the award is given to less than 10% of the world's major corporate leaders and is a strong recognition of Mr Tan's leadership as well as the management team that he leads.

Mr Tan Ser Ping, CEO of Ascendas Funds Management Limited, manager of A-REIT said, “I am privileged to be supported by the best team in this business. Winning this prestigious award is a tribute to their hard work and commitment to building Ascendas REIT over the past 10 years.”

Into its 13th year, the annual SIAS Investors' Choice Awards recognise companies which have maintained and consistently delivered the highest standards of corporate governance.

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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. 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 30 June 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 leading provider of business space solutions with more than 30 years of experience across the region. Based in Singapore, Ascendas has built a strong regional presence and serves a global clientele of over 2,400 customers in 33 cities across 10 countries including Singapore, China, India, South Korea and Australia.

Ascendas specializes in masterplanning, developing, managing and marketing IT parks, industrial & logistics parks, business parks, science parks, hi-tech facilities, office and retail space for a host of industries. 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 hotel spaces to create conducive human-centric work-live-play-learn environments. Its flagship projects include the Singapore Science Park, International Tech Park Bangalore in India, Dalian-Ascendas IT Park in China and Carmelray Industrial Park II in the Philippines. Ascendas provides end-to-end real estate solutions, assisting corporate customers through 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 launched as Asia's first listed Indian property trust. In July 2012, Ascendas listed Ascendas Hospitality Trust (A-HTRUST), which comprises a portfolio of 10 quality hotels in China, Japan and Australia. 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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Important Notice

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 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.

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