

**Press Release**  
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## **A-REIT completes divestment of 6 Pioneer Walk**

*21 June 2013, Singapore* – Further to its press release dated 17 May 2013 in relation to the above, Ascendas Funds Management (S) Limited (the “**Manager**”), the manager of Ascendas Real Estate Investment Trust (“**A-REIT**”) is pleased to announce that the proposed divestment of 6 Pioneer Walk, Singapore (the “**Property**”) to GKE Private Limited (“**GKE**”) for S\$32.0 million has been completed today.

The sale price of S\$32.0 million represent a 42.2% premium over the original purchase price of S\$22.5 million in 2007. The property, which has a book value of S\$24.6 million as at 31 March 2013, has remaining land tenure of about 23 years.

With the sale, A-REIT’s proforma gross revenue and net property income would have reduced by S\$1.9 million and S\$1.6 million respectively for FY12/13 (assuming the sale was completed on 1 April 2012).

The sale proceeds from this divestment may be used to repay existing indebtedness, or for A-REIT’s general corporate and working capital purposes and/or to distribute to unitholders.

The sale originated from an unsolicited enquiry from GKE.

### **About the Property**

The Property is located at 6 Pioneer Walk within the Jurong Industrial Estate. It is a 2-storey warehouse with a ramp-up driveway and a 4-storey ancillary office as well as a single storey workshop and a container yard with a gross floor area of 20,094 sqm.

Following this divestment, A-REIT owns 102 properties in Singapore and 1 business park property in China.

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**About A-REIT ([www.a-reit.com](http://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 102 properties in Singapore, comprising business and science park properties, hi-specs industrial properties, light industrial properties, and logistics and distribution centres, and 1 business park property in China. As at 31 March 2013, total assets amount to about S\$7.0 billion. These properties house a tenant base of over 1,200 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, Citibank N.A., OSIM International, DBS Bank, 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 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.

**About the Ascendas Group ([www.ascendas.com](http://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-specs 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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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.

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