

## A-REIT to join the Straits Times Index on Wednesday 4 June 2014

28 May 2014, Singapore – Ascendas Funds Management (S) Limited (the “**Manager**”), the manager of Ascendas Real Estate Investment Trust (“**A-REIT**”) is pleased to announce that A-REIT will become one of the 30 FTSE Straits Times Index (“FTSE STI”) constituents effective from start of trading on Wednesday 4 June 2014.

The FTSE STI is a capitalization-weighted stock market index that is regarded as the benchmark index for the Singapore stock market. It tracks the performance of the top 30 companies listed on the Singapore Exchange. It is jointly calculated by Singapore Press Holdings (“SPH”), Singapore Exchange (“SGX”) and FTSE Group (“FTSE”).

With its elevation to the FTSE STI on 4 June 2014, A-REIT will be deleted from the FTSE ST Mid Cap Index on the same date.

The announcement by the FTSE, SGX and SPH can be found [here](#).

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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 2 business park properties in China. As at 31 March 2014, total assets amount to about S\$7.4 billion. These properties house a tenant base of around 1,300 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 FTSE Straits Times Index (with effect from 4 June 2014), 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. 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 Ascendas ([www.ascendas.com](http://www.ascendas.com))**

Ascendas is Asia's leading provider of business space solutions with more than 30 years of experience. Based in Singapore, Ascendas has built a strong regional presence and serves a global clientele of over 2,400 customers in 25 cities across 10 countries including Singapore, China, India, South Korea and Vietnam.

Ascendas specialises in masterplanning, developing, managing and marketing IT parks, industrial & logistics parks, business parks, science parks, hi-specs facilities, office and retail spaces. 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 hospitality spaces to create conducive human-centric work-live-play-learn environments. Its flagship projects include the Singapore Science Park and Changi City at Changi Business Park in Singapore, International Tech Park Bangalore in India and Ascendas-Xinsu in Suzhou Industrial Park, China. Ascendas provides end-to-end real estate solutions, assisting companies across 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 the first listed Indian property trust. In July 2012, Ascendas listed Ascendas Hospitality Trust (A-HTRUST), which comprises a portfolio of quality hotels in Australia, China, Japan and Singapore. 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.

Any discrepancies in the Figures included herein between the listed amounts and total thereof are due to rounding.