



## **A-REIT Completes Acquisition of Trivec Building**

**4 March 2004, Singapore** – Ascendas-MGM Funds Management Limited (the “**Manager**”), the manager of Ascendas Real Estate Investment Trust (“**A-REIT**”), is pleased to announce the completion today of A-REIT’s acquisition of Trivec Building (the “**Property**”) for a purchase price of S\$32.0 million.

Bermuda Trust (Singapore) Limited (the “**Trustee**”), as trustee of A-REIT, has today exercised the call option under the Put and Call Option Agreement (the “**Option Agreement**”) entered into on 5 December 2003 between Trivec Singapore Pte Ltd (the “**Vendor**”) and the Trustee regarding the sale and purchase of the Property located at No. 3 Changi North Street 2, Singapore 498827.

Pursuant to the Trustee’s exercise of the call option under the Option Agreement, the Trustee and the Vendor entered into the sale and purchase agreement for the Property and completed the sale and purchase on the same day for a purchase price of S\$32.0 million. Following the completion of the sale and purchase of the Property, the Trustee and the Vendor entered into a lease agreement under which the Vendor has agreed to lease 96.9 per cent. of the lettable area of the Property for a term of two years, with rents payable commencing from today. 3Com Asia Pacific Rim Pte Ltd, an existing tenant, will lease the remainder of the Property.

The acquisition of the Property will not have a significant impact on A-REIT’s results for the financial year ending 31 March 2004. A-REIT’s forecast income statement for the financial year ending 31 March 2005 in the circular dated 18 February 2004 issued by the Manager in connection with an offer and placement of new units in A-REIT remains unchanged as the Property has been acquired on the same terms as those described in the circular.

Mr Goh Kok Huat, Chief Executive Officer of the Manager, said, “The completion of the acquisition of Trivec Building further enhances A-REIT’s portfolio as A-REIT continues its focus on delivering attractive yields, stable income and long-term capital growth potential to investors. The Manager looks forward to utilising the remaining proceeds from the equity raising when it completes the remaining acquisitions of TT International TradePark, Changi International Logistics Centre and Siemens Center.”

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### About A-REIT

A-REIT is the first business space and light industrial REIT listed on the SGX-ST. It has a diversified portfolio of 13 properties comprising business park (including science park), and light and hi-tech industrial properties in Singapore, with a book value of approximately S\$783 million. These properties house a tenant base of over 300 international and local companies operating in a range of industries and activities, including research and development, life sciences, information technology, engineering and light manufacturing. Major tenants include Biopharmaceutical Manufacturing Technology Centre, Federal Express, Ghim Li Global, Honeywell, Lilly Systems Biology, OSIM International, Teradyne, Ultron Technologies, Venture Corporation, IDS Logistics, Trivec and 3Com Asia Pacific Rim.

A-REIT is managed by **Ascendas-MGM Funds Management Limited**, a joint venture between Singapore-based Ascendas Investment Pte Ltd, a related corporation of Ascendas Land (Singapore) Pte Ltd, and Australian-based Macquarie Goodman Industrial Management Pty Limited.

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*The value of units in A-REIT ("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.*

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*The past performance of A-REIT is not necessarily indicative of the future performance of A-REIT.*