

SABANA INDUSTRIAL REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST

(a real estate investment trust constituted on 29 October 2010 under the laws of the Republic of Singapore)

RECEIPT OF TRUSTEE'S LETTER

Sabana Real Estate Investment Management Pte. Ltd., as manager of Sabana Industrial Real Estate Investment Trust (**"Sabana Industrial REIT**", and the manager of Sabana Industrial REIT, the **"Manager**"), wishes to announce that it has received a letter from HSBC Institutional Trust Services (Singapore) Limited (in its capacity as trustee of Sabana Industrial REIT) (the **"Trustee"**) on 14 July 2023 (the **"Trustee's Letter"**) in relation to the resolutions contained in the requisition notice by Quarz Capital Asia (Singapore) Pte. Ltd. on 7 June 2023 (the **"Resolutions"**) requesting the Manager to convene an extraordinary general meeting of Sabana Industrial REIT (the **"Requisition"**).

The following sets out an extract of the Trustee's rationale for issuing the Trustee's Letter:

- "3. It was the Trustee's intention to issue a statement to all Unitholders in relation to how it will respond if one or both Resolution(s) are passed as well as to highlight the potential risks and uncertainties associated with the implementation of the Resolution(s) (the "**Statement**"). The Statement was expected to be made available to all Unitholders in the form of an announcement on SGXNet shortly after the Manager issued the Notice of EGM and the circular to Unitholders in relation to the Resolutions (the "EGM Documents").
- 4. We further note the application filed by ESR Group Limited and e-Shang Infinity Cayman Limited (the "**Applicants**") in the General Division of the High Court of the Republic of Singapore (the "**High Court**") in case no. HC/OA 682/2023 (the "**Originating Application**"). Further details on these proceedings can be found in the various announcements made by the Manager on SGXNet and we do not propose to elaborate further on these proceedings.
- 5. The Trustee notes that the hearing for the Originating Application has been fixed for 19 July 2023, as disclosed in the Manager's announcement dated 13 July 2023.
- 6. In view of the imminent hearing and the potential uncertainty around the timing of the issue of the EGM Documents, the Trustee considers that it would now be appropriate for a draft of the Statement to be shared with the parties to the Originating Application (including the Manager and the Applicants) (the "**Parties**"). The Trustee requests the Parties draw to the attention of the High Court the draft Statement and its contents, in order to assist the High Court in its deliberations on the Originating Application."

The Trustee Letter contains a draft of the statement from the Trustee to all unitholders of



Sabana Industrial REIT ("**Unitholders**") in relation to how the Trustee will respond if one or both Resolution(s) are passed as well as to highlight the potential risks and uncertainties associated with the implementation of the Resolution(s) (the "**Trustee Statement**"). As mentioned in the draft Trustee Statement:

"The purpose of this statement is to:

- (i) provide unitholders of Sabana REIT ("Unitholders") with a summary on how the Trustee currently intends to respond if one or both Resolutions are passed; and
- (ii) highlight to Unitholders that there are risks and uncertainties associated with the implementation of the Resolution(s), which should be carefully considered before voting."

A copy of the Trustee's Letter (including the draft Trustee Statement) is set out in its entirety in Appendix A to this announcement. The Manager assumes no responsibility for any of the contents of the Trustee's Letter (including the draft Trustee Statement), including the accuracy, completeness or correctness of any of the information, statements or opinions made or reports contained in the Trustee's Letter (including the draft Trustee Statement).

Unitholders are advised to read the Trustee's Letter (including the draft Trustee Statement) carefully. Unitholders should note that the Trustee Statement appended to the Trustee's Letter is in <u>draft</u> form and is subject to changes.

The Manager will provide further updates in the event of material developments in respect of the Requisition or the Trustee Statement, and will release a copy of the Trustee Statement on SGXNet in the event that it is issued by the Trustee to Unitholders.

Cautionary Statement

The Manager will make further announcements on the SGXNet in the event there are any material developments which warrant disclosure, in compliance with its obligations under the Listing Manual. Unitholders and investors are advised to refrain from taking any action in respect of their units in Sabana Industrial REIT ("**Units**") which may be prejudicial to their interests, and to exercise caution when dealing in the Units. Persons who are in doubt as to the action they should take should consult their stockbroker, bank manager, solicitor or other professional advisers.

By Order of the Board Sabana Real Estate Investment Management Pte. Ltd. (Company Registration No: 201005493K, Capital Markets Services Licence No: CMS100169) As Manager of Sabana Industrial Real Estate Investment Trust

Han Yong Lee (Donald) Chief Executive Officer 15 July 2023



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Sabana Industrial REIT

Sabana Industrial REIT was listed on the SGX-ST on 26 November 2010. As at 31 December 2022, Sabana Industrial REIT has a diversified portfolio of 18 quality properties in Singapore, in the high-tech industrial, warehouse and logistics, chemical warehouse and logistics, as well as general industrial sectors. The total assets of the Group amount to more than S\$0.9 billion as at 31 December 2022. Sabana Industrial REIT is a constituent of the SGX S-REIT Index, MSCI Singapore Micro Cap Index, and FTSE ST Singapore Shariah Index.

Sabana Industrial REIT is managed by Sabana Real Estate Investment Management Pte. Ltd. (in its capacity as the Manager of Sabana Industrial REIT) in accordance with the terms of the trust deed dated 29 October 2010 (as amended, varied or supplemented from time to time). Sabana Industrial REIT is a real estate investment trust constituted on 29 October 2010 under the laws of Singapore.

For further information on Sabana Industrial REIT, please visit <u>www.sabana-reit.com</u>.

Important Notice

The value of units in Sabana Industrial 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, HSBC Institutional Trust Services (Singapore) Limited, as trustee of Sabana Industrial REIT, or any of their respective 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 that the Manager redeem or purchase their Units while the Units are listed. It is intended that unitholders 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.



<u>APPENDIX A</u> TRUSTEE'S LETTER



14 July 2023

Sabana Real Estate Investment Management Pte. Ltd. (in its capacity as manager of Sabana Industrial Real Estate Investment Trust ("Sabana REIT")) (the "Manager") 151 Lorong Chuan, #02-03 New Tech Park Singapore 556741

Attention: Mr Donald Han, Chief Executive Officer

Dear Sirs

DRAFT STATEMENT BY HSBC INSTITUTIONAL TRUST SERVICES (SINGAPORE) LIMITED (IN ITS CAPACITY AS TRUSTEE OF SABANA REIT) (THE "TRUSTEE") IN RELATION TO THE RESOLUTIONS (AS DEFINED BELOW)

- 1. We refer to the resolutions (the "**Resolutions**") contained in the requisition notice by Quarz Capital ASIA (Singapore) Pte. Ltd. ("**Quarz**") on 7 June 2023 requesting the Manager to convene an extraordinary general meeting ("**EGM**") of Sabana REIT (the "**Requisition**").
- 2. We note that there have been queries raised by certain unitholders of Sabana REIT ("**Unitholders**") as to how the Trustee intends to proceed if one or both Resolution(s) are passed by Unitholders at an EGM.
- 3. It was the Trustee's intention to issue a statement to all Unitholders in relation to how it will respond if one or both Resolution(s) are passed as well as to highlight the potential risks and uncertainties associated with the implementation of the Resolution(s) (the "**Statement**"). The Statement was expected to be made available to all Unitholders in the form of an announcement on SGXNet shortly after the Manager issued the Notice of EGM and the circular to Unitholders in relation to the Resolutions (the "**EGM Documents**").
- 4. We further note the application filed by ESR Group Limited and e-Shang Infinity Cayman Limited (the "Applicants") in the General Division of the High Court of the Republic of Singapore (the "High Court") in case no. HC/OA 682/2023 (the "Originating Application"). Further details on these proceedings can be found in the various announcements made by the Manager on SGXNet and we do not propose to elaborate further on these proceedings.
- 5. The Trustee notes that the hearing for the Originating Application has been fixed for 19 July 2023, as disclosed in the Manager's announcement dated 13 July 2023.
- 6. In view of the imminent hearing and the potential uncertainty around the timing of the issue of the EGM Documents, the Trustee considers that it would now be appropriate for a draft of the Statement to be shared with the parties to the Originating Application (including the Manager and the Applicants) (the "**Parties**"). The Trustee requests the Parties draw to the attention of the High Court the draft Statement and its contents, in order to assist the High Court in its deliberations on the Originating Application.
- 7. In this regard and for the purpose stated above, we attach the draft Statement in the Appendix to this letter. Please note that the draft Statement:

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- a) has been drafted on the basis that the Resolutions would be tabled at the EGM in the manner set out in the Requisition, i.e. as two standalone ordinary resolutions (see the Manager's announcement dated 12 July 2023); and
- b) remains in draft form and is subject to changes.
- 8. The Trustee has no objections to this letter and the draft Statement being published as an announcement via SGXNet, subject to this letter and the draft Statement being published together and in its entirety.

Yours faithfully For and on behalf of HSBC Institutional Trust Services (Singapore) Limited (in its capacity as trustee of Sabana Industrial Real Estate Investment Trust)

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Name: Rahul Desousa Authorised signatory

APPENDIX

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TRUSTEE'S STATEMENT TO UNITHOLDERS OF SABANA INDUSTRIAL REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST ("SABANA REIT")

HSBC Institutional Trust Services (Singapore) Limited (in its capacity as trustee of Sabana Industrial Real Estate Investment Trust) (the "**Trustee**") refers to the Resolutions 1 and 2 (each a "**Resolution**" and together, the "**Resolutions**") in the notice of extraordinary general meeting dated [XX] July 2023 issued by Sabana Real Estate Investment Management Pte. Ltd. ("**SREIM**") set out in Appendix C of the Unitholders Circular dated [XX] July 2023.

TRUSTEE'S VIEW

- The purpose of this statement is to:
 - (i) provide unitholders of Sabana REIT ("**Unitholders**") with a summary on how the Trustee currently intends to respond if one or both Resolutions are passed; and
 - (ii) highlight to Unitholders that there are risks and uncertainties associated with the implementation of the Resolution(s), which should be carefully considered before voting.
- It is important to note that the Trustee does not provide any advice or recommendation to Unitholders either in support of, or against, the Resolutions including whether the passing of the Resolution(s) and the implementation of them by the Trustee will lead to a better outcome for Sabana REIT.
- If either or both Resolutions are passed, the Trustee will be directed by Unitholders to remove SREIM as manager and/or set up an internalised management structure, without a replacement manager having been identified or an internalised management structure in place to transition the management of Sabana REIT to. An estimate of time and costs involved in this exercise is not available. All fees, costs and expenses of such exercise will be reimbursed out of the assets of Sabana REIT in accordance with the terms of the trust deed constituting the Sabana REIT ("Trust Deed").
- If Resolution 1 is passed and Resolution 2 is not passed, a replacement external manager will need to be appointed. There is no estimate available of the time it would take to identify a replacement external manager and there can be no assurance that such replacement manager will agree to the same fee structure as SREIM.
- If Resolution 2 is passed, an internalised management structure that does not currently exist will need to be identified, established and then approved by Unitholders. Unitholders should be aware that a considerable amount of time (it is not currently possible to estimate, however it is expected to be at least 12 months and potentially significantly longer) and cost will be required to internalise the REIT management function.
- If either or both Resolutions are passed, the Trustee will appoint professional advisers, which may
 include investment, legal, financial, tax, property and other advisers ("professional advisers"), to
 advise it on the implementation of the Resolution(s) and (if applicable) to provide guidance and
 support on the ongoing management of Sabana REIT. The fees, costs and expenses of
 professional advisers will be reimbursed out of the assets of Sabana REIT in accordance with the
 terms of the Trust Deed.

- In addition, the Trustee currently expects to have to hold two or more further extraordinary general meetings ("Further EGM(s)") to seek Unitholders' directions on specific matters to carry out the Resolution(s), potentially including but not limited to:
 - (i) If Resolution 2 is passed, to approve the necessary and specific amendments to the Trust Deed by way of extraordinary resolution(s) of the Unitholders.
 - (ii) To obtain further directions from Unitholders on the implementation of the Resolution(s) or ongoing operation of Sabana REIT.
 - (iii) To approve the appointment of a replacement external manager or the internalised management structure, once identified or established (as relevant).
- During the transition period, the Trustee will look to ensure the ongoing and stable operations of Sabana REIT. The Trustee will expect SREIM to continue to serve as interim manager until a replacement external or internal manager is appointed, including to engage with lenders and regulatory authorities, as required. The Trustee will have to rely on the existing property manager for continuity of the operational and day-to-day aspects of Sabana REIT. If there is any actual or potential disruption to the management of Sabana REIT, the Trustee will, together with its professional advisers, oversee the management of Sabana REIT in the interests of Unitholders and work with SREIM (if possible) to seek to minimise such disruption risks. In doing so, the Trustee is, and will remain, neutral and independent of any particular group of Unitholders and the lenders of Sabana REIT.
- In the event the Resolution(s) are passed and cannot be implemented at all or within a reasonable timeframe (for example, because the resolutions put to Unitholders at the Further EGM(s) do not pass or the necessary regulatory approvals are unable to be obtained) or the operations or management of Sabana REIT are materially disrupted during the transition period (for example, because financing does not remain in place), the Trustee will, together with its professional advisers, assess all options in the best interests of Unitholders, including the options of an orderly winding-up of Sabana REIT and/or applying for court orders to take such actions as required or necessary in relation to Sabana REIT. The fees, costs and expenses of such actions will be reimbursed out of the assets of Sabana REIT in accordance with the terms of the Trust Deed.
- It is important that Unitholders carefully consider the Resolutions and note that there is uncertainty
 and risks associated with either or both the Resolutions, including but not limited to the risk of actual
 or potential disruption to the management or operations of Sabana REIT while the Resolution(s)
 are being implemented. Further, the timeframe and costs to implement the Resolution(s) are not
 currently known and the implementation of the Resolution(s) is subject to dependencies beyond the
 control of the Trustee (for example, the passing of resolutions (including extraordinary resolutions)
 at Further EGM(s), regulatory approvals, availability of suitable candidates for key roles, financing
 remaining in place), resulting in a range of potential outcomes, which may include the Resolution(s)
 not being successfully implemented and/or the winding up of Sabana REIT.
- The risks outlined in this statement are not exhaustive or comprehensive and the Trustee recommends Unitholders carefully consider, together with their financial, legal or other advisers, all the information that has been publicly disclosed in respect of the Resolutions.
- For completeness:
 - If Resolution 2 is passed but Resolution 1 is not passed, the same considerations outlined in this statement with regard to the passing of Resolution 2 will apply and the Trustee will expect SREIM to continue to serve as manager of Sabana REIT until an internal manager is appointed to replace SREIM.

• If neither Resolution is passed, the Trustee will not proceed to implement the Resolutions and SREIM will remain as the manager of Sabana REIT.

CONCLUSION

The Trustee is, and will remain, neutral and independent of SREIM, any particular group of Unitholders and the lenders of Sabana REIT. If either or both Resolutions are passed, the Trustee will support the Unitholders through this period of transition, while bearing in mind the range of risks referred to above. The Trustee will, in implementing the Resolution(s), in all instances act in the best interests of Unitholders.

Important Information

Unitholders are advised to read this statement carefully. Unitholders should consider carefully the information contained in this statement before voting on the Resolutions. The risks described in this statement are by no means exhaustive or comprehensive, and there may be other risks in addition to those in this statement which are not known to the Trustee, or which may not be material now but may turn out to be material in the future. Additional risks, whether known or unknown, may in the future have an impact on the implementation of the Resolution(s) or the business, financial condition, operations and prospects of Sabana REIT.

The Trustee wishes to emphasise that there is no certainty or assurance as at the date of this statement that any discussion or prospects to implement the Resolution(s) will be successfully concluded or any definitive agreements or arrangements in relation to any matters set out in this statement will materialise or be entered into. The Trustee does not hold a capital markets services licence for real estate investment trust management. In particular, the implementation of Resolution 2 is not within the usual scope of work and expertise of professional trustees in Singapore. Before voting on the Resolutions, Unitholders should consult their stockbrokers, bank managers, solicitors or other professional advisers if they have any doubt about the actions they should take.