

#### SABANA INDUSTRIAL REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST

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

# **EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING**

Monday, 7 August 2023 at 10.00 a.m. (Singapore Time)

### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Sabana Real Estate Investment Management Pte. Ltd., as the Manager of Sabana Industrial Real Estate Investment Trust ("Sabana Industrial REIT", and the manager of Sabana Industrial REIT, the "Manager"), has identified a list of frequently asked questions ahead of the Extraordinary General Meeting ("EGM") to be held by way of a physical format at Hope@New Tech Park, 151 Lorong Chuan, #02-06 (Lobby F) Singapore 556741 on Monday, 7 August 2023 at 10.00 a.m. The Manager's responses to the questions can be found in Appendix A to this announcement.

The answers to the questions in Appendix A should be read in conjunction with the following previous announcements posted on SGXNet:

22 June: Important clarifications and response To EGM Requisition Letter By Quarz

Capital Asia (Singapore) Pte. Ltd.

5 July: Sabana Industrial REIT's Investor Day

15 July: Receipt of Trustee's Letter

19 July: Sabana Industrial REIT's 1H 2023 results

19 July: Announcement pursuant To Rule 704(5) of the Listing Manual

19 July: Update on litigation in relation to requisition of EGM and change in date and

time of EGM

21 July: Notice of EGM and Circular

21 July: Receipt of Final Trustee Statement

2 August: SIAS-Sabana Industrial REIT's Dialogue with Unitholders

2 August: Receipt of Trustee's Letter



Unitholders are urged to review these FAQs carefully so as to make an informed decision with regard to resolutions to be tabled at the forthcoming EGM.

# Information on Voting or appointing proxy(ies) to vote, at the EGM:

A Unitholder who wishes to exercise his/her/its voting rights at the EGM may:

- (a) vote at the EGM in person or
- (b) appoint proxy(ies) to vote on his/her/its behalf at the EGM.

A Unitholder who wishes to submit an instrument appointing proxy(ies) must complete the Proxy Form before submitting it in the manner set out below. Printed copies of the Proxy Form have been despatched to Unitholders and the Proxy Form may also be accessed at Sabana Industrial REIT's website at https://sabana.listedcompany.com/agm-egm.html and on SGXNET at https://www.sgx.com/securities/company-announcements.

Where a Unitholder appoints proxy(ies), he/she/it may give <u>specific instructions as to voting</u>, or abstentions from voting, in respect of the resolutions in the Proxy Form, failing which the proxy(ies) will vote or abstain from voting at his/her/their discretion, as he/she/they may on any other matter arising at the EGM.

The Proxy Form must be deposited at the office of Sabana Industrial REIT's Unit Registrar, Boardroom Corporate & Advisory Services Pte. Ltd., in the following manner:

- A. if submitted by post, be lodged at the office of the Unit Registrar at 1 Harbourfront Avenue, #14-07, Keppel Bay Tower, Singapore 098632; or
- B. if submitted electronically, be submitted via email to <u>sabana-EGM2023@boardroomlimited.com</u>,

no later than **10.00 a.m. on Friday, 4 August 2023**, being 72 hours before the time fixed for the EGM.



By Order of the Board

Sabana Real Estate Investment Management Pte. Ltd.

(Company Registration Number No: 201005493K, Capital Markets Services Licence No: CMS100169)

As Manager of Sabana Industrial Real Estate Investment Trust

Han Yong Lee (Donald) Chief Executive Officer 3 August 2023

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Sabana Real Estate Investment Management Pte. Ltd., as manager of Sabana Industrial Real Estate Investment Trust ("Sabana Industrial REIT" or the "REIT", and the manager of Sabana Industrial REIT, the "Manager"), refers to the circular to Unitholders dated 21 July 2023 (the "Circular") and its announcements in relation to the Requisition Letter by Quarz Capital ASIA (Singapore) Pte. Ltd. (the "Requisition"), and to its announcements on the application filed by ESR Group Limited and e-Shang Infinity Cayman Limited (being an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of ESR Group Limited)(collectively, 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"). This document shall be read in conjunction with the Circular and previous announcements and the financial information of Sabana Industrial REIT for the financial period from 1 January 2023 to 30 June 2023 ("1H 2023") released on the SGXNet and Sabana Industrial REIT's corporate website at https://sabana.listedcompany.com/newsroom.html.

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Representative examples of these factors include (without limitation) general industry and economic conditions, interest rate trends, cost of capital and capital availability, competition from similar developments, shifts in expected levels of occupancy or property rental income, changes in operating expenses, including employee wages and benefits and training



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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 of Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited. In the meantime, Unitholders and investors are advised to refrain from taking any action in respect of their 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.



# **APPENDIX A**

Question	Manager's Response
1 What will	Further steps will still be required to effect the implementation of
happen if both	the Internalisation.
Resolutions are	Trustee will need to call two or more EGMs to:
passed?	i. Amend the Trust Deed;
	ii. Seek further directions from Unitholders;
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	iii. Approve the appointment of the new Internal Manager.
	The current Manager will be retained to stay on as Interim
	Manager, with professional fees to continue to be paid.
	Trustee will appoint Professional Advisors to provide guidance
	and support for the ongoing management of the REIT and in the
	implementation of the resolutions.
	These additional fees, costs and expenses will be
	reimbursed out of the assets of the REIT (and hence,
	indirectly, the Unitholders); in addition to paying the
	management fee to current Manager as Interim
	Manager.
	Process is complex and lengthy, expected to take a
	considerable amount of time of at least 12 months and
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2	What will	Trustee will appoint a replacement external manager.
	happen if	Trustee is unable to estimate the time it would take to identify a
	Resolution 1 is	replacement external manager.
	passed and	Trustee flagged that there can be no assurance that such
	Resolution 2	replacement manager will agree to the same fee structure as
	fails to pass?	current Manager.
		The fees payable to the Manager have been consistently
		adopted since the REIT's IPO in 2010 and there has been no
		increase since then.
		Until the replacement external manager is identified, having
		obtained the requisite regulatory licence, and received
		Unitholder approval for its appointment, the current Manager will
		be retained as an Interim Manager, with professional fees to
		continue to be paid for the interim management period.
		<ul> <li>In addition, Trustee will appoint professional advisers to provide</li> </ul>
		guidance and support for the ongoing management of the REIT
		and to advise it on the implementation of the resolution.
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		The fees, costs and expenses of these professional
		advisers will be reimbursed out of the assets of Sabana
		Industrial REIT (and hence, indirectly, the Unitholders);
		in addition to paying the management fee to current
		Manager as Interim Manager.
		Process is complex and lengthy, expected to take a considerable amount of time of at least 12 months and
		potentially significantly longer.
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	Question	Manager's Response
3	happen if Resolution 1 is not passed and Resolution 2 is passed?	<ul> <li>Manager's Response</li> <li>This may on its face amount to conflicting directions: SREIM will continue as manager + internalisation<sup>1</sup>, subject to further steps being taken.</li> <li>According to Trustee, 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.</li> <li>Trustee has advised that this process will take a considerable amount of time of at least 12 months and potentially significantly longer.</li> <li>Trustee currently expects to have to hold two or more further EGMs to seek Unitholders' directions on specific matters to carry out the Resolution(s).</li> <li>Additional costs will be required to internalise the REIT management function.</li> <li>The current Manager will be retained as an Interim Manager to continue its management services, with professional fees to be paid for the interim management period.</li> <li>In addition, Trustee will appoint professional advisers to provide guidance and support for the ongoing management of the REIT and to advise it on the implementation of the resolution.</li> </ul>
		The fees, costs and expenses of these professional advisers will be reimbursed out of the assets of Sabana Industrial REIT (and hence, indirectly, the Unitholders); in addition to paying the management fee to current Manager as Interim Manager.

<sup>1</sup> The removal of SREIM as the manager of Sabana Industrial REIT will NOT occur automatically and immediately following the passing of Resolution 1. Neither will the Internalisation occur automatically and immediately following the passing of Resolution 2. This is because the removal of SREIM as the manager of Sabana Industrial REIT and the Internalisation will each be subject to further steps to be implemented (even if Resolution 1 or Resolution 2 is passed). As mentioned above, if Resolution 1 is not passed and only Resolution 2 is passed, these would reflect potentially conflicting directions from Unitholders and the Trustee may have to take steps to resolve the conflicting directions, before the Trustee may proceed to implement the Internalisation.



	Question	Manager's Response
4	Question What are the cost savings resulting from internalisation? Would an Internal Manager have a significantly lower cost than that of an external manager?	Trustee, who will manage the implementation of internalisation, does not have an estimate of cost savings.  Eventually, if or when the internalisation is successfully implemented, which may take a considerable amount of time of at least 12 months and potentially significantly longer and after all the costs and fees related to the implementation process are accounted for, cost savings in subsequent years will depend on how efficiently the Internal Manager manages the REIT and prevailing market conditions at that time.
5	Quarz said that increase in dividend "would mainly come from cost savings from the S\$7.25 million of fees" and net profit which Unitholders currently pay to the external manager and its shareholder. What is your view?	<ul> <li>Quarz did not substantiate how the cost savings could be derived.</li> <li>Trustee does not have an estimate.</li> <li>The \$7.25 million refers to the fees Sabana Industrial REIT paid to the current Manager in FY2022.</li> <li>It will be at least a few years before Unitholders could enjoy higher DPUs from savings of fees currently paid to external manager.</li> <li>An internalised REIT management function does not necessarily translate to higher DPU as compared to an external REIT manager.</li> <li>It ultimately depends on how efficiently the REIT will be managed by an internalised REIT manager.</li> </ul>
6	Quarz's statement on 20 July 2023 asserted that "Unitholders can potentially save more than \$\$40 million of fees they need to pay to the external manager over the next 10 years"? What is your view?	<ul> <li>Based on the financial results of the Manager ("SREIM") and the Property Manager (subsidiary of SREIM) lodged with ACRA, the aggregate audited profits after tax for FY2022 was approximately \$2.0 million.</li> <li>As for SREIM, it recorded profit after tax of approximately \$1.2 million for FY2022.</li> <li>We do not know and cannot understand how Quarz derived at the cost savings of \$40 million over 10 years. Trustee does not have an estimate.</li> </ul>



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7	If both Resolutions are passed, will the Manager continue to serve the REIT as an Interim Manager?	<ul> <li>The Manager will comply with its obligations under the relevant law, including providing such reasonable assistance to the Trustee.</li> <li>However, there is no certainty or assurance that the existing staff of the Manager (or the Property Manager) would be willing to stay on, given the uncertainties during the interim period.</li> </ul>
8	Are the risks the Manager has flagged "Scare Tactics"?	<ul> <li>No. They are real risks.</li> <li>Lenders: Unable to obtain a waiver from the review event clause at current juncture.</li> <li>Auditor (Ernst &amp; Young): Included an Emphasis of Matter in Sabana Industrial REIT's 1H 2023 Financial Statements, in respect of a material uncertainty that may cast significant doubt on the REIT's ability to continue as a going concern, depending on the outcome of the EGM.</li> <li>Trustee flagged three key risks: <ol> <li>Considerable length of time of at least 12 months, potentially significantly longer, to implement the internalisation;</li> <li>Costs of professional advisors required to help manage the transition and implement the internationalisation will be charged to the REIT, and hence, indirectly, the Unitholders. These costs are additional to the professional fees the REIT will have to pay the current Manager to stay on as Interim Manager;</li> <li>If the internalisation cannot be effected successfully, Trustee may consider an orderly winding-up of Sabana Industrial REIT, the fees, costs and expenses of which will be borne by the REIT i.e. Unitholders.</li> </ol> </li> <li>Manager has the duty to highlight all the potential risks and disruptions so that Unitholders can make an informed decision in regard to the EGM resolutions.</li> </ul>
9	Why should the banks recall their loans when the Sabana industrial REIT has a portfolio of good properties?	The REIT's existing loans are totally unsecured and not backed by the REIT's assets.



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10	Question Internalised management has been successfully adopted in Australia and the US. Why shouldn't it be equally successful in Singapore?	<ul> <li>Manager's Response</li> <li>No REIT has been internalised in Singapore and it is as yet untested and unproven.</li> <li>There is no assurance or guarantee that it could succeed in Singapore.</li> <li>Internalisation has been successful in Australia and the US, where REITs are significantly larger and enjoy greater economies of scale.</li> <li>Australia and the US are far larger markets, with different geographies, different cultures and different operating models. What works in these two markets may not necessarily work in Singapore.</li> <li>Sabana Industrial REIT is a small REIT even in the universe of S-REITs in Singapore.</li> <li>The Manager has a duty to highlight the risks and uncertainties associated with these two resolutions to remove the Manager and internalise the management function.</li> <li>Unitholders should consider all the risks carefully and make informed decision on how to vote on the resolutions at the EGM.</li> </ul>



#### 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 www.sabana-reit.com.

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