

## HEKTAR REIT SUSTAINABILITY & CSR INITIATIVES GETS AWARDED

- "Company of the Year for Stakeholder and Community Engagement" at Sustainability & CSR Malaysia Awards 2022
- Hektar REIT recently received a 4-star rating upgrade on the FTSE4Good Bursa Malaysia Index

Kuala Lumpur, 18 August 2022 – <u>Hektar Real Estate Investment Trust</u> ("Hektar REIT") has been awarded "Company of the Year" under the "Stakeholder and Community Sustainability Engagement Initiatives" category of the Sustainability & CSR Malaysia Awards 2022 held today at Mandarin Oriental Hotel Kuala Lumpur.

This award follows the recent 4-star Environmental, Social and Governance ("ESG") rating upgrade received by Hektar REIT as a constituent of the FTSE4Good Bursa Malaysia Index (F4GBMI) in the June 2022 evaluation by FTSE Russell.

The Sustainability & CSR Malaysia Awards 2022, which was officiated by the Minister of Rural Development, YB Dato' Seri Mahdzir bin Khalid is organised by CSR Malaysia, a publication and social initiative under the auspices of the Malaysian Welfare Society for Corporate Sustainability & Responsibility, which is the national organisation for sustainability in the country. Several nominations were received for the various categories, with awardees judged by a distinguished panel of judges drawn from the media and the Malaysian Welfare Society for Corporate Sustainability & Responsibility.

Chief Executive Officer of Hektar Asset Management Sdn. Bhd. ("Hektar Asset Management"), En. Johari Shukri bin Jamil said, "We would like to express our utmost appreciation and thank the panel of judges for this award and recognition of our efforts and see this as an encouragement to continue improving ourselves. Hektar REIT's Asset Under Management consists of five established neighbourhood-focused malls and one regional shopping mall, which play key roles in serving the various stakeholders - i.e., the shoppers, tenants, employees and surrounding community within their respective geographical areas. During the pandemic, our shopping malls complied stringently with the Government's directives to provide a safe retail environment for all by upholding strict safety and hygiene protocols. CSR initiatives are close to our heart and we aim to continuously engage with the community by undertaking various initiatives for



the underprivileged or vulnerable groups such as those affected by the pandemic as we at Hektar understand & believe that all of us owe a responsibility towards the betterment of our society."

"Our recent ESG rating on the F4GBMI shows that Sustainability and CSR matters are very much grafted into our corporate culture. Our sustainability framework, which was first set up in 2017, continues to evolve in response not just to legislation but also to wider social and environmental concerns. We learned much, especially during the pandemic, on being resilient and sustainable while responding to the importance of reducing our environmental footprint and increasing our responsibility towards our stakeholders."

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## ABOUT HEKTAR REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST

Hektar Real Estate Investment Trust ("Hektar REIT") is Malaysia's first listed retail-focused REIT. The primary objectives of Hektar REIT are to provide unitholders with sustainable dividend income and to achieve a long-term capital appreciation of the REIT. Hektar REIT was listed on the Main Market of Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad on 4 December 2006 and currently owns 2 million square feet of retail space in 4 states with assets valued at RM1.16 billion as at 31 December 2021. The REIT's strategic partner is Frasers Centrepoint Trust, part of Frasers Property Ltd, headquartered in Singapore. Hektar REIT is managed by Hektar Asset Management Sdn Bhd and the property manager is Hektar Property Services Sdn Bhd. Hektar REIT's portfolio of commercial properties includes Subang Parade in Subang Jaya, Selangor; Mahkota Parade in Melaka; Wetex Parade & Classic Hotel in Muar, Johor; Central Square in Sungai Petani, Kedah; Kulim Central in Kulim, Kedah and Segamat Central in Segamat, Johor. For more information, please visit www.HektarREIT.com















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