

# **Hektar REIT Second Quarter 2010**

Net Income up 3.2% over preceding year's quarter Second Quarter DPU declared at 2.50 sen

**Kuala Lumpur, August 3, 2010** – Hektar Asset Management Sdn Bhd ("Hektar") announced today that Hektar Real Estate Investment Trust ("Hektar REIT") recorded a second quarter net income of RM9.1 million or 2.85 sen per unit for the 3 months period ended 30 June 2010 ("2Q 10"). This is up 3.2% over the preceding year's quarter. Revenue reached RM22.2 million, which was up 1.6% over the preceding year's quarter.

Hektar declared a second quarter dividend per unit ("DPU") of 2.50 sen, which is up 4.2% over the preceding year's quarter. The Book Closing Date is 18 August 2010 and the payment date is 3 September 2010. Based on the closing price of RM1.24 on 30 June 2010, this represents an annualised yield of 8.1%.

Hektar REIT's Net Asset Value ("NAV") was RM1.2795 on 30 June 2010.

"Hektar REIT's second quarter 2010 financial results has demonstrated the advantages of diversity within our portfolio", said Chief Executive Officer of Hektar Asset Management Sdn Bhd, Dato' Jaafar Abdul Hamid. "The refurbishment and re-launch of Mahkota Parade has been fruitful as occupancy and rental reversions are showing positive signs". Mahkota Parade's occupancy has improved to approximately 96.9% and rental reversions saw an average 7% increase for the recent quarter.

"In Subang Parade, we have fresh challenges as we now have new space within the shopping centre", Jaafar added. "We view this as an opportunity to freshen the tenant mix by introducing new retailers. My team is currently working on a couple of concepts", he added. Subang Parade's occupancy dipped to 94.6% in the recent quarter.

"We are comfortable with the results as the REIT is still demonstrating positive growth compared to last year. As such, we will maintain this quarter's dividend rate at 2.5 sen per unit". Jaafar concluded.

## **New Board Appointment**

"During the quarter, we welcomed a new member to the Board of Directors, Dr. Chew Tuan Chiong", announced Jaafar. Dr. Chew is the newly-appointed Chief Executive Officer of Frasers Centrepoint Asset Management Ltd., the manager of Frasers Centrepoint Trust



listed in Singapore. On 5 May 2010 Dr. Chew took over from Mr. Lim Ee Seng, Chief Executive Officer of Frasers Centrepoint Limited, as one of the two Frasers Centrepoint Group nominees to the Board. Dr. Chew was formerly Chief Executive Officer of the Science Centre Singapore and is credited for transforming the centre into a world-class facility during his tenure and doubling its visitorship to over one million a year.

Jaafar further added, "I would also like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation to Mr. Lim Ee Seng for his contributions to the Board."

Overview of Hektar REIT Financial Results (unaudited)	2Q 2010 (3 months) (RM '000)	2Q 2009 (3 months) (RM '000)	Variance (%)
Gross Revenue	22,198	21,850	+ 1.6%
Direct Cost & Property Expenses	(9,025)	(8,891)	+1.5%
Net Property Income (NPI)	13,173	12,959	+1.7%
Net Income – Realised	9,132	8,852	+3.2%
Net Income Per Unit – Realised (sen)	2.854	2.766	+3.2%
Dividend Per Unit (DPU) (sen)	2.50	2.40	+4.2%

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### ABOUT HEKTAR REIT

Hektar Real Estate Investment Trust ("Hektar REIT") is a retail-focused REIT in Malaysia, focused on investing and managing commercial retail properties. Hektar REIT was listed on the Main Market of Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad and currently owns 1.1 million square feet of retail space in Selangor, Melaka and Johor, with assets valued at RM720 million in December 2009. The primary objectives of Hektar REIT are to provide unitholders with sustainable dividend income and to achieve long-term capital appreciation of the REIT.

Hektar REIT is managed by Hektar Asset Management Sdn Bhd ("Manager"), a subsidiary of the Hektar Group, which is focused on the development and management of retail shopping centres. The Hektar Group was formed in 2002 with the vision of creating world-class retail environments through the adoption and implementation of international best practices.

For more information, please visit www.HektarREIT.com

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