



# **Corporate Presentation**

September 2020



# Why invest in Link REIT?







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100% FREE FLOAT

One of the largest retailfocused REITs in Asia with 100% free float 02

QUALITY ASSETS DIVERSIFIED ACROSS REGIONS

Commercial assets in Hong Kong, London, Sydney and Tier-1 cities in Mainland China 03

RESILIENT TRADE MIX

Focus on non-discretionary retail, car parks and premium grade A offices 04

TRACK RECORD OF PERFORMANCE

Fifteen years of active asset management performance

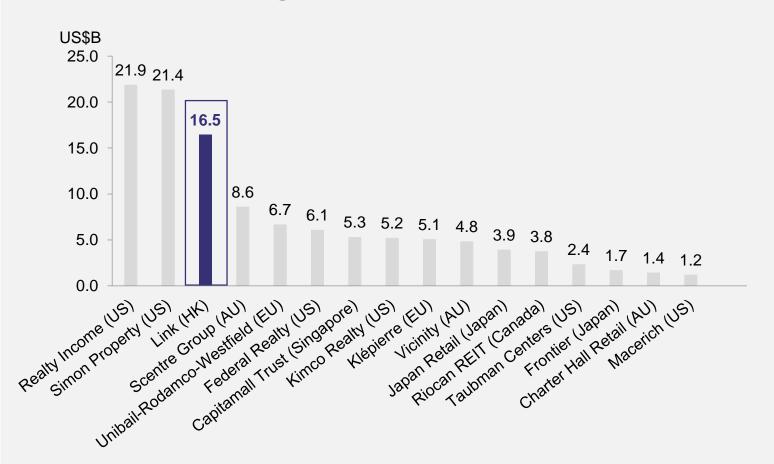
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STRONG CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

Highly independent Board with professional management

# **Top Global Retail-focused REITs**

### Link is one of the largest retail-focused REITs in the world

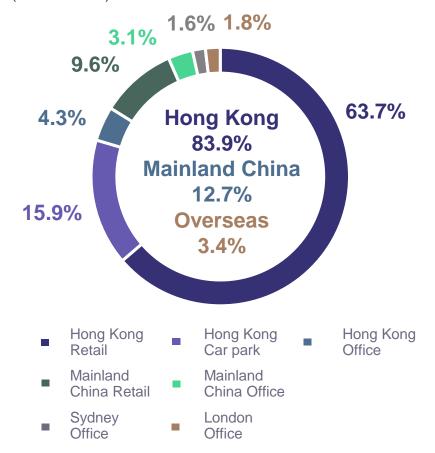


Largest retail-focused No.1 **REIT** in Asia by market capitalisation 1st First REIT listed in **Hong Kong** Only internally-managed Only 1 **REIT in Asia** 100% free float held by 100% institutions and private investors

Note: Comparison of selected major REITs in the world based on market capitalisation. Source: Bloomberg as at 31 August 2020.

# **Quality Portfolio Diversified across Regions**

# Pro-forma Portfolio Value<sup>(1)</sup> – HK\$200B (31 March 20)







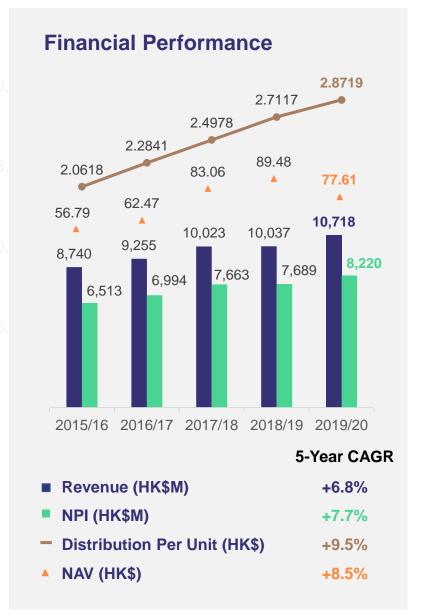


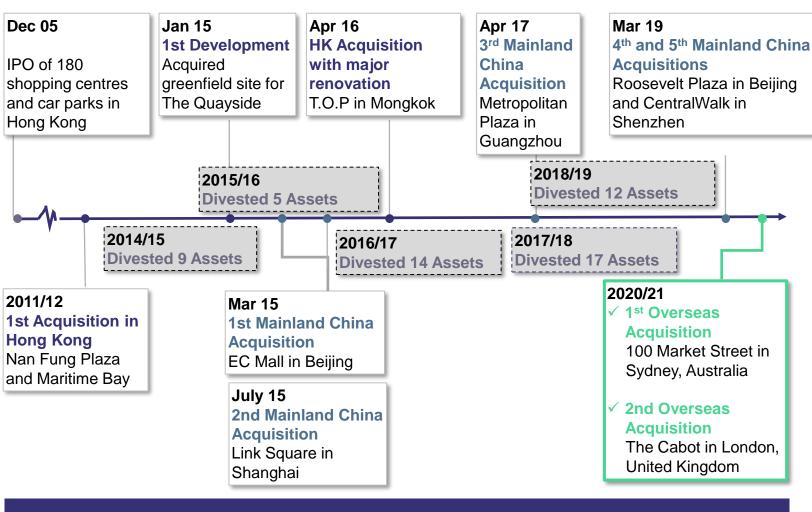
Includes retail facilities, car parks and offices

<b>GEOGRAPHY</b>	NO. OF PROPERTIES	AREA
	126	~ 9M sq ft
Hong Kong	Retail, office and car parks	Retail and office space
Mainland	5	~ 5M sq ft
Mainland China	Retail and office	Retail and office space
	2	~ 305K sq ft Sydney
Overseas	Premium Grade A offices in Sydney and London	~ 482K sq ft London

<sup>(1)</sup> As at 31 March 2020 on a pro forma basis, including the acquisitions of Sydney office completed on 7 April 2020 and London office completed on 25 August 2020.

### Track Record of Performance and Execution





Aggregate acquisition to date: ~HK\$50B

Aggregate divestment to date: ~HK\$47B

# **Strong Commitment to Sustainability**

By measuring and reporting our performance, we can improve the way we do things and set new benchmarks for our projects, properties and communities

Dow Jones
Sustainability Indices
In Collaboration with RobecoSAM

48
Score
Participation since 2013



Rank 6<sup>th</sup>
In East Asia
Score 67/100
Participation since 2012



3.1 (2)
ESG Rating Score
Participation since 2013



BBB
Participation since 2015



**A+** Score 68.8/100

**Participation since 2015** 



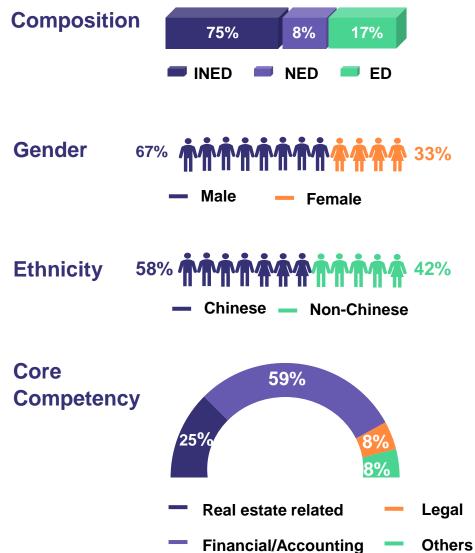
Low Risk ESG Risk Rating Score 12.8/100

**Participation since 2017** 

- (1) Latest performance available.
- (2) ICB Supersector: Real Estate; Percentile Rank: 66.

# Highly Independent Board for Effective Oversight and Leadership





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**Operational Update** 

# **Hong Kong Retail**





Retail	
Revenue growth	7.0% <sup>(1)</sup>
Reversion	12.6%
Average unit rate	HK\$70.3psf

96.0% Occupancy as at 30 Jun 20

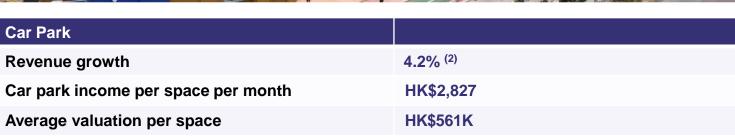
Trade Mix by Monthly Rent	Jun 20	Mar 20
Food and beverage	28.6%	28.9%
Supermarket and foodstuff	20.8%	20.6%
Markets/ cooked food stalls	15.1%	14.6%
Services	10.9%	11.1%
Personal care/ medicine	5.5%	5.7%
Education/ welfare and ancillary	0.9%	0.9%
Valuable goods (Including jewellery, watches and clocks)	0.9%	0.9%
Others <sup>(3)</sup>	17.3%	17.3%
Total	100%	100%

- (1) On a like-for-like basis, excluding any properties acquired, divested and/or newly operational (as applicable) during the years under analysis.
- (2) All figures for the year ended / as at 31 March 2020, unless stated otherwise.
- (3) Including clothing, department store, electrical and household products, optical, books and stationery, newspaper, leisure and entertainment.

# **Hong Kong Car Park**



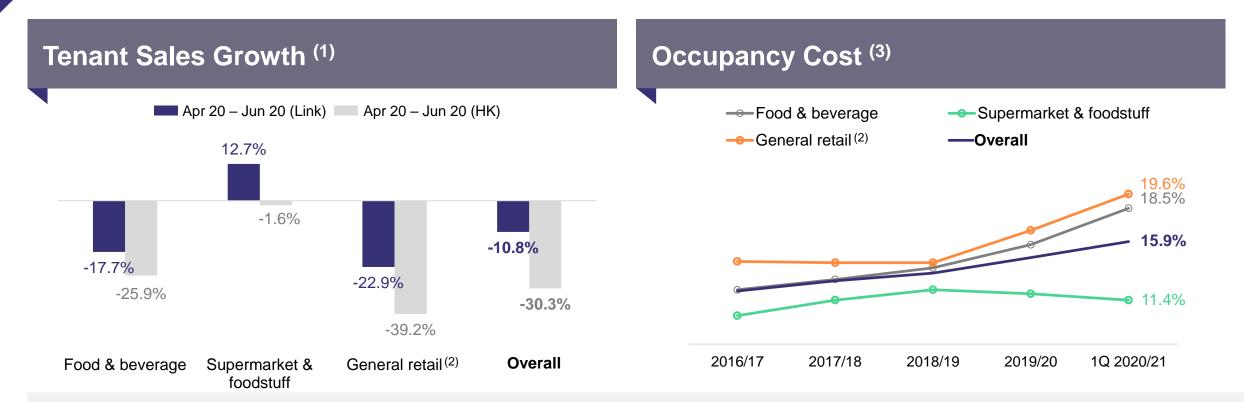






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# **Hong Kong Retail**



#### LATEST UPDATES

Although retail sales were recovering in late May and June, the third wave of COVID-19 outbreak in July and August brought about more stringent social distancing measures. Food & beverage businesses were severely affected while supermarkets & foodstuff performance surged as people stayed and cooked more at home. General retail performance also suffered as subdued sentiment prevailed.

- (1) Percentage figures represent year-on-year change in tenants' average monthly sales per square foot of the respective years.
- (2) Including clothing, department store, electrical and household products, personal care/medicine, optical, books and stationery, newspaper, valuable goods, services, leisure and entertainment, and retail others.
- (3) A ratio of base rent plus management fee to tenant sales.

# **Hong Kong Office**

# The Quayside Premium Grade A office in Kowloon East, Hong Kong







~80%
Office
Occupancy (1)

~72%
Retail
Occupancy (1)

 Successfully achieved additional leasing during COVID-19

### **Mainland China Retail**







93.6%
Occupancy
as at 30 Jun 20

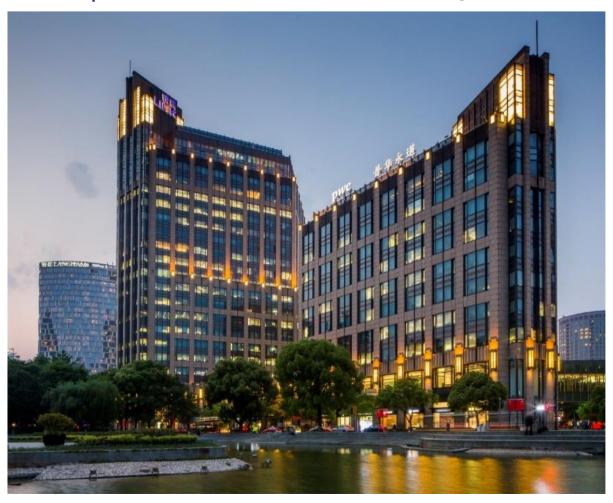
29.6% Reversion as at 31 Mar 20

Trade Mix by Area	Jun 20	Mar 20
Food and beverage	26.9%	28.5%
Supermarket and foodstuff	15.1%	14.6%
Fashion	27.0%	26.9%
General retail & others	17.9%	17.3%
Leisure & entertainment	13.1%	12.7%
Total	100%	100%

- Faster retail sales recovery pace compared to Hong Kong
- Footfall in our shopping centres resumed to over 70% of previous years
- Performance in Beijing was affected by another wave of COVID-19 in mid-June 2020

### **Mainland China Office**

### Link Square Premium Grade A office in Shanghai, Mainland China



92.5% Occupancy as at 30 Jun 20

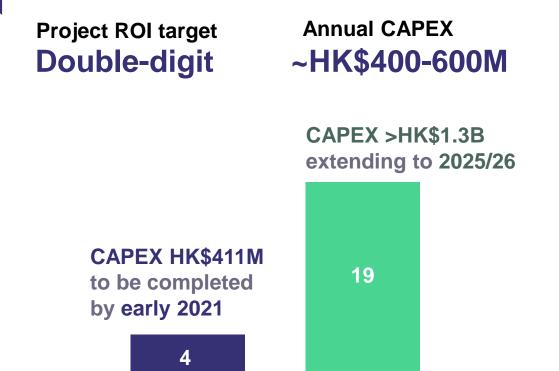
7.1%
Reversion
as at 31 Mar 20

Tenant Mix by Area	Jun 20	Mar 20
Professional services	42.3%	41.1%
Technology, Media, Telecom	15.2%	14.9%
Pharmacy	6.9%	6.6%
Industrial goods & services	13.1%	12.9%
Retailers & consumer products	3.5%	3.3%
Others	19.0%	21.2%
Total	100%	100%

- Office tenants were relatively unaffected by COVID-19 and operated as normal since March 2020
- Occupancy slightly impacted by the new office supply in Shanghai and slower leasing market but some leases in Link Square are under advanced negotiation

### **Asset Enhancement**

# AE Pipeline (1)



#### Notes:

- (1) As at 31 March 2020.
- (2) Concept renderings only.

**Underway** 

(3) Estimated return on investment ("ROI") is calculated based on projected annualised net property income post project minus net property income pre project divided by estimated project capital expenditures and loss of rental.

**Under planning** 

### **Projects Underway**





- Progress on track despite minor interruptions during second and third waves of COVID-19 outbreak
- Asset enhancement works at CentralWalk has commenced since the end of August 2020

# **Australia Office**

100 Market Street Premium Grade A office in Sydney, Australia





# Fully-let with stable income

100% Office Occupancy (1) ~8 years WALE

4%
Annual Rental
Escalation

- Entry NOI yield of ~4.0%
- FX mitigated by AUD borrowings

Tenant Mix By Rent	Jun 20
S&P/ASX 100 listed property investor	43.7%
Commonwealth government body	52.8%
Sovereign wealth fund	3.5%
Total	100%

#### Note:

(1) As at 30 June 2020.

# **United Kingdom Office**

### The Cabot Premium Grade A office in London, United Kingdom



### **Acquisition completed on 25 Aug 2020**

£380M
Acquisition
Price

99% Occupancy (1)

10+ years WALE

- Entry NOI yield of ~5.0%
- FX risk mitigated by GBP borrowings
- Contribution to commence from September 2020

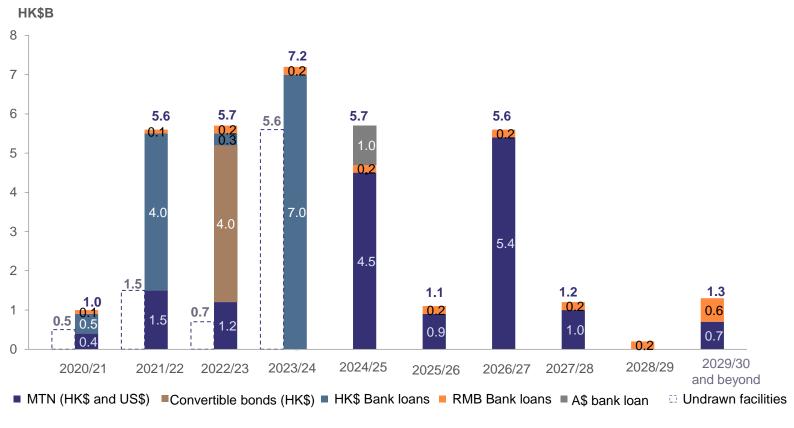
Tenant Mix By Rent	Jul 20
International investment bank	49.0%
Government-backed bodies	30.0%
Co-working space operator	18.0%
Retail	2.0%
Vacant (retail)	1.0%
Total	100%

#### Note:

(1) Based on valuation by Colliers as at 17 July 2020.

# **Strong Liquidity and Accessibility to Debt Markets**

### Staggered Maturity Profile as at 31 March 20 (1)



#### **Latest Updates Credit ratings MOODY'S** S&P's **FITCH Gearing ratio** 19.2% <sup>(3)</sup> Cash / committed HK\$2.9B / HK\$15.6B facilities (as at 30 Jun 20) **Recent Sources Secured** Apr 20 Issued 5Y notes HK\$1.01B 5-year notes at 2.35% p.a. Raised 5Y term loan to fund 100 Market Street A\$414M 5-year term loan was raised from **ANZ Bank domestically May 20** 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> sustainability-linked loans HK\$1B with 5-year maturity from OCBC Bank and BOC (HK), respectively

**Sealed 5-year GBP loans** 

To fund The Cabot

#### Notes:

- (1) All amounts are at face value.
- (2) HK\$4B convertible bond has a maturity of 5 years with a 3-year put option exercisable in 2022/23.
- (3) Based on the consolidated financial position as at 31 March 2020 after adjusting for the impact of the appraised value of the property acquired pursuant to the Australian acquisition which was completed on 7 April 2020 and related drawdown of bank facilities, final distribution which is expected to be distributed to Unitholders on 30 July 2020 assuming all Unitholders have elected to receive wholly in cash under distribution reinvestment scheme.

Aug 20

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**Strategy and Update** 

# Vision 2025 – Key Achievements in 2020/21 YTD

#### **Portfolio Growth**



>90%

Maintained high occupancy in both Hong Kong and Mainland China portfolios

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Acquisition of The Cabot, Grade A premium office in London

#### **Culture of Excellence**

# Launch of Link Property Management arm

Set up in April 2020 to oversee all of Link's Hong Kong property management functions

#### **Visionary Creativity**

#### "Waste No Food"

Tenants at Link's fresh markets have been advocating the notion of "waste no food" by donating edible surplus food to Food Angel

#### **Expanded Digital Presence**

Launched Link's Weibo and WeChat accounts to reach out to our stakeholders in Mainland China on social media



Link's Weibo



Link's WeChat



# **Asset Management – Business As Mutual**

#### **Creating long-term shared value for stakeholders**

### **Management Priority**

- Safety and health of community & employees
- Maintain steady occupancy
- Support our tenants through this challenging time



### **Tenant Performance**

- ✓ Supermarket and fresh market sales increased due to more cooking at home
- ✓ No major rental collection and arrears issue
- ✓ Occupancy remained steady
- x From mid-July to last week of August:
  - Hong Kong restaurants could only offer sit-down service till 6:00pm (1)
  - Beauty salons, education centres and gyms were under lockdown
- ? Gradual relaxation of social distancing (e.g. re-opening of restaurants for dinner business) will alleviate pressure on tenants

#### Note:

(1) Relaxed to 9:00pm since 28 August 2020.

# **Long-term Partnership – Tenant Support Scheme**

Feb 20
Apr 20
Apr 20
Extended to HK\$300M
Doubled to HK\$600M

# Overall HK\$600M budgeted (1) tenant support scheme, with supportive measures including:

- Management fee and air-conditioning charges will be waived for all tenants in August and September 2020, totalling over HK\$150M.
- A 100% rent waiver will be offered to all 128 nongovernment organisation/welfare tenants in August and September 2020.
- A 50% discount on monthly car park fees for school bus patrons from April to September 2020 will be extended to March 2021.
- Rental concessions will continue to be granted to affected tenants on a case-by-case basis, targeting those in sectors hardest hit by the pandemic.

### Impact on distribution:

- HK\$80M announced in February 2020 has been accounted for in 2019/20.
- Additional tenant support will be reflected in 2020/21, depending on the final amount offered.

Current tenant support scheme should be sufficient at this stage, barring any drastic conditions.

# **Capital and Portfolio Management**

### **Capital Management**

- Continue our prudent approach to maintain maximum flexibility
- Maintain strong credit ratings and tight credit margins
- Resume buyback of at least the previously announced remaining 8M units
- Remain committed to the discretionary distribution of HK14 cents per unit per annum until 2021/22

### **Portfolio Management**

- Due diligence remains challenging given the travel restrictions
- Continue to seek out distress deals and strategic growth opportunities
- Remain prudent and measured while creating strategic optionality in deal evaluations

Geography		
	Existing (1)	Management Guidance
Hong Kong	83.9%	70-75%
Mainland China	12.7%	≤20%
Overseas	3.4%	≤10%

Asset Class		
	Existing (1)	Management Guidance
Office	10.8%	15-20%

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