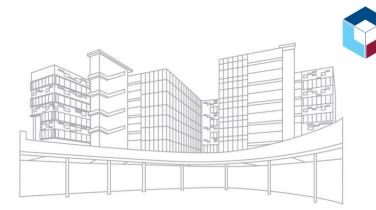


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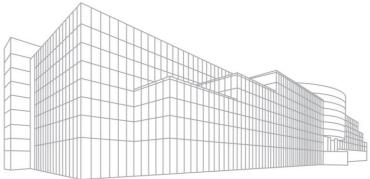
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#### INTEGRATING STRENGTHS ACHIEVING GROWTH

**Extraordinary General Meeting** 



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## **Summary of Approvals Sought**



**Resolution 1:** (Ordinary Resolution >50%) **Proposed Whitewash Resolution** 



**Resolution 2:** (Extraordinary Resolution ≥75%)

Proposed Development Management Fee Supplement and Authority to Issue ESR-REIT Units in Payment of the Development Management Fee



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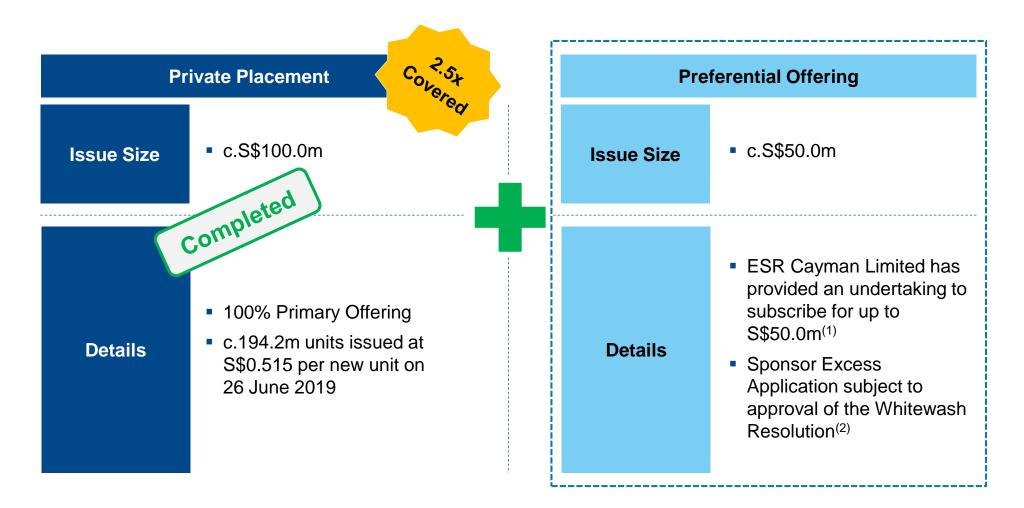


### **Resolution 1:** Proposed Whitewash Resolution

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## **The Proposed Equity Fund Raising**





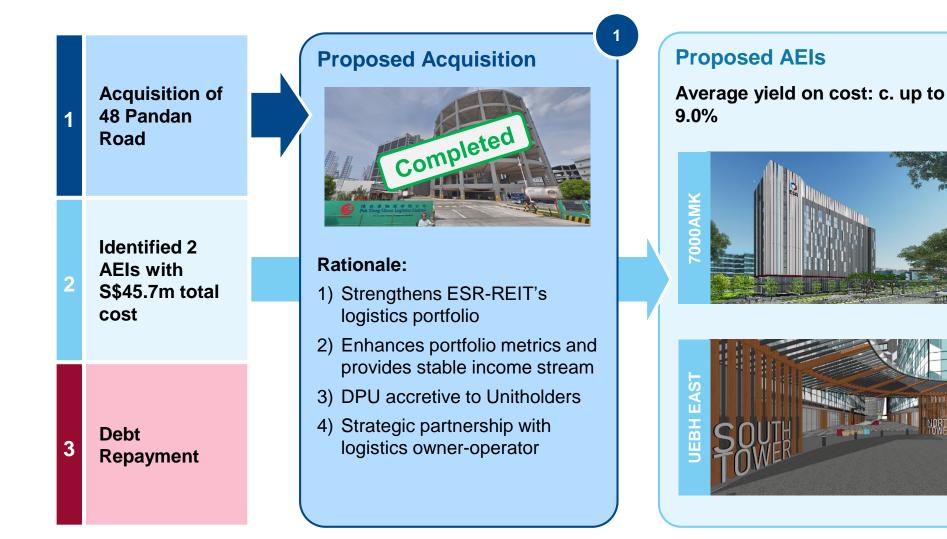
(1) Together with the Manager's subscription

(2) Subject to approval of the Whitewash Resolution by independent unitholders to waive their rights to receive a mandatory general offer pursuant to Rule 14 of the Singapore Code on Takeovers and Mergers from the Sponsor and persons acting in concert or presumed to be acting in concert with it in relation to ESR-REIT.

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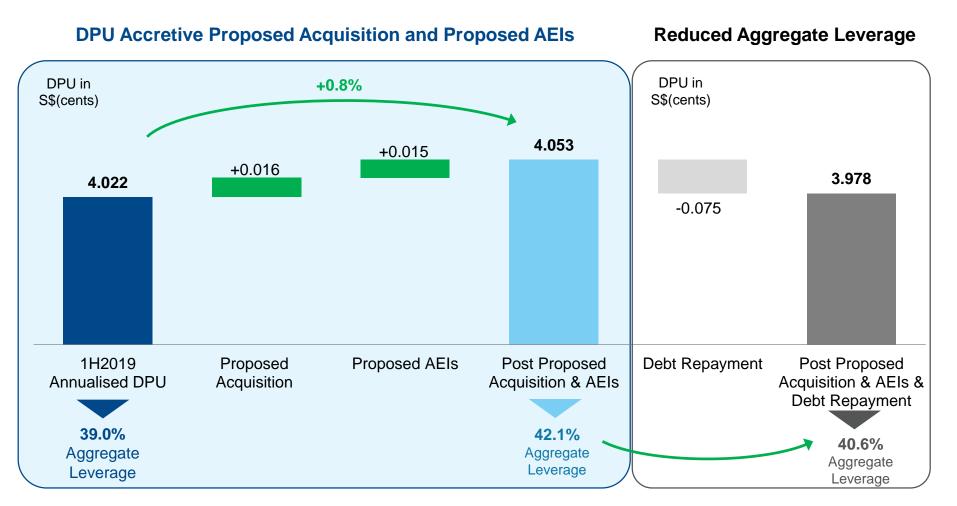
#### **Proceeds Utilised to Fund Proposed Acquisition, Proposed AEIs and Debt Repayment**







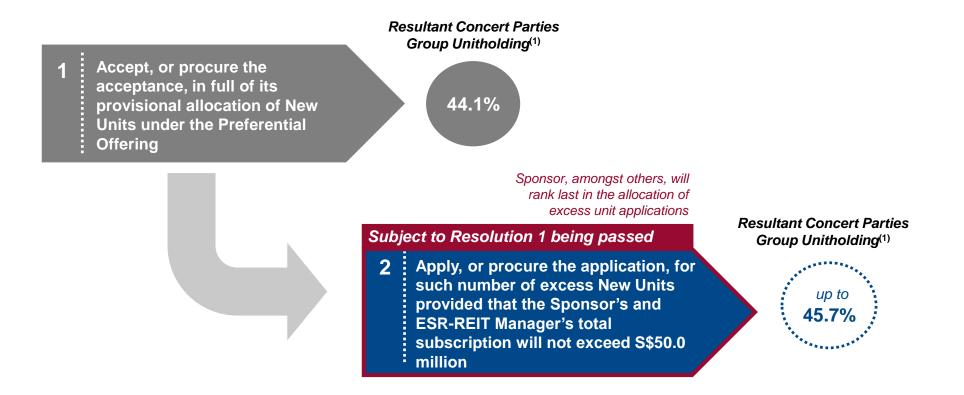
#### Proposed Acquisition and AEIs are DPU Accretive; Debt Repayment Reduces Aggregate Leverage



FOR ILLUSTRATIVE PURPOSES ONLY: The pro forma financial effects of the Proposed Transactions is based on ESR-REIT's 1H2019 annualised DPU, assumes that the Proposed Transactions and the issuance of New Units pursuant to the Equity Fund Raising were completed on 1 January 2019, ESR-REIT had held the Property through the JV LLP throughout the financial period and the lease in relation to the Proposed AEIs had generated rental income throughout the financial period



# **Sponsor Providing Undertaking to Subscribe for up to S\$50.0 million in the Preferential Offering**



On 15 July 2019, SIC granted the Whitewash Waiver, subject to amongst others, the approval of the Whitewash Resolution by ESR-REIT Unitholders who are considered independent for the purpose of the Whitewash Waiver





An extract of the IFA Letter is reproduced below:

"Having carefully considered the information available to us and our analysis set out above, and based upon the monetary, industry, market, economic and other relevant conditions subsisting on the Latest Practicable Date, we are of the opinion that the terms of the Preferential Offering, being the subject of the Whitewash Resolution, are fair and reasonable.

Accordingly, we advise the Relevant Independent Directors (Whitewash) to recommend that Independent ESR-REIT Unitholders (Whitewash) **VOTE IN FAVOUR** of the Whitewash Resolution."



INDEPENDENT FINANCIAL ADVISER



# What do the Relevant Independent Directors (Whitewash) Recommend?

The Relevant Independent Directors (Whitewash) have considered the opinion of the IFA (as set out in the IFA Letter (Whitewash) in Appendix A to the Circular) and the rationale for the Whitewash Resolution as set out in paragraph 2.11 of the Circular, and recommend that the Independent ESR-REIT Unitholders (Whitewash) <u>VOTE IN FAVOUR</u> of Resolution 1, being the Whitewash Resolution.



**RELEVANT INDEPENDENT DIRECTORS (WHITEWASH)** 



### **Resolution 2:**

Proposed Development Management Fee Supplement and Authority to Issue ESR-REIT Units in Payment of the Development Management Fee

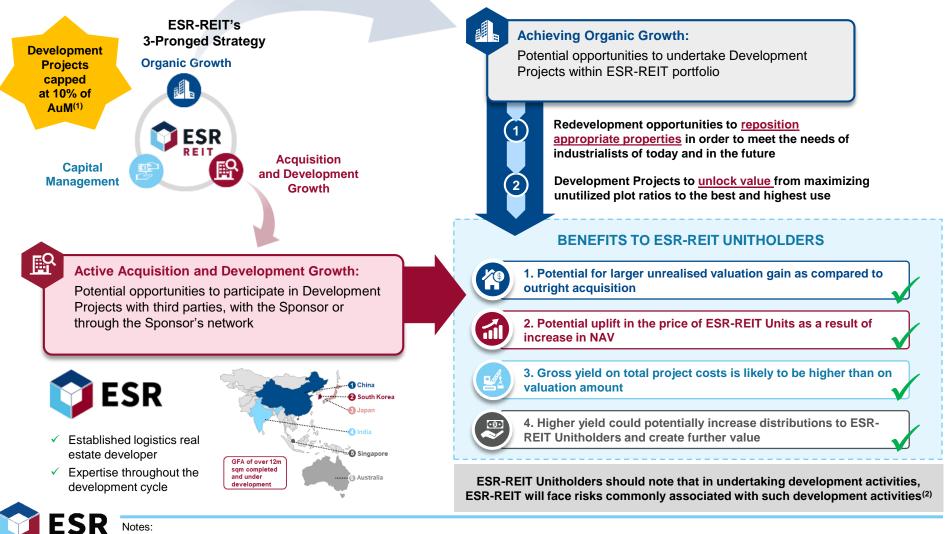


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#### **Rationale for the Development Management Fee**

Resolution 2

The proposed Development Management Fee is in line with ESR-REIT's 3-Pronged Strategy; Development and/or redevelopment projects are likely to create additional value for Unitholders



(1) Based on the Monetary Authority of Singapore's Property Fund Guidelines

(2) Please refer to Paragraph 3.3 on pages 38 to 40 of the Circular for more information.

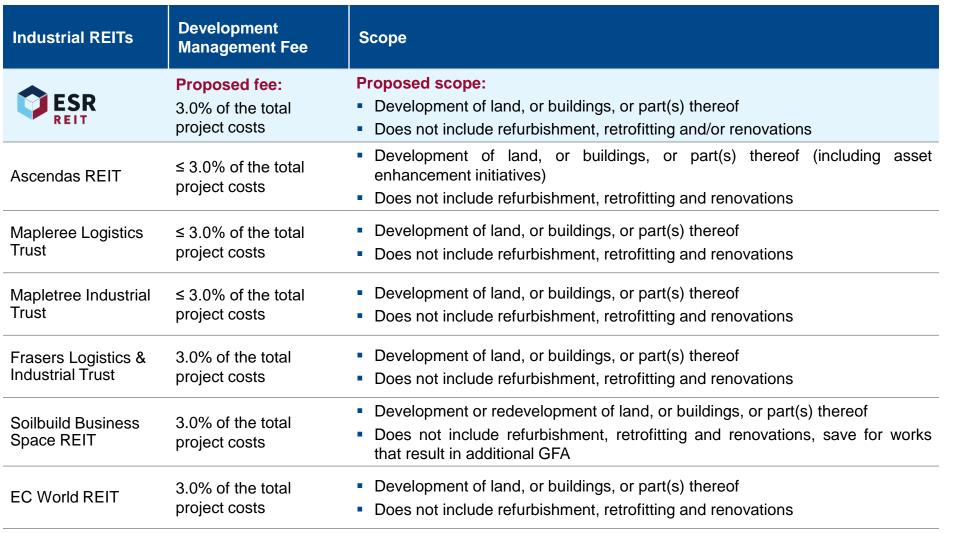
# What is the Proposed Development Management Fee @ Supplement?

ESR-REIT Manager proposes to introduce a Development Management Fee of 3.0% of Total Project Costs, subject to the following:

- Trustee's and independent directors' <u>review and approval</u> <u>required</u> where estimated Total Project Costs are <u>greater than</u> <u>S\$100.0 million</u>
- 2 Independent directors shall have the <u>discretion to</u> direct the ESR-REIT Manager to <u>reduce the Development Management</u> <u>Fee</u> where the market pricing for comparable development management services is materially lower
- 3 <u>Any increase</u> in the percentage or change in the structure of the Development Management Fee <u>shall be approved by an</u> <u>Extraordinary Resolution</u>



#### **Proposed Development Management Fee is In Line** With Market Practices of Comparable Trusts<sup>(1)</sup>



**Resolution 2** 



Note:



An extract of the IFA Letter is reproduced below:

"Having carefully considered the information available to us and our analysis set out above, and based upon the monetary, industry, market, economic and other relevant conditions subsisting on the Latest Practicable Date, we are of the opinion that the Proposed Development Management Fee Supplement is on normal commercial terms and is not prejudicial to ESR-REIT and its minority ESR-REIT Unitholders.

Accordingly, we advise the Relevant Independent Directors (Development Management Fee) and the ARCC to recommend that Independent ESR-REIT Unitholders (Development Management Fee) <u>VOTE IN FAVOUR</u> of the Proposed Development Management Fee Supplement."





# What do the Relevant Independent Directors (Development Management Fee) Recommend?

The Relevant Independent Directors (Development Management Fee) have considered the opinion of the IFA (as set out in the IFA Letter (Development Management Fee) in Appendix A to the Circular), the rationale for the Proposed Development Management Fee Supplement as set out in paragraph 3.3 of the Circular and all other relevant factors, and recommend that the Independent ESR-REIT Unitholders (Development Management Fee) <u>VOTE IN FAVOUR</u> of Resolution 2, being the Extraordinary Resolution relating to the Proposed Development Management Fee Supplement.



**RELEVANT INDEPENDENT DIRECTORS (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT FEE)** 



# **Resolution 3:**

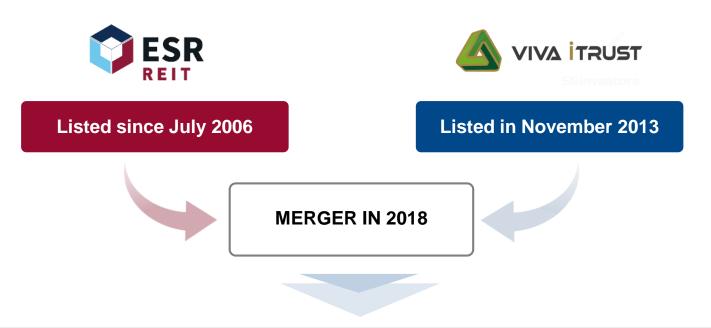
### Proposed Amendment and Restatement of the ESR-REIT Trust Deed



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#### Rationale for the Proposed Amendment and Restatement of the ESR-REIT Trust Deed





- VI-REIT trust deed is <u>more updated and in line with market standards</u> than the ESR-REIT trust deed
- Proposal to amend and restate the ESR-REIT Trust Deed, the provisions of which are closely aligned to the provisions of the VI-REIT Trust Deed



# Summary of the Proposed Amendment and Restatement of the ESR-REIT Trust Deed



1	<ul> <li>Provisions which are not of present relevance to EST-REIT will be excluded, for example:</li> <li>(a) provisions relating to stapled securities;</li> <li>(b) provisions contemplating the listing of ESR-REIT securities on a securities exchange other than the SGX-ST; and</li> <li>(c) provisions relating to the period prior to listing</li> </ul>
2	Incorporate amendments that are in line with current laws and regulations and for consistency with the SGX-ST Listing Rules and other general amendments to streamline, update and rationalise provisions for greater clarity and/or to provide greater flexibility for ESR-REIT
3	<ul> <li>Incorporates provisions that have more recently been updated, for example:</li> <li>(a) provisions relating to issuance of ESR-REIT Units; and</li> <li>(b) electronic communications and provisions to facilitate multiple proxies regime</li> </ul>
4	Fees payable to ESR-REIT Manager and ESR-REIT Trustee will remain as reflected in the existing ESR-REIT Trust Deed (apart from clarificatory amendments and editorial changes), other than (if Resolution 2 is passed) the incorporation of the Development Management Fee Supplement



### What do the Directors Recommend?

The Directors having considered all relevant factors, recommend that ESR-REIT Unitholders <u>VOTE IN</u> <u>FAVOUR</u> of Resolution 3, being the Extraordinary Resolution relating to the proposed amendment and restatement of the ESR-REIT Trust Deed.





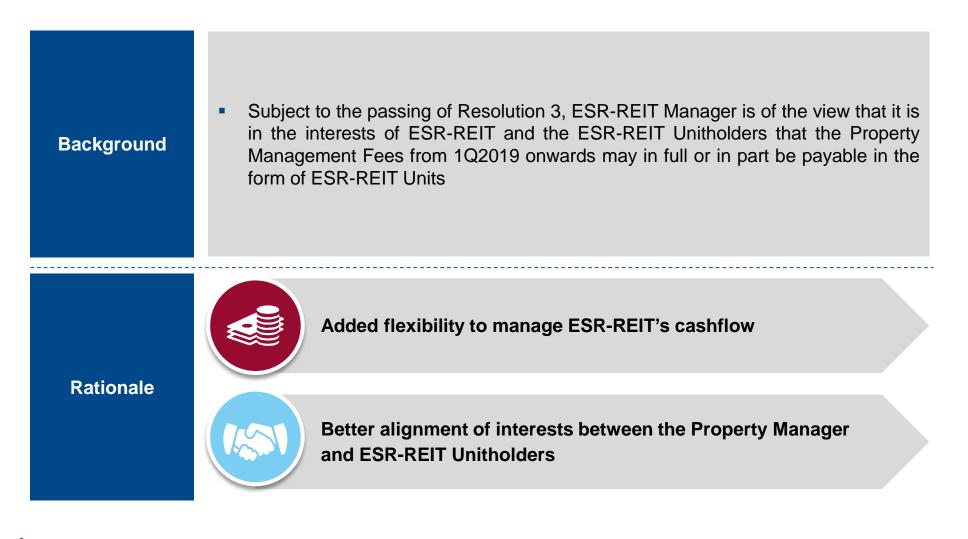
# **Resolution 4:**

### Payment of Property Management Fees in ESR-REIT Units



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# Background & Rationale for the Proposed Payment of Property Management Fees in ESR-REIT Units





The Directors, other than Mr. Philip John Pearce who is the CEO of ESR Australia and serves on the boards of ESR Real Estate (Australia) Pty Ltd and ESR Pte Ltd as at the Latest Practicable Date, and Mr. Jeffrey David Perlman, who leads Warburg Pincus's investments in Southeast Asia and serves on the board of, inter alia, ESR at the Latest Practicable Date, having considered all relevant factors, recommend that the Independent ESR-REIT Unitholders (Property Management Fees) VOTE IN FAVOUR of Resolution 4, being the Ordinary Resolution relating to the authority to issue ESR-REIT Units in payment of the Property Management Fees to the Property Manager. In light of their relationship with the ESR group, Mr. Pearce and Mr. Perlman have abstained from making any recommendation to the Independent ESR-REIT Unitholders (Property Management Fees) on Resolution 4.





Directors include all directors other than Mr. Philip John Pearce who is the CEO of ESR Australia and serves on the boards of ESR Real Estate (Australia) Pty Ltd and ESR Pte Ltd as at the Latest Practicable Date, and Mr. Jeffrey David Perlman, who leads Warburg Pincus's investments in Southeast Asia and serves on the board of, inter alia, ESR as at the Latest Practicable Date

### Conclusion



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