



OUE C-REIT Obtains First Sustainability-Linked Loan

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7 October 2021 – OUE Commercial Real Estate Investment Trust ("OUE C-REIT") has successfully obtained its first S\$540 million sustainability-linked loan from a consortium of five lenders including OCBC Bank, which is acting as sustainability advisor for the transaction. It is also OUE C-REIT's first loan which references the Singapore Overnight Rate Average ("SORA").

The facility incorporates interest rate reductions linked to predetermined sustainability performance targets that are in line with OUE C-REIT's commitment to reduce the environmental impact of its buildings. These targets include improving the energy and water efficiencies in relation to the commercial portfolio in Singapore and Shanghai, and will allow OUE C-REIT to enjoy savings in interest costs when the targets are achieved.

The proceeds of this sustainability-linked loan will be used to refinance existing borrowings and for general working capital requirements.

With the new facility in place, OUE C-REIT has no further refinancing requirements until December 2022 where only S\$163 million of debt is due for refinancing. OUE C-REIT's average term of debt is expected to lengthen from 2.9 years as at 30 June 2021 to 3.5 years on a pro forma basis, with the weighted average cost of debt remaining stable at 3.2% per annum. The resultant debt maturity profile is well-spread out, with no more than 30% of debt due for refinancing in any financial year.

Ms Tan Shu Lin, Chief Executive Officer and Executive Director of the Manager, said: "We are pleased to secure our first sustainability-linked loan which supports our ongoing efforts to drive the sustainability performance of OUE Commercial REIT. The new loan is a step towards integrating sustainable practices into our operations beyond just managing the environmental impact of OUE Commercial REIT's properties. We remain committed to our sustainability goals with the aim of translating our sustainability efforts into positive results to deliver long-term growth and value for Unitholders."

OUE C-REIT is committed to improving the energy efficiency of its portfolio, as well as prudent water management to mitigate challenges due to climate change. It has set long-term energy and water intensity reduction targets of 25% below 2017's levels to be achieved by 2030. In working towards these targets, OUE C-REIT is also committed to partner tenants through green lease agreements where possible, to align the interests of tenants and OUE C-REIT on energy and environmental issues to further improve the environmental performance of the portfolio. All of OUE C-REIT's commercial properties in Singapore and Shanghai have achieved green ratings. The commercial assets in Singapore as well as Mandarin Orchard Singapore, are certified Green Mark Gold by the Building and Construction Authority, while Lippo Plaza in Shanghai has achieved the LEEDTM Gold certification by the U.S. Green Building Council.

Ms Elaine Lam, Head of Global Corporate Banking, OCBC Bank, said, "We are proud to partner OUE C-REIT on its first sustainability-linked loan as the sustainability advisor. The real estate industry is leading the charge when it comes to sustainable financing and this loan is further proof of that. Its ambitious targets to improve the energy and water efficiencies of its commercial portfolio, reflect OUE C-REIT's commitment to sustainability and their drive to deliver positive environmental outcomes in their key markets, Singapore and Shanghai. This is also OUE C-REIT's maiden SORA-pegged loan — an important milestone as the industry collectively transitions to a new interest rate benchmark — making this a landmark transaction that we are glad to partner them on."

About OUE Commercial REIT

OUE C-REIT is a real estate investment trust listed on the Main Board of Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited since 27 January 2014.

OUE C-REIT is one of the largest diversified Singapore REITs with total assets of S\$5.8 billion as at 30 June 2021. With seven properties across the commercial and hospitality segments in Singapore and Shanghai, OUE C-REIT's property portfolio comprises approximately 2.2 million square feet of prime office and retail space, and 1,640 upscale hotel rooms.

OUE C-REIT invests in income-producing real estate used primarily for commercial purposes (including real estate used primarily for office and/or retail purposes) in financial and business hubs, and/or hospitality and/or hospitality-related purposes, as well as real estate-related assets.

OUE C-REIT is managed by OUE Commercial REIT Management Pte. Ltd., which is a wholly-owned subsidiary of OUE Limited. The Manager's objective is to provide Unitholders with regular and stable distributions and to achieve long-term sustainable growth in DPU and NAV per Unit, while maintaining an appropriate capital structure.

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