



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **SUNWAY REIT ISSUES INAUGURAL SUSTAINABILITY-LINKED BONDS**

Kuala Lumpur, 7 December 2021 – SunREIT Unrated Bond Berhad (SUB) has issued the first tranche of Sustainability-Linked Bonds (SLB) as part of Sunway Real Estate Investment Trust’s (Sunway REIT) maiden sustainable financing exercise. The SLB issuance marks the culmination of Sunway REIT’s strategic collaboration with OCBC Bank (Malaysia) Berhad (OCBC Bank), which was, earlier this year, appointed as Sustainability Structuring Coordinator for SUB’s Unrated Medium Term Notes Programme.

The SLB, structured in compliance with the International Capital Market Association’s Sustainability-Linked Bond Principles, features a pricing adjustment mechanism benchmarked against the achievement of predetermined Sustainability Performance Targets (SPT). The SPTs have been selected to measure the improvement in Sunway REIT’s sustainability goals, include sourcing a portion of its energy requirements from a renewable energy source and achieving and maintaining a minimum Building Energy Intensity (BEI) score for its retail properties portfolio.

On the issuance of the SLB, the Chief Executive Officer of Sunway REIT Management Sdn Bhd, Dato’ Jeffrey Ng said: “Through this sustainable financing exercise, we are able to demonstrate a clear parallel between the achievement of our environmental, social and governance (ESG) targets and

the optimisation of our financing cost. The success of this SLB issuance represents the next big step for Sunway REIT to integrate ESG practices at the heart of its financing strategy”.



Ms Tan Ai Chin, Managing Director, Senior Banker and Head of Investment Banking, OCBC Bank (Malaysia) Berhad



Dato' Jeffrey Ng, Chief Executive Officer, Sunway REIT Management Sdn Bhd

Ms Tan Ai Chin, Managing Director, Senior Banker and Head of Investment Banking, OCBC Bank, said: “We are delighted to play a leading role in pushing the sustainable finance envelope yet again, by arranging the first ringgit-denominated sustainability-linked bond issuance by a publicly-listed entity. This solidifies the OCBC Group’s position as one of the principal advocates to accelerate sustainable finance development regionally.

The completion of this landmark transaction represents the first in a string of ESG-compliant funding transactions currently in our pipeline, following our signing of a Memorandum of Understanding with Bursa Malaysia last month to establish *#financing4ESG*. The initiative aims to proliferate interest in ESG adoption among public listed companies in Malaysia, in support of the government’s recently-announced PLC Transformation Programme”.

Malaysian Rating Corporation Berhad (MARC), the independent external reviewer for the framework which governs the terms of the SLB, accorded a “Silver” Impact Bond Assessment pursuant to its review. MARC had said: “The linking of the issuer’s cost of funding to pre-agreed SPTs through the margin adjustments for the partial, full or non-achievement of the SPTs ensures tangible positive environmental impact and the closing of gaps between the SPTs and actual performance are incentivised. Apart from aligning with Sunway REIT’s broader sustainability objectives, these SPTs are relevant to supporting national and global decarbonisation goals”.

The successful SLB issuance by Sunway REIT represents a new milestone for sustainable finance in the Malaysian capital markets, in keeping with the Malaysian Government’s vision towards achieving carbon neutrality by 2050.

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### **About Sunway REIT**

Sunway REIT is one of the largest diversified real estate investment trusts in Malaysia, with a portfolio of 18 strategically located assets across award-winning integrated townships in key locations within the Klang Valley, Penang and Perak. Sunway REIT and its Sponsor, Sunway Berhad, a leading Malaysian conglomerate with core interests in property development, construction, healthcare, hospitality, retail, leisure and others, are strong advocates of The United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN-SDG) in advancing the sustainability agenda across the Sunway Group.

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### **About OCBC Bank**

OCBC Bank is the longest established Singapore bank, formed in 1932 from the merger of three local banks, the oldest of which was founded in 1912. It is now the second largest financial services group in Southeast Asia by assets

and one of the world's most highly-rated banks, with Aa1 by Moody's and AA- by both Fitch and S&P. Recognised for its financial strength and stability, OCBC Bank is consistently ranked among the World's Top 50 Safest Banks by Global Finance and has been named Best Managed Bank in Singapore by The Asian Banker.

OCBC Bank and its subsidiaries offer a broad array of commercial banking, specialist financial and wealth management services, ranging from consumer, corporate, investment, private and transaction banking to treasury, insurance, asset management and stockbroking services.

OCBC Bank's key markets are Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia and Greater China. It has more than 450 branches and representative offices in 19 countries and regions. These include over 220 branches and offices in Indonesia under subsidiary Bank OCBC NISP, and over 70 branches and offices in Mainland China, Hong Kong SAR and Macau SAR under OCBC Wing Hang.

OCBC Bank's private banking services are provided by its wholly-owned subsidiary Bank of Singapore, which operates on a unique open-architecture product platform to source for the best-in-class products to meet its clients' goals.

OCBC Bank's insurance subsidiary, Great Eastern Holdings, is the oldest and most established life insurance group in Singapore and Malaysia. Its asset management subsidiary, Lion Global Investors, is one of the largest private sector asset management companies in Southeast Asia.

OCBC Bank offers Islamic banking products and services in Malaysia through its wholly-owned subsidiary, OCBC Al-Amin Bank Berhad.

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