

# **Programme Outline**

Time	<b>Programme</b>	Presenter
10:00 AM	Introductory Remarks	Mr. Travis Tan Manager, Investor Relations & Shareholders' Club
10:05 AM	FY2024 Business Highlights Property Hospitality Resources	Mr. Ng Kong Chiat Senior Investment Manager
10:20 AM	FY2024 Financial Highlights	Mr. Yang Hejia Financial Controller
10:25 AM	Business Outlook	Mr. Eric Teng Group Chief Operating Officer, CEO, Straits Developments Private Limited
10:30 AM	Q&A Session	Key Management Team
11:00 AM	End of Session	

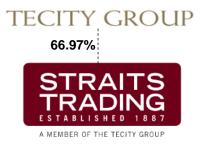




# FY2024 **Key Business Highlights**

#### Organisation Structure <sup>1</sup>





Resources Hospitality **Property** 

**Malaysia Smelting Corporation Berhad** ("MSC") 52.0% Stake

Largest independent custom tin smelter in the world

**Straits Developments Private Limited** ("SDPL") 100% Stake

Corporate and operational arm for the Group; new business and property business

**STC Property** Management Sdn. Bhd. ("STCPM") **100% Stake** 

**Developer of Straits City Project Penang** 

**Straits Investment** Management Pte. Ltd. ("SIM") 100% Stake

Fund management specialising in global real estate securities **Straits Real Estate** Pte. Ltd. ("SRE") 100% Stake

Investment vehicle seeking out real estate related opportunities globally

**Far East Hospitality** Holdings Pte. Ltd. ("FEHH") 30.0% Stake

An established international hospitality owner and operator

**ESR Group Limited** ("ESR") 4.0% Stake

APAC's largest real estate and real assets fund manager

**SDAX Financial** Pte. Ltd. 10.08% Stake

An integrated digital financial services platform

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> As of 31 December 2024

#### **Corporate Highlights**



#### Group



- Strengthened balance sheet
  - Issued S\$130 million
     4.70% fixed rate note
     due 2029
  - Established S\$55 million commercial paper facility programme on SDA;
     Successful close of 3-month issuances –
     Series 001 (S\$9.09 million) in Oct 2024 and Series 002 (S\$11.86 million) in Jan 2025

#### Resources



- Total dividend of 31 sen/ share for FY2024, including special dividend of 17 sen/share paid in Dec 2024
- Ongoing operational efficiencies and productivity improvements for smelting and mining business
- Butterworth smelter on track for full closure by 2025

#### **Property**



- Completed the Phase 1 development of Straits City in Penang, Malaysia
- Ongoing capital recycling, asset enhancements and portfolio adjustments to achieve optimal risk-adjusted returns

#### Hospitality

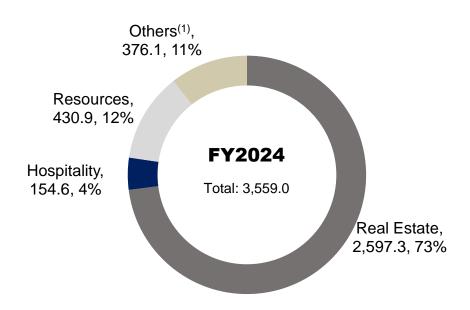


- Scaling up global presence through strategic JVs (TFE Hotels and Heritage Hotels partnership in New Zealand)
- Proactive portfolio refurbishments to enhance asset competitiveness and long-term performance
- Focusing on growth of assetlight hotel management contracts to meet target
- Hospitality group with the most Global Sustainable Tourism Council-certified sites (16) in Singapore

#### **Asset Segmentation**

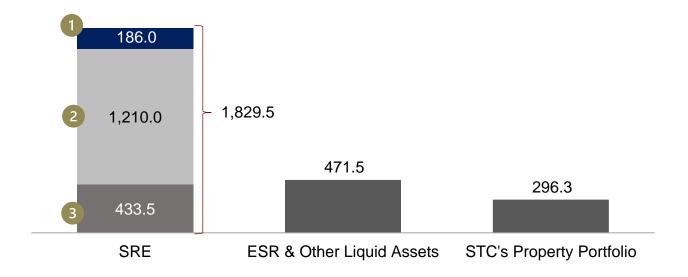


#### Total Assets (S\$'m)



<sup>1</sup> Others comprise of mainly Group-level corporate and treasury services, securities and other investment

#### Real Estate Assets Breakdown (S\$'m)



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Cash & Others

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> 1010 La Trobe Building 1& 2, 45 St Georges Terrace, Anseong Logistics, Australia Logistics assets, Bourne Business Park, Chongqing Mall, Gloucester Business Park

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> 320 Pitt St, Arenas Yeongjong, Japan Value Fund II, Suntec Place, UK Retail Parks & Garden Street

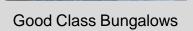


#### **Invested in a Portfolio of Attractive Real Assets**



Our business model is to create value – directly and with partners – and recycle capital at the appropriate time.

# **Singapore Exclusive Freehold** Residential



#### Japan

Office



Japan Value Fund II

#### Malaysia

Retail & Mixed-Use Development



Malaysia Retail



**Straits City** 

#### South Korea

State-of-the-art Modern Logistics



Arenas Yeongjong **Anseong Logistics** Logistics

#### **United Kingdom**

**Business & Warehouse Retail Parks** 



**Bourne Business Park** 



**UK Warehouse Retail Parks** 



**Gloucester Business** Park

#### Australia

#### Office & Logistics



1010 La Trobe Building 1 & 2, Melbourne



45 St. Georges Terrace, Perth



320 Pitt Street, Sydney



Logistics Portfolio in Victoria & South Australia

#### China

Retail, Leisure, Entertainment



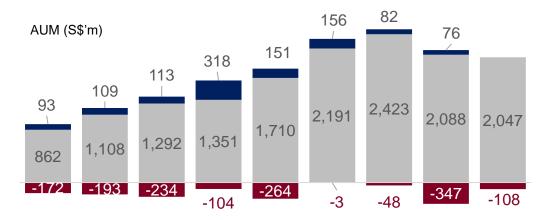
Chongqing Yuedi Mall



Suntec Place Sanlin Mall

#### **Straits Real Estate (SRE)**

#### Cumulative AUM of S\$2.0 billion as at 31 Dec 2024

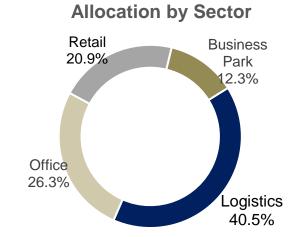


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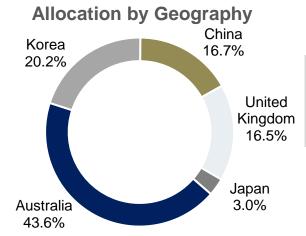
- Assets Invested
- Committed Investment
- Assets Divested
- Continued capital recycling to drive capital efficiency
- Focusing on value-add initiatives to sustain asset performance



#### Well-diversified property portfolio providing stability 1



- Building scale in the industrial logistics sector
- Unlocking values through asset enhancements



 Geographically diversified across cities in APAC and the UK

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Investment value weighted as of 31 December 2024

#### **Straits Real Estate**



#### **Committed Occupancy (%)**

# 94.7% 94.8% 83.0% 85.0% UK Australia Australia & China Portfolio Average Average Average

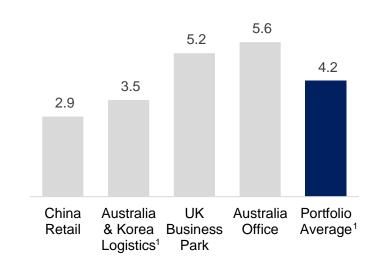
 Portfolio occupancy maintained at 89% through proactive leasing

Logistics<sup>1</sup>

 Stable occupancy at the office, logistics and retail assets

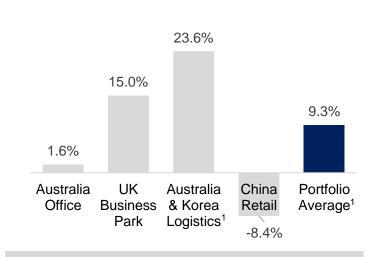
Park

#### Weighted Average Lease Expiry (yrs)



- Portfolio WALE of 4.2 years
- Lease expiry is well spread, extending beyond 2028





- Achieved rental reversion of 9.3% for the portfolio
- Strong rental growth for the business park and logistics assets
- Sanlin Mall in China impacted by the weaker retail sentiment

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Excludes Arenas Anseong which attained practical completion in June 2024

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Rent reversion for new leases and renewals over the last 12 months ending December 2024

#### **Straits Real Estate**



Straits Real Estate, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Straits Trading, invests in Asia Pacific properties as well as property platforms across the full equity and debt spectrum and asset classes.

Focused execution of growth initiatives through a three-prong strategy.

#### Logistics

Leveraging the local development platform to expand the existing portfolio



Capitalising on demand drivers







#### **Brown-to-Green**

Increasing assets'
lifespans with minimised
negative impact to the
environment



Creating
aspirational
spaces through
asset
enhancement
and repositioning



#### **Independent Living**

Investing in the active senior living sector

Tapping changes in demographic and societal needs



#### STC Property Management Sdn Bhd (STCPM)

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STCPM is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Straits Trading that spearheads the development of Straits City – a smart and sustainable integrated development in Butterworth, Penang.



#### **Straits City** Future City

Multi-phase integrated mixed-use development, comprising residential, retail, offices, hotels and service apartments; Coowned by Straits Trading and Malaysia Smelting Corporation Berhad.

40-acre development in Malaysia, located at the heart of Seberang Prai Utara, along prime waterfront of Butterworth.

Well-connected to Penang Island and major towns via the two bridges, Butterworth Outer Ring Road and major roads and highways.

#### **Key Development**

Launched Crowne Plaza Penang Straits City in August 2024, marking the completion of Phase 1 of Straits City development.

- 23-storey mixed-use development
- 343 rooms
- MICE facilities
- Retail podium with net lettable area of c.42,000 square feet



#### Penang:

Promising outlook for 2025

- Penang is an attractive destination for investment amid global economic shifts e.g. "China Plus One" strategy
- As a key Electronics & Electrical (E&E) industry hub,
   Penang's economy is expected to be supported by robust growth in the global semiconductor market, driven primarily by AI and advanced packaging technology
- Economic performance and GDP growth expected to improve due to:
  - Rising FDI mainly in its manufacturing sector, particularly the E&E industry
  - Strategic geographical position as a logistics and shipping hub
  - Competitive labour costs and skilled workforce
  - High-quality business infrastructure, robust manufacturing ecosystem and strong governance

#### **Straits Investment Management**



SIM is a global fund management firm with capabilities in equities, fixed income, and real estate alternative investments.

The firm holds a Capital Markets Services (CMS) license for fund management issued by the Monetary Authority of Singapore (MAS).



Strategic partnership with Nikko AM and UBS NikkoAM-Straits Trading Asia Ex-Japan REIT ETF NikkoAM-Shenton Global Property Securities Fund NikkoAM-Straits Trading MSCI China Electric Vehicles and Future Mobility ETF Straits Investment Holdings

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> As of 31 December 2024



#### **Far East Hospitality Holdings (FEHH)**



Well-positioned in key markets for a rebound in tourism

Far East Hospitality Holdings Pte. Ltd is Straits Trading's 30%-owned joint venture formed in 2013 with Far East Orchard Limited. FEHH has a stable of 10 unique and complementary brands, including Oasia, Quincy, Rendezvous, Village, Far East Collection, A by Adina, Adina Hotels, Vibe Hotels, Travelodge Hotels and Collection by TFE Hotels.

#### **2H 2024 Key Developments**

#### **New Openings**



Quincy House Singapore (Oct 2024)



TFE Hotels and Heritage Hotels collaboration to refurbish and rebrand 500+ rooms across NZ under Adina and Rendezvous

#### Portfolio Refurbishment

- Adina Apartment Hotel Sydney Expected completion: 2026
- Adina Apartment Hotel Frankfurt Expected completion: 2026
- Rendezvous Perth Scarborough Expected completion: 2028

#### **Upcoming Openings**

- A By Adina Vienna Q1 2025
- Adina Town Hall Sydney Q1 2025
- Hannah St. Hotel, Melbourne Q3 2025
- Beyond 2025, ~1,000 rooms in the pipeline

#### **Market Outlook**

- International tourism recovered to pre-pandemic levels in 2024 with
   1.4 billion international tourist arrivals recorded globally
- International tourism expected to grow 3% to 5% y-o-y in 2025 supported by a continued recovery of Asia and the Pacific and solid growth in most other regions. However economic and geopolitical headwinds remain.
- Visitor arrivals to Singapore of 16.5 million in 2024 (+21% y-o-y)



Sources: Far East Orchard Limited, Far East Hospitality and TFE websites, and UN Tourism and Singapore Tourism Board



#### **Malaysian Smelting Corporation**



World's leading producer of tin metal and a global leader in custom tin smelting since 1887; Our tin brand is registered on London Metal Exchange and KL Tin Market.



## 2024 Key Developments

- Successful commissioning of New Pulau Indah plant.
   Expected 30% cost savings from higher efficiencies, energy-saving initiatives and reduced carbon footprint.
- Old Butterworth smelter on track for full closure this year.
- Increase in daily mining output and productivity through expanding mining activities and resources, cost-effective mining methodologies and new joint ventures.

#### **Outlook**

- Demand for tin to remain resilient in 2025, driven by projected global semiconductor sales recovery and China's domestic chip manufacturing industry expansion.
- Tin supply uncertainties expected to persist with ongoing tin mining ban in Myanmar and export permit delays in Indonesia, both of which are likely to contribute to higher tin prices.

Net Profit (RM'mil)	FY2024	FY2023	Change (%)	Remarks
Tin Mining	78.5	64.4	21.8 ▲ %	Mainly due to higher average tin prices
Tin Smelting	23.4	36.0	35.0 ▼ %	On full year basis, lesser profitability and reduced sales of refined tin derived from processed tin intermediates due to:  • Lower incoming feed as a result of China's accumulation and stockpiling of tin ore  • Foreign exchange fluctuations (strengthened Ringgit against USD in Aug & Sep 2024)  On QoQ basis, 4Q 2024 recorded a turnround to profitability with higher sales of refined tin derived from processed tin intermediates.
Total <sup>1</sup>	79.4	85.1	6.6 ▼ %	
Average tin prices / MT (RM)	138,500	118,100	17.3 ▲ %	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> After Others and Inter-segment (Eliminations) / Adjustments.



# **Strategic Investment Framework**

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At the core of our investment strategy is the commitment to build a resilient portfolio through **prudent** and **patient** capital allocation.

#### **Real Estate**



Our real estate portfolio is diversified across short- and long-term investment horizons and objectives.

#### **PERE**

Investing in short-term opportunities (3-5 years), employing value-add strategies

#### Income

SIM and FEHH are businesses / investments that offer **stable yield** and **income streams** 

#### **Development**

Straits City Penang takes a long-term view (>10 years), adopting capital appreciation strategies

#### **Fractionalisation**

Foray into the fractional property business

#### Resources



Our resource business, MSC, focuses on two core areas – mining and smelting. Together, these operations form a vertically integrated strategy designed to deliver both **growth** and **stable** cash flow.

#### Mining

Resource extraction and long-term value creation with short-term horizon (3-5 years)

#### **Smelting**

Generates consistent income through the processing and refinement of raw materials



# **FY2024 Key Financial Highlights**

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Group EBITDA 1

S\$124.4m

56.6%

 Increase in EBITDA driven by improved profitability from the three segments, partially offset by fair value loss from derivative component of Exchangeable Bonds.

Property EBITDA

S\$64.9m

from -\$3.6m

 Higher net fair value gains from investment properties in Australia, South Korea and the United Kingdom.

Resources EBITDA

**S\$48.8m** 

**3.2%** 

Higher average tin prices.

Hospitality EBITDA

**S\$5.8m** 

>100%

 Higher share of results from associate and joint ventures (Australia and Europe) and reversal of prior year's impairment cost.



Gearing
(Net Debt / Total
Equity)

82.0%

72.8% (31 Dec 23)

 Gearing mainly due to holding assets in an elevated interest rate environment.

Balance sheet remains robust with financial flexibility, positioning the Group to navigate the head winds and capture opportunities.

Dividend

8.0 ct

per share

 Shareholders have the option of receiving in cash or scrip

Date payable: 30 June 2025

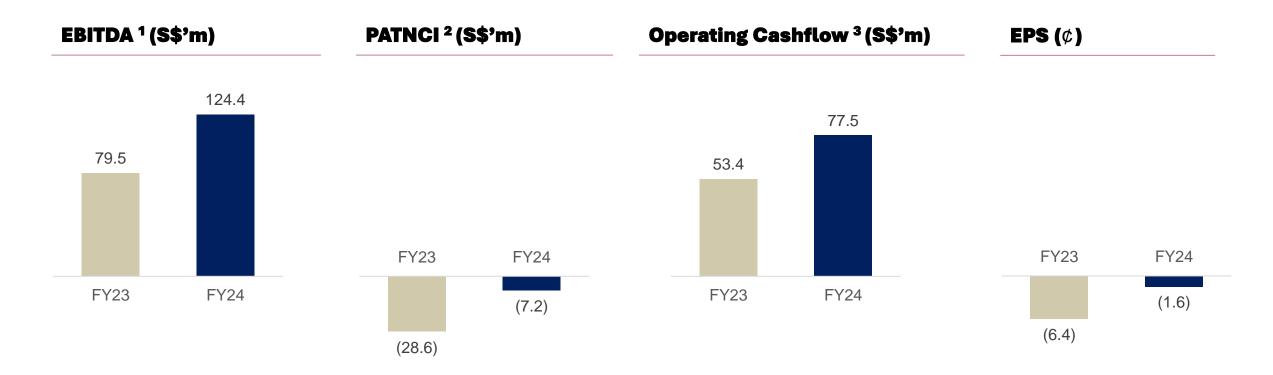
■ Book closure: 9 May 2025



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Group EBITDA also includes EBITDA of Other Segment amounting to S\$5.0m.

#### **Group Financial Highlights**





#### Note:

- <sup>1</sup> EBITDA calculated as profit before tax plus depreciation expense, amortisation expense, and finance costs
- <sup>2</sup> PATNCI calculated as profit after tax minus profit attributable to non-controlling interests
- <sup>3</sup> Before changes in working capital

#### **Balance Sheet**



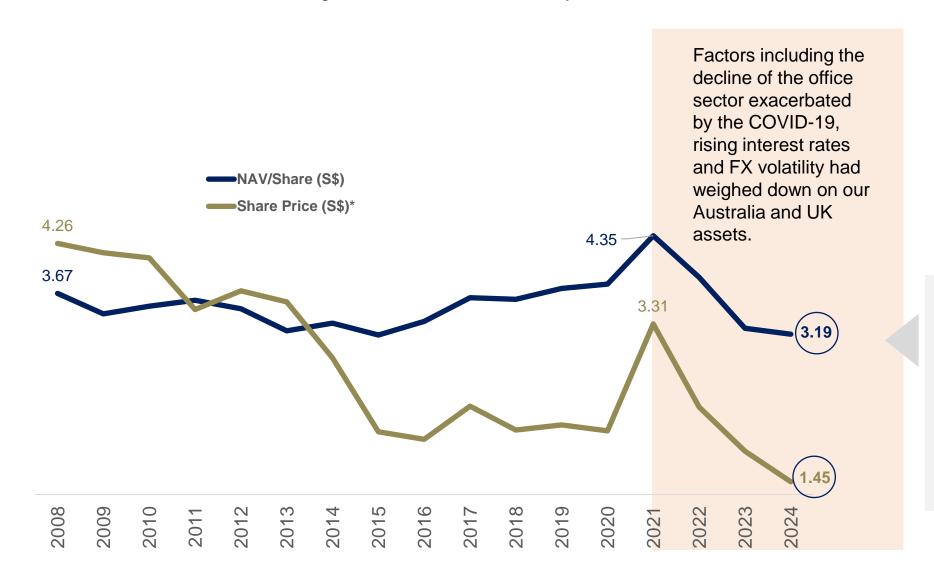
Balance sheet to provide financial flexibility.

Balance Sheet	31 Dec 2024	31 Dec 2023	Change	Remarks
Cash and Bank Balances	448.8	458.1	<b>▼</b> 2.0%	Financial flexibility to weather potential headwinds while seizing opportunities for growth
Investment Properties	1,409.1	1,355.6	<b>▲</b> 4.0%	<ul> <li>Increase mainly due to:</li> <li>Fair value gain and capital expenditure on logistic properties in Australia and South Korea</li> <li>Fair value gain on residential properties in Singapore</li> <li>Partially offset by the disposal of an investment property in Australia and reclassification of an investment property in United Kingdom as held for sale</li> </ul>
Total Assets	3,559.0	3,439.5	<b>▲</b> 3.5%	
Total Borrowings	1,745.2	1,621.5	<b>▲</b> 7.6%	Increase mainly due to fixed rate notes issued, partially offset by repayment of bank loans
Total Liabilities	1,978.9	1,842.1	<b>▲</b> 7.4%	
Total Equity	1,580.1	1,597.5	<b>▼</b> 1.1%	Decrease mainly due to dividends distribution for FY2023, partially offset by gains in total comprehensive income
NAV/Share (S\$)	3.19	3.26	<b>▼</b> 2.1%	NAV/Share at an attractive discount to share price of \$1.45 as at 31 December 2024

#### Look back at our NAV trend in recent years



Our real estate business had faced significant headwinds in recent years.





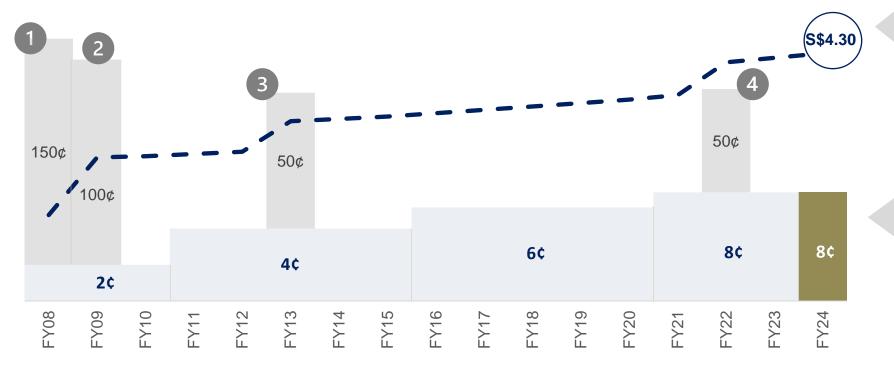
While these challenges tested the resilience of the industry, we have successfully navigated these setbacks.

- As at 31 December 2024, our share price traded at a 54% discount to our Net Asset Value (NAV).
- While market conditions and sentiment have contributed to this gap, we are focused on executing our strategic initiatives to drive long-term value creation.

#### **Sustained Dividend Growth**



Interim dividend of 8¢ per share



represents S\$4.30 /share.

Cumulative dividends paid by Straits Trading since Tecity took over the company

Shareholders have the option to receive the interim dividend entirely in cash or in scrip.

Provides shareholders with the opportunity to participate in the long-term growth of the company at an attractive discount to underlying value.

Units: Singapore Cents (¢) / Share Not illustrated to scale

- Interim Dividend
- Ordinary Dividend
- Accumulative Dividend

- Sale of investments and marketable securities post strategic review
- Divested non-core residential properties
- Oivested WBL
- Partial divestment of ARA

# **Business Outlook**

Straits City, Future City Artist's Impression

#### **Sustaining Straits 5.0 Growth Momentum**



Building on 138 years of heritage, we are strategically pivoting from opportunistic investments to a forward-looking approach focusing on megatrends.

The following key drivers will position us for **sustainable** and **scalable** growth.

#### Logistics

Leveraging In-house local development platforms to expand the existing portfolio and capitalise on demand drivers.







#### **Straits City**

Positioning for Butterworth transformation into Penang's future CBD







#### **Brown-to-Green**

Creating aspirational spaces through asset enhancement and repositioning



#### Resources

Tin to continue benefiting from tailwinds in an increasingly connected and green world







#### **Independent Living**

Investing in the active senior living sector and tapping on changing demographic and societal needs



### Investment Products

Innovative real estate fractionalization and new ETF launches





#### **Sustainability at Straits Trading**

#### **Sustainability Vision and Pledge**



To create sustainable value for our stakeholders and an equitable future.



We aim to achieve green certifications for all of our buildings by 2030 and achieve net zero emissions for Scope 1 and 2 greenhouse gas ("GHG") by 2050.

#### **Reporting Frameworks & Guidelines**







#### **Training and Development**

Film Screening of climate documentary and Dialogue Session with Prof Horton.



Participation in Earth Day to encourage employee engagement on green issues.



#### **Community Engagement**

# Collaboration with National Autism Society of Malaysia

Featuring students' artworks in STC's Chinese New Year digital greeting cards. These align with the Group's commitment to supporting worthwhile causes and making a positive impact in the community.



# Crowne Plaza Penang Straits City partnerships with charitable organisations



Showcasing artwork created by EXTRAOrdinary People beneficiaries at hotel lift lobbies. The artworks are available for purchase and sales proceeds will be channeled back to the organisation.



Partnering with St.
Nicholas' Home and Asia
Community Service
Stepping Stone Centre to
showcase handicrafts in a
dedicated space. The
handicrafts are available
for sale and proceeds are
channeled back to the
respective organisations
for charitable causes.



# Food Donation Drive Collaboration with Food Bank

Raising awareness on food insecurity and food wastage in Singapore.

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