# Investments in U.S. REITs & REIT Management

#### **Media Briefing Slides**

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#### **Corporate Overview**

- HKSE-listed Heng Fai Enterprises ("HFE"; Stock code: 185) is led by HK-born Singaporean, Mr. Chan Heng Fai ("Fai Chan")
- Until 2012, HK listco was controlling shareholder of SGX Catalistlisted SingXpress Land Limited (renamed "SingHaiyi Group Ltd") which is behind 4 Singapore residential property projects; HFE completed the disposal in January 2013



### **Strategic Review**

New REIT & REIT Management Strategy announced 6 Dec 2013

- Unveiled major strategic shift to seed and own REITs focused on U.S. real estate / medical assets with higher-than-average dividend yields and quarterly & monthly recurring payments
- HFE owns 85% of a U.S.-based REIT management company, Inter-American Management Corp., which will receive annual recurring fees plus performance fees
- Corporate strategy will combine secondary or dual listing in at least three major international financial exchanges, creating a corporate structure which taps major global financial markets
- REITs will be migrated from OTC to NASDAQ main market and will pursue own secondary listings internationally

#### **Corporate Milestones**

January 2013

6 December 2013

14 April 2014

17 April 2014

24 April 2014

Disposal of SGX Catalist-listed property developer SingHaiyi Group Ltd (formerly known as SingXpress Land Ltd); strengthened HFE cash balance and sets stage for new strategy

Outlined new REIT and REIT management strategy in a Corporate & Business update

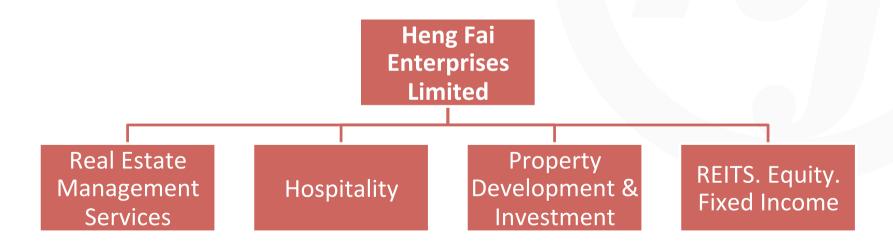
HFE appoints Allenby Capital as NOMAD for U.K. AIM proposed secondary listing

94%-owned GMR announced acquisition of first medical asset – long term acute care hospital in Omaha – for US\$21.7M (US\$6M Cash, US\$15.7M borrowings)

99.6%-owned AHR announces maiden quarterly dividend with annualised yield of 8.39% p.a. (exceeding 8% p.a. target annualised yield) and share consolidation

# **About Heng Fai Enterprises Limited ("HFE")**

- Listed on HKSE since 1972; current market cap. approx. HK\$1.4B (US\$183M)
- Fai Chan and family currently controls 67% of HFE
- Current principal activities: development, trading & investment of property; treasury & hotel operations



### **Strategic Review**

Previous Investment Activities Led To Lumpy Earnings

- Previous business involved owning and restructuring companies and then selling them
  - Restructuring and asset sales grew NAV of HFE from
     HK\$427.7M (March 2009) to HK\$904.4M (March 2013)
  - Lumpy revenue & profits due to nature of investmentrelated activities
- This unevenness may have deterred institutional investors seeking steady, sustainable growth in revenue & profit, and regular dividend income.

### **Operating Environment**

Challenges & Opportunities in Property Markets – Asia vs USA

- Asian property cycles (e.g. HK, Singapore and China) starting to peak; restrictive cooling measures imposed by governments
- Capital values rising in Asia while yields are narrowing; existing REITs under threat of rising interest rates
- While U.S. property market has been rising, there are still significant opportunities for low-cost entry – prospect for capital appreciation + high yield
- Asian investors, including Hong Kongers, have started to invest in U.S. real estate directly
- REITs not giving shareholders the best possible returns as REIT management issues begin to surface

#### **Shift of Business Focus**

REITs & REITs Management – Starting with the U.S. Market

- HFE will be Asian play on U.S. single-family home REIT and dedicated REIT manager
- HK-listed corporation led by directors with strong finance and property experience; proven track record on Wall Street, in Hong Kong and Singapore
- Focus to build up REIT portfolio(s) with high and regular payouts, and recurring revenue from dedicated REIT management division

#### **REITs & REITs Management**

3-Pronged Strategy

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- Seeding & Growing REITs, principally in the U.S.
- Offers attractive & sustainable yields

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 Develop steady stream of recurring income from direct management of these REITs

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 Raise capital for both HFE & REITs through listings on various international exchanges

### **American Housing REIT ("AHR")**

#### Introduction

- HFE currently owns 99.6% of American Housing REIT ("AHR"), listed on OTC, which will migrate to NASDAQ main market by end of the financial year ended 31 March 2015 ("FY2015")
- Target 8% p.a. annualised yield to be paid quarterly, significantly higher than the average 6% p.a. comparative REITs are offering
  - Maiden distribution on 24<sup>th</sup> April 2014 with annualised yield of 8.39%
- Internal rate of return ("IRR") of ~15-18%

# **American Housing REIT ("AHR")**

How is it different – pursuing yield

#### **Comparative REITs**

- Buy large numbers distressed properties below book value; likely to incur high maintenance costs to clean up portfolio and improve asset quality
- Generally higher vacancy rates
- Average annualised yield of ~4-6% p.a.

#### **AHR**

- Buying quality Single-Family Homes ("SFH") at a slight premium
- Cherry-pick SFHs for location (high occupancy, low unemployment), condition, tenant profile, and potential for capital appreciation → lower maintenance costs (AHR expenses ~40% of revenue)
- Carefully selected team of sub-contractors to cap costs of management/maintenance
- Pursuing yield (more sustainable model)
- Target annualised yield of ~8% p.a.
- REIT manager charges 1.5% of Assets Under Management, lower than the market average, passing on savings to unit-holders

### **American Housing REIT ("AHR")**

#### **Forward Strategy**

- AHR has closed ~100 SFHs worth ~US\$13M; ~200 pending contracts subjected to due diligence
- All AHR acquisitions in FY2014 funded through internal resources (via HFE)
- HFE will seek 50% bank financing and intends to close ~1000 SFHs, worth ~US\$130M, by FY2015





### Global Medical REIT ("GMR")

#### Introduction

- HFE currently owns 94% of Global Medical REIT ("GMR"), listed on OTC
- GMR's portfolio comprises of global specialised medical facilities and equipment with long duration triple net leases
  - Entered LOI for medical facility in Omaha, U.S. for US\$21.7M on 14 April 2014; 41,113 sq ft hospital building with 10 years remaining lease, annual rent increases and multiple options to renew on the same terms
- Provides annualised target yield of 8% paid out on a monthly basis; first dividend expected to be distributed in July 2014
- IRR of ~17%

# Global Medical REIT ("GMR")

#### Forward strategy

- Expected to achieve net asset value of ~US\$XXX by FY2015
- Target to upgrade to NASDAQ by FY2015
- Pursue higher yields, focusing on acute care and long-term acute care markets
- Backed by strong management team, looking at situational assets working with:
  - Developers looking to exit property exposure
  - Operators who wish grow their business and are willing to dispose of physical assets to focus on core medical operations

### **New Strategy - Phase 1**

#### B. REIT Management Revenue Stream

- HFE owns 85% of U.S. company, Inter-American Management Corp. ("IA")
- Directly manage AHR & GMR (and other future REITs)
  - Unlike other private equity firms acquiring in large numbers and outsourcing management to third parties
  - Economies of scale as REITs expand in size will enhance management fees and margin
  - IA expects to derive recurring fee of approx. 1.5% of REIT's net AUM + performance-related incremental earnings
  - Can market ancillary services (eg. Insurance)

# **IA's Management Team**

- Jeff Busch served under two U.S. Presidents: i)
   Assistant to Secretary of Housing and Urban
   Development ("HUD") and ii) Represented USA in
   United Nations in Geneva; Doctor of Jurist Prudence
   (Emory University). Active in real estate development
   since 1985, played major roles in development projects
   valued at several hundreds of millions of dollars in several states.
- Conn Flannigan in-house legal counsel
- Robert Trapp in-house corporate finance expert

### **New Strategy - Phase 1**

- C. Possible Secondary Listings on International Exchanges
- Facilitate expansion of REITs and REITs management strategy
- Exploring options for secondary listings in international exchanges
  - Proposed secondary listing in UK AIM market; appointed Allenby Capital as NOMAD on 14 April 2014
  - Proposed secondary listing in Singapore (announced on 9 Aug 2013)
  - Looking to seek listing in the U.S.
- Raises additional capital + widen network of investors

HFE REIT strategy enhances shareholder value & offers recurring revenue and profit in future

### **Thank You**

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#### **About HFE**

Directors & Management – Chan Heng Fai (Managing Chairman)

- Under his direction, HFE's net assets grew from US\$5M in 1992 (current market cap US\$183M). Restructured 35 companies over 40 years; extensive experience in U.S., Europe and Asia
- North America Acquired American Pacific Bank for US\$350K in the mid-1980s and restructured it out of bankruptcy, achieved ranking of #21 best performance among all US publicly traded banks and #13 in American Northwest Top 100 companies; disposed of in 2005 for approx. US\$34M
- <u>Hong Kong</u> Restructured China Gas (from failed fashion retailer) in capacity of Executive Chairman; grew market cap. significantly before divestment in 2004 (currently approx. US\$6.4 Billion)
- <u>Singapore</u> White knight for listed Futuristic (furniture/fixtures company); executed "investment banking approach to property development" of SingXpress Land; increased capital base before exiting January 2013 (now renamed SingHaiyi with market cap. approx. US\$475.3M; listed on MSCI Singapore Small Cap Index)

#### **About HFE**

#### Directors & Management

- Tony Chan (MD) Over 15 years' experience in investment banking-related activities on Wall Street and in Asia; specialised in equity financial products for two investment banking firms. Tony was an executive director of the SGX-listed SingHaiyi Group from November 2003 to September 2013.
- Moe Chan (COO) Has a diverse background having experience in fields such as technology, consumer finance, hospitality, investment and property. Previously he was an executive director and Chief of Project Development of SGX-listed SingHaiyi where he grew and managed the Singapore property portfolio from zero to over SGD\$1.3 billion in gross development value.
- Frankie Wong (CFO) responsible for financial and management reporting,
  regulatory affairs and listing rules compliance; CFOs of Hong Kong and Singaporelisted companies with over 15 years' experience in public accounting, taxation, and
  financial consultancy and management; Bachelor's Degree in Business
  Administration (major in Accounting); practising as a certified public accountant in
  Hong Kong; Fellow member of the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public
  Accountants and Member of Hong Kong Securities Institute.