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Manager's Investment Report

Phillip Singapore Real Estate Income Fund

The Fund (Class I SGD) achieved a total return of +7.48% (net of fees and withholding tax) for the half year ended 31 March 2019. For the half year, the Fund paid out distribution of 1.35 cents in final quarter of 2018 and 1.45 cents in 1st quarter of 2019. The benchmark SGX iEdge S-REIT Index returned +10.73%.

The final quarter of 2018 saw equities taking a beating, dragging global indexes into the negative territory as investors grew increasingly concerned on the prospects of slowing global growth amid US-China trade tensions and the US Fed rate hike cycle. Global equities subsequently rallied in the first quarter of 2019 as the rhetoric shifted with the Fed embracing a dovish tilt in its commentary coupled with apparent progress between US and China on trade. Despite huge swings in the markets over this period, Singapore REITs outperformed the local STI Index (-0.7% return).

For the same period, the major contributors for the Fund's return were from positions in Mapletree North Asia Commercial Trust and Ascendas REIT which gained 19.6% and 10.5% respectively. The detractors were Keppel-KBS US REIT and First REIT which lost 3.7% and 18.3% respectively.

S-REITs' balance sheets remain robust with most REITs taking on a conservative stance against rising interest rates by hedging a large proportion of their debt to fixed rates. Sector gearing remains modest at 35%, well below the 45% threshold. In addition, Singapore continues to be an attractive ground for REITs listings with 2 new US hospitality REITs expected this year.

As of end-March, the weighted average dividend yield of the portfolio is 5.15%.

Outlook: Rate hike pause to benefit REITs, but concerns remain

The 2 main drivers for market performance over the past period, US Fed rate hike cycle and US-China trade war, are expected to be recurring themes moving forward.

In March 2019, the Fed expressed its aversion to further policy tightening over the near-term and willingness to allow inflation rates to temporarily exceed its 2% target, citing sustenance of the economic expansion as an overarching priority. As such, analysts are now expecting zero rate hikes for the year, or even a rate cut (markets are pricing in for a 60% probability of a rate cut by the end of the year).

However, US-China trade relations seem to be worsening after a tweet made by President Trump threatening an increase to existing tariffs and even intending to impose new tariffs on Chinese goods. Uncertainty surrounding the progress of trade talks will likely plague the markets in the months ahead.

Fundamentally, overall demand-supply outlook remains positive for S-REITs. Limited office supply in the near-term should support rentals. A similar case is being said for the hospitality sector in which modest supply growth is further underpinned by healthy tourist arrivals. On the retail front, a huge supply in 2019 (arising from Jewel, Funan and Paya Lebar Quarter) and e-commerce threats remain an overhang. However, we believe retail REITs, especially those with well-located assets and strong track record in retail REIT management, will continue to perform well given limited supply beyond 2019.

SGX iEdge S-REIT Index (average yield of 5.36%) are currently trading at 322 basis points (bps) yield spreads to the Singapore Government 10-year bond yields (at 2.14%) as of 31 March 2019.

We remain wary of the volatile macroeconomic environment and are positioned towards quality S-REITs for its defensive nature and attractive yields. We believe that quality REITs should continue to perform now that concerns over interest rate hikes are lifted and are well supported by favourable demand-supply dynamics.

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The following contains additional information relating to the Phillip Singapore Real Estate Income Fund (the "Sub-Fund").

1. Distribution of investments

Please refer to the Statement of Portfolio on pages 11 to 12.

2. Schedule of investments by asset class

Asset Class	Fair value as at 31 March 2019 S\$	Percentage of total net assets attributable to unitholders as at 31 March 2019 %
Real Estate Investment Trusts	33,224,653	71.72
Exchange Traded Funds/ Investment Funds	12,237,170	26.41
Cash and cash equivalents	1,900,410	4.10
Other net assets	(1,036,007)	(2.23)
Net assets attributable to unitholders	46,326,226	100.00

3. Top 10 holdings

10 largest holdings at 31 March 2019	Fair value as at 31 March 2019 S\$	Percentage of total net assets attributable to unitholders as at 31 March 2019 %
Lion-Phillip S-REIT ETF	11,828,984	25.53
Ascendas Real Estate Investment Trust	2,182,177	4.71
Manulife US Real Estate Investment Trust	1,732,143	3.74
Suntec Real Estate Investment Trust	1,618,500	3.49
Keppel DC REIT	1,597,641	3.45
Keppel REIT	1,587,854	3.43
Frasers Hospitality Trust	1,574,380	3.40
Starhill Global REIT	1,550,183	3.35
Mapletree North Asia Commercial Trust	1,472,923	3.18
Keppel-KBS US REIT	1,284,743	2.77

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3. Top 10 holdings (continued)

10 largest holdings at 31 March 2018	Fair value as at 31 March 2018 S\$	Percentage of total net assets attributable to unitholders as at 31 March 2018
Lion-Phillip S-REIT ETF	13,683,379	29.66
Frasers Centrepoint Trust	2,161,250	4.69
AIMS AMP Capital Industrial REIT	2,059,686	4.47
Frasers Hospitality Trust	1,880,350	4.08
Capitaland Mall Trust	1,625,418	3.52
Frasers Commercial Trust	1,557,462	3.38
Starhill Global REIT	1,550,183	3.36
Keppel DC REIT	1,533,735	3.32
Ascendas Hospitality Trust	1,513,723	3.28
Frasers Logistics & Industrial Trust	1,409,345	3.06

4. Exposure to financial derivatives as at 31 March 2019

Nil.

5. Global exposure to financial derivatives

The global exposure to financial derivatives is computed using the commitment approach which is calculated as the sum of:

- a. the absolute value of the exposure of each individual financial derivative not involved in netting or hedging arrangement;
- b. the absolute value of the net exposure of each individual financial derivative after netting or hedging arrangements; and
- c. the sum of the values of cash collateral received pursuant to:
 - i. the reduction of exposure to counterparties of OTC financial derivatives; and
 - ii. EPM techniques relating to securities lending and repurchase transactions,

and that are reinvested.

6. Collateral

Nil.

7. Securities lending or repurchase transactions

Nil.

8. Amount and percentage of total fund size invested in other unit trusts, mutual funds and collective investment schemes

Please refer to the Statement of Portfolio on page 11 to 12.

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9. Amount and percentage of borrowings of total fund size as at 31 March 2019

Nil.

10. Amount of units created and cancelled for the financial period ended 31 March 2019

	Class A SGD	Class A USD	Class I SGD	Class I USD
	S\$	S\$	S\$	S\$
Total amount of redemptions Total amount of subscriptions	3,612,813 3,419,187	18,746 45,285	1,812,622 1,922,891	3,792

11. Turnover ratio

		31 March 2019	31 March 2018
Lower of total value of purchases or sales	S\$	4,929,263	32,223,639
Average daily net asset value	S\$	44,787,878	45,573,898
Total turnover ratio ^{Note}	%	11.01	70.71

Note: The portfolio turnover ratio is calculated in accordance with the formula stated in the Code on Collective Investment Schemes. The calculation of the portfolio turnover ratio is based on the lower of the total value of purchases or sales of the underlying investments, divided by the average daily net asset value for the preceding 6 months at the close of the semi-annual financial statements. The total value of purchases or sales do not include brokerage and other transaction costs.

12. Expense ratio

Class A SGD Units		31 March 2019	31 March 2018
Total operating expenses	S\$	261,528	198,227
Average daily net asset value	S\$	18,396,070	15,203,987
Total expense ratio ^{Note}	%	1.42	1.30
Class A USD Units Total operating expenses Average daily net asset value Total expense ratio Note	S\$	13,971	18,097
	S\$	980,346	1,395,235
	%	1.43	1.30
Class I SGD Units Total operating expenses Average daily net asset value Total expense ratio Note	S\$	239,452	237,047
	S\$	25,439,986	28,463,815
	%	0.94	0.83
Class I USD Units Total operating expenses Average daily net asset value Total expense ratio Note	S\$	1,555	1,329
	S\$	165,289	161,397
	%	0.94	0.82

Note: The expense ratio has been computed based on the guidelines laid down by the IMAS. The calculation of the expense ratio is based on total operating expenses divided by the average net asset value for the preceding 12 months at the close of the semi-annual financial statements. The total operating expenses do not include (where applicable) brokerage and other transactions costs, performance fees, interest expenses, distribution paid out to unitholders, foreign exchange gains/losses, front or back end loads arising from the purchase or sale of other funds and tax deducted at source or arising out of income received. The average net asset values are based on the daily balances.

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13. Performance of Sub-Fund as at 31 March 2019

	Cla	ss I	Class A		Benchmark
	SGD	USD	SGD	USD	
Cumulative (%)*					
3 months	11.42%	12.57%	11.29%	12.45%	12.44%
6 months	7.48%	8.86%	7.23%	8.60%	10.73%
1 year	8.00%	4.98%	7.48%	4.48%	12.49%
3 years	32.92%	32.68%	31.02%	30.79%	44.66%
5 years	50.34%		47.15%	34.03%	63.71%
Since inception **	103.37%	33.83%	79.96%	28.50%	127.48%
Annualised (%)					
3 years	9.95%	9.88%	9.42%	9.36%	13.10%
5 years	8.50%	-	8.03%	6.03%	10.36%
Since inception **	9.89%	6.10%	9.45%	4.43%	13.41%

^{*} Cumulative returns are calculated on a bid to bid basis, with net dividends reinvested. The Benchmark for which the Sub-Fund is measured against is the FTSE Straits Times Real Estate Investment Trust Index.

14. Related party transactions

In the normal course of the business of the Sub-Fund, management fees and trustee fees have been paid or are payable to the Manager and the Trustee respectively as disclosed in the Statement of Total Return.

In addition, the bank holding company and related parties of the Trustee have also provided custodian, banking, foreign exchange, fund administration and brokerage services to the Sub-Fund in the normal course of business at terms agreed between the parties and within the provisions of the Trust Deed.

The Manager may also use the services of related parties to carry out transactions involving the purchase and sale of securities.

Other than as disclosed elsewhere in the financial statements (including the Statement of Portfolio), the following significant transactions took place between the Sub-Fund and its related parties during the period:

parase daring the period.	31 March 2019 S\$	31 March 2018 S\$
Brokerage fees paid to:	·	•
- a related party of the Trustee	938	15,669
- a related party of the Manager	7,521	5,610
	31 March 2019 S\$	30 September 2018 S\$
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Bank balances held with related parties of the Trustee	1,785,577	1,396,903

^{**} Inception Date: 19 September 2011 (Class A SGD Units and Class I SGD Units) / 29 April 2014 (Class I USD Units) / 17 July 2013 (Class A USD Units) Source: Bloomberg

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15. Any other material information that will adversely impact the valuation of the Sub-Fund.

Nil

16. Soft dollar commissions

The Manager may receive or enter into soft-dollar commissions or arrangements. The Manager will comply with applicable regulatory and industry standards on soft-dollars. The soft-dollar commissions which the Manager may receive include research and advisory services, economic and political analyses, portfolio analyses including valuation and performance measurements, market analyses, data and quotation services, computer hardware and software or any other information facilities to the extent that they are used to support the investment decision making process, the giving of advice, or the conduct of research or analysis and custodial service in relation to the investments managed for clients. The soft dollar credits utilised are not allocated on a specific client basis. The brokers also execute trades for other funds managed by the Manager.

The Manager will not accept or enter into soft dollar commissions or arrangements unless such soft-dollar commissions or arrangements would, in the opinion of the Manager, assist the Manager in its management of clients' funds, provided that the Manager shall ensure at all times that transactions are executed on the best available terms taking into account the relevant market at the time for transactions of the kind and size concerned, and that no unnecessary trades are entered into in order to qualify for such soft-dollar commissions or arrangements.

The Manager does not, and is not entitled to retain cash rebates for its own account in respect of rebates earned when transacting in securities for the account of the Sub-Fund.

During the period, soft dollar services received from each broker were investment research and publications, data and quotation services. Soft dollar services were received from the Manager's panel of brokers which executed transactions for the Sub-Fund and other funds managed by the Manager.

Statement of Total Return For the period ended 31 March 2019 (unaudited)

Income	31 March 2019 S\$	31 March 2018 S\$
Dividends	968,014	800,940
Interest	2,236	167
	970,250	801,107
Less:		
Expenses		
Management fees	210,776	211,013
Less: Management fee rebates	(12,797)	(13,012)
Registrar fees	2,234	2,283
Trustee fees	8,937	9,084
Custody fees	26,079	19,360
Audit fee	9,979	8,732
Transaction fees	22,077	71,840
Valuation fees	8,937	9,084
Other expenses	7,618	(3,761)
	283,840	314,623
Net income	686,410	486,484
Net gains or losses on value of investments and financial derivatives		
Net gains on investments	2,797,183	713,299
Net losses on financial derivatives	(17,278)	(34,930)
Net losses on foreign exchange	(4,541)	(25,149)
	2,775,364	653,220
Total return for the period before income tax	3,461,774	1,139,704
Less: Income tax	(100,177)	(65,860)
Total return for the period after income tax before	(122,711)	(22,000)
distribution	3,361,597	1,073,844

Statement of Financial Position As at 31 March 2019 (unaudited)

	31 March 2019 30 S S\$	September 2018 S\$
Assets	- •	- •
Portfolio of investments	45,461,823	43,236,597
Sales awaiting settlement	-	1,958
Receivables	283,240	92,941
Cash and cash equivalents	1,900,410	1,396,903
Total assets	47,645,473	44,728,399
Liabilities		
Payables	1,319,247	787,888
Total liabilities	1,319,247	787,888
Equity		
Net assets attributable to unitholders	46,326,226	43,940,511

Statement of Movements of Unitholders' Funds For the period ended 31 March 2019 (unaudited)

	Phillip Singapore Real Estate Income Fund	
	31 March 2019 30 September 2 S\$	
Net assets attributable to unitholders at the beginning of financial period / year	43,940,511	\$\$ 43,726,773
Operations Change in net assets attributable to unitholders resulting from operations	3,361,597	1,209,244
Unitholders' contributions / (withdrawals) Creation of units	5,391,155	15,016,581
Cancellation of units Change in net assets attributable to unitholders resulting from net creation and cancellation of units	(5,444,181)	(13,643,734) 1,372,847
Distributions	(922,856)	(2,368,353)
Total increase in net assets attributable to unitholders	2,385,715	213,738
Net assets attributable to unitholders at the end of financial period / year	46,326,226	43,940,511
Represented By:		
	31 March 2019 30 S\$	September 2018 S\$
Net assets attributable to unitholders of Class A SGD Units Net assets attributable to unitholders of Class A USD Units Net assets attributable to unitholders of Class I SGD Units Net assets attributable to unitholders of Class I USD Units	18,845,375 863,120 26,440,958 176,777	18,087,102 795,657 24,893,821 163,931
Units in issue Class A SGD Units Class A USD Units Class I SGD Units Class I USD Units	13,760,398 637,054 18,633,422 124,480	13,868,449 616,538 18,479,448 121,597
Net assets attributable to unitholders per unit Class A SGD Units Class A USD Units Class I SGD Units Class I USD Units	1.3695 1.3549 1.4190 1.4201	1.3042 1.2905 1.3471 1.3482

Statements of Portfolio As at 31 March 2019 (unaudited)

By Geography (Primary)			Percentage of
	Holdings	Fair value	total net assets attributable to
	at	at	unitholders at
	31 March 2019	31 March 2019	
		S\$	%
Quoted			
AUSTRALIA	400.000	700 000	4.54
Stockland	189,236	700,996	1.51
		700,996	1.51
HONO KONO			
HONG KONG Hui Xian Real Estate Investment Trust	300,000	198,936	0.42
Tui Alan Real Estate investment Trust	300,000	198,936	0.43 0.43
		130,330	0.43
SINGAPORE			
AIMS AMP Capital Industrial REIT	497,175	705,988	1.52
Ascendas Hospitality Trust	1,162,629	1,023,114	2.21
Ascendas India Trust	180,000	214,200	0.46
Ascendas Real Estate Investment Trust	749,889	2,182,177	4.71
Ascott Residence Trust	917,646	1,082,822	2.34
Capitaland Commercial Trust	360,045	698,487	1.51
Capitaland Mall Trust	531,451	1,264,853	2.73
Capitaland Retail China Trust	660,468	1,036,935	2.24
CDL Hospitality Trusts	628,420	1,024,325	2.21
Cromwell European Real Estate Investment Trust	700,000	521,669	1.13
Dasin Retail Trust ESR-REIT	144,200 600,000	126,896 324,000	0.28 0.70
Far East Hospitality Trust	1,180,000	826,000	1.78
First Real Estate Investment Trust	326,670	323,403	0.70
Frasers Centrepoint Trust	526,872	1,253,955	2.71
Frasers Commercial Trust	689,134	1,019,918	2.20
Frasers Hospitality Trust	2,142,013	1,574,380	3.40
Frasers Logistics & Industrial Trust	922,274	1,069,838	2.31
Keppel DC REIT	1,065,094	1,597,641	3.45
Keppel REIT	1,230,894	1,587,854	3.43
Keppel-KBS US REIT	1,355,000	1,284,743	2.77
Lion-Phillip S-REIT ETF	11,034,500 17	11,828,984 3	25.53 0.00
Lippo Malls Indonesia Retail Trust Manulife US Real Estate Investment Trust	1,495,680	1,732,143	3.74
Mapletree Commercial Trust	250,000	472,500	1.02
Mapletree Industrial Trust	589,926	1,238,845	2.67
Mapletree Logistics Trust	613,429	895,606	1.93
Mapletree North Asia Commercial Trust	1,115,851	1,472,923	3.18
OUE Hospitality Trust	800,000	580,000	1.25
Parkway Life Real Estate Investment Trust	160,512	468,695	1.01
Phillip SGX APAC Dividend Leaders REIT ETF	277,300	408,186	0.88
Sasseur Real Estate Investment Trust	675,000	523,125	1.13
SPH REIT	980,000	1,029,000	2.22
Starhill Global REIT Suntec Real Estate Investment Trust	2,123,538	1,550,183	3.35
Suntec Real Estate investment trust	830,000	1,618,500 44,561,891	3.49
		44,001,091	96.19
Portfolio of investments		45,461,823	98.13
Other net assets		864,403	1.87
Net assets attributable to unitholders		46,326,226	100.00

Phillip Singapore Real Estate Income Fund

By Geography (Summary)	Fair value at 31 March 2019 %	Percentage of total net assets attributable to unitholders at 31 March 2019 %	Percentage of total net assets attributable to unitholders at 30 September 2018 %
Quoted Securities			
Australia	700,996	1.51	2.51
Hong Kong	198,936	0.43	-
Singapore	44,561,890	96.19	95.89
Portfolio of investments	45,461,823	98.13	98.40
Other net assets	864,403	1.87	1.60
Net assets attributable to unit holders	46,326,226	100.00	100.00

By Industry (Secondary)	Fair value at 31 March 2019	Percentage of total net assets attributable to unitholders at 31 March 2019	Percentage of total net assets attributable to unitholders at 30 September 2018
Real Estate Investment Trust	S\$ 33,224,653	% 71.72	% 98.40
Investment Funds	12,237,170	26.41	-
Portfolio of investments	45,461,823	98.13	98.40
Other net assets	864,403	1.87	1.60
Net assets attributable to unitholders	46,326,226	100.00	100.00

Important Information

Phillip Singapore Real Estate Income Fund (the "Sub-Fund") is a sub-fund of Phillip Select Fund (the "Fund"), an open-ended umbrella unit trust authorised under the Securities and Futures Act, Chapter 289, by the Monetary Authority of Singapore.

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