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# Main Board Listing - Research

## 陽光房地產投資信託基金 Sunlight Real Estate Investment Trust [Stock Code: 0435]

Joint Global Coordinators, Joint Bookrunners and Joint Listing Agents

: The Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Deutsche Bank AG Macquarie Securities

Sector : Financials Business : Real estate investment trust (REIT)

| Total unit offer: <u>1,045,370,362</u> units<br>(70.3% of the enlarged share capital)      | Business of Sunlight REIT<br>Sunlight REIT is formed to invest in a diversified   |  |  |
|--|---|--|--|
| Public Offer: 104,538,000 shares (10%)   Placing: 940,832,362 shares (90%)                 | portfolio comprising 20 office and retail properties in<br>Hong Kong. The office properties comprise Grade A<br>and B offices mainly located in core as well as   |  |  |
| <b>Greenshoe:</b> <i>104,538,000</i> shares (10%)  | decentralized business areas. The retail properties<br>are based in regional transportation hubs, New   |  |  |
| Price: HK\$2.45 – HK\$2.60 per unit  | Towns, and other urban areas with high population density in Hong Kong.   |  |  |
| Market Cap.: HK\$3.643 billion – HK\$3.866 billion   | The primary investment objective of Sunlight REIT is to provide unitholders with regular and stable cash  |  |  |
| FY2007E Distribution Yield: 8.49% - 9.01%  | distributions with the potential for sustainable long-<br>term growth of such distributions and enhancement in  |  |  |
| Adjusted NTA per unit: HK\$3.58  | value of the property portfolio.  |  |  |
| Manager: Henderson Sunlight Asset Management<br>Limited                                    | The portfolio of Sunlight REIT comprises 12 office<br>properties and 8 retail properties with a total gross<br>rentable area of over 1.29 million sq. ft. Average<br>occupancy rates of the office and retail components  |  |  |
| HK Public Offer period:  | of the properties are 89.9% and 87.9% respectively.   |  |  |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> December 2006 – 13 <sup>th</sup> December 2006                             | The Manager's policy is to distribute to unitholders 100% of Sunlight REIT's annual distributable income  |  |  |
| Receiving bank: HSBC<br>BOC (Hong Kong) Limited<br>The Bank of East Asia<br>Hang Seng Bank | as dividends for each financial year. From the listing date to June 2007, the forecasted annual distributable income is some HK\$122 million. Distributions per unit excluding the distribution waiver units are forecasted to be between HK\$0.1161 – HK\$0.1162, representing |  |  |
| Unit registrar: Tricor Investor Services Limited   | a distribution yield of 8.49% to 9.01%.   |  |  |
| Listing date: 21 <sup>st</sup> December 2006   |   |  |  |

Major unitholders after Listing (Assuming the over-allotment option is not exercised)

| Uplite Limited, a subsidiary of Shau Kee Financial Enterprises Ltd. (SKFE)    | 15.1%  |
|---|--------|
| Wintrade Limited, a subsidiary of SKFE  | 10.1%  |
| Cobase Limited, a subsidiary of Henderson Land Development Company Ltd. (HLD) | 2.7%   |
| Richful Resources Limited, a subsidiary of HLD                                | 1.8%   |
| Public unitholders  | 70.3%  |
|   | 100.0% |

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<u>Use of Proceeds</u> Total proceeds from the offer, along with the subscription by SKFE and HLD, are estimated to be HK\$7,593.2 million (based on an issue price of HK\$2.45) and HK\$7,816.2 million (based on an issue price of HK\$2.60). (Assuming the over-allotment option is not exercised.)

| (HK\$ million)   | Based on the<br>Minimum Offer Price<br>of HK\$2.45 | Based on the<br>Maximum Offer<br>Price of HK\$2.60 |
|--|--|--|
| The acquisition of the properties and other related assets | 7,251.3  | 7,469.7  |
| Issue costs and debt establishment fees                    | 187.4  | 192.1  |
| Acquisition costs  | 154.4  | 154.4  |
| Total  | 7,593.2  | 7,816.2  |

#### **Financial Highlights**

|  |         | Year ended 30 <sup>th</sup> | June      |
|--|---------|-----------------------------|-----------|
| HK\$ '000  | 2004    | 2005                        | 2006      |
| Turnover   | 243,816 | 248,360                     | 251,419   |
| Rental related income                                      | 65,443  | 69,073                      | 66,516    |
| Gross profit   | 207,464 | 214,935                     | 210,362   |
| Increase/(decrease) in fair value of investment properties | 519,360 | 706,429                     | 2,469,077 |
| Profit for the year  | 643,151 | 790,561                     | 2,215,086 |

#### **Description of the Properties**

|  | Appraised<br>Value<br>(HK\$m) as at<br>30/09/2006 | Gross<br>Rentable<br>Area (sq.ft.) -<br>Office | Gross<br>Rentable<br>Area (sq.ft.)<br>- Retail | Average<br>Occupancy for 3<br>months ended<br>30/09/2006 | No of<br>Tenancies as<br>at 30/09/2006 |
|--|---|--|--|--|--|
| <u>Office</u>  |   |  |  |  |  |
| 248 Queen's Road East                                    | 2,341   | 369,891  | 6,490  | 95.6%  | 77                                     |
| Boham Trade Centre,<br>Sheung Wan                        | 422   | 108,506  | 9,403  | 89.9%  | 114                                    |
| Righteous House,<br>Mongkok                              | 329   | 41,004   | 10,763   | 90.7%  | 52                                     |
| 135 Boham Strand Trade<br>Centre Property, Sheung<br>Wan | 230   | 60,844   | 3,071  | 87.3%  | 71                                     |
| Winsome House Property,<br>Central                       | 254   | 37,937   | 2,177  | 78.3%  | 20                                     |
| Java Road 108<br>Commercial Centre, North<br>Point       | 147   | 35,694   | 2,229  | 85.7%  | 27                                     |
| Sun Fai Commercial<br>Centre Property, Mongkok           | 100   | 23,817   | 2,334  | 90.5%  | 37                                     |
| Wai Ching Commercial<br>Building Property, Jordon        | 26  | 14,239   | 2,082  | 60.4%  | 21                                     |
| 235 Wing Lok Street Trade<br>Centre, Sheung Wan          | 168   | 47,481   | 4,804  | 77.7%  | 53                                     |
| Yue Fai Commercial<br>Centre Property, Aberdeen          | 124   | 41,272   | 1,479  | 77.2%  | 87                                     |
| Everglory Centre, TST                                    | 123   | 25,896   | 3,906  | 95.0%  | 30                                     |
| On Loong Commercial<br>Building Property, Wanchai        | 107   | 23,856   | 1,708  | 95.0%  | 35                                     |
| Subtotal / average                                       | 4,371   | 830,437  | 50,446   | 89.9%  | 624                                    |



#### Description of the Properties (...\continue)

| <u>Retail</u>                                 | Appraised<br>Value<br>(HK\$m) as<br>at<br>30/09/2006 | Gross Rentable<br>Area (sq.ft.) -<br>Office | Gross Rentable<br>Area (sq.ft.) -<br>Retail | Average<br>Occupancy for 3<br>months ended<br>30/09/2006 | No of<br>Tenancies<br>as at<br>30/09/2006 |
|---|--|---|---|--|---|
| Metro City Phase I<br>Property, Tseung Kwan O | 1,811  | -   | 188,889                                     | 81.1%  | 100                                       |
| Sheung Shui Centre<br>Shopping Arcade         | 2,190  | -   | 122,339                                     | 93.2%  | 125                                       |
| Kwong Wah Plaza<br>Property, Yuen Long        | 458  | 39,101                                      | 25,741                                      | 99.1%  | 36  |
| Beverley Commercial<br>Centre Property, TST   | 56   | -   | 7,934                                       | 75.4%  | 32  |
| Glory Rise Property, North Point              | 65   | -   | 7,086                                       | 60.0%  | 4   |
| Supernova Stand<br>Property, Fortress Hill    | 46   | -   | 4,226                                       | 88.4%  | 1   |
| Palatial Stand Property,<br>Hunghim           | 20   | 3,566                                       | 5,059                                       | 100.0%   | 5   |
| Royal Terrace Property,<br>Quarry Bay         | 73   | -   | 9,565                                       | 100.0%   | 7   |
| Subtotal / average                            | 4,719  | 42,667                                      | 370,839                                     | 87.9%  | 310                                       |
| Total   | 9,090  | 873,104                                     | 421,285                                     | 89.3%  | 934                                       |

#### Strengths/Opportunities

- Sunlight REIT's property portfolio is diversified with the office properties mostly located in core as well as decentralized business areas and the retail properties located in high population growth areas. It is estimated that 28.1% and 29.7% of leases as of 30 Sep 2006 are coming due for renewal in FY07 and FY08, respectively. Upward revision of rental rates during renewals should help maximize rental incomes and further enhance the expected yield of Sunlight REIT.
- ✓ Sunlight REIT guaranteed paid-out of no less than HK\$0.1161 HK\$0.1162 per unit or an annualized distribution yield of 8.49% to 9.01%, which looks attractive when compared with the distribution yield of 7.9% offered by Champion REIT (2778) and 4.1% offered by Link REIT (0823).
- Sunlight REIT has entered into an interest rate swap with HSBC to fix the finance costs, which would eliminate interest rate fluctuation from distorting income distribution during the course of the term loan. The interest rate of the Facility will be fixed at an average rate of 3.44% until 30 June 2011.



#### Weaknesses/Threats

× Several yield-enhancing mechanisms are employed to enhance the distribution yield. Once these mechanisms are reversed or expired, the sustainable distribution yield could fall.

Interim Yield enhancing mechanism

- The Manager's fee for the properties will be paid in the form of units till June 2011.
- SKFE and HLD agreed to waive 100% of their respective entitlement to distribution income in FY2007-2009 and 60% in FY2010 and 50% in FY2011. However, if the anticipated rental growth rates do not materialize, the sustainable yield of Sunlight REIT would fall once the Distribution Waivers expire.
- Once the interest rate swap expires in June 2011, Sunlight REIT may be subject to higher finance costs and hence affects the annual distributable income.
- × The performance of Sunlight REIT has been reliant on the performance of three properties: 248 Queen's Road East, Metro City Phase I and Sheung Shui Centre Shopping Arcade. The rental income from these three made up about 65% of the total rental income.

# **Recommendation:** Neutral



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