

**Fortune Real Estate Investment Trust**

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Manager of

**Leasing update**

Pursuant to Rule 905 of the Listing Manual, ARA Asset Management (Singapore) Limited (“ARASL”) as Manager of Fortune Real Estate Investment Trust (“Fortune REIT”), wishes to announce that Fortune REIT has agreed to lease the following space at one of its malls to one of the companies within the CKH Group<sup>1</sup>.

**Lease details**

The monthly rental was agreed upon on an arm’s length basis and supported by an independent valuation from Chesterton Petty Limited.

<b>Mall</b>	<b>The Metropolis Mall</b>
<b>Tenant/ Interested person</b>	Marketon Investment Limited
<b>Type</b>	New
<b>Unit No.</b>	Shop 951 – 952
<b>Gross floor area (sf)</b>	31,383
<b>Monthly rental (HK\$)<sup>2</sup></b>	HK\$816,000.00, equivalent to HK\$26.00 psf
<b>Term</b>	1 November 2004 to 30 June 2006
<b>Rent Free Period</b>	Nil
<b>Use</b>	Sales Office and Showflat
<b>Transaction value<sup>3</sup></b>	HK\$21,212,318.00

**Rationale and benefit**

The Metropolis Mall (the “Mall”) is located in an established residential and commercial area in south Kowloon. It is surrounded by residential apartments, offices, hotels and serviced apartments and is connected to the Hung Hom KCRC station, bus terminal and taxi station.

The basis of this tenancy is an improving economy in Hong Kong which has lifted sales in the residential property market, and hence demands for space to house showflats. In addition, shopper traffic at the mall is expected to be enhanced with the tenant’s presence.

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1. CKH Group refers to Cheung Kong (Holdings) Limited and its associates. Cheung Kong (Holdings) Limited is a controlling Unitholder as it holds, directly and indirectly, more than 15% of all the units in Fortune REIT. In addition, the Manager, ARASL, is 30% indirectly owned by Cheung Kong (Holdings) Limited.

2. Chesterton Petty Ltd has, in its valuation report dated 6 Oct 2004, confirmed that the monthly rental is at market level.

3. Inclusive of management fee, air-conditioning charges, promotional charges and government rent and rates.

## **Audit Committee Statement**

The Audit Committee has reviewed the terms of the lease and is satisfied that the lease is on normal commercial terms and is not prejudicial to the interests of Fortune REIT and its minority Unitholders.

## **Total interested person transactions conducted during the current financial year**

The current total for the financial year of all transactions with the CKH Group (excluding transactions below S\$100,000 (approximately HK\$450,000 based on the exchange rate of S\$1 = HK\$4.5721 as at 1 Jan 2004)) amount to HK\$185.1 million and the current total for the financial year of all interested person transactions for the same financial year is HK\$185.1 million.

Submitted by Lim Hwee Chiang, Director of ARASL on 1 November 2004 to the SGX.

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