

(Constituted in the Republic of Singapore pursuant to a trust deed dated 31 March 2006 (as amended))

# TAX RULING IN RESPECT OF THE ISSUE OF \$\$150 MILLION 5.50% SUBORDINATED PERPETUAL SECURITIES PURSUANT TO THE \$\$750,000,000 MULTICURRENCY DEBT ISSUANCE PROGRAMME

ESR-LOGOS Funds Management (S) Limited, as manager of ESR-LOGOS REIT (the "Manager"), refers to its announcement dated 9 June 2022 in respect of the issue of S\$150 million in aggregate principal amount of 5.50% subordinated perpetual securities comprised in Series 008 (the "Series 008 Securities") pursuant to the S\$750,000,000 Multicurrency Debt Issuance Programme (the "Programme") of RBC Investor Services Trust Singapore Limited (in its capacity as trustee of ESR-LOGOS REIT) (the "Issuer").

In the pricing supplement dated 2 June 2022 issued in connection with the Series 008 Securities (the "**Pricing Supplement**"), references were made to an application to the Inland Revenue Authority of Singapore ("**IRAS**") for an advance tax ruling to confirm the classification of the Series 008 Securities for Singapore income tax purposes and the Singapore tax treatment of the payment of the distributions (including any Optional Distribution). Unless otherwise defined herein, terms used in this announcement and which are defined in the terms and conditions of the Series 008 Securities read together with the Pricing Supplement (collectively, the "**Conditions**") shall bear the same meanings ascribed to them in the Conditions.

The Manager wishes to announce that the abovementioned tax ruling has been obtained from the IRAS. In particular, the IRAS has stated in the tax ruling that it is prepared to regard the Series 008 Securities as "debt securities" for the purpose of section 43H(4) of the Income Tax Act 1947 of Singapore ("ITA") and regulation 2 of the Income Tax (Qualifying Debt Securities) Regulations ("QDS Regulations"). Accordingly, the Distributions (including any Optional Distribution) due and payable on the Series 008 Securities will be regarded by the IRAS as interest payable on indebtedness. Subject to satisfying the governing conditions under the QDS Regulations, sections 43H, 13(2) and 13(16) of the ITA for qualifying debt securities ("QDS"), the Series 008 Securities will be regarded by the IRAS as QDS and the holders of the Series 008 Securities will be entitled to the tax concessions and exemptions under section 43H and section 13(1)(a) of the ITA, respectively.

# BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

## **ESR-LOGOS Funds Management (S) Limited**

As Manager of ESR-LOGOS REIT (Company Registration No. 200512804G, Capital Markets Services Licence No.100132)

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#### **About ESR-LOGOS REIT**

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As at 30 June 2022, ESR-LOGOS REIT holds interests in a diversified portfolio of logistics properties, high-specifications industrial properties, business parks and general industrial properties with total assets of approximately S\$5.5 billion. Its portfolio comprises 83 properties (excluding 48 Pandan Road held through a joint venture) located across the developed markets of Singapore (62 assets) and Australia (21 assets), with a total gross floor area of approximately 2.3 million sqm, as well as investments in three property funds in Australia. ESR-LOGOS REIT is also a constituent of the FTSE EPRA Nareit Global Real Estate Index.

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For further information on ESR-LOGOS REIT, please visit www.esr-logosreit.com.sq.

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