



## For Immediate Release

# Mapletree Commercial Trust commits additional S\$18 million of rental relief to support its retail tenants

*Singapore, 26 March 2020* – Mapletree Commercial Trust ("MCT") is committing an additional S\$18 million of rental relief in the second round of assistance to its retail tenants affected by COVID-19. Deferment of payment for the fixed rent of April 2020 will also be offered. This assistance package is on top of the additional property tax rebates for qualifying commercial and non-residential properties announced by the Government earlier today, which will be fully passed on to eligible tenants.

Ms Sharon Lim, Chief Executive Officer of Mapletree Commercial Trust Management Ltd. ("MCTM"), the Manager of MCT, said, "As part of the nationwide effort to combat COVID-19, the Government has progressively tightened border and crowd controls, as well as social distancing measures. These are significant moves for an open economy like Singapore, which will inevitably lead to knock-on effect on retail footfall and sales across the country. In such extraordinary times, we have to move decisively to support our retail tenants. As such, we will be rolling out a second tranche of assistance comprising approximately S\$18 million of rental relief. This more than matches the additional property tax rebate for qualifying commercial properties announced by the Government today, which we will fully pass on to eligible tenants. Altogether, these will help our retail tenants offset a total of about two months of rent. We will also offer a deferment of payment for the fixed rent of April 2020 to further ease their cash flow."

MCT has earlier rolled out an S\$11 million retail support package which was announced on 24 February 2020. About S\$8 million from this first package has been granted as rental rebates to eligible retail tenants at VivoCity.

In playing a part to minimise further spread of COVID-19, MCT has also implemented new safe distancing measures across its properties. Examples include putting in place queue

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management systems, floor markers, visual reminders and signages to guide and remind all tenants, visitors and shoppers to maintain safe distances. MCT will continue to upkeep and enhance precautionary measures and sanitising protocols where relevant to keep premises safe.

Ms Lim added, "Although the COVID-19 situation is unprecedented and remains uncertain, one thing is clear: we will stay committed in our endeavours to reinforce MCT's long-term sustainability. And this means prioritising the well-being of our tenants, shoppers and employees. Earlier today, the Government has announced a set of bold and proactive measures to support the economy. We are very thankful and remain confident that together, we can rise up to the challenge, and emerge more resilient after the turbulence."

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Mapletree Commercial Trust is a Singapore-focused real estate investment trust ("REIT") that invests on a longterm basis, directly or indirectly, in a diversified portfolio of income-producing real estate used primarily for office and/or retail purposes, whether wholly or partially, in Singapore, as well as real estate related assets. MCT's portfolio comprises VivoCity, Mapletree Business City, PSA Building, Mapletree Anson and MLHF. These five assets have a total NLA of 5.0 million square feet with a total value of S\$8.9 billion. For more information, please visit <u>www.mapletreecommercialtrust.com</u>.

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