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Link Real Estate Investment Trust

(a collective investment scheme authorised under section 104 of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Chapter 571 of the Laws of Hong Kong))

(stock code: 823)

VOLUNTARY ANNOUNCEMENT

PORTFOLIO REVIEW

The Board of the Manager announces that it intends to conduct a review of Link's asset portfolio seeking to optimise Link's asset portfolio and maximise value for the Unitholders. For the purposes of the portfolio review, the Manager has appointed HSBC (as financial advisor) and C&W (as real estate advisor).

The portfolio review may involve potential disposal and/or acquisition of assets. The Manager has entered into exclusivity arrangements with independent third parties exploring investment opportunities on a non-binding basis. As at the date of this announcement, no decision has yet been made as to any proposal, and there is no assurance that the portfolio review will lead to any transaction being announced or concluded. Unitholders and potential investors of Link should note that the portfolio review may or may not lead to or result in any transaction, and accordingly are advised to exercise caution when dealing in the units of Link.

The board of directors (the **Board**) of Link Asset Management Limited (the **Manager**), as manager of Link Real Estate Investment Trust (*Link*), announces that it intends to conduct a review of Link's asset portfolio seeking to optimise Link's asset portfolio and maximise value for Link's unitholders (the **Unitholders**). For the purposes of the portfolio review, the Manager has appointed The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited (*HSBC*) (as financial advisor) and Cushman & Wakefield (HK) Limited (*C&W*) (as real estate advisor).

To the best of the knowledge, information and belief of the directors of the Manager (having made all reasonable enquiries), C&W is an independent third party and not a connected person (as defined in Chapter 8 of the Code on Real Estate Investment Trusts (the *REIT Code*)) of Link. HSBC Institutional Trust Services (Asia) Limited, a direct subsidiary of HSBC, is the trustee of Link and hence HSBC is a connected person (as defined in Chapter 8 of the REIT Code) of Link. The appointment of HSBC as financial advisor was within the waiver granted by the Securities and Futures Commission in respect of connected party transactions with HSBC and its subsidiaries, and it was made at arm's length on normal commercial terms.

The portfolio review may involve potential disposal and/or acquisition of assets. The Manager has entered into exclusivity arrangements with parties who are to the best of the knowledge, information and belief of the directors of the Manager (having made all reasonable enquiries) independent third parties and not connected persons (as defined in Chapter 8 of the REIT Code) of Link, exploring investment opportunities on a non-binding basis. As at the date of this announcement, no decision has yet been made as to any proposal, and there is no assurance that the portfolio review will lead to any transaction being announced or concluded.

This announcement is made by the Manager on a voluntary basis. The Board confirms that there are no negotiations or agreements relating to the portfolio review which are discloseable under paragraph 10.4 of the REIT Code, nor is the Board aware of any matter discloseable under the general obligation imposed by paragraph 10.3 of the REIT Code, which is or may be of a price sensitive nature.

As a result of the portfolio review or otherwise, should the Board decide that the implementation of a particular transaction would be considered in the interests of Link and the Unitholders as a whole, the Board will comply with the requirements of the REIT Code and/or the trust deed of Link.

Further announcement(s) will be made by the Manager if and when any proposal is accepted and any binding agreement is entered into as a result of the portfolio review or otherwise as required by the REIT Code.

Unitholders and potential investors of Link should note that the portfolio review may or may not lead to or result in any transaction, and accordingly are advised to exercise caution when dealing in the units of Link.

By order of the Board Link Asset Management Limited (as manager of Link Real Estate Investment Trust) Ricky CHAN Ming Tak Company Secretary

Hong Kong, 24 September 2018

As at the date of this announcement, the Board of the Manager comprises:

<u>Chairman (also an Independent Non-Executive Director)</u> Nicholas Charles ALLEN

<u>Executive Directors</u> George Kwok Lung HONGCHOY (Chief Executive Officer) Andy CHEUNG Lee Ming (Chief Operating Officer)

<u>Non-Executive Director</u> Ian Keith GRIFFITHS

Independent Non-Executive Directors

Christopher John BROOKE Ed CHAN Yiu Cheong Blair Chilton PICKERELL Poh Lee TAN May Siew Boi TAN Peter TSE Pak Wing Nancy TSE Sau Ling Elaine Carole YOUNG