

# ARA US HOSPITALITY TRUST

A stapled group comprising:

# ARA US HOSPITALITY PROPERTY TRUST

(a real estate investment trust constituted on 24 September 2018 under the laws of the Republic of Singapore) managed by ARA Trust Management (USH) Pte. Ltd.

# ARA US HOSPITALITY MANAGEMENT TRUST

(a business trust constituted on 29 October 2018 under the laws of the Republic of Singapore) managed by

ARA Business Trust Management (USH) Pte. Ltd.

# CHANGES IN THE DIRECTORATE AND COMPOSITION OF THE BOARD AND AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE

The Board of Directors (the "Board") of ARA Trust Management (USH) Pte. Ltd., in its capacity as manager of ARA US Hospitality Property Trust ("ARA H-REIT"), and ARA Business Trust Management (USH) Pte. Ltd., as trustee-manager of ARA US Hospitality Management Trust ("ARA H-BT") (collectively known as the "Managers") wish to announce the following changes to the Board and the Audit and Risk Committee ("ARC") with effect from 3 May 2024:

1. the resignation of Ms. Stefanie Yuen Thio as Independent Non-Executive Director.

The Board of the Managers wishes to extend its gratitude and appreciation to Ms. Stefanie Yuen Thio ("**Ms. Thio**") for her dedication and counsel during her tenure on the Board and the ARC.

Consequent upon the resignation of Ms. Thio as Independent Non-Executive Director, she will relinquish her role as a Member and Chairperson of the ARC. Concurrently, Mr. Randy Allan Daniels is appointed as the Chairman of the ARC.

Following the aforesaid changes, the composition of the Board and ARC of the Managers will be as follows with effect from 3 May 2024:

# **Board of Directors**

- Mr. Stephen Ray Finch Chairman and Independent Non-Executive Director
- Mr. Randy Allan Daniels Independent Non-Executive Director
- Mr. Wong Choong Mann Independent Non-Executive Director
- Ms. Seow Bee Lian Non-Independent Non-Executive Director
- Mr. Lin Daqi Non-Independent Non-Executive Director

#### Audit and Risk Committee

- Mr. Randy Allan Daniels Chairman
- Mr. Stephen Ray Finch Member
- Mr. Wong Choong Mann Member

The information required to be disclosed under Rule 704(7) of the Listing Manual of the Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited in relation to the resignation of Ms. Thio is set out in a separate announcement.

By ORDER OF THE BOARD ARA TRUST MANAGEMENT (USH) PTE. LTD. (As manager of ARA US Hospitality Property Trust) (Company registration no. 201829676W)

ARA BUSINESS TRUST MANAGEMENT (USH) PTE. LTD. (As trustee-manager of ARA US Hospitality Management Trust) (Company registration no. 201829682G)

Lee Jin Yong Chief Executive Officer 3 May 2024

#### **ABOUT ARA US HOSPITALITY TRUST**

Listed on the Singapore Exchange on 9 May 2019, ARA US Hospitality Trust is a hospitality stapled group comprising ARA US Hospitality Property Trust ("ARA H-REIT") and ARA US Hospitality Management Trust ("ARA H-BT"). ARA US Hospitality Trust invests in income-producing real estate assets used primarily for hospitality purposes located in the United States. As at the date of this announcement, ARA US Hospitality Trust's portfolio comprises 35 select-service hotels with a total of 4,573 rooms across 18 states in the United States.

ARA US Hospitality Trust is managed by ARA Trust Management (USH) Pte. Ltd. and ARA Business Trust Management (USH) Pte. Ltd., (collectively known as the "Managers"). The Managers are indirect wholly-owned subsidiaries of ARA Asset Management Limited.

For more information, please visit www.araushotels.com.

#### **ABOUT THE SPONSOR**

The Sponsor, ARA Real Estate Investors 23 Pte. Ltd., is an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of ARA Asset Management Limited ("ARA").

ARA Asset Management Limited is part of the ESR Group ("ESR"). ESR is Asia-Pacific's ("APAC") leading real asset manager powered by the New Economy and one of the largest listed real estate investment managers. With approximately US\$81 billion in fee-related assets under management¹ as at 31 December 2023, ESR's fully integrated fund management and development platform extends across various APAC markets, comprising Australia/New Zealand, Japan, South Korea, Greater China, Southeast Asia and India, with a presence in Europe and the U.S. We provide a diverse range of real asset investment solutions and New Economy real estate development opportunities across the private funds business, which allow capital partners and customers to capitalise on the most significant secular trends in APAC. Our purpose – Space and Investment Solutions for a Sustainable Future – drives us to manage sustainably and impactfully, and we consider the environment and the communities in which we operate as key stakeholders of our business. ESR is listed on the Main Board of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong, and is a constituent of the FTSE Global Equity Index Series (Large Cap), Hang Seng Composite and MSCI Hong Kong Indices.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Fee-related AUM excludes AUM from Associates and levered uncalled capital. Based on FX rates as at 31 December 2023.

#### **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

The value of the stapled securities in ARA US Hospitality Trust ("**Stapled Securities**") (where each Stapled Security comprises 1 unit in ARA H-REIT stapled to 1 unit in ARA H-BT), and the income derived from them may fall as well as rise. Stapled Securities are not obligations of, deposits in, or guaranteed by, the Managers, DBS Trustee Limited, in its capacity as trustee of ARA H-REIT, or any of their respective affiliates.

An investment in the Stapled Securities is subject to investment risks, including the possible loss of the principal amount invested. Stapled Securityholders have no right to request that the Managers redeem or purchase their Stapled Securities while the Stapled Securities are listed. It is intended that Stapled Securityholders may only deal in their Stapled Securities through trading on Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited (the "SGX-ST"). Listing of the Stapled Securities on the SGX-ST does not guarantee a liquid market for the Stapled Securities.

This announcement may contain forward-looking statements that involve assumptions, risks and uncertainties. Actual future performance, outcomes and results may differ materially from those expressed in forward-looking statements as a result of a number of risks, uncertainties and assumptions. Predictions, projections or forecasts of the economy or economic trends of the markets are not necessarily indicative of the future or likely performance of ARA US Hospitality Trust. The forecast financial performance of ARA US Hospitality Trust is not guaranteed. A potential investor is cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which are based on the Managers' current view of future events.