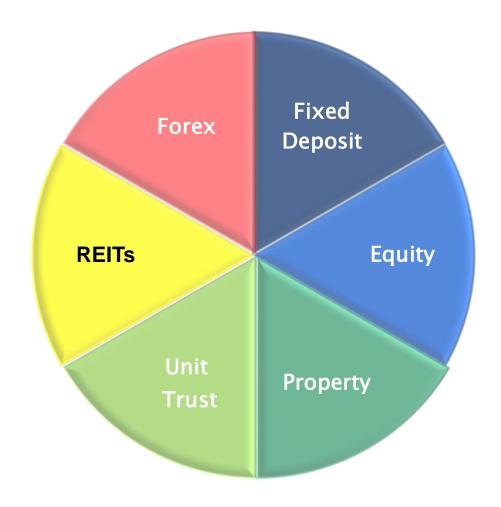


# REITs A Defensive Investment in Volatile Times

# Where do you invest your money?

#### **Investment Asset Classes**





## Are you looking for growth or income?

	Fixed Deposit	Bond	Equity	Unit Trust (Equity)	Exchange Traded Fund	REIT
Income	✓	✓	Incidental	Incidental	Incidental	✓
Capital Appreciation / Depreciation	*	Incidental	✓	✓	✓	✓

- M-REITs are required to distribute at least 90% of its distributable income in order to enjoy tax exemption on its income
- REITs is an asset class that offers predictability in income distribution (ie. dividend payout ratio)
   with potential capital appreciation / depreciation.





# WHAT IS A REIT?

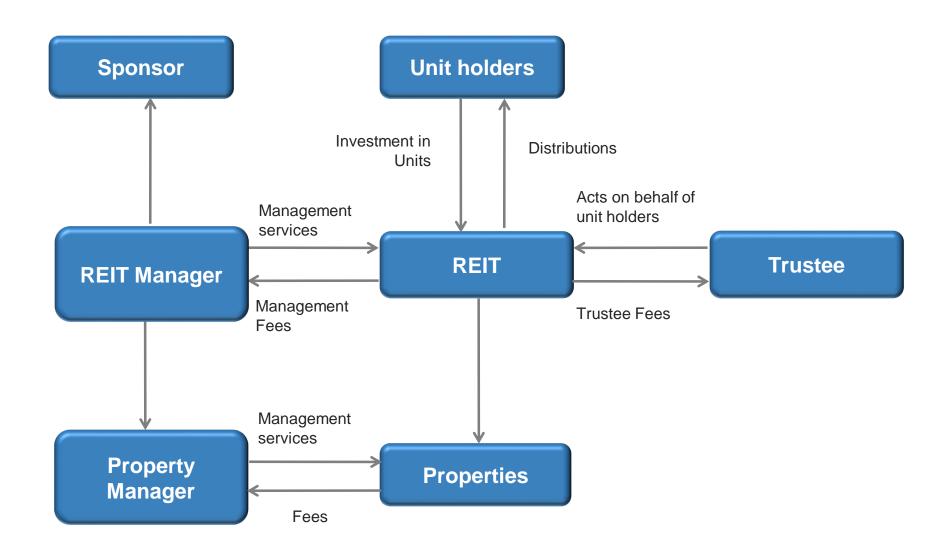
#### What is a REIT?

"A real estate investment trust (REIT) is a listed vehicle that invests in a portfolio of incomegenerating properties. Rents collected from tenants, less expenses are distributed on a regular basis to provide stable yields to unit holders."

- Units in REIT represents equity ownership
- Investment in REITs provide indirect access to large, stable real estate portfolio in a tax efficient manner
- Tax efficiency unit holders are subjected to withholding tax of 10% for individuals. A REIT is exempted from tax if the REIT distributes at least 90% of its distributable income to unit holders.
- REITs are governed by a Trust Deed, the stock exchange and the securities commission regulations which define the operating procedures ensuring a high level of corporate governance.



## **A Generic REIT Structure**



# **Property Investment**

- Entry barrier to purchase large ticket assets

Property
Investor /
Property
Manager /
Landlord









Income (rental)

and / or

Capital Appreciation /
Depreciation
(upon disposal)



#### **REIT Investment**

- Access to large ticket quality assets



Income (dividend)

and / or

Capital
Appreciation /
Depreciation
(unit price)



#### **REIT vs Investment Asset Classes**

- Highest governance with high income payout

		Physical Asset				
	REIT	Equity	Bond	ETF	Unit Trust (Equity)	Property
Liquidity	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No
Publicly quoted price	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No
Level of governance	Highest	High	High	Higher	Higher	No
Minimum investment amount	Low	Low	High	Low	Low	High
Income payout	≥90%	Discretionary	As per coupon	Discretionary	Discretionary	100%
Degree of investment diversification	High	Low	Low	High	High	Low





# WHY INVEST IN REITS?

# Why Invest in REITs?

- Access to a portfolio of quality real estates
- Predictability in income stream in the form of distribution income
- Liquid proxy to physical property investment as REITs offer daily liquidity
- Transparent daily pricing
- High level of disclosures and transparency
- 6 Low entry cost
- 7 Professional management



# **REITs vs. Physical Properties**

#### **REITs vs. Physical Properties**

- Opportunity to invest in iconic real estates
- Highly liquid
- Diversified risk
  - ✓ Portfolio diversification
  - ✓ Leverage ratio capped at maximum 50%
- Professional managed
- o High level of governance due to stringent REIT guidelines
- Low entry cost



# **REITs vs. Listed Property Equities**

#### **REITs vs. Listed Property Equities**

- Stable rental income stream
- Predictability in distribution payout with at least 90% of net income is distributed to unit holders
- Favourable tax regime of 10% withholding tax to retail unit holders
- Leverage ratio is capped at maximum 50%
- Strong corporate governance by virtue of multiple levels of stakeholders
- High level of governance due to stringent REIT guidelines
- Low entry cost





# The Investors' Perspective

# **Making the Right Investment Decision**

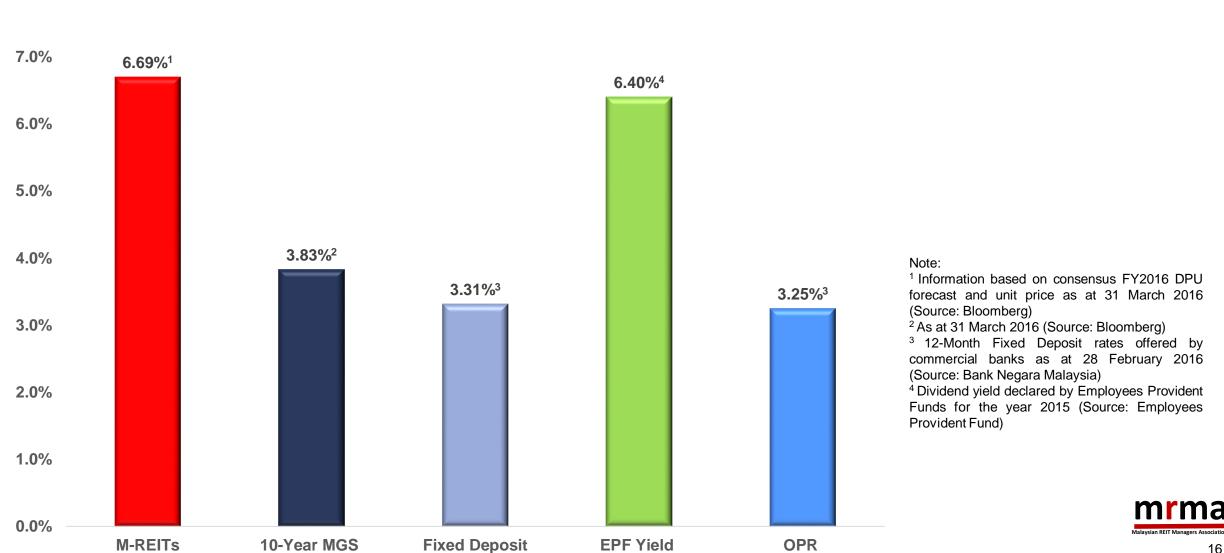
#### **Quantitative Evaluation Qualitative Evaluation** REIT **Asset** Level **Units** Type of property / sub-sectors Capital appreciation of property Dividend yield (gross / net)<sup>1</sup> Quality of assets Property yield Premium / discount to net asset Location value (NAV) Management Team Leverage ratio **Growth Strategy** Dividend CAGR growth Sponsor Total Return Financial Structure **Yield Spread** Governance & Transparency

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Consistent basis in comparison

#### Quantitative Evaluation: Dividend Yield

8.0%

- Commendable dividend yield vis-a-vis various investment / saving alternatives



#### **Quantitative Evaluation: Yield Curve**

- Attractive yield spread between Average M-REITs yield and 10-year MGS





#### **Qualitative Evaluation**

Type of property / sub-sector

Property sub-sectors and quality of assets

Location

Prime locations with geographical diversification

**Management Team** 

Proven track record in value creation to unit holders

**Growth Strategies** 

- Organic growth (eg. AEIs, AMIs,)
- Acquisition growth

**Sponsor** 

Reputable Sponsor with strong track record and pipeline assets

**Financial Structure** 

- Proactive capital management
- Manageable leverage ratio

**Governance & Transparency** 

High level of integrity, governance and transparency





# Risks of Investing in REITs

## **Risks of Investing in REITs**

**Equity Risk** 

Fluctuation in unit price and liquidity risk

**Interest Rate Risk** 

Implication of interest rate cycle on net distributable income and unit price. Eg. during rising interest rate environment, a REIT may be affected by higher interest cost resulting in ability to pay higher dividend.

**Management Risk** 

Quality and skills of the REIT Manager

**Business Risk** 

Risks affecting the performance of the underlying business / sub-sectors. Eq. Economic slowdown, inflation, oversupply situation in sub-sectors

**Policy and Regulatory Risk** 

Changes in government and regulator's policies that may potentially affect the REIT industry. Eg. Withholding tax



# Landscape of REITs in Malaysia

# Malaysian REITs (M-REITs)

- 17 M-REITs offering exposure to a broad spectrum of property sub-sectors

#### **Specialised REITs**

**Diversified REITs** 

Office

Industrial

Retail

Retail Focused





























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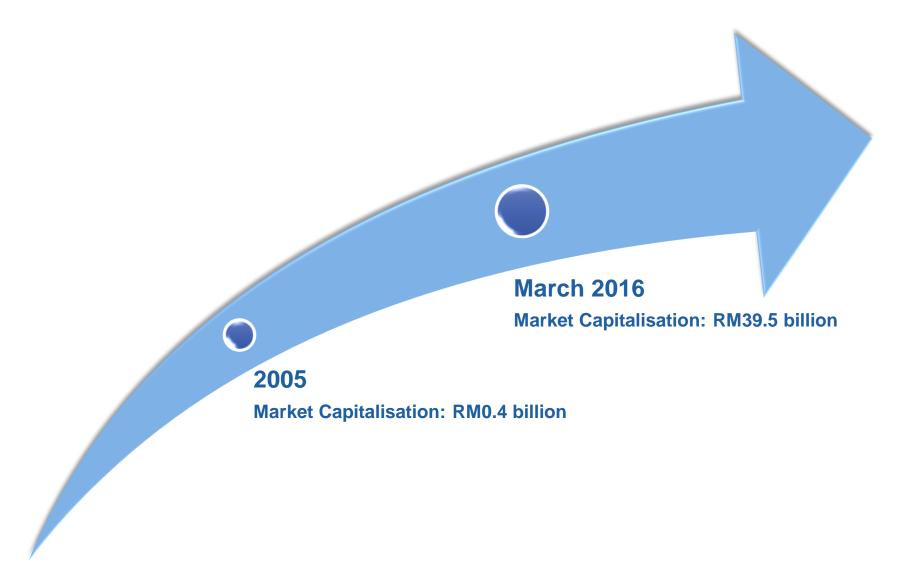






### **Evolution of M-REITs**

- Grown by leaps and bounds



Source: Bloomberg

#### **M-REITs Market Statistics**



Source: Bloomberg

Information as at 31 March 2016



# **Overview of Axis-REIT**

#### Our Milestones

**RM2.16** 

billion

from RM296 million

Assets under management

7,304,854

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from 978,000 sq. ft.

**Space under management** 

38

from

**Properties** 

**RM275** 

million

Valuation gain since listing



- ✓ First REIT to be listed in Malaysia
- ✓ First REIT to be converted into an Islamic REIT
- ✓ First REIT to adopt cloud computing
- ✓ First REIT to introduce an IDRP
- ✓ First REIT to upsize its current Sukuk

  Programme from RM300 million to RM3 billion.
- ✓ First REIT to implement a Unit Split



- ✓ Winner of Best Practices Awards from the Asia Public Real Estate Association
- ✓ Founding member of the Malaysian REIT Managers Association



# Highlights

Total Assets Under Management RM2,158,528

Market Capitalisation **RM1,770,667** 

**Unit Split** 

Exercise Completed on 9 September 2015

Total Acquisition for 2016 RM61,000,000

Weighted Average
Lease Expiry
(for rental revenue)
4.41 years

Distribution Yield 5.1%

Total Returns since IPO 297%

Average Net Property Yield **8.82%** 

Positive Rental Reversion to date 4.17%

- ✓ Completed the acquisition of 4 industrial properties Beyonics i-Park Campus Block A, B, C and D for RM61.0 million on 28 January 2016.
- Portfolio size increased by 4 to a total of 38.
- Acceptance of a Letter of Offer to acquire a logistics warehouse for RM33.0 million located at Pasir Gudang, Johor on 4 January 2016.
- Acceptance of a Letter of Offer to acquire a manufacturing facility for RM42.0 million located at Rawang, Selangor on 6 April 2016.
- ✓ Registered RM2.5 million revaluation gain on Axis Shah Alam DC 1 in 1Q2016.
- ✓ Declared 2.05 sen as 1<sup>st</sup> Interim 2016 DPU.
- ✓ Announced the implementation of the Income Distribution Reinvestment Plan (IDRP) in conjunction with the payment of the 1<sup>st</sup> Interim 2016 DPU.
- Traded at a premium of 31% to NAV.
- ✓ Number of unitholders increased 5% to 3,790.



# Axis-REIT's property portfolio

#### OFFICES



Petaling Jaya



**Ouattro West** Petaling Jaya



Axis Eureka Cyberjaya

#### OFFICE / INDUSTRIAL



Axis Business Park Petaling Jaya



Infinite Centre Petaling Jaya

Petaling Jaya



Wisma Kemajuan Petaling Jaya



Axis Business Campus Axis Vista Petaling Jaya



Petaling Jaya Shah Alam



Strateq Data Centre



Fonterra Headquarters Axis Technology Centre Wisma Academy Parcel The Annex Petaling Jaya



Petaling Jaya



Petaling Jaya



#### WAREHOUSING / LOGISTICS







Logistic Warehouse 3 Seberang Prai



Seberang Prai







Seberang Prai



D8 Logistics Warehouse Axis Shah Alam Distribution Centre 3



Bukit Raja





Axis Shah Alam Distribution Centre 2



Delfi Warehouse

Johor





BMW Centre PTP

Johor



Niro Warehouse

Johor



Axis Shah Alam Distribution Centre 1 Shah Alam



Bayan Lepas Distribution Centre Bayan Lepas

#### MANUFACTURING FACILITIES





Emerson Industrial Facility Nilai



Axis MRO Hub Shah Alam



Axis Steel Centre SILC



Beyonics i-Park Campus Block A Johor



Campus Block B

Beyonics i-Park Campus Block C



Beyonics i-Park Campus Block D Johor

#### Johor HYPERMARKETS



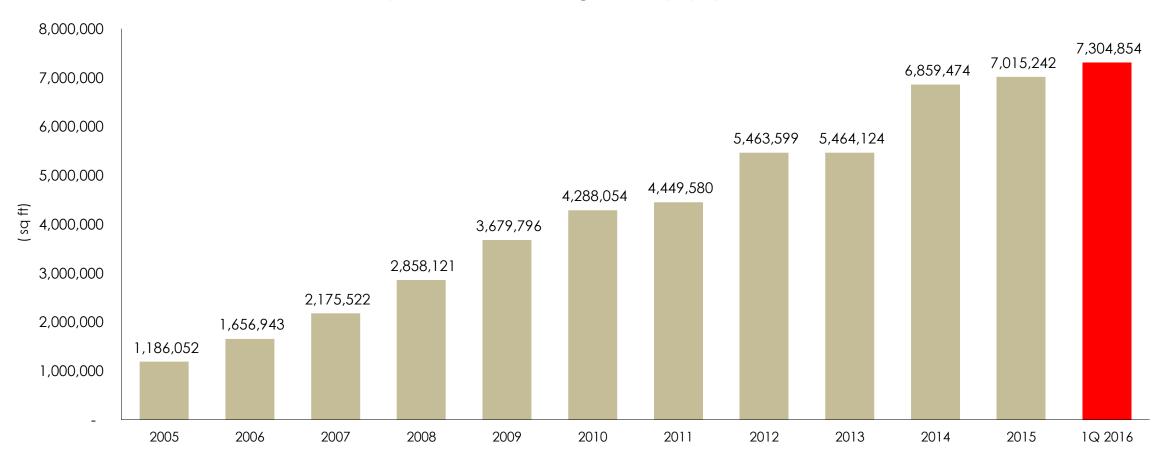
Giant Hypermarket



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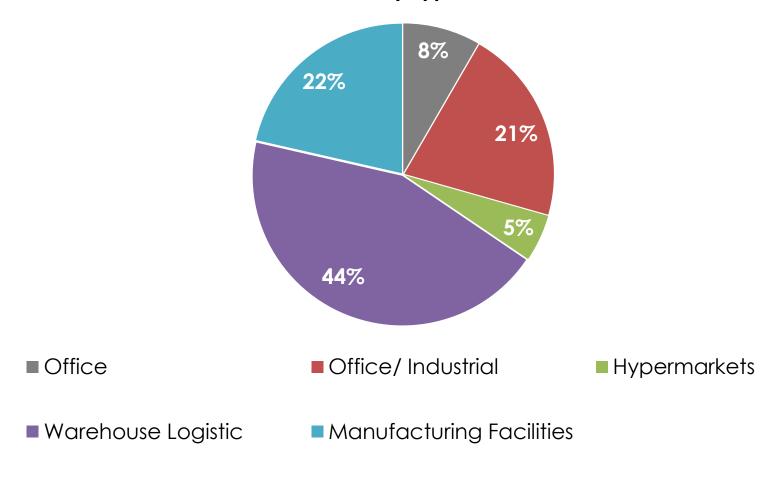


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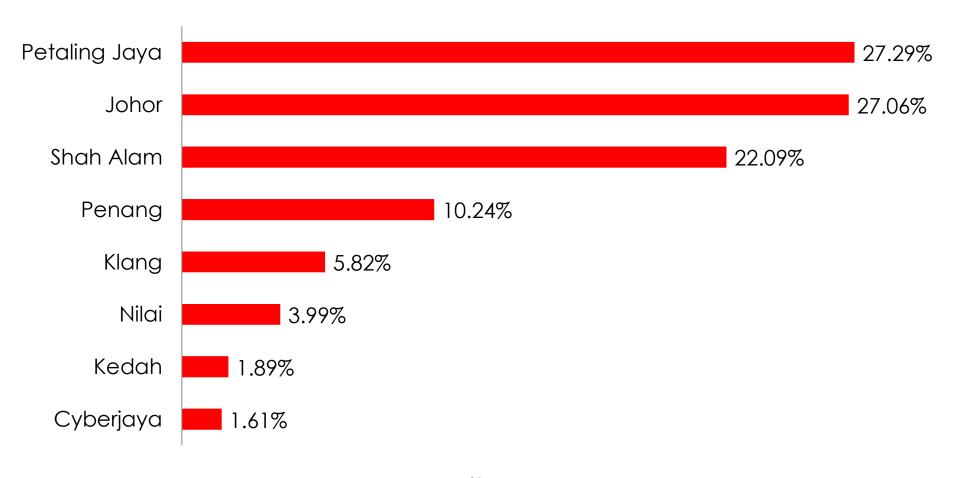


#### Portfolio Diversification by Type and NLA





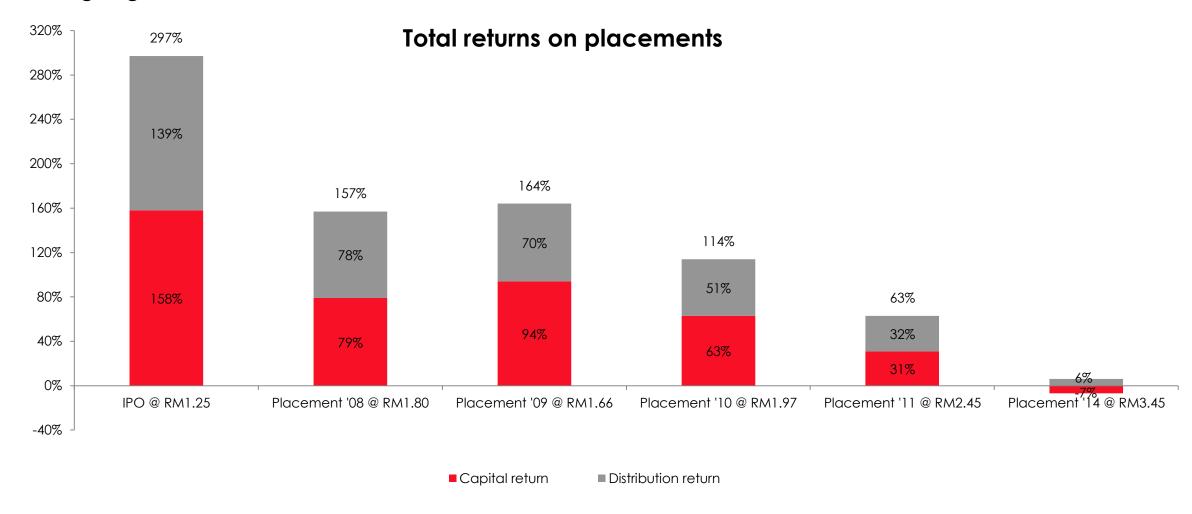
#### Portfolio Diversification by Geographical Location



## Unitholders' Capital



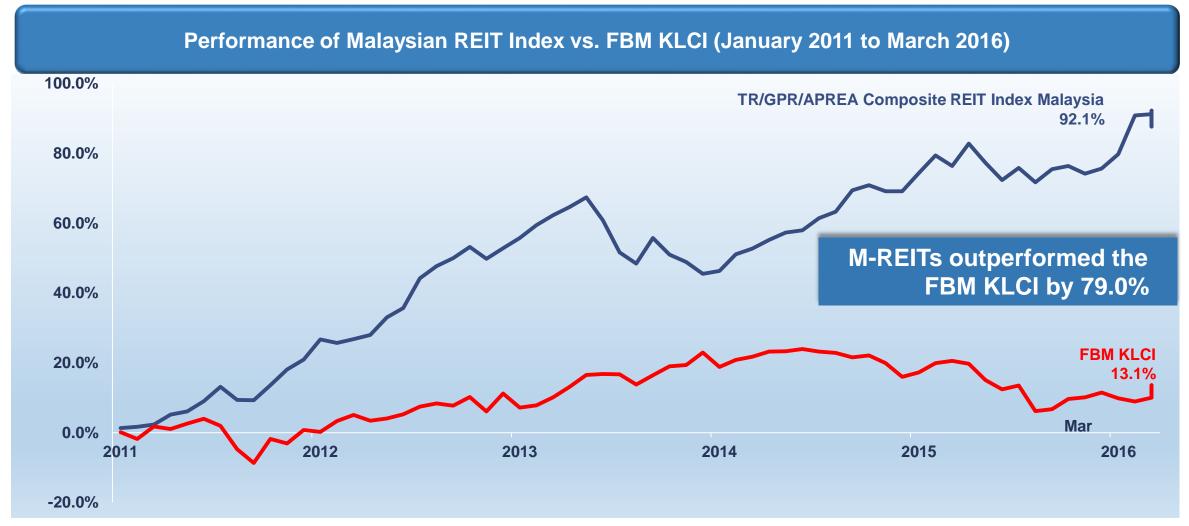
... resulting in good total returns to unitholders.





# Conclusion

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Information as at 31 March 2016

#### Conclusion

- REITs is a defensive investment which provide certainty in income stream within a diversified portfolio of high quality assets portfolio.
- Hence, it is prudent to include REITs in your investment portfolio for diversification purpose.



# Thank You