

Modest debut for KLCCP Stapled

The first-ever Islamic stapled real estate investment trust (REIT) structure on Bursa Malaysia made a modest debut yesterday with 2,900 lots exchanging hands at a premium of 20 sen to KLCC Property Holdings Bhd's (KLCCP) last share price of RM7.25, prior to the trading suspension.

KLCCP chief executive officer Hashim Wahir yesterday said the company's shareholders will now own shares and units in KLCCP and the

newly established KLCC REIT respectively, which will be quoted and traded as one security known as the KLCCP Stapled Group.

The restructuring exercise has also allowed the Petronas Twin Towers, Menara 3 Petronas and Menara ExxonMobil to be housed under KLCC REIT with remaining assets including Suria KLCC, Menara Dayabumi and Mandarin Oriental Hotel remaining in KLCCP.

"We are open to talk on the assets that are currently under us to be injected into the REIT, as well." Hashim said the establishment of the KLCCP Stapled Group is expected to create long-term value for shareholders.

"The group has property assets in excess of RM15 billion, making it more than three times as large as the next listed REIT vehicle. The establishment of KLCCP Stapled Group will allow sharehold-

ers to simultaneously enjoy growth potential from existing and new developments as well as stable cash flows from stabilised prime properties held via the REIT."

Hashim also said the KLCCP Stapled Group will have a conservative capital structure with debt headroom to fund future organic and inorganic growth.

The counter closed up 43 sen at RM7.68 with 3,043 lots traded. — Bernama