

Sterling debut by KLCC REIT on Bursa Malaysia



From left: Citibank Bhd CEO Sanjeev Nanavati, Hashim and Citibank head of banking Ho Heng Chuan at the listing of KLCCP's new stapled REIT on Bursa Malaysia

PETALING JAYA: KLCC Real Estate Investment Trust (KLCC REIT), the country's largest REIT, rose 43 sen to close at RM7.68 on its debut on Bursa Malaysia yesterday.

The trust, a stapled REIT that bundles existing shares of **KLCC Property Holdings Bhd (KLCCP)** and units of KLCC REIT, saw its units gaining as much as 50 sen during the day to hit an intra-day high of RM7.75 from its initial reference price of RM7.25.

The REIT, which has assets in excess of RM15bil, had a market capitalisation of RM13.865bil as at 5pm yesterday, seeing 3.04 million units being traded on its first day.

In a *Bernama* report after a press conference following the REIT's listing, **KLCCP Chief Executive Officer Hashim Wahir** was quoted as saying that with the REIT's asset class, the company expected to gain the attention of an increasing number of high-quality investors.

The REIT's portfolio includes the Petronas Twin Towers, Menara ExxonMobil and Menara 3 Petronas, all of which are wholly owned by [Petroliam Nasional Bhd \(Petronas\)](#). Both Petronas Twin Towers and Menara ExxonMobil have a 100% occupancy rate. Menara 3, meanwhile, has a 100% occupancy rate for its office portion and 93.9% for its retail portion.

KLCCP has Suria KLCC, Mandarin Oriental, Kompleks Dayabumi and Lot D1 in its portfolio.

Hashim said the group was now focusing on the redevelopment of Kompleks Dayabumi and a 0.6ha land near the 75%-owned Mandarin Oriental Hotel.

The group was currently in the process of securing anchor tenants for the projects, he said. "We are open to talking on the assets that are currently under us to be injected into the REIT as well," he added.

In November last year, KLCCP, the REIT manager, had announced that it would be restructuring to form the stapled REIT. Shareholders gave KLCCP the green light to go ahead with the stapled REIT at the company's EGM last month.

With its substantial assets, KLCC REIT now holds the distinction of being Malaysia's biggest REIT, relegating [Sunway REIT](#) to second spot.

KLCCP shares closed at RM7.25 on April 22 prior to its suspension the following day.

Analysts had earlier said that the REIT would provide investors with an alternative yield play.

The group aims to pay out more than 90% of its distributable income as dividends.