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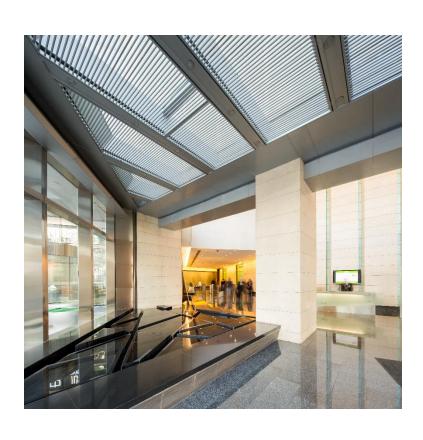
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# OVERVIEW OF 1H 2016

# **SpringREIT**

# Delivering stable operation

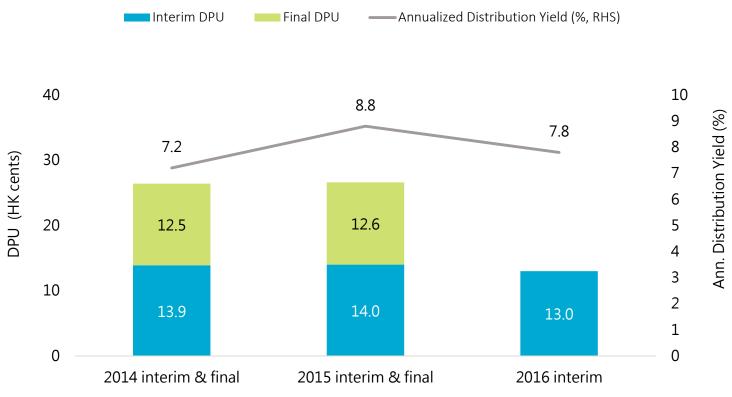
- Occupancy stable average at 96%, maintained high rental
- 24.3% lease executed (GFA terms) with high retention rate.
- Superior asset quality and location of China Central Place office towers contributed to stable leasing performance.
- Total Distributable Income of USD 20.42 mn, slightly down 2.6% YoY, as RMB depreciated 4.9%
- Smooth transition from Business Tax("BT") to Value-Added Tax ("VAT")
- Property valuation benefited from monetary easing and lower cap rate.
- Gearing ratio remained healthy at 33.2%.



# HISTORICAL DISTRIBUTIONS SINCE IPO



- Stable distribution since IPO in Dec 2013.
- Average DPU yield of 7.9% since 2014.

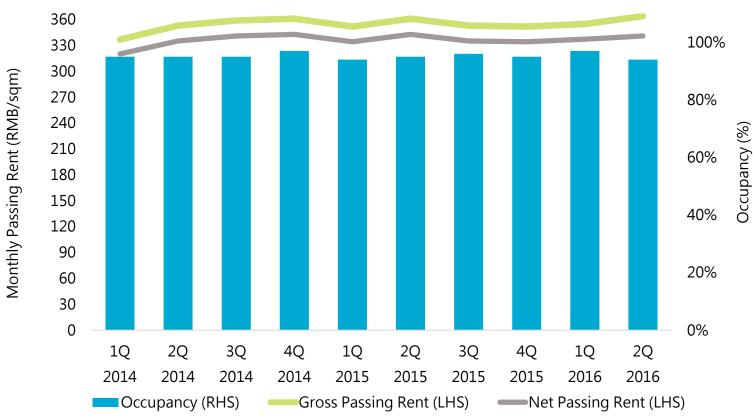


Note: Annualized distribution yields are calculated using closing price of the Units at the end of each relevant financial period.

# HISTORICAL LEASING PERFORMANCE SINCE IPO



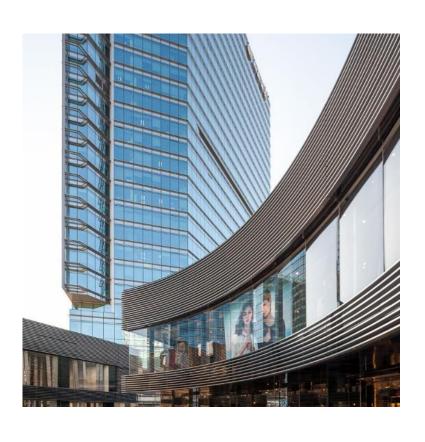
- Quarterly leasing performance shows a track record of stable operation.
- Passing rent and occupancy maintained at high levels.



#### Notes:

- 1) Gross passing rent represents effective rent on a gross basis, inclusive of BT or VAT, as applicable.
- 2) Net passing rent represents effective rent on a net basis, exclusive of BT or VAT, as applicable.





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# 1H 2016 RESULTS SUMMARY



Financial Performance	1H 2016	1H 2015	Change
Total Revenue (US\$ million)	39.38	40.84	-3.6%
Net Property Income (US\$ million)	30.48	31.41	-3.0%
Net Property Income Margin	77.4%	76.9%	+0.5 ppts
Total Distributable Income (US\$ million)	20.42	20.97	-2.6%
Distribution per Unit (HK cents)	13.0	14.0	-7.1%

Financial Positions	As at 30 Jun 2016	As at 31 Dec 2015	Change
Appraised Property Value (RMB million)	9,005.00	8,335.00	+8.0%
Appraised Property Value (USD million)	1,354.54	1,283.55	+5.5%
Total Borrowings (US\$ million) <sup>(1)</sup>	479.79	477.30	+0.5%
Gearing Ratio (total borrowings to gross assets)	33.2%	34.7%	-1.5 ppts
Net Assets per Unit (HK\$)	6.41	5.98	+7.2%

Note

<sup>1)</sup> Notional amount of the borrowing remained unchanged at USD480 million

### **1H 2016 RESULTS HIGHLIGHTS**



#### 1. Leasing Performance

- Gross avg monthly passing rent at RMB360/sqm, +1.1% yoy<sup>(1)</sup>
- Avg monthly occupancy stayed high: 96%
- Leases entered into (as % of end-June occupied GFA): 24.3%

#### 2. Financial Performance

- Revenue: US\$39.38 mn, -3.6% yoy
- Net property income (NPI): US\$30.48 mn, -3.0% yoy
- NPI margin: 77.4%, +0.5 ppts
- Total distributable income (TDI): US\$20.42mn, -2.6% yoy

### 3. Debt Profile / Hedging

- USD480 mn term loan at LIBOR plus 2.75%, remain unchanged
- Cash interest expense, -1.2% yoy
- Currency option in place

#### 4. Dividend Distribution

- Interim DPU of HK13.0 cents (payable on 23 Sep 2016)
- Payout ratio: **92%**<sup>(2)</sup>
- Annualized distribution yield: 7.8%(3)

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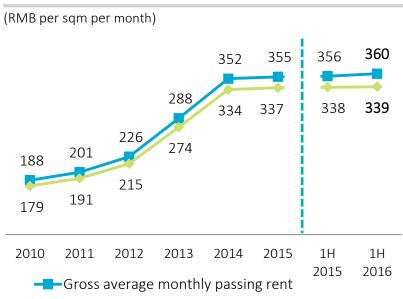
- 1) Net passing rent also increased to RMB339 /sgm /month.
- 2) Cost the currency option did not impact the TDI. If half of the option cost (for half-year coverage) is deducted from the TDI as a proxy to cash available for distribution, the actual distribution would represent a payout ratio of more than 100% from this amount.
- 3) Annualized distribution yield is calculated based on the closing price of Spring REIT unit of HK\$3.37 as of 30 June 2016.

#### **LEASING PERFORMANCE**



# Solid performance despite slower China growth

#### **Average Passing Rents**

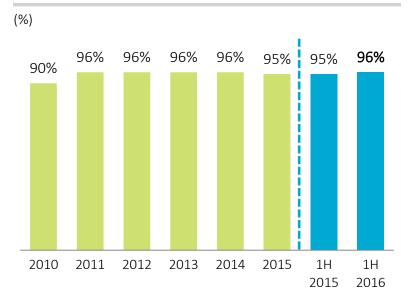


- Gross avg monthly passing rent +1.1% yoy
- Driven by mildly positive rental reversion

→ Net average monthly passing rent

■ Lease effective in 1H2016 = 24.3% of leased GFA

#### **Average Occupancy Rates**

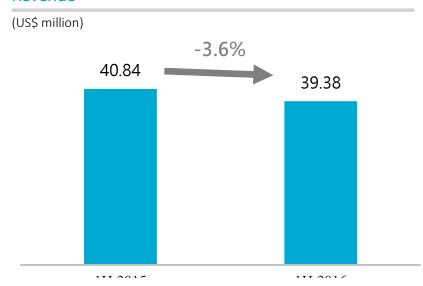


- Avg occupancy stable at 96%
- Consistently above 90% since 2010
- Favourable supply-demand dynamics in Beijing CBD continued.

#### FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

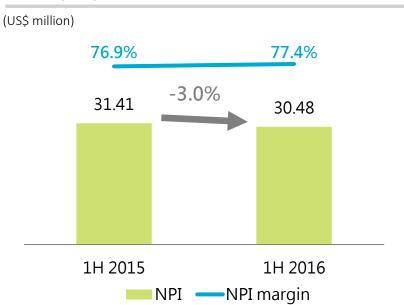


#### Revenue



- Overall, revenue reflected stable passing rents and occupancy rates.
- Revenue in USD decreased 3.6% due to 4.9% depreciation of RMB
- Excluding RMB effect, revenue up approximately 1.3% yoy.

#### **Net Property Income**

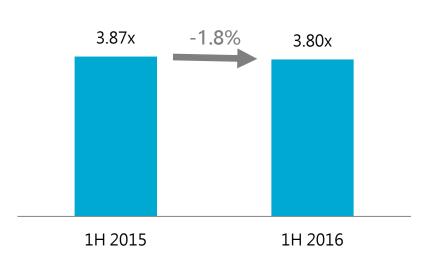


- Stable cost structure > 90% of property expenses are revenue-linked or fixed.
- NPI margin at 77.4%, +0.5 ppts yoy
- NPI -3.0% yoy; +2.0% yoy in RMB terms

# **DEBT PROFILE**

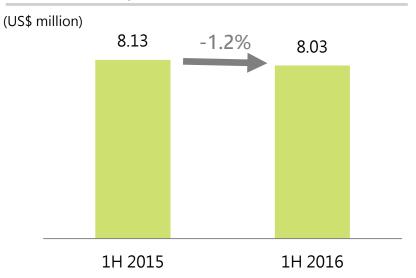


#### **Interest Coverage Ratio**



- USD Term Loan
  - Notional Amount: US\$480 mn
  - Interest rate: 3-month USD LIBOR + 2.75%
  - Term: 5 years
- Gearing ratio at 33.2% (2015 : 33.5%)
- Interest coverage at 3.80 times

#### **Cash Interest Expenses**



- Cash interest expenses: US\$8.03 mn,
   -1.2% yoy, primarily due to lower interest margin
- Currency hedging matching the notional amount of US\$480 mn is in place





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#### PROPERTY OVERVIEW

# **SpringREIT**

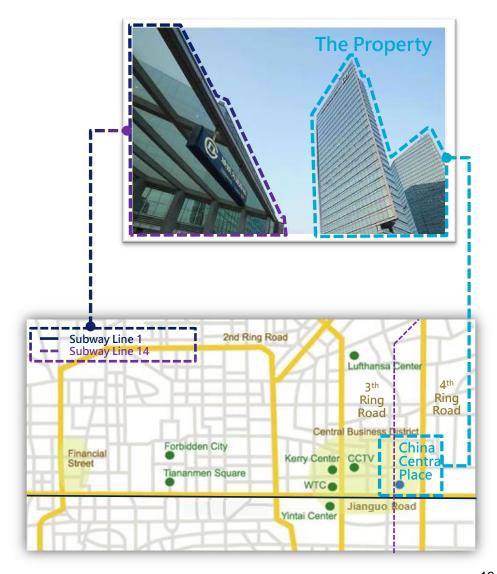
### Premium Grade Office Buildings in Beijing CBD

#### **Premium Assets**

- Two Premium Grade office buildings (total GFA 120,245 sqm) in China Central Place ("CCP") (华贸中心) and approximately 600 car parking spaces (the "Property").
- China Central Place is a prime mixed-use complex with well-recognized brand hotels and shopping centers, including
  - Hotels Ritz Carlton, JW Marriott
  - SKP Beijing one of largest department store in China by sales
  - Retail stores of international brands e.g. Apple Store, Louis Vuitton, Chanel, Hermes, etc.
- Appraised value: RMB9,005.00 million<sup>(1)</sup> (US\$1,354.54 million)

#### **Prime Location**

- Strategically located in the CBD of Beijing at the intersection of Jianguo Road and West Dawang Road, between 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Ring Road
- Direct access to <u>Subway Line 1</u> and <u>Subway Line</u> 14 Phase <u>II</u> (opened in <u>December 2015</u>) through underground walkway

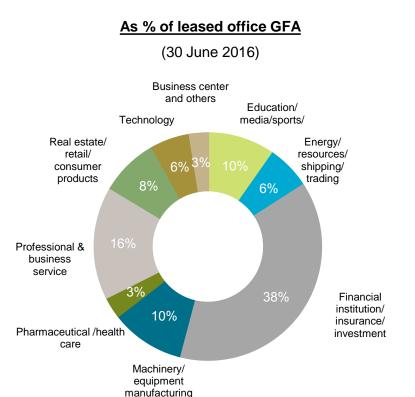


#### TENANT BASE

# **SpringREIT**

# Diverse and high quality tenant mix

#### **Tenants by Industry**



#### **Top 5 Tenants**

Tenants	% of total leased GFA	_
Deutsche Bank	6.5%	
EPSON	6.0%	
Condé Nast	4.9%	- 25.6%
Zhong De Securities	4.3%	
Xinyuan Real Estate	3.9%	

Note: as of 30 June 2016

#### Other industry-leading tenants

- Global Law Office
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- White & Case
- Tesco
- NBA
- Baxter

- Itochu
- AECOM
- Bain & Company
- Brazil Embraer
- Richemont

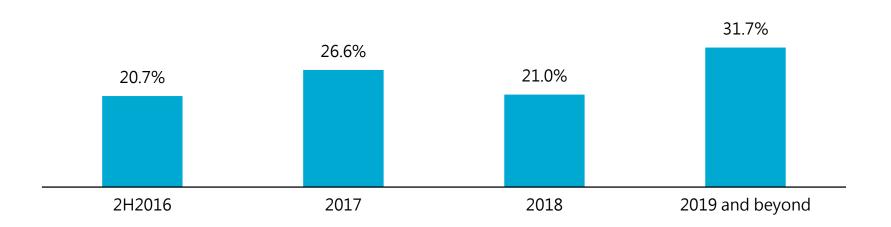
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### **EXPIRING LEASE PROFILE**



- Typical office lease has a term of 3 years.
- In 1H2016, 24.3% of leases (GFA terms) became effective with high retention rate
- Good progress on negotiations with upcoming expiries.

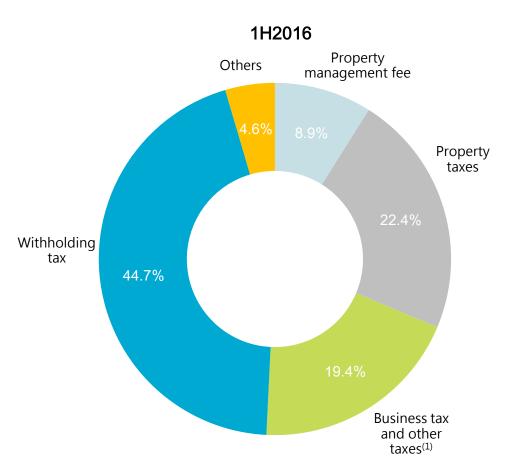
#### Expiring leases as a % of leased office GFA



### **COST STRUCTURE**



#### More than 95% of property expenses are revenue-linked or fixed



#### Withholding tax

10% of revenues received from rental operations

#### Business tax and other taxes<sup>(1)</sup>

- Business tax, urban construction and maintenance tax, and education surcharge
- Stamp duty of 0.1% on total rental income payable over the term of each lease

#### Property taxes

- Includes real estate tax and land use tax
- Real estate tax based on property residual value
- Land use tax based on the site area of the development

#### Property management fee

2% of the total revenue

#### Notes:

1) Business tax is no longer applicable since 1 May 2016. It is transitioned into Value-Added Tax, which according to IFRS would not be listed as an expense but would be excluded from revenue instead.





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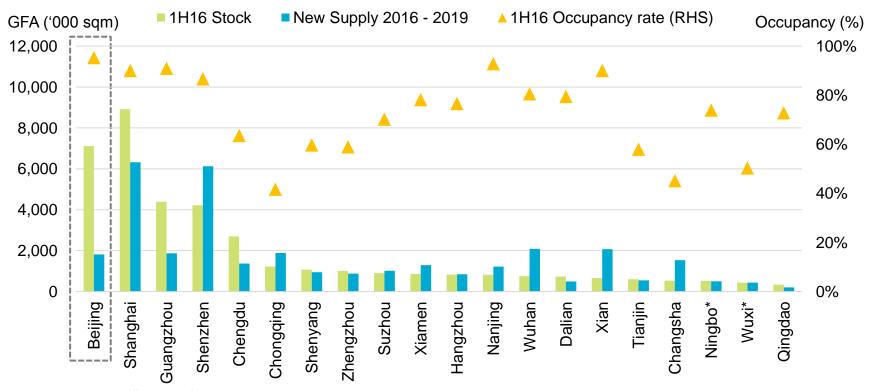
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# COMPARISON OF GRADE-A OFFICE MARKETS ACROSS CHINA



# Beijing enjoys the best supply-demand dynamics

- Highest office occupancy of 95%
- Low new supply in the next 4 years, only 6.4% p.a. of existing stock (vs avg. 25.1% p.a. of selected cities)



Source: Jones Lang LaSalle Research, June 2016

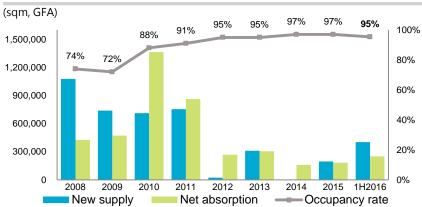
#### **CURRENT MARKET CONDITION**



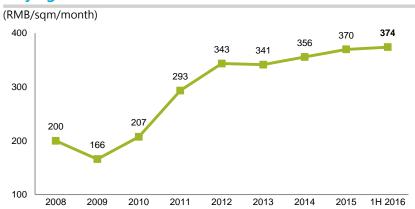
### Tight supply & high occupancy in Beijing Grade-A offices

#### **Beijing Overall**

#### Beijing Overall – Supply, Absorption, Occupancy

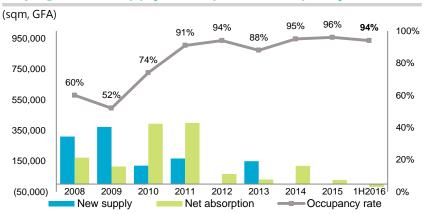


#### Beijing Overall - Effective Rental Rate

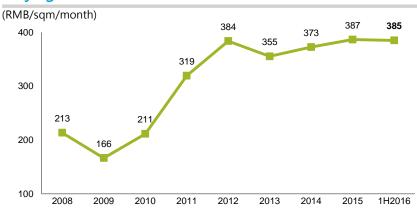


#### **Beijing CBD**

#### Beijing CBD – Supply Absorption, Occupancy



#### Beijing CBD – Effective Rental Rate



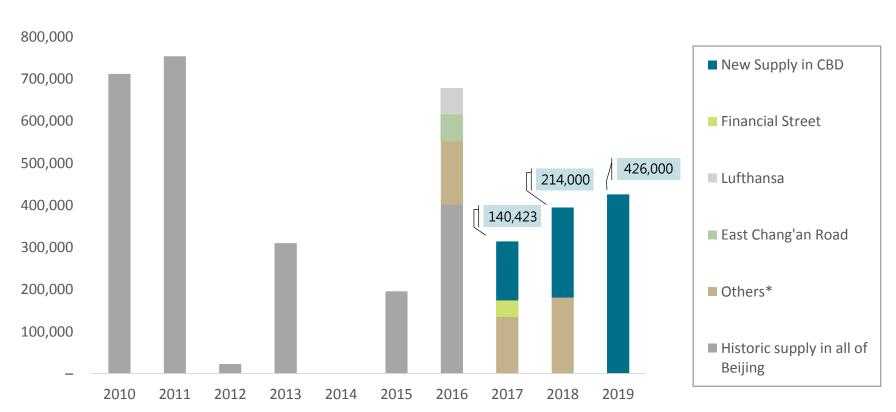
Source: JLL Research, June 2016

# FUTURE GRADE-A OFFICE SUPPLY



### Beijing CBD to see more supply in 2019

#### Grade-A office supply by year



Note: Others included Wangjing, Lize and Olympic Park All of the above data are based on JLL Research in June 2016.





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# **OUTLOOK & STRATEGIC PRIORITIES**



#### Outlook mixed in 2016

- In China, slowing economic growth may affect business confidence.
- But a fast-growing service sector which expanded 7.5% in 1H2016 to account for 54% of GDP – should be positive to the demand for quality office space.
- Various macro events expected in 2H2016, such as the pace of Fed rate hike, RMB included in SDR, US election may bring positive / negative impacts to the operating environment.
- Superior asset quality and location of our assets should contributed to stable leasing performance.

# **Strategic Priorities**

- Focus on core strategy on leasing management to maintain good rental rates and high occupancy.
- Stable distributions to Spring REIT's unitholders.
- Retention of high-profile tenants with differentiating leasing offers.
- Actively exploring investment opportunities.
- Proactive management of currency and interest rate exposure.