# Introduction to BHG Retail REIT BHG

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#### **Brief Introduction**

### Listed on SGX Mainboard on the 11 December 2015

**Multi-tenanted** 

Master-leased

Singapore's First Pure-Play China Retail REIT Established By A China-Based Group ("Beijing Hualian Group")

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Chengdu •

#### **Investment Mandate**

Income-producing real estate used primarily for retail purposes, with an initial focus on China

Number of Properties

Valuation of AUM<sup>1</sup>
4.7
RMB billion

#### MULTI-TENANTED



Chengdu Konggang



Hefei Mengchenglu



Hefei Changjiangxilu



#### **MASTER-LEASED**





Dalian Jinsanjiao



Beijing

Hefei

Dalian

## The Big Picture: Our Value Proposition

### Strategy

- One-stop destination malls
- Located in High Density Residential Neighbourhoods (Recurring Visitorships)
- Steady income & consumption level

### Quality

- Track Record of Healthy occupancy rate and rental growth
- Capital Management
- Financially Strong & Committed Sponsor Group
  - Retail Conglomerate
  - Networks

#### Growth

- Hefei Changjiangxilu Acquisition (April 2019)
  - NAV per Unit & DPU accretive
- Visible & Substantial Sponsor Pipeline
- Continual Asset Enhancements



### BHG: Financially Strong & Committed Sponsor Group

#### **Retail Malls**

More than 30 Retail Malls owned and/or under management Beijing Hualian Department Store Co., Ltd.

- Listed on Shenzhen Stock Exchange (1998)
- Market cap of RMB 3.2 Billion<sup>1</sup>
- Wide network of retail malls across China
- With focus on community retail malls well located in areas of high population density http://www.bhgmall.com.cn



#### **Supermarkets**

Supermarkets across entire China Beijing Hualian Life Supermarket Co., Ltd.

- Tenants at our properties in the REIT's portfolio
- Attracts recurring footfall while providing stable income and step-up



















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1. Bloomberg data as at 15 August 2024.

### BHG: Financially Strong & Committed Sponsor Group

#### SKP

SKP Luxury Department Stores
SKP Operates SKP Beijing, SKP Xi'An, SKP-S, SKP Chengdu & SKP Wuhan

- Amongst the Largest Luxury Department Stores in China
- SKP Beijing: Located at Beijing's prime Central Business District, as one of Beijing's landmark shopping places <a href="http://www.skp-beijing.com">http://www.skp-beijing.com</a>
- SKP Xi' An: Opened in May 2018
- SKP-S: Opened in Dec 2019
- SKP Chengdu: Opened in Dec 2022
- SKP Wuhan: Opened in July 2024











#### **Investment Overview**

- Growing China Economic Fundamentals
- Resilient Sustainable Strategy:
  Situated in Densely Populated Residential Neighborhoods
- Robust Quality Assets & Performance
- Track Record of Strong Asset Enhancement and Asset Management Capabilities

#### China Economic Fundamentals

## Gross Domestic Product (GDP) Growth<sup>1</sup>

+5.0%
1H 2024 GDP
Growth
v-o-v

+7.8%
2015-2023
GDP CAGR
Growth

Disposable income per capita for urban residents<sup>1</sup>

+4.6% 1H 2024 Growth y-o-y +6.7<sub>%</sub>
2015-2023
CAGR Growth

#### Retail Sales Growth<sup>1</sup>

+3.7<sub>%</sub>
1H 2024 Growth y-o-y

+6.9% 2015-2023 CAGR Growth

- China's 1H 2024 gross domestic product<sup>1</sup> ("GDP") grew 5.0% year-on-year to RMB 61.7 trillion<sup>1</sup>.
- Disposable income per capita of urban residents grew 4.6% year-on-year in 1H 2024 while retail sales of consumer goods increased 3.7% year-on-year<sup>1</sup>, driven mainly by food and beverages, communication equipment as well as sport and recreational goods sales which grew by 7.9%, 11.3% and 11.2% respectively <sup>1</sup>.
- The International Monetary Fund (IMF) raised its China's GDP outlook for 2024, revising it from 4.6% in January 2024 to 5.0% in May 2024<sup>2</sup>, the upgrade reflects strong Q1 GDP data and recent policy measures.
- 1. Source: National Bureau of Statistics of China.
- 2. IMF (28 May 2024): IMF Staff Completes 2024 Article IV Mission to the People's Republic of China.

### Resilient Sustainable Strategy:

Situated in Densely Populated Residential Neighborhoods

Stable & Recurring Neighbourhood Visitorships
(Against Backdrop of Healthily Growing Residents' Income & Spending)

#### Beijing Wanliu



#### <u>Typical Characteristics of</u> <u>Surrounding Neighbourhoods</u>

- Residents population of about 200,000 to 300,000 within 3km radius
- Suburban community, visitor profiles include:
  - People who drop-by the mall to shop for groceries or essential items before heading home after work
  - Families who choose to eat out, and shop around after a meal
  - Parents/Grand parents bringing children for enrichment classes
  - Whole family coming to mall to attend events organised by the mall

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#### Hefei Mengchenglu



### Resilient Sustainable Strategy:

Situated in Densely Populated Residential Neighborhoods

Hefei Changjiangxilu (十里庙 Shilimiao Community, Shushan District)

Catchment Population Within a 3-kilometre Radius of Approximately 200,000 & 50 Local Communities



### **Robust Quality Assets & Performance**

#### Track Record of High Occupancy Rate and Healthy Leasing Demand

OCCUPANCY RATE	<b>2016</b> <sup>1</sup>	2017 <sup>1</sup>	2018 <sup>1</sup>	2019 <sup>1</sup>	<b>2020</b> <sup>1</sup>	<b>2021</b> <sup>1</sup>	<b>2022</b> <sup>1</sup>	2023 <sup>1</sup>	1H 2024 <sup>3</sup>
Beijing Wanliu	99.5%	100%	100%	96.2%	92.7%	96.1%	94.1%	96.8%	98.2%
Chengdu Konggang	91.3%	96.8%	97.0%	94.7%	96.4%	98.0%	96.6%	96.1%	96.8%
Hefei Mengchenglu	100.0%	100.0%	96.2%	95.1%	81.7%4	91.3%	91.1%	90.5%	95.7%
Hefei Changjiangxilu²	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	97.6%	92.4%	98.2%	92.7%	88.4%4	90.1%4
Xining Huayuan	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Dalian Jinsanjiao	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Portfolio (NLA Weighted)	97.6%	99.7%	98.7%	96.7%	93.5%	97.0%	95.2%	95.2%	96.8%

Multi-tenanted
 Master-leased

As at 31 December.
 Hefei Changjiangxilu Mall was acquired on 2 April 2019.
 As at 30 June 2024.
 This was due to ongoing tenancy rejuvenation.

### Robust Quality Assets & Performance

#### Lease Structure

#### **Defensive Lease Structure**

- Protected by base rents
- Enjoy upside from the turnover rents
- Majority of leases also come with rental escalation

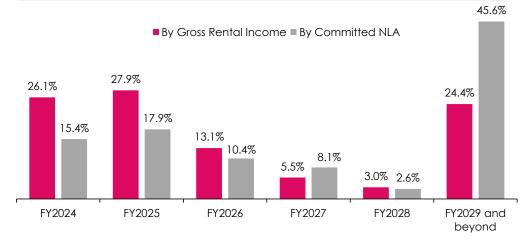
#### Lease Expiry Profile<sup>1</sup>

#### Staggered Lease Expiries

#### Weighted average lease expiry (WALE)

By Gross Rental Income:

By Committed NLA: 5.3 years



3.2 years

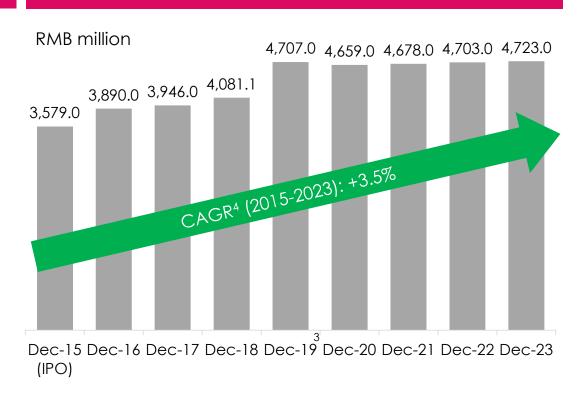
### Robust Quality Assets & Performance

### Solid Assets-Backed Financial Position

Extracted Statement of Financial Position As at 30 June 2024 (SGD million)

Investment Properties	881.2
Total Assets	926.9
Total Liabilities	382.7
Net Assets	544.3
Net Asset Value Per Unit <sup>1</sup> (SGD cents)	0.72

Valuation of Investment Properties<sup>1,2</sup>: Dec 2015-2023 CAGR of 3.5% p.a.



<sup>1.</sup> Based on 100% contribution from Beijing Wanliu.

<sup>2.</sup> Based on annual valuation from independent valuers.

<sup>3.</sup> Includes the valuation of Hefei Changjiangxilu Mall which was acquired on 2 April 2019.

<sup>4.</sup> Compound Annual Growth Rate.

### 1H 2024 Financial Update

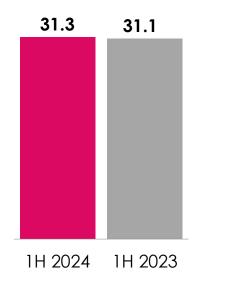
Gross Revenue
1H 2024
31.3
SGD million

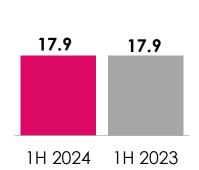
Net Property Income 1H 2024 17.9 SGD million Gross Revenue<sup>3</sup>
SGD million

Net Property Income<sup>3</sup>
SGD million

Amount to be distributed to Unitholders<sup>1,2</sup>
1H 2024
1.3
SGD million

Distribution per Unit<sup>1,2</sup>
1H 2024
0.25
SGD cents





<sup>1.</sup> For the 1H 2024, approximately \$\$0.1 million of the amount available for distribution has been retained for operational expenses and working capital requirements of the REIT.

<sup>2.</sup> Lower year-on-year mainly due to weakening of RMB against SGD and lower other income from early lease termination.

<sup>3.</sup> Gross Revenue and Net Property Income for 1H 2024 in RMB term were higher by 4.2% and 3.5% year-on-year respectively.

### **Balance Sheet and Capital Management**

Balance Sheet (SGD million)	As at 30 June 2024
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Healthy Gearing with Debt Headroom for Growth	As at 30 June 2024		
Aggregated Borrowings Drawn Down	\$\$301.2m		
Gearing Ratio <sup>2</sup>	39.8%		
Average Cost of Debt <sup>3</sup>	5.7%		

- Above 80% of borrowings are denominated in Singapore dollars (offshore borrowings)
- Approximately 50% of offshore syndicated borrowings hedged via interest rate swaps

<sup>1.</sup> Based on net assets attributable to Unitholders.

<sup>2.</sup> Based on total loans and borrowings principal attributable to Unitholdings divided by total assets attributable to Unitholders. According to the MAS's Property Fund Appendix, the gearing ratio limits of S-REIT should not exceed 45%. With effect from 1 January 2022, S-REITs are allowed to increase the gearing ratio beyond the prevailing 45% (up to 50%) with a minimum Adjusted ICR of 2.5 times requirement.

<sup>3.</sup> Average cost of debt will be approximately 6.5% per annum if amortisation of loan establishment fee is included.

### Chengdu Konggang (2024): Asset Enhancement Initiatives









- Rejuvenation of basement area
- Refreshed tenants with appealing F&B eateries and stores

### Hefei Changjiangxilu (2023): Asset Enhancement Initiatives









- Revitalized basement space
- Introduced new varieties of F&B eateries and stores

#### Hefei Mengchenglu (2022):

Completion of new entrance to enhance accessibility and improve shopper traffic flow and connectivity between ground and basement Levels

Chengdu Konggang (2022):
Rejuvenation of exterior area, Yuelai Square, with appealing F&B pushcarts and container-style stores











Beijing Wanliu (2018~2019): Anchor Tenant Resize (Hai Di Lao Level 4 & 5)





Beijing Wanliu (2020): Supermarket Resizing and Enhancement on B1





Chengdu Konggang (2017): Sports Zone Enhancement (B1 AEI + New Tenancies)









Chengdu Konggang (2018~2019): Exterior Upgrade in 2018 and Addition of Container-Style Food Lane in 2019

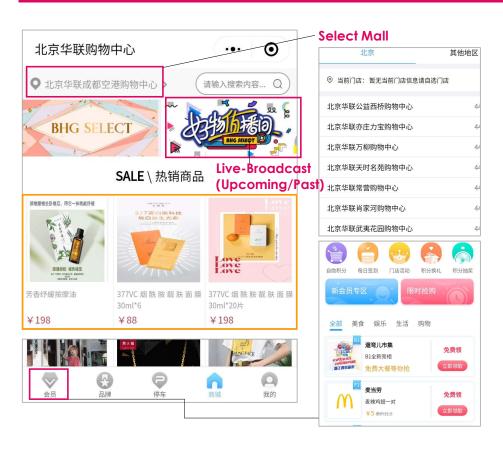






### **Strong Asset Management**

#### E-commerce platform: Staying Connected with Omnichannel Visitors



- The BHG Mall online platform was launched amid COVID-19 via the WeChat Mini-Program
- Sharing online capability across all BHG Malls
- Keeps customers apprised of promotional items and events
- Provides a convenient and regular way for customers to stay connected with our malls
- Reward points to enhance customers' loyalties to both BHG malls as well as retailers

### **Strong Asset Management**

#### Innovative New Retail @ Work

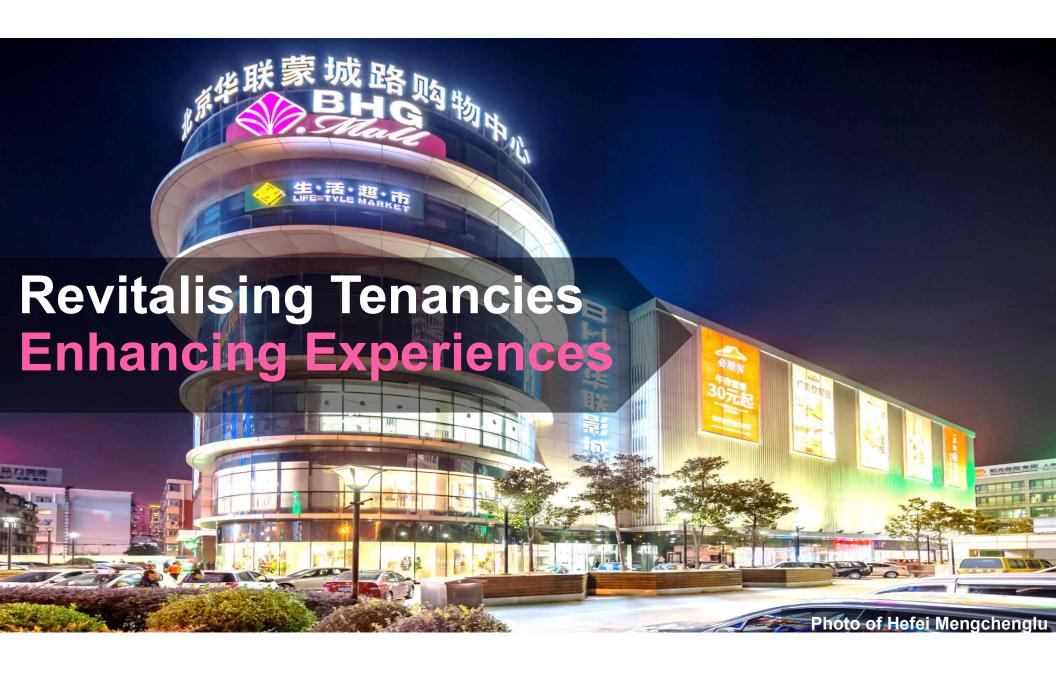


#### **Live Broadcasts**

- By Internet celebrities, retailers, and malls
- Combination of various style/format for example:
  - (1) In-store retail exploration
  - (2) Product introduction and awareness
  - (3) Promotional deals
  - (4) Showcasing skills & dining experience

#### **WeChat Groups**

- Exclusive BHG mall's WeChat group with participating merchants and members
- Efficient channel to communicate promotions, events, as well as mall information



### New Lifestyle and Retail Offerings In our Malls













### Popular F&B Selections













### New Tenants In Our Malls (Fashion and Children)













### **Engaging Shoppers and Communities**









Kindergarten Mini Concert 幼儿园表演









### **Children & Family Activities**

#### Children's Day Exhibition 儿童节品牌联展



#### Family Sports Day 亲子运动会



## Mini Kitchen Cooking Challenge 迷你厨房厨艺大冒险



#### Summer Outdoor Water Challenge 夏日泼水大战



#### Children's Day Bazaar 儿童节摊玩市集



#### Flea Market 跳蚤市场



## Our Sustainability Journey Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG)



## **Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG)**

#### **Background**

- We are cognisant of ESG issues that are relevant for BHG Retail REIT and our stakeholders
- Proactively strive to consider and address these ESG issues during our business strategy formulation
- Started annual sustainability reporting and issued first Sustainability Report in FY 2018

#### **Climate Change**

- We recognise that climate change has a widespread and severe impact on the environment we live in
- Constantly finding ways to reduce carbon emissions and started exploring innovative solutions for our retail properties
- Started climate risk assessment and scenario analysis in FY 2021 for our retail properties located in China



### Our Sustainability Journey: Environmental

#### **Energy Efficiency**



Established energy savings plan to ensure energy efficiency through lighting management efforts and optimisation of airconditioning system output, such as:

- ✓ Installing motion sensor-based and timing-controlled lights and LED lights;
- ✓ Installing air curtains, strip curtains and sunshades to dissipate excess heat, keeping the mall interior cool without requiring a high system output;
- Regular readjustment of system output based on actual weather conditions and temperature to minimise energy wastage



**Water Management** 

- Implemented practices to control and manage water wastage such as:
  - Utilising water-efficient flushing cisterns;
- ✓ Installing motion sensor water faucets;
- Reducing tap flow rate

### Our Sustainability Journey: Social (CSR Initiatives)



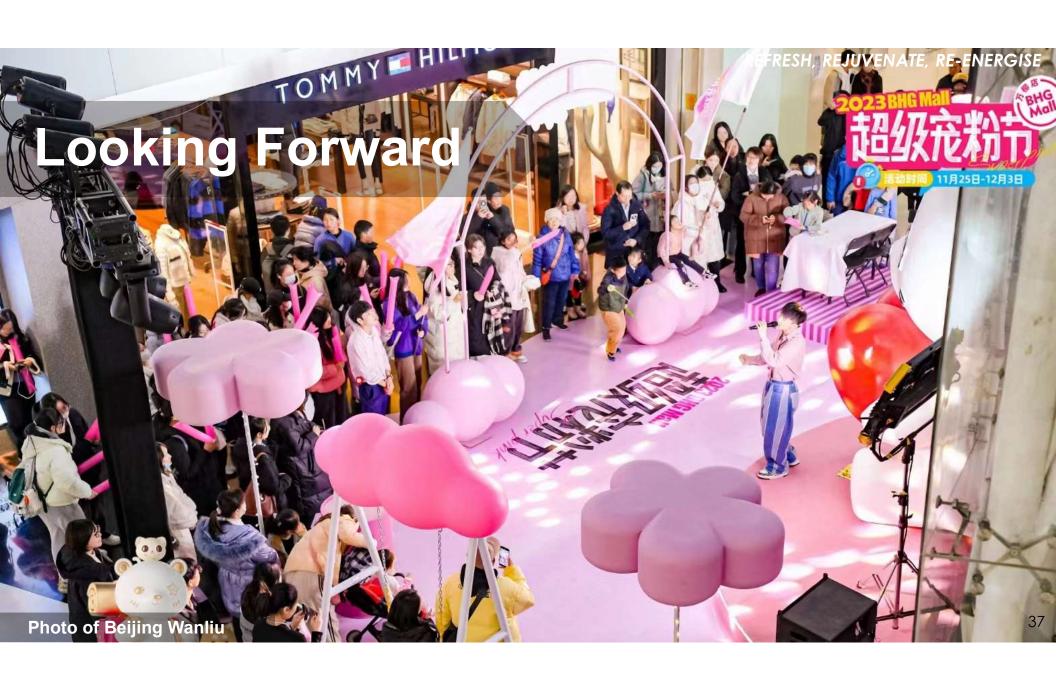






## Our Sustainability Journey: Governance

Awards	Results	Year
Best Retail REIT (for companies with less than US\$1 billion in market capitalisation) Asia Pacific Best of the Breed REITs Awards 2023 <sup>TM</sup>	Platinum	2023
Best Investor Relations Asia Pacific Best of the Breed REITs Awards 2023 <sup>TM</sup>	Platinum	2023
Best Corporate Communications and Investor Relations Team The Global CSR & ESG Awards 2024 <sup>TM</sup>	Platinum	2024
4 Best CEO The Global CSR & ESG Awards 2024 <sup>TM</sup>	to of Hefei Gold	2024
5 CSR & ESG Leadership Award The Global CSR & ESG Awards 2024 <sup>TM</sup>	Silver	2024



### **Looking Forward**

## The Manager remains focused and committed to proactively manage the existing portfolio, as well as to pursue growth

#### **Creating Organic Value**

#### **Proactive Asset Management**

- Reinforce community positioning of our malls
- Improve rent while maintaining healthy occupancy rates
- Build firm partnerships with tenants, and demonstrate proactive tenant management
- Proactive marketing strategies
- Tap on the Sponsor's (Beijing Hualian Department Store Co., Ltd.) and Beijing Hualian Group's retail network and experience

#### **Proactive Asset Enhancement**

- Identify opportunities to improve the malls
- Achieve better efficiency and higher rental potential
- Upgrade existing facilities and reconfigure existing spaces

#### **Pursuing Acquisition Growth**

- Completed acquisition of Hefei Changjiangxilu in April 2019
- We will continue to explore acquisition opportunities in relation to quality income-producing properties from the Sponsor's pipeline as well as third-party vendors



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