

# STOCKLAND DIRECT RETAIL TRUST NO. 1 (SDRT1 or the Trust) ASIC REGULATORY GUIDE 46: IMPROVING DISCLOSURES

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#### Introduction

The following document has been prepared for SDRT1 for the purposes of ASIC Regulatory Guide 46. All figures are as at 31 December 2017 unless stated otherwise. The resolution to sell the Trust's Properties and wind up the Trust did not receive the required 75% majority of votes at the meeting of Investors held on 27 June 2014. Accordingly, Investors voted in favour of a second resolution requiring Stockland Capital Partners Limited (SCPL) as Responsible Entity (RE) of the Trust to convene another meeting to consider termination of the Trust prior to 30 June 2019.

For further information please refer to SDRT1's interim financial report for the half year ended 31 December 2017 (Financial Report) located on our website: <a href="www.stockland.com.au/investor-centre/unlisted-property-funds.htm">www.stockland.com.au/investor-centre/unlisted-property-funds.htm</a>.

### **Disclosure Principle 1: Gearing Ratio**

Gearing Ratio:	47.00/
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The Gearing Ratio indicates the extent to which the Trust's assets are funded by interest bearing liabilities. It gives an indication of the potential risks the Trust faces in terms of its borrowings due to, for example, an increase in interest rates or a reduction in property values.

#### **Benchmark 1: Gearing Policy**

Under SDRT1's loan agreement with CBA, the gearing benchmark expressed as a Loan to Value Ratio (LVR), must not

exceed 65%. SDRT1 has adopted this benchmark as its Gearing Policy. The Gearing Ratio of 47.8% satisfies the Benchmark.

### **Disclosure Principle 2: Interest Cover**

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Interest Cover Ratio:	3.6 times

Interest Cover measures the ability of the Trust to service interest expense on debt from earnings. It is therefore a critical indication of the Trust's financial health and key to analysing the sustainability and risks associated with the Trust's level of borrowing. The lower the Interest Cover, the higher the risk that the Trust will not be able to meet its interest payments.

#### **Benchmark 2: Interest Cover Policy**

Under SDRT1's loan agreement with CBA, the Interest Cover benchmark for each twelve month period must be at least 1.5 times greater than the interest expense for the same period. The Interest Cover Ratio (ICR) of 3.6 indicates that SDRT1 is able to meet its interest payments, and satisfies Benchmark 2.

#### **Benchmark 3: Interest Capitalisation Policy**

Interest Capitalisation is when the investment scheme is not required to make interest payments until an agreed point in time. This generally applies to developments, where an asset may not generate income during the development period to meet the interest obligations of the facility agreement.

SDRT1's policy is not to capitalise its interest payments. Benchmark 3 is satisfied as SDRT1's interest expense is not, and has never been, capitalised.

### **Disclosure Principle 3: Scheme Borrowing**

The following table provides a summary of SDRT1's borrowing arrangements as at 31 December 2017.

Facility	Undrawn	Facility	Interest Rate
Limit	Amount	Expiry	p.a
\$43.0m	\$0.8m	Dec 2019	4.2% p.a.*

\*Weighted average interest rate on the Trust's loan facility during the half year ended 31 December 2017 including the margin, line fee, establishment fee and the fixed interest payable under the Trust's interest rate swap.

#### **Loan Covenants**

All Loan Covenants were complied with as at 31 December 2017. A breach of a loan covenant may result in the lender being able to require immediate repayment of the loan or impose a freeze on further draw-downs on the credit facility.

Investors should note that they rank behind the creditors of the Trust. This means if the lender enforces its security over the Trust then the lender will be reimbursed prior to the return of any capital to investors.



## Disclosure Principle 4: Portfolio Diversification

#### **Investment Strategy**

The Trust aims to provide regular distributions and the opportunity for capital growth. To achieve this, the Trust currently invests in three retail properties. The following tables provide a summary of the property valuations for the Trust's properties and a snapshot of the portfolio's key metrics:

Property	Benowa Gardens Shopping Centre
Valuation	\$41.3m
Date of External Valuation	31 December 2017
Valuer	Urbis
Cap rate	7.00%
Occupancy by rental income	98.4%
Book Value at 31 December 2017	\$41.3m

Property	Stockland Pacific Pines
Valuation	\$28.5m
Date of External Valuation	31 December 2017
Valuer	Urbis
Cap rate	6.25%
Occupancy by rental income	90.8%
Book Value at 31 December 2017	\$28.5m

Property	Tamworth Homespace
Valuation	\$18.5m
Date of External Valuation	31 December 2017
Valuer	Urbis
Cap rate	8.25%
Occupancy by rental income	100%*
Book Value at 31 December 2017	\$18.1m

<sup>\*</sup>A tenant at the property has the right to hand back 600 square metres if they elect to trade from a smaller store.

#### Top 5 Tenants by Income

Tenant	% of Income
Woolworths Pacific Pines	13.1%
Coles Benowa	8.0%
The Good Guys	4.1%
Pillow Talk	3.4%
Benowa Gardens Chempro Chemist	2.9%

#### Top 5 Tenants by Gross Lettable Area (GLA)

Tenant	% of GLA
Woolworths	14.5%
The Good Guys	9.9%
Coles	8.0%
Pillow Talk	7.4%
Lincraft	5.0%

#### Diversification at 31 December 2017 by Book Value

Diversification	Geographic	Geographic
	Spread By Value	Spread By Number
QLD	79%	67%
NSW	21%	33%

	Sector Spread By	Sector Spread By
	Value	Number
Retail	100%	100%

#### SDRT1 Occupancy and Weighted Average Lease Expiry

At 31 December 2017, SDRT1's occupancy was 96.6% by rental income. The Weighted Average Lease Expiry (WALE) was 4.2 years by rental income.

### **Benchmark 4: Valuation Policy**

SDRT1's policy is for all properties to be independently valued at least every three years by a Certified Practicing Valuer registered with the Australian Property Institute. A Directors' valuation is undertaken at every other reporting date when an external valuation does not occur (i.e. 30 June and 31 December). Where the internal valuation results in a variance outside the range -5% to +5% of a property's built up book value, an external valuation is required. In addition, where the variance in the built up book value is outside the range -5% to +5% of the most recent independent valuation, a new external valuation is required.

SDRT1 complies with its policies with respect to property valuation with the most recent independent valuation being undertaken on 31 December 2017.

## **Disclosure Principle 5: Related Party Transactions**

Related Party Transactions carry a risk that they could be assessed and monitored less rigorously than arm's length third party transactions. Investors should therefore be able to assess whether a RE takes an appropriate approach to Related Party Transactions. A significant number and value of such transactions may mean that investors should consider the financial position of the related group as a whole and the risk of potential conflicts of interest.

As outlined in Section 4.6 of the Product Disclosure Statement (PDS), approval of all related party transactions by the Board of SCPL, the RE of SDRT1, are to be by unanimous vote. Any Stockland Executive Directors are excluded from voting on such transactions.

Amount

When Paid?



Listed below are the primary related party transactions for the half year ended 31 December 2017. Please refer to Note 20 of the Financial Report for a full review of Related Party Transactions concerning SDRT1. We note that at 31 December 2017:

Type

- Stockland Trust Management Limited (STML) as the RE of Stockland Trust, a related party of SCPL, held 7,877,500 units in SDRT1; and
- SCPL is the RE of SDRT1. SCPL does not hold any units in SDRT1.

## Fees to Related Parties for the half year ended 31 December 2017

Type	Amount	When Paid?	
RE Fee	\$0.200m for the half year ended 31 December 2017, representing 0.45% p.a. (excluding GST) of the Trust's gross assets.	Payable quarterly in arrears to SCPL out of the assets of the Trust.	
Performance Fee	\$3.337m provided for at 31 December 2017. Subject to unitholders receiving at least the return of their subscribed equity, the RE is entitled to a performance fee calculated for each property (excluding GST) as the sum of:	Payable to SCPL on the earliest of:  • the date on which the RE retires or is removed; • the date of distribution on winding up of the	
	a base     performance fee	Trust; and	

Performance Fee (continued)	equal to 2.5% of the sale price; plus  a tier 1 fee equal to 10.0% of the net sale proceeds (the sale price of the property less agent commissions and selling costs) if	date of settlement of the property.	Manager Expenses	\$0.038m	Payable to SCPL in arrears in respect of recoverable expenses including accounting, taxation and compliance services.
	these exceed the property acquisition price after subtracting the base performance fee		Insurance Premiums	\$0.056m	Payable to Stockland Singapore Pte Ltd throughout the year.
	<ul> <li>and tier 1 fees;</li> <li>plus</li> <li>a tier 2 fee equal</li> <li>to 10.0% of the</li> <li>net sale proceeds</li> <li>exceed the</li> <li>property</li> <li>acquisition price</li> </ul>	fees; e equal of the roceeds e a price nan 20% acting ce and	Property Management Fee	\$0.229m representing 5% of the gross income from the properties.	Payable to Stockland Property Management Pty Limited (SPMPL) throughout the year.
	by more than 20% after subtracting the base performance and tier 1 fees.		Tenancy Design Fee	\$0.080m	Payable to Stockland Development Pty Limited throughout the year.
	tier 1 fees.				

When Paid?

Type

Amount



#### **Benchmark 5: Related Party Transaction Policy**

A corporate governance framework has been established to protect investors' interests. In relation to the Related Party Transactions, this framework includes:

- Executed agreements between Stockland Corporation, STML and SDRT1 with the assistance of separate independent legal advice obtained by SCPL on behalf of SDRT1:
- Monitoring of compliance with SCPL's obligations by the Compliance Committee:
- A six monthly review and full year audit by the scheme auditor and full year audit by the compliance plan auditor;
- A requirement for the approval of all related party transactions by the SCPL Board to be by unanimous vote.
   The Stockland Executive Director is excluded from voting on such transactions;
- Acting in accordance with the RE's conflicts of interest policy, which is made available to all staff. The policy is reviewed on an ongoing basis to ensure that Stockland maintains adequate conflicts management arrangements;
- The SCPL Directors have a fiduciary duty to act in the best interests of investors in relation to decisions affecting SDRT1.

SDRT1 complies with its policies and procedures with respect to Related Party Transactions.

## **Disclosure Principle 6: Distribution Practices**

#### **Benchmark 6: Distribution Policy**

SDRT1's policy is to fund distributions entirely with available cash from realised income. Distributions for the half year ended

31 December 2017 were funded 100% from realised income, which met Benchmark 6. It is anticipated that distributions will continue to be funded from available cash from realised income. This approach is considered sustainable over the next 12 months. However, SCPL may review and adjust accordingly.

## Disclosure Principle 7: Withdrawal Arrangements

Investors are unable to redeem their units until termination of the Trust. Consistent with the terms of the Trust's PDS, the Trust's Limited Liquidity Facility (LLF) offered by National Australia Bank was closed on 10 June 2014. Following the June 2014 Quarter LLF, Stockland Trust's holding in the trust was 19.9%. Investors are, however, still able to transfer their units by way of an off market transfer.

#### Off Market Transfers

Investors may transfer their units to third parties at any time in accordance with the terms and conditions detailed in Section 5.5 of the PDS. The Off Market Transfer form is available on our website:

 $\underline{www.stockland.com.au/investor-centre/unlisted-property-funds.htm.}$ 

#### **Risks on Termination**

The performance of the Trust will be influenced by a range of factors during the term of the Trust and at termination including:

- Changes in the economy and market conditions may affect demand and therefore property values;
- Investors will be exposed to property market risk;
- The value of the properties may fluctuate depending on market conditions and there may be a delay in achieving a sale of the properties;

- The Trust will be required to refinance the debt facilities;
- If the facilities cannot be entirely refinanced on termination or expiry, then returns to investors may be adversely affected.

Please refer to Section 8 of the PDS for more information.

### **Disclosure Principle 8: Net Tangible Assets**

#### **Trust Net Tangible Assets**

\$1.0624 per unit

The Net Tangible Assets per unit (NTA) states the underlying value of the Trust, and is calculated as follows:

NTA = Net assets - intangible assets +/- adjustments

Number of SDRT1 units

NTA = \$42,072,998 39,600,000

The NTA helps investors understand the value of the assets upon which the value of their unit is determined. The NTA is based on the Financial Report. We note that the fund is a closed end fund and therefore there are no redemption rights available to investor.

#### **Further Information**

For further information in relation to the above please refer to the website at <a href="www.stockland.com.au/investor-centre/unlisted-property-funds.htm">www.stockland.com.au/investor-centre/unlisted-property-funds.htm</a> or contact us at (02) 9035 2000. These Disclosure Principles will be regularly updated and made available on our website.