

Transcend Residential Property Fund Limited
(Incorporated in the Republic of South Africa)
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(Approved as a REIT by the JSE)
("Transcend" or "the Company")

Provisional summarised audited financial statements for the year ended
31 December 2017

1 Basis of preparation

The summary financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the JSE Listings Requirements for provisional reports, and the requirements of the Companies Act of South Africa, No 71 of 2008, as amended, applicable to summary financial statements. The JSE Limited ("JSE") Listings Requirements require provisional reports to be prepared in accordance with the framework concepts and the measurement and recognition requirements of International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS"), the SAICA Financial Reporting Guides as issued by the Accounting Practices Committee and Financial Pronouncements as issued by the Financial Reporting Standards Council, and to also, as a minimum, contain the information required by IAS 34 Interim Financial Reporting. The accounting policies applied in the preparation of the financial statements from which the summary financial statements were derived are in terms of International Financial Reporting Standards and are consistent with those applied to the financial statements for the period ended 31 December 2016, as published on 31 May 2017.

The provisional summarised report is extracted from audited information, but is not itself audited. The financial statements were audited by KPMG Inc., who expressed an unmodified opinion thereon. Shareholders are advised that in order to obtain a full understanding of the nature of the auditor's engagement, they should obtain a copy of the auditor's report together with the accompanying audited financial statements, both of which are available for inspection at the company's registered office. The directors of Transcend take full responsibility for the preparation of this report and that the selected financial information has been correctly extracted from the underlying financial statements.

David Peter Lange CA(SA), Transcend's chief financial officer, was responsible for supervising the preparation of the financial statements that this provisional report summarises, as well as the preparation of these summary financial statements.

2 Directors' report

Commentary

The primary business of Transcend is focused on acquiring income-generating residential properties, with a focus on housing opportunities that are affordable, lifestyle-enhancing and well-located in high-growth urban areas. The Company's strategy is to establish a track record of consistent performance and growth in distributions. The Company intends to maximise the performance of its initial portfolio and only acquire additional properties that are stabilised.

59 046 443 shares were issued on 1 October 2016 at R10 per share as part of the purchase agreements of each of the 13 properties owned by the Company. Transcend listed on the Alternative Exchange of the JSE Limited on 1 December 2016 and 7 259 219 ordinary shares were issued to the public at R6,75 per share. Following the acquisition of the initial portfolio of 13 properties, settled through the issue of Transcend shares and successful private placement on listing, the total number of shares in issue is 66 305 662. No further shares were issued during the year ended 31 December 2017.

Transcend was incorporated on 8 July 2016, and the comparative reporting period therefore covers 6 months from 1 July 2016 to 31 December 2016. Note that the prior period results presented in the financial statements represent operating activities for 3 months only as Transcend recognised income and expenditure from the effective date of the property acquisitions as of 1 October 2016.

3 Results

On 7 March 2018, the board declared a distribution of 34.23125 cents per share for the six months ended 31 December 2017. This brings the full year distribution to 64.04000 cents per share (2016: 5.60803 cents per share), which is 2% greater than the forecast dividend per share of 62.75993 cents per share (2016: 2.10 cents per share) published in the Company's Listing Prospectus issued on 16 November 2016. The variance primarily relates to surplus working capital being available for distribution.

Profit and total comprehensive income for the period amounts to R67.98 million (2016: R16.50 million) whilst the forecast for 2017 as per the Listing Prospectus issued on 16 November 2016, was a net profit of R41.45 million (2016: net loss for the period of R9.92 million). The variance between the actual profit for the current period and the forecast as per Listing Prospectus is due to a net gain on fair value adjustments to investment property of R29.24 million (2016: R11.34 million), and an unrealised loss on revaluation of interest-rate swaps of R3.03 million. The headline earnings attributable to equity holders is R38.73 million (2016: R5.14 million) whilst the forecast as per the Listing Prospectus was R41.45 million (2016: R5.49 million), with the negative variance being largely due to the loss of R3.03 million on the revaluation of the interest-rate swaps. The total assets as at 31 December 2017 amounted to R1.27 billion (2016: R1.23 billion) and the forecast as per the Listing Prospectus was R1.17 billion.

4 Property portfolio

Acquisitions

Transcend made no acquisitions during the year under review.

There are 13 residential properties in Transcend's portfolio, which consists of 2 472 units valued at R1.219 billion (2016: R1.189 billion).

Geographically, the properties are located in the following provinces:

Gauteng	80%
Western Cape	12%
Mpumalanga	8%

The above allocation is based on Gross lettable area ("GLA")

5 Vacancies

Based on existing leases as at 31 December 2017, the total portfolio's vacancy rate was 7.28%. However, if Acacia Place, which has a large vacancy due to the expiry of a bulk lease prior to year end is excluded, the vacancy rate of the stabilised portfolio is 4.13%. It is expected that the vacancies of the stabilised portfolio will remain within the 2% to 6% range.

6 Facilities

The debt balance as at 31 December 2016 of R547 million from various funders was partially paid-down and re-financed by the Standard Bank of South Africa Limited ("Standard Bank") on 31 January 2017. This was done in order to consolidate the debt funding and secure a lower average cost of debt. The

new debt facility is made up as follows:

- Facility A, Tranche 1 of R274 million at 3-month JIBAR plus 1.85% with a maturity date 36 months from date of drawdown;
- Facility A, Tranche 2 of R274 million at 3-month JIBAR plus 2.35% with a maturity date 60 months from date of drawdown; and
- Facility B of R10 million at prime less 1% with a maturity date 36 months from date of drawdown.

The administrative fee of R1.548 million on the raising of the new loan facility was capitalised and is amortised over 4 years.

The new Standard Bank facility is secured by the investment properties owned by Transcend with a carrying value of R1.219 billion. Interest is payable quarterly. Transcend currently has interest-rate swaps on these facilities. The 3-year tranche is 50% hedged by an interest-rate swap at a fixed rate of 7.51% which expired in February 2018, and the 5-year tranche is 50% hedged by an interest-rate swap at a fixed rate of 7.62% which expires in February 2020. A new interest-rate swap was entered into in December 2017 with a forward start date of January 2018 and a maturity date of January 2019 at a fixed rate of 7.59%, which replaces the interest-rate swap which expired in February 2018.

It is the board's policy to economically hedge at least 50% of the company's exposure to interest rate risk.

	R'000	
	2017	2016
Nedbank Limited	-	227 634
National Housing Finance Corporation SOC Ltd	-	128 425
Standard Bank	-	191 417
Standard Bank	556 518	-
Maturity dates range between January 2020 and January 2022.		
The interest rates are at 3-month JIBAR or prime, plus or less a margin.		
The bonds are secured by properties to the value of R1.219 billion.		
Carrying value of administrative fee on raising of new loan facility capitalised	(1 194)	
Total interest-bearing borrowings	555 324	547 476
Less: Short-term portion of interest-bearing borrowings	(52 431)	(216 911)
Long-term interest-bearing borrowings	502 893	330 565

7 Gearing

Transcend's loan-to-value ("LTV") ratio is 42% (2016: 44%), which represents a reduction from the prior year, but is still outside the targeted long-term range of 30% to 40%. Management is confident that this long-term range is achievable.

8 Summary of financial performance

	December 2017	December 2016
Dividend per share (cents)	64.04	5.61
Shares in issue	66 305 662	66 305 662
Net asset value per share (cents)	10.39	9.78
Loan-to-value ratio (1)	41.8%	44.1%
Net property expense ratio (2)	29.6%	28.4%
Gross property expense ratio (2)	35.2%	32.9%
Net total expense ratio (2)	35.6%	40.0%
Gross total expense ratio (2)	40.7%	43.7%

(1) The LTV ratio is calculated by dividing interest-bearing borrowings (net of cash on hand) by the total value of investment property.

(2) For the calculation of net ratios, utility recoveries are excluded from rental revenue, whilst gross ratios include utility recoveries in rental revenue.

Statement of financial position

	Audited as at 31 December 2017	Audited as at 31 December 2016
	R'000	R'000
Assets		
Non-current assets	1 219 394	1 189 400
Investment property	1 218 640	1 189 400
Plant and equipment	754	-
Current assets	50 489	37 305
Trade and other receivables	4 441	13 804
Cash and cash equivalents	46 048	23 501
Total assets	1 269 883	1 226 705
Equity and liabilities		
Shareholders' interest	688 829	648 800
Stated capital	632 276	632 276
Retained earnings	56 553	16 524
Non-current liabilities	505 763	330 565
Interest-bearing borrowings	502 893	330 565
Derivative liabilities	2 870	-
Current liabilities	75 291	247 340
Short-term portion of interest-bearing borrowings	52 431	216 911
Trade and other payables	22 038	29 865
Provision for audit fees	598	564
Derivative liabilities	158	-
Current taxation liability	66	-
Total equity and liabilities	1 269 883	1 226 705

Statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income

	Audited for the year ended 31 December 2017	Audited for the period ended 31 December 2016
	R'000	R'000
Rental income from investment properties	144 784	33 990
Recoveries of operating costs from tenants	12 436	2 272
Revenue	157 220	36 262
Property operating expenses	(55 297)	(11 941)
Net operating income	101 923	24 321
Other operating expenses	(8 705)	(3 916)
Operating profit	93 218	20 405
Gain on fair value adjustment of		

investment property	29 240	11 387
Unrealised loss on revaluation of interest-rate swaps	(3 028)	-
Net finance charges	(51 400)	(15 268)
Finance income	1 591	171
Finance charges	(52 991)	(15 439)
Profit before taxation	68 030	16 524
Taxation expense	(57)	-
Profit and total comprehensive income for the period	67 973	16 524
Basic and diluted earnings per share (cents)	102.51	51.70

Statement of cash flows

	Audited for the year ended 31 December 2017 R'000	Audited for the period ended 31 December 2016 R'000
Cash generated by operating activities	94 655	37 030
Finance charges paid	(44 012)	(13 262)
Finance income received	1 591	171
Net cash generated from operating activities	52 234	23 939
Capitalisation of transfer and bond costs	-	(13 013)
Property and equipment acquired	(856)	-
Net cash utilised in investing activities	(856)	(13 013)
Interest-bearing borrowings repaid	(887)	(24 425)
Dividends paid	(27 944)	-
Proceeds from share issue	-	36 999
Net cash (utilised in)/generated by financing activities	(28 831)	12 575
Net movement in cash and cash equivalents	22 547	23 501
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the period	23 501	-
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period	46 048	23 501
Cash and cash equivalents consist of:		
Bank and cash balances	32 219	9 972
Tenant deposits	13 829	13 529
	46 048	23 501

Statement of changes in equity

	Stated capital R'000	Retained earnings R'000	Total equity R'000
Balance at 1 July 2016	-	-	-
Transactions with owners			
Issue of ordinary shares	639 464	-	639 464
Capitalised listing fees	(7 188)	-	(7 188)
Total profit and comprehensive income for the period			
Total profit and comprehensive income for the period	-	16 524	16 524
Balance at 31 December 2016	632 276	16 524	648 800
Transactions with owners			
Dividends	-	(27 944)	(27 944)
Total profit and comprehensive income for the year	-	67 973	67 973
Balance at 31 December 2017	632 276	56 553	688 829

Notes

1 Reconciliation of profit for the year to headline earnings

	Audited for the year ended 31 December 2017 R'000	Audited for the period ended 31 December 2016 R'000
Reconciliation of basic earnings to headline earnings		
Profit for the year attributable to Transcend shareholders	67 973	16 524
Change in fair value of investment properties	(29 240)	(11 387)
Headline earnings attributable to Transcend shareholders	38 733	5 137
Actual number of shares in issue	66 305 662	66 305 662
Weighted average number of shares in issue	66 305 662	31 962 195
Basic and diluted earnings per share (cents)	102.51	51.70
Headline and diluted headline earnings per share (cents)	58.42	16.07

2 Sectoral split

Based on:	GLA	Book value
Residential	100%	100%

3 Lease expiry profile

Based on:	GLA (%)	Rental revenue
Vacancy	7.4%	6.8%
Monthly	58.7%	59.6%
30 June 2018	19.2%	19.0%
31 December 2018	14.6%	14.5%
31 December 2019	0.1%	0.1%
	100.0%	100.0%

4 Related parties and related party transactions

Transcend is 11% owned by public shareholding and 89% held by the South African Workforce Housing Fund SA (PVE), a South African en commandite partnership duly represented by its general partner, South African Workforce Housing Fund SA GP (RF) Pty Ltd (the "Partnership"). The Partnership is comprised of three partners, being the South African Workforce Housing Fund (Cayman) I Ltd, South African Workforce Housing Fund (Cayman) II Ltd and South African Workforce Housing Fund (SA) II.

The relationship between the Partnership and International Housing Solutions (RF) (Pty) Ltd ("IHS (RF)(Pty) Ltd") is governed by a signed investment advisory agreement.

Transcend is externally managed by International Housing Solutions Asset

Management (Pty) Ltd ("IHS AM"), a private company registered and incorporated in accordance with the laws of South Africa and a wholly-owned subsidiary of IHS (RF) (Pty) Ltd. An asset management agreement was entered into by Transcend and IHS AM and became effective 1 October 2016. IHS AM charged Transcend asset management fees of R4.466 million (2016: R1.116 million) during the year in accordance with the asset management agreement.

The property management function of the Company is outsourced on market related terms to International Housing Solutions Property Management (Pty) Ltd ("IHS PM"), a private company registered and incorporated in accordance with the laws of South Africa. A property management agreement was entered into by Transcend and IHS PM on 16 October 2016. IHS PM charged Transcend property management fees of R11.116 million (2016: R2.515 million) during the year in accordance with the property management agreement.

5 Summarised segmental analysis

Transcend has thirteen reportable segments based on the entity's strategic business segments. For each strategic business segment, the entity's executive directors review internal management reports on a monthly basis. All segments are located in South Africa.

For the year ended 31 December 2017
R'000

	67	Acacia	Alpine
	on 7th	Place	Mews
Revenue	10 784	18 519	5 013
Property operating expenses	(3 289)	(7 293)	(1 748)
Profit and total comprehensive income for the year	13 154	4 863	7 312
Total assets	98 602	130 685	36 653
Total interest-bearing borrowings	-	-	-
	Ekhaya	Ekhaya	Jackalberry
	Fleurhof	Jabulani	Close
Revenue	8 760	12 471	12 320
Property operating expenses	(2 195)	(4 567)	(3 593)
Profit and total comprehensive income for the year	11 047	9 825	8 575
Total assets	70 248	91 630	113 727
Total interest-bearing borrowings	-	-	-
	Kent Road	Kosmosdal	Parklands
Revenue	4 498	17 033	13 187
Property operating expenses	(1 509)	(5 525)	(5 634)
Profit and total comprehensive income for the year	4 294	14 037	11 635
Total assets	35 508	140 151	99 918
Total interest-bearing borrowings	-	-	-
	Village		Theresa
	Seven,	Terenure	Park
	Stone Arch	Estate	Estates
Revenue	8 006	28 151	12 172
Property operating expenses	(3 495)	(9 350)	(4 765)
Profit and total comprehensive income for the year	4 678	22 850	12 554
Total assets	55 870	216 548	99 337
Total interest-bearing borrowings	-	-	-
		Reconciling	Total
Revenue	6 306	items	157 220
Property operating expenses	(2 334)	-	(55 297)
Profit and total comprehensive income for the year	5 263	(62 114)	67 973
Total assets	46 783	34 223	1 269 883
Total interest-bearing borrowings	-	555 324	555 324

For the period ended 31 December 2016
R'000

	67	Acacia	Alpine
	on 7th	Place	Mews
Revenue	2 540	3 401	1 050
Property operating expenses	(679)	(1 409)	(386)
Profit and total comprehensive income for the period	781	(215)	355
Total assets	91 800	133 800	32 100
Total interest-bearing borrowings	50 895	99 876	14 273
	Ekhaya	Ekhaya	Jackalberry
	Fleurhof	Jabulani	Close
Revenue	2 039	3 020	3 016
Property operating expenses	(479)	(1 188)	(814)
Profit and total comprehensive income for the period	1 979	3 556	1 512
Total assets	65 000	88 600	112 400
Total interest-bearing borrowings	31 403	45 471	23 156
	Kent Road	Kosmosdal	Parklands
Revenue	1 079	4 169	3 019
Property operating expenses	(348)	(1 166)	(985)
Profit and total comprehensive income for the period	716	166	5 242
Total assets	33 800	135 900	93 500
Total interest-bearing borrowings	14 194	57 354	37 278
	Village		Theresa
	Seven,	Terenure	Park
	Stone Arch	Estate	Estates
Theresa Park Estates			
Revenue	1 866	6 786	2 790
Property operating expenses	(770)	(2 083)	(1 097)
Profit and total comprehensive income for the period	1 719	8 624	(4 421)
Total assets	54 900	210 000	92 850
Total interest-bearing borrowings	26 837	76 862	49 609
		Reconciling	Total
Revenue	1 485	items	36 260
Property operating expenses	(536)	-	(11 940)
Profit and total comprehensive			

income for the period	255	(3 745)	16 524
Total assets	44 750	-	1 189 400
Total interest-bearing borrowings	20 268	-	547 476

Reconciliation of profit for the year to distributable earnings

	For the year ended 31 December 2017 R'000	For the period ended 31 December 2016 R'000
Profit for the year attributable to Transcend shareholders	67 973	16 524
Unrealised loss on interest-rate swaps	3 028	-
Change in fair value of investment properties	(29 240)	(11 387)
Listing fee expensed	-	1 752
Surplus working capital available for distribution	703	1 290
Clean-out dividend (1)	-	(4 461)
Distributable income for the year (2)	42 464	3 718
Distribution per share (cents)	64.04	5.61
Interim	29.81	-
Final	34.23	5.61

(1) The clean-out dividend was a distribution to Transcend shareholders prior to the Transcend listing on the JSE. This dividend was equivalent to the distributable earnings for the period 1 October 2016 to 30 November 2016.

(2) The adjustments made to profit to derive the amount available for distribution to shareholders have not been audited.

6 Financial instrument and investment property fair value disclosures

Categories of financial instruments

The Company's principal financial liabilities are borrowings, classified as other financial liabilities, and derivative financial liabilities, classified at fair value through profit or loss. The main purpose of the Company's borrowings is to finance the acquisition of the Company's property portfolio. The Company has rent and other receivables, trade and other payables and cash and short-term deposits that arise directly from its operations, classified as loans and receivables.

Fair value hierarchy for financial instruments and investment property IFRS 13 requires that an entity discloses for each class of financial instruments and investment property measured at fair value, the level in the fair value hierarchy into which the fair value measurements are categorised in their entirety.

When measuring the fair value of an asset or liability, the Company uses observable market data as far as possible. Fair values are categorised into different levels in a fair value hierarchy based on inputs used in the valuation techniques as follows:

- * Level 1: quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities
- * Level 2: inputs other than quoted prices included in level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (i.e. as prices) or indirectly (i.e. derived from prices)
- * Level 3: inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data

Figures in R'000s

	Fair value	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
2017				
Assets				
Investment properties	1 218 640	-	-	1 218 640
Liabilities				
Derivative liabilities	3 028	-	3 028	-

There have been no transfers between level 1, level 2 and level 3 during the year under review.

The carrying amounts of loans and receivables, and other financial liabilities reasonably approximate their fair value.

Details of valuation techniques

Investment properties

In line with the Company's valuation policy, independent valuations are performed annually for at least one third of the portfolio. However, due to the size of the current portfolio, management's practice for the past 2 financial years has been to appoint independent valuers to value the entire portfolio. Investment property is categorised as level 3 in terms of the fair value hierarchy.

The properties were valued as at 31 December 2017 by capitalising the net contractual income derived from the properties for a period of one year in advance by an applicable capitalisation rate as determined by the independent valuer. This is the fundamental basis on which income producing properties are traded in the South African market. This is also due to there being strong supporting evidence of open market rental rates and capitalisation rates which are evidenced by sales in the market.

Key assumptions used to determine the value of the properties: Expected net operating income:

The average rental income ranges from R4 259 to R6 530 (2016: R3 985 to R6 273) per unit. Generally, the rentals are market related compared to similar buildings in comparable areas.

Capitalisation rate:

The capitalisation rate ranges from 8.25% to 9.5% (2016: 8.25% to 9.5%). The capitalisation rate applied was derived using an appropriate risk free rate and adding on property related risk and illiquidity risk related to property, as well as further amounts related to each property's construction, size, duration, rental, exit and other property specific risks. Testing this for reasonableness was achieved by comparing the resultant value per opportunity and effective yield rate against current project sales information, and comparative sales of similar properties in similar locations.

Growth rate:

The range for rental escalations is 2.5% to 4% (2016: 3% to 4.5%). The rental growth rates are based on current experience with actual growth achieved, but should trend towards inflation over the long term. The

lower growth rates are reflective of tough current economic conditions.

Vacancy factor

In order to apply a conservative approach, 2.5% to 13.25% (2016: 3% to 10%) of the gross income was deducted as a provision for rental that may not be collected as a consequence of vacancy, tenant failure or tenant refitting during the course of the coming year. The current vacancies are market related, with the exception of Acacia Place which has a vacancy of 24% at 31 December 2017 due to a bulk lease which was terminated.

All of the Company's investment properties were valued at 31 December 2017 by an external registered valuer. The valuations were reviewed by the executive directors and asset managers, and presented to the Investment Committee and then to the Audit and Risk Committee for approval on 6 March 2018. For all investment properties, their current use equates to the highest and best use.

Derivative liabilities – Interest-rate swaps

Transcend uses interest-rate swaps to protect the Company against adverse movements in interest rates. These interest-rate swaps are measured at fair value through profit or loss, are classified as derivative financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss and are categorised in terms of the Company's fair value hierarchy as level 2.

The fair value of interest-rate swaps is calculated as the present value of the estimated future cash flows. Estimates of the future floating-rate cash flows are based on quoted swap rates, future prices and interbank borrowing rates. Estimated cash flows are discounted using a yield curve constructed from similar sources, which reflects the relevant benchmark interbank rate used by market participants for this purpose when pricing interest rate swaps. The fair value estimate is subject to a credit risk adjustment that reflects the credit risk of the company and of the counterparty. This is calculated based on credit spreads derived from current credit default swap or bond prices.

As at 31 December 2017, the derivative financial liabilities relating to interest-rate swaps were fair valued, resulting in an increase of R3.03 million in the liability and a corresponding fair value movement of R3.03 million (2016: Nil) in profit or loss.

7 Prospects

After the significant political events of the past 3 months, South Africa is entering what many believe to be a moderately positive era of growth. Management supports this view and therefore expects the current portfolio to perform in line with, if not better than, the past 12 months. This, coupled with natural rental escalations, the effects of gearing and pro-active cost management, should result in increased distributions for the 2018 year which are slightly higher than expected inflation. Management is therefore forecasting distribution growth of between 6-8% from 2017 to 2018.

This forecast is based on the assumption that current market and trading conditions prevail for the current stabilised portfolio. This forecast has not been reviewed or reported on by the independent external auditors. Transcend's use of distribution per share as a relevant measure of financial performance remains unchanged from the Listing Prospectus.

8 Significant non-cash transactions

In terms of the settlement agreement, Standard Bank settled the debt facilities with the various debt providers to the value of R555.98 million. An amount of R555.1 million of new debt was raised during the 2017 financial year. The net amount is therefore R0.89 million which was raised. This is disclosed in the statement of cash flows. Please refer to note 6 for more detail regarding the facilities in place as at 31 December 2017.

9 Subsequent events

In line with IAS10 Events after the reporting date, the declaration of the final dividend as disclosed in Note 11 Payment of final dividend, occurred after the end of the reporting period, resulting in a non-adjusting event that is not recognised in the financial statements.

The directors are not aware of any events or circumstances arising since the end of the financial year that would significantly affect the operations of the Company or the results of those operations.

10 Liquidity

As at 31 December 2017, the Company had a positive net asset value. Its current liabilities exceed its current assets by R24.8 million (2016: R210 million) as a result of payments on the long-term interest-bearing borrowings becoming due and payable in the next 12 months. These payments are due quarterly, and the Company has satisfied itself that it will have sufficient cash to settle these liabilities as they become due and payable each quarter. The Company has performed a cashflow forecast for the next 12 months, and the directors are satisfied that the Company will be liquid and solvent after the declaration of the dividend.

11 Payment of final dividend

The board has approved and notice is hereby given of a dividend of 34.23125 cents per share for the six months ended 31 December 2017. This brings the full year distribution to 64.04000 cents per share (2016: 5.60803 cents per share) for the year ended 31 December 2017.

In accordance with Transcend's status as a REIT, shareholders are advised that the dividend meets the requirements of a "qualifying distribution" for the purposes of section 25BB of the Income Tax Act, No. 58 of 1962 ("Income Tax Act"). The dividend on the shares will be deemed to be a dividend, for South African tax purposes, in terms of section 25BB of the Income Tax Act.

The dividend received by or accrued to South African tax residents must be included in the gross income of such shareholders and will not be exempt from income tax (in terms of the exclusion to the general dividend exemption, contained in paragraph (aa) of section 10(1)(k)(i) of the Income Tax Act) because it is a dividend distributed by a REIT. This dividend is, however, exempt from dividend withholding tax in the hands of South African tax resident shareholders, provided that the South African resident shareholders provide the following forms to their Central Securities Depository Participant ("CSDP") or broker, as the case may be, in respect of uncertificated shares, or the Company, in respect of certificated shares:

- a) a declaration that the dividend is exempt from dividends tax; and
- b) a written undertaking to inform the CSDP, broker or the Company, as the case may be, should the circumstances affecting the exemption change or the beneficial owner cease to be the beneficial owner,

both in the form prescribed by the Commissioner for the South African Revenue Service. Shareholders are advised to contact their CSDP, broker or the Company,

as the case may be, to arrange for the abovementioned documents to be submitted prior to payment of the dividend, if such documents have not already been submitted.

Dividends received by non-resident shareholders will not be taxable as income and instead will be treated as an ordinary dividend which is exempt from income tax in terms of the general dividend exemption in section 10(1)(k)(i) of the Income Tax Act, (unless the rate is reduced in terms of any applicable agreement for the avoidance of double taxation ("DTA") between South Africa and the country of residence of the shareholder). Assuming dividend withholding tax will be withheld at a rate of 20%, the net dividend amount due to non-resident shareholders is 27.38500 cents per share. A reduced dividend withholding rate in terms of the applicable DTA may only be relied on if the non-resident shareholder has provided the following forms to their CSDP or broker, as the case may be, in respect of uncertificated shares, or the Company, in respect of certificated shares:

- a) a declaration that the dividend is subject to a reduced rate as a result of the application of a DTA; and
- b) a written undertaking to inform their CSDP, broker or the Company, as the case may be, should the circumstances affecting the reduced rate change or the beneficial owner cease to be the beneficial owner,

both in the form prescribed by the Commissioner for the South African Revenue Service. Non-resident shareholders are advised to contact their CSDP, broker or the Company, as the case may be, to arrange for the abovementioned documents to be submitted prior to payment of the dividend if such documents have not already been submitted, if applicable.

The dividend is payable to Transcend shareholders in accordance with the timetable set out below:

Last date to trade cum dividend	Tuesday, 3 April 2018
Shares trade ex dividend	Wednesday, 4 April 2018
Record date	Friday, 6 April 2018
Payment date	Monday, 9 April 2018

Share certificates may not be dematerialised or rematerialised between Wednesday, 4 April 2018 and Friday, 6 April 2018, both days inclusive.

In respect of dematerialised shareholders, the dividend will be transferred to CSDP accounts/broker accounts on Monday, 9 April 2018. Certificated shareholders' dividend payments will be deposited on or about Monday, 9 April 2018.

By order of the board

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Chief Financial Officer

Johannesburg
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Company secretary: Karen Waldeck-Kruger

Directors: Robert Reinhardt Emslie* (Chairperson); Robert Nicolaas Wesselo (Chief executive officer); David Peter Lange** (Chief financial officer); Myles Kritzingner *** (Chief financial officer); Solly Mboweni (Chief operating officer); Cathal Pdraig Conaty; Faith Nondumiso Khanyile*; Michael Simpson Aitken*; Michael Louis Falcone

* Independent non-executive director

** David Peter Lange resigned as chief financial officer and executive director of the Company effective 8 March 2018.

*** Myles Kritzingner was appointed as chief financial officer and executive director of the Company effective 9 March 2018.