

Annual financial statements of the international Credit Suisse real estate funds as of December 31, 2018

Zurich, March 21, 2019 – **In financial year 2018, the Credit Suisse Real Estate Fund International further expanded its real estate portfolio and the Credit Suisse Real Estate Fund Global achieved an attractive dividend yield. The internationally investing Credit Suisse real estate funds recorded good operating results in the past financial year.**

Credit Suisse Real Estate Fund International further diversified its portfolio

The Credit Suisse Real Estate Fund International (CS REF International, sec. no. 1 968 511) once again expanded its portfolio in financial year 2018. The acquisitions in Frankfurt (DE), London (GB), Dublin (IE), Tokyo (JP), Yokohama (JP), and Wellington (NZ) served to further increase diversification. The fund also made strategic sales in Sydney (AU) and Amsterdam (NL). The market value of all properties as of December 31, 2018 amounted to CHF 3,757.2 million (2017: CHF 3,312.9 million). Construction of The Exchange in Vancouver (CA) was completed in fall 2018, with all units having since been let to renowned companies with good credit ratings. The rental loss rate in financial year 2018 was 10.7%, with the vacancy rate of 49% at The Exchange as of September 1, 2018 being particularly significant. Rental income rose from CHF 169.6 million to CHF 185.0 million. The distribution remained stable at CHF 42.00 per unit, while the distribution yield increased from 3.4% to 3.7%.

The fund management company and Credit Suisse Asset Management Global Real Estate are assessing the possibility of increasing the capital of the CS REF International fund during the second quarter of 2019. If a positive decision is made in this regard, detailed information on the transaction, such as the volume, issue price, and subscription rate, will be published shortly before the capital is increased.

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Credit Suisse Real Estate Fund Global achieved an attractive distribution yield of 3.9%

As of December 31, 2018 the Credit Suisse Real Estate Fund Global (CS REF Global, sec. no. 13 985 167) had achieved a slightly higher distribution yield of 3.9%. Its return on investment amounted to 5.1%. With a performance of 2.8%, it exceeded the benchmark – the SXI Real Estate Funds Broad (TR), which posted a performance of –5.3% over the same period – by around 800 basis points. The sale of a property in Perth (AU) contributed to lowering the rental loss rate from 9.5% to 6.6%. Office premises were acquired in Kannai, the traditional business district of Yokohama (JP).

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Key Figures

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Fiscal year ended		31.12.2018	31.12.2017	31.12.2016
Market value of properties	CHF	3,757.2 mn	3,312.9 mn	2,837.0 mn
Debt financing ratio in % of market value ¹		18.82%	15.77%	13.81%
Net asset value per unit (including distribution)	CHF	1,108.32	1,097.42	1,053.89
Closing price (bid)	CHF	1,145.00	1,255.00	1,180.00
Premium		3.31%	14.36%	11.97%
Dividend	CHF	42.00 ²	42.00	42.00
Direct yield		3.67%	3.35%	3.56%
Payout ratio		110.21%	99.92%	95.38%
Performance ³		-4.89%	11.52%	9.02%
Investment return		4.98%	8.41%	5.14%
Return on equity (ROE)		5.14%	8.15%	4.80%
Return on invested capital (ROIC)		4.47%	6.94%	4.32%
Operating profit margin (EBIT margin)		69.21%	71.75%	72.73%
Total operating expense ratio GAV (TER _{REF} GAV)		0.90%	0.90%	0.85%
Total operating expense ratio MV (TER _{REF} MV)		1.09%	0.97%	0.92%
Rental income	CHF	185.0 mn	169.6 mn	163.0 mn
Rate of loss of rental income		10.72%	6.58%	4.50%

¹ Maximum permissible charge: one third of the market value (CISA Art. 65 (2) / CISO Art. 96 (1)).

² Value date of distribution 29.3.2019 (ex-date 27.3.2019).

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Fiscal year ended		31.12.2018	31.12.2017	31.12.2016
Market value of properties	CHF	375.4 mn	380.9 mn	358.9 mn
Debt financing ratio in % of market value ¹		24.73%	22.03%	23.94%
Net asset value per unit (including distribution)	CHF	101.30	99.79	96.57
Closing price	CHF	86.80	87.75	93.50
Premium/discount		-14.31%	-12.07%	-3.18%
Dividend	CHF	3.40 ²	3.40	3.40
Direct yield		3.92%	3.87%	3.64%
Payout ratio		88.40%	105.33%	97.04%
Performance ³		2.75%	-2.75%	0.12%
Investment return		5.06%	7.07%	1.41%
Return on equity (ROE)		4.59%	6.85%	1.39%
Return on invested capital (ROIC)		3.97%	5.78%	1.77%
Operating profit margin (EBIT margin)		71.60%	63.86%	67.16%
Total operating expense ratio GAV (TER _{REF} GAV)		1.17%	1.25%	1.13%
Total operating expense ratio MV (TER _{REF} MV)		1.79%	1.75%	1.47%
Rental income	CHF	20.2 mn	20.4 mn	20.7 mn
Rate of loss of rental income		6.59%	9.54%	7.97%

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Further information

- The comprehensive annual reports will be published in mid-April 2019.
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