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## **US Masters Residential Property Fund (Fund) ASX Code: URF**

### **Half Yearly Report Webinar Presentation**

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## 2019 half yearly report

#### **Financial summary**

\$3.4m

Earnings before interest, tax, and unrealised fair value and currency movements

\$44.2m

Total comprehensive loss

1.5%

Decrease in value of total portfolio

Source: Investment Manager, as at 29 August 2019.

### Operational summary

11%

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Increase in lease renewals, to 76%

30%

Increase in rental revenue, to \$23.1m

9%

Reduction in cost-toincome ratio, to 40% 6%

Rent increase on new leases

95%

Occupancy for stabilised properties

\$1.2m

Cost savings

The overall value of the Fund's was made up of a 1.9% decrease in value of freestanding portfolio and 1.0% fall in value of multifamily portfolio. The combined impact of these movements represents a reduction of \$0.07 in the Net Asset Value (NAV) per unit.



### Factors driving revaluations

#### Freestanding portfolio

### **Neighborhood specific dynamics**

Largest component was Bedford-Stuyvesant portfolio, falling 6.8%

Negatively impacted by volume of housing stock available in period and prices achieved

Targeted for long-term growth, significant gentrification potential

Bedford-Stuyvesant portfolio still up 9% on all-in costs, incl. renovation spend, since acquisition

### **New York Multifamily**

### Changes in legislation

Negatively impacted by the overhauled rent regulation laws in New York

Impacted four properties, representing approximately 3% of the total portfolio

Recognised a write down of 10.1% on these four multifamily assets

Partially offset by a 7% uplift in New Jersey multifamily assets

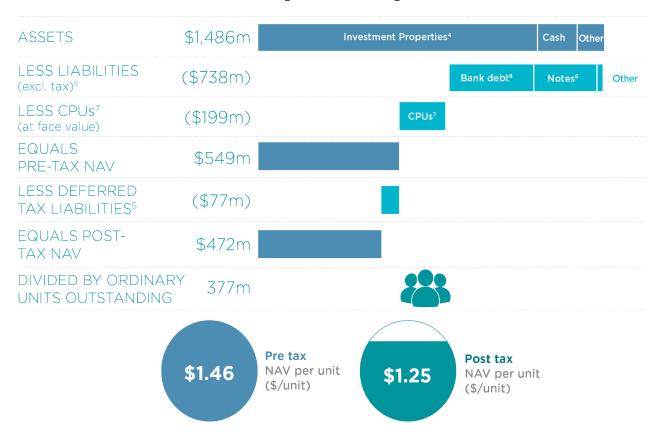
Source: Investment Manager, as at 29 August 2019.

Notes

The decrement in value of the Bedford-Stuyvesant properties contributed 0.9% of the overall reduction in the portfolio's value. The overall value of the Fund's portfolio decreased 1.5% over the period, including renovation spend and disposals. This was made up of a 1.9% decrease in value of freestanding portfolio and 1.0% fall in value of multifamily portfolio



### Net Asset Value (NAV) breakdown



Notes: (1) Source: Investment Manager, (2) As at 30 June 2019, (3) NAV excludes selling costs; expectations for selling costs are low single digit percentages for multifamily properties and mid to high single digit percentages for 1-4 family homes, (4) Since balance date, the pre-tax and post-tax NAV as at 16 August 2019 was \$1.55 and \$1.33 per unit reflecting the stronger US dollar (5) Liabilities excludes deferred tax liabilities. Deferred tax liabilities is the estimated tax obligations which may arise in connection with the realisation and distribution of taxation capital gains associated with its property assets, (6) Notes refer to URFHB and URFHB care value. (7) CPUs refer to Convertible Step-up Preference Units (ASX: URFPA). For the purpose of calculating the NAV, the above figures assume a cash settlement of the CPUs. No decision has been made regarding the conversion of the CPUs, (8) Bank debt refers to all other borrowings, (9) Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance. (9) Since balance date, the pre-tax and post-tax NAV as at 16 August 2019 was \$1.55 and \$1.33 per unit reflecting the stronger US dollar.



## Net asset value update

30 June 2019

\$1.46

Pre-tax NAV per unit

\$1.25

Post-tax NAV per unit

16 August 2019

\$1.55

Pre-tax NAV per unit

\$1.33

Post-tax NAV per unit

Source: Investment Manager, as at 29 August 2019

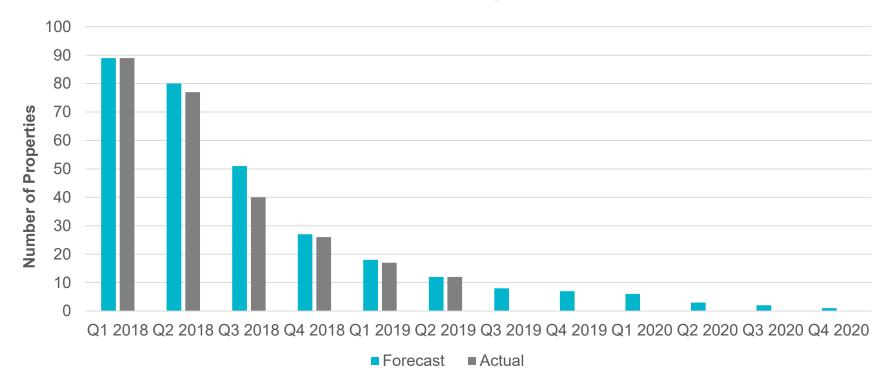
Notes:

Increase in NAV since June 30 reflective of the strong US dollar.



# Key milestones

### Construction Pipeline – 12 properties remaining



Notes: Source: Investment Manager, Forecasts as at 28 August 2017, Actuals as at 30 June 2019, At the end of Q2, 12 properties in renovation pipeline with aggregate estimated construction remaining of \$18.3M, Renovation pipeline forecasts are indicative only, and property renovations may be completed sooner or later than indicated.



## **Key milestones**

#### **URF Notes – increased initial early repayment**

- Initial early repayment of URF Notes Series II (ASX: URFHB) will be increased from \$33 per note, to \$40 per note.
- This repayment will be made on 30 September 2019.
- Will significantly reduce the cost of financing for the Fund.
- It is intended that further repayments will be made on future quarterly repayment dates until fully repaid.

Source: Investment Manager, as at 29 August 2019.



# Cost saving initiatives

Reduce sales transaction costs



Reduce maintenance and repair costs



Recover credit card service charge



Renegotiate contracts and obtain bulk pricing



**Review landscaping arrangements** 



Source: Investment Manager, as at 29 August 2019.

The investment Manager is looking at utilizing in-house team and created an outreach program to initiate off-market deals Reduce the frequency of landscaping services from fortnightly to monthly, or even seasonally at certain properties Service charge has been between 2-3% depending on the credit card



## Reducing overhead costs

#### Long term overhead cost reduction

Transitioning to a more appropriately sized office space to run a completed portfolio

Targeting to reduce ongoing overhead costs of the Fund by 20% over the next year

#### Reducing ongoing interest expense

Initial early repayment of URFHB will be increased to \$40 per note

It is intended that further repayments will be made until the notes are fully repaid

Source: Investment Manager, as at 29 August 2019.

Notes: URF Notes Series II (ASX: URFHB). Early repayment of \$40 per note will be paid on 30 September 2019.



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