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ASCENDAS' INAUGURAL INVESTORS DAY DRAWS STRONG INTEREST

- *Timely investment conference attracts 300 participants across Asia*
- *A key event for Ascendas in 2011 as it celebrates its 10th anniversary*

1. **Singapore, 16 Aug 2011** – The first Ascendas Investors Day, held at the Raffles City Convention Centre in Singapore today, saw strong interest from close to 300 participants from investment firms, financial institutions, asset managers and professionals in the financial and investment sectors across the Asia Pacific region. The Guest-of-Honour was Minister S Iswaran, Minister in Prime Minister's Office, Second Minister for Home Affairs and Trade and Industry, who delivered a keynote presentation titled "Change is Now" at the conference.
2. Themed "Dynamic Asia: Calls for New Investment Paradigms", the Ascendas Investors Day was a timely conference that featured topics ranging from the economic outlook, investment opportunities and trends within the ASEAN region to the future for China and India, covering political, economic, social, demographic and environmental concerns.
3. The event featured distinguished speakers from prominent corporates, financial institutions and regional socio, political and economic research institutes, including:
 - Prof Wang Gungwu, Chairman of East Asian Institute
 - Mr Mohandas Pai, Chairman of Manipal Universal Learning
 - Dr Raymond Ch'ien, Chairman, CDC Corporation and Chairman, MTR Corporation
 - Mr Simon Tay, Chairman of Singapore Institute of International Affairs
 - Mr Ronald Weidner, Chairman of Greenprint Foundation
 - Prof Lawrence Barth, Professor of Urbanism & Director in the Housing and Urbanism Programme, Graduate School of the Architectural Association
 - Mr Julian Persaud, Managing Director, Google SEA
 - Dato Timothy Ong, Chairman of Asia Inc Forum
 - Mr Sanjay Verma, CEO of Cushman & Wakefield (Asia Pac)

4. Ms Chong Siak Ching, Ascendas President and CEO, said, “We are privileged to have a line-up of thought and industry leaders as well as close to 300 participants from global investment and asset management firms, financial institutions and investment professionals. We couldn't have chosen a more appropriate time to hold this conference, nor a more appropriate theme - Dynamic Asia: Calls for new investment paradigms. It is indeed dynamic times, and therefore, the need to re-assess investment rationale and strategies to ensure we are prepared for the coming months couldn't be more critical now.”
5. Added Ms Chong, “The timing for this conference is also appropriate as we celebrate 10 years of growth. This event also presents us the perfect opportunity to thank all of our customers, investors, partners and associates who have contributed to our growth and success and we look forward to making new connections, renew and form new friendships and sow the seeds for future partnerships.”
6. The inaugural Ascendas Investors Day 2011 is one of Ascendas' key events this year, as the Group celebrates the 10th anniversary of its formation.

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About Ascendas (www.ascendas.com)

Ascendas is Asia's leading provider of business space solutions with key markets in Singapore, China, India, South Korea and the Philippines. Based in Singapore, Ascendas has built a strong regional presence and serves a global clientele of over 2,000 customers.

Ascendas specialises in developing, managing and marketing IT parks, industrial & logistics parks, business parks, science parks, hi-tech facilities, office and retail space. Its flagships include the Singapore Science Park, International Tech Park Bangalore in India, Dalian-Ascendas IT Park in China and Carmelray Industrial Park II in the Philippines. Ascendas provides end-to-end real estate solutions, assisting corporate customers through the entire real estate process.

In November 2002, Ascendas launched Singapore's first business space trust, the Ascendas Real Estate Investment Trust (A-REIT). In August 2007, the Ascendas India Trust (a-iTrust) was launched as Singapore's first listed Indian property trust. Ascendas also demonstrated its strength in real estate fund management with a series of private real estate funds established across Asia.