

## EQUITATIVA ANNOUNCES ADMISSION OF EMIRATES REIT TO FTSE EPRA/NAREIT GLOBAL REAL ESTATE INDEX FOR EMERGING MARKETS

(Dubai-24 September 2018) - Equitativa, the largest REIT manager in the GCC and manager of Emirates REIT (CEIC) Limited, today announced that Emirates REIT which is listed on NASDAQ Dubai was selected to join the FTSE EPRA/NAREIT Emerging Index, following a surge in its daily average trade volumes last year. Emirates REIT's daily trade volumes more than doubled in 2017, compared to 2016. The inclusion will take effect on Monday 24 September 2018.

Last year, the average daily trade volumes in the shares of Emirates REIT, the first and largest Shari'a-compliant REIT in the world, witnessed a sharp surge of 232% to 322,793. This is compared to an average of 138,787 of traded shares daily in 2016.

The FTSE EPRA/Nareit Global Real Estate Index, EMEA region is a property index designed to track the performance of listed real estate companies and REITs in Emerging Markets. It is one of the indices of the FTSE European Public Real Estate Association (Epra)/National Association of Real Estate Investment Trusts (Nareit) Global Real Estate Index Series, which was launched in 2008 and covers the world's largest investment markets. The inclusion of Emirates REIT in the Index will further enhance interest in the stock as international and regional investors buy the Index constituents to build and manage their investment portfolios.

Emirates REIT is the only REIT from the Middle East and North Africa region to be admitted to the FTSE EPRA/Nareit Global Real Estate Index EMEA region on September 24th, and the only listed UAE firm to be added to the index in this last review.

**Sylvain Vieujot, Group Chairman of Equitativa, commented:** "REITs are starting to emerge as an asset class in their own right in the GCC, and regional retail and institutional investors are recognising these products as stable, long-term, and income-yielding investments that offer portfolio diversification as well as sector diversification. Investors particularly value independently managed REITs as evidenced by the increase in trade volumes of the Emirates REIT shares last year." Emirates REIT invests in a diversified portfolio that includes commercial, retail and educational real estate assets.

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## ABOUT EMIRATES REIT

Emirates REIT, (NASDAQ Dubai: REIT; ISIN: AEDFXA1XE5D7), is the world's largest Shari'a compliant Real Estate Investment Trust. It invests principally in income-producing real estate in line with Shari'a principles and has been distributing regular bi-annual dividends to its shareholders for the past seven years. It owns a well-balanced portfolio of eleven assets in the commercial, educational and retail sector.

Emirates REIT benefits from an exclusive Rulers' Decrees permitting it to purchase properties in onshore Dubai and Ras Al Khaimah.

## ABOUT EQUITATIVA GROUP

The Equitativa Group is a leading regional asset manager focused on creating and managing real estate investment trusts (REITs). The group offers innovative risk-adjusted, income generating financial products that cater to institutional and retail investors. As the founder of the UAE's first Shari'a compliant REIT, Emirates REIT, established in the DIFC, Equitativa is today the largest REIT Manager in the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) countries and the biggest REIT Manager for Shari'a Compliant REITs in the world. Equitativa has about USD 2 billion of assets under management in the UAE, including Emirates REIT and The Residential REIT, the latter incorporated in Abu Dhabi Global Markets. Equitativa is further diversifying its REITs by launching a hospitality REIT, a logistics REIT, and several other REITs in emerging markets.