



Harvest Capital Partners Announces the First Close of USD500 million China Retail Development Fund

HONG KONG, MAY 31, 2010 - Harvest Capital Partners Limited ("Harvest Capital"), a specialised real estate investment and asset management company majority owned by China Resources Group, today announced the first close of the CR China Retail Real Estate Development Fund I, L.P. (the "Fund"), a USD500 million fund that will invest in retail development opportunities located in Tier II and Tier III cities in China.

The Fund was launched at the end of December 2009 and has raised over USD325 million for the first close. Investors in the first close comprise institutional investors and family offices from Europe, the USA and Asia.

"Given the challenging capital raising environment, achieving a first close for the Fund of such a meaningful size in a short period of time is of great significance" said George Agethen, Head of Capital Raising and Business Development of Harvest Capital. "We are delighted to have received the support of the investment community for our platform and our unique investment proposition and we continue to work closely with other investors towards the Fund's final closing."

The Fund brings together the collective local expertise, experience and track record of the China Resources Group, Harvest Capital and its sister company SZITIC Commercial Property Co. Ltd.

China's strong economic growth, urbanisation trend and rising disposable income continue to drive retail spending in the country and significant demand for high quality retail properties. The Fund has a pre-identified pipeline of development projects across various cities in China.

The Fund is one of two China retail focused funds launched by Harvest Capital. The other fund is the CR China Retail Real Estate Income Fund I, L.P., which will acquire completed and stabilised retail malls primarily located in Tier II and and Tier III cities in China.

About Harvest Capital Partners

Harvest Capital Partners is a boutique investment firm that specializes in real estate investment and asset management with a single-market focus on Greater China. Aside from this current fund, it also manages over US\$1 billion in equity in three existing funds. Bringing together an unparalleled cross-border and cross-discipline team of property investment professionals, and with the backing of leading conglomerate China Resources Group, it is uniquely positioned to identify and capitalize on prime and off-market transactions.



About SZITIC Commercial Property

SZITIC Commercial Property is a leading retail mall developer and manager in China in which China Resources Group is a shareholder. It has over 700 staff throughout China and has developed 28 completed retail malls in China.

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