

## NUS Real Estate Breakfast Roundtable Discussion

24<sup>th</sup> May 2018  
7 Straits View, Marina One East Tower  
Level 12, Singapore 018936

### *“Why Are US REITs Going Abroad?”*

#### PROGRAMME

8.00am	Arrival Breakfast, coffee & tea
8.30am	Chairman's Opening Remarks Dr. Seek Ngee Huat Chairman NUS Institute of Real Estate Studies   ULI Asia-Pacific
8.35am	Fire-starting Speech Professor David Ling McGurn Professor of Real Estate, University of Florida
8.45am	Roundtable Interactive Discussions and Comments Moderated by A/Prof Sing Tien Foo Director, NUS Institute of Real Estate Studies
9.25am	Closing / Round-up
9.30am	Adjourn

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## **Profiles**

### **Dr. Seek Ngee Huat** **Chairman, NUS Institute of Real Estate Studies**



Seek Ngee Huat is Chairman of the Institute of Real Estate Studies at the National University of Singapore (NUS), where he is also Practice Professor of Real Estate. He is Chairman of the ULI Asia-Pacific, a board member of Brookfield Asset Management Inc., Canada and the Centre for Liveable Cities and a senior advisor to Frasers Property Ltd and the Canadian Pension Plan Investment Board. He was previously Chairman of Global Logistic Properties Ltd, President of GIC Real Estate

Pte Ltd and board director of GIC Private Limited. Before joining GIC, he was a Senior Partner at Jones Lang Wootton in Sydney.

Dr. Seek served on the Advisory Councils of Guanghua School of Management, Peking University and Fundacao Dom Cabral in Brazil and was a member of the real estate advisory boards of Cambridge University and Harvard University. His other industry appointments included being a board director of the Pension Real Estate Association (US), the founding Chairman of the Property Council of Australia Property Index Committee and a member of the Land Sub-committee of the 2009 Singapore Government Economic Strategy Committee.

Dr Seek was conferred the Singapore Public Administration Gold Medal in 2007, the NUS Outstanding Service Award in 2015 and the NUS Distinguished Alumni Service Award in 2011. He holds a BSc (Estate Management), University of Singapore; MSc (Business Administration), University of British Columbia; and a PhD (Urban Research), Australian National University.

### **Professor David Ling** **McGurn Professor of Real Estate, University of Florida**



David Ling is the McGurn Professor of Real Estate in the Department of Finance at the University of Florida, where he teaches courses in commercial real estate finance and investment at the graduate level. His academic publications have included articles on real estate investment trusts, private commercial real estate investments, performance evaluation, housing policy and economics, and commercial and residential mortgage markets and pricing.

Professor Ling is both a Fellow and faculty member of the Weimer School of Advanced Studies in Real Estate, a non - profit research and educational institute. Ling is also a Fellow and advisory board member of the Real Estate Research Institute, a Fellow of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (FRICS), an appointed member of the National Association of Real Estate Investment Trust's Research Council, and has served as a Distinguished Fellow of The National Association of Industrial and Office Properties.

He recently completed a three-year (part-time) Fellowship in The Department of Land Economy at the University of Cambridge and has also served as a visiting professor at the University of Reading and the National University of Singapore. Professor Ling holds an MBA in finance and Ph.D. in economics and real estate from the Ohio State University.

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**A/Prof Sing Tien Foo**  
**Director, NUS Institute of Real Estate Studies**



Tien Foo is Dean's Chair Associate Professor, Deputy Head (Admin & Finance) at the Department of Real Estate and Director at the Institute of Real Estate Studies (IRES). He serves as the Secretary of the Asian Real Estate Society (AsRES), and has been the Board members of AsRES (since 2000) and the Global Chinese Real Estate Congress (GCREC) Board (since 2008). He serves as editorial board members for Journal of Real Estate Research, International Real Estate Review, Pacific Rim Real Estate Journal and Journal of Housing Studies (Taiwan). He has also served as special

issues guest editors and referees for several international refereed journals.

He currently serves as a member of the panel of assessor under the Appeal Board (Land Acquisition), Ministry of Law, Singapore (2010-2012). He is the co-founder and principal investigator for the Singapore's NUS-REDAS real estate sentiment index. He has been invited by the Control Yuan, the Republic of China (Taiwan), as an expert witness in the review of land prices in Greater Taipei metropolitan area (August 2010). In NUS, He teaches real estate finance modules at both undergraduate and post-graduate courses. His research interest includes real options, real estate finance and securitization, REIT, and housing price dynamics.

Tien Foo obtained a Doctor of Philosophy degree from University of Cambridge, U.K. under the Cambridge Commonwealth Trust scholarship and the Overseas Research Students award. He also holds a Master of Philosophy degree in Land Economy from University of Cambridge, UK and a Bachelor of Science degree with 1st class honors in Estate Management from the National University of Singapore.

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