

Emira moves ahead with earnings-enhancing strategies

Emira Property Fund has furthered its earnings-boosting participatory interest (PI) repurchase programme and optimised its cost of borrowings by taking advantage of low interest rates currently available in the money markets.

The JSE Securities Exchange-listed South African real estate investment trust (REIT) recently concluded a R70 million PI buyback, taking its total PIs repurchased to R206 million in the past two years. The buyback is part of Emira's PI holder approved programme which aims to grow its distribution to investors by reinvesting proceeds from the disposal of non-core assets through the timeous repurchase of PIs.

Emira has also been taking advantage of low interest rates in the money markets, having recently issued R230 million of new 12-month unsecured commercial paper (CP) at an interest margin of 74 points above the three-month Jibar rate.