



Essential Healthcare Trust - Orchard grants exclusive dealing to ING Real Estate Healthcare Fund

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Orchard Capital Investments Limited (**Orchard**) announced today that ING Real Estate Healthcare Fund (ASX code: IHF) has been granted exclusive dealing status on the Essential Healthcare Trust (**EHT**).

Orchard's Chairman Charles Macek said, "The decision to grant IHF exclusivity reflects the strong benefits to EHT unit holders we expect from a merger of two quality specialist healthcare funds".

During the due diligence and exclusivity period which runs to 7 July 2010, the parties will be looking to conclude a merger implementation agreement and agreement of binding terms.

The proposed transaction remains subject to contract, unit holder and financier approvals.

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