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## WENTWORTH LAUNCHES WENTWORTH PRIVATE CREDIT

Sydney, Australia: Real estate private equity firm Wentworth has launched Wentworth Private Credit ("WPC"), a real estate private credit platform in Australia and New Zealand, to be led by Issa Chehab.

The new division unites Wentworth's deep local real estate expertise together with the credit expertise of the specialist investment team that will support Mr. Chehab, allowing WPC to provide a differentiated private credit offer to market.

The launch of WPC represents a significant expansion and diversification of Wentworth's business, with the existing institutional strategy for equity investment to be mirrored in the approach to credit via the provision of structured debt for property assets. WPC is focused on underserved sectors of the credit market, such as assets in a repositioning or value add profile, that Wentworth can solve for with its deep real estate expertise and ability to implement appropriate credit structures. Private credit is much more active in these types of loans globally than in Australia.

WPC has already funded a number of bilateral transactions across the living, industrial and commercial sectors, with a strong investment pipeline across different sectors and geographies.

**Mr Chehab said:** "There is a real and genuine demand in the Australian market for a trusted, local provider who has the right governance structures in place and is able to move quickly. The opportunity set we have identified is in the mid-market where the gap is too small for mega funds, but the assets and capital structures are more complex and require sophisticated expertise and solutions.

"The strength in Wentworth's existing reputation, real estate investment expertise, local market integration and talent, and high standards of governance all position the firm with a genuine point of difference. I'm thrilled to have joined Wentworth and to be expanding its optionality for clients across the capital stack, via the launch of WPC.

"Wentworth's existing institutional strategy has delivered proven results, and by expanding the solutions available into credit with WPC we can help clients solve problems more creatively and strategically across sectors. We have conviction in this strategy and with WPC launching as an extension of the core business, our goal is to grow WPC into a multi-billion dollar operation over the next five years."

Mr Chehab worked at Blackstone prior to commencing his role at Wentworth, where he led Blackstone's Australian real estate credit business for 10 years. He has over 25 years sector experience.

WPC is supported by a significant and scalable seed commitment from Sun Hung Kai & Co. Limited ("SHK & Co."), a leading alternative investment platform in Asia (HKG: 0086), via its funds management subsidiary SHK Capital Partners ("SHKCP"). SHKCP leverages the Group's strong expertise in alternative investments and capital markets to offer differentiated access to a wide range of alternative investment strategies through funds managed by SHKCP and select strategic partners.

This long-term strategic seed investment will provide certainty and acceleration for funding of initial transactions, in combination with additional capital as WPC's funds grow.

**Seng Huang Lee, Group Executive Chairman of SHK & Co. commented:** "We are proud to be part of seeding Wentworth's new fund, supporting their growth while strategically positioning ourselves in the high-potential Australian real estate private credit market. Our confidence lies in the strong leadership of Issa and the expertise of the entire Wentworth team. We see this not just as an investment, but as a long-term partnership that generates opportunities across our alternative investment platforms."

Wentworth recently appointed Josh Peel as Head of Capital, to lead capital raising activities across all Wentworth strategies. Mr Peel has over 25 years experience including Park Hill, and most recently JP Morgan Asset Management.

**Alastair Nash, CEO and co-founder of Wentworth said:** "Wentworth is excited to launch WPC and bring our real estate expertise to the private credit sector. Wentworth continues to grow across all parts of our business with talented additions to the team, and a strong investment pipeline. I look forward to working again with Issa and Josh."

Mr Chehab will be supported by a specialist investment team, led by Ben Jackson who has been appointed as Managing Director, Private Credit. Ben has joined Wentworth from his previous role as Co-head of Capital Advisory at Savills. In his role, Mr.

Jackson will originate and manage debt transactions and take a leading role helping set up WPC, alongside an experienced local credit team with a deep network of borrower relationship and capital markets expertise.

**Mr Chehab said:** "Ben is well known and respected in the debt market, bringing years of experience leading institutional real estate debt and equity transactions across APAC and North America. His strong institutional network and deep market knowledge will be invaluable as we grow WPC."

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## ABOUT WENTWORTH

[Wentworth](#) is an Australian real estate private equity firm founded in 2019 and having completed over \$2.6 billion in real estate transactions. The firm acquires high-quality, often overlooked, properties and executes bespoke strategies targeting to unlock exceptional value for our investors. With specialised expertise in residential, logistics, and life sciences sectors, Wentworth approaches each investment with entrepreneurial spirit and hands-on management. It is committed to creating lasting value while enhancing the built environment, supporting local communities, and delivering strong returns for its aligned investor base.

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