

CIM COMMERCIAL TRUST APPOINTS DAVID THOMPSON AS CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND NATHAN DEBACKER AS CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

DALLAS- (March 29, 2019) – CIM Commercial Trust Corporation (NASDAQ & TASE: CMCT) announced today that its board of directors (the “Board”) has appointed David Thompson as its Chief Executive Officer (“CEO”) and Nathan DeBacker as its Chief Financial Officer (“CFO”) at the recommendation of CIM Commercial Trust’s operator, CIM Group.

Mr. Thompson previously served as CIM Commercial Trust’s CFO since 2014 and is a Principal and the CFO of CIM Group. Mr. DeBacker is a Senior Vice President and the CFO of CCO Capital, LLC, a subsidiary of CIM Group. Both appointments are effective as of today.

“I look forward to furthering our plan to unlock embedded value in our portfolio and improve the trading liquidity of our common stock. We will continue to focus on maximizing returns for shareholders by actively managing our high-quality portfolio while increasing our engagement with shareholders,” said David Thompson.

Charles Garner, Principal and Co-head of Investments of CIM Group said: “I am very proud of the value we created in the CMCT portfolio and I look forward to supporting David as he oversees the next phase of CMCT’s growth.”

“With the anticipated increase in trading liquidity, David’s leadership at CMCT will boost our shareholder’s engagement while Charlie continues to support the quality and performance of our portfolio as Co-head of Investments at CIM,” said Richard Ressler, Chairman of CMCT.

About CIM Commercial

CIM Commercial is a real estate investment trust that primarily acquires, owns, and operates Class A and creative office assets in vibrant and improving metropolitan communities throughout the United States. Its properties are primarily located in Los Angeles, the San Francisco Bay Area and Washington, D.C. CIM Commercial is operated by affiliates of CIM Group, L.P., a vertically-integrated owner and operator of real assets with multi-disciplinary expertise and in-house research, acquisition, credit analysis, development, finance, leasing, and onsite property management capabilities (www.cimcommercial.com).

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