



CIM Commercial Trust Added to Russell 2000® and Russell 3000® Indexes

DALLAS - July 1, 2019 — CIM Commercial Trust Corporation (Nasdaq: CMCT and TASE: CMCT-L) ("we", "our", "CMCT", "CIM Commercial", or the "Company") announced that the Company was added to the Russell 2000® and Russell 3000® Indexes effective today.

"We are pleased to be included in these widely followed indexes as we approach the completion of our previously announced program to unlock embedded value in our portfolio, enhance growth prospects, and improve the trading liquidity of our common stock," said David Thompson, the Chief Executive Officer of CMCT.

Russell Indexes are widely used by investment managers and institutional investors as the basis for index funds and as benchmarks for active investment strategies and to track current and historical market performance of US equities. Approximately \$9 trillion in assets are benchmarked against Russell's US indexes. Russell indexes are part of FTSE Russell, a leading global index provider.

ABOUT CIM COMMERCIAL TRUST CORPORATION

CIM Commercial Trust 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 and the San Francisco Bay Area. CIM Commercial Trust 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 property management capabilities.

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FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

The information set forth herein contains "forward-looking statements." You can identify these statements by the fact that they do not relate strictly to historical or current facts or discuss the business and affairs of CIM Commercial on a prospective basis. Further, statements that include words such as "may," "will," "project," "might," "expect," "target," "believe," "anticipate," "intend," "could," "would," "estimate," "continue," "pursue," "potential", "forecast", "seek", "plan", or "should" or the negative or other words or expressions of similar meaning, may identify forward-looking statements.

CIM Commercial bases these forward-looking statements on particular assumptions that it has made in light of its experience, as well as its perception of expected future developments and other factors that it believes are appropriate under the circumstances. These forward-looking statements are necessarily estimates reflecting the judgment of CIM Commercial and involve a number of risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those suggested by the forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements are subject to risks, uncertainties and other factors, including those associated with (i) CIM Commercial's ability to consummate the planned asset sales, (ii) the extent to which capital is returned to stockholders and the timing thereof and (iii) general economic, market and other conditions.

For a further list and description of the risks and uncertainties inherent in the forward looking statements, see CIM Commercial's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including CIM Commercial's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2018, the Registration Statement on Form S-11 (No. 333-210880) relating to the Series A Preferred Stock and the Registration Statement on Form S-4 (No. 333-227707) relating to the potential exchange offer for shares of our Series L Preferred Stock.

As you read and consider the information herein, you are cautioned to not place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements. These statements are not guarantees of performance or results and speak only as of the date hereof. These forward-looking statements involve risks, uncertainties and assumptions. In light of these risks and uncertainties, there can be no assurance that the results and events contemplated by the forward-looking statements contained herein will in fact transpire. New factors emerge from time to time, and it is not possible for CIM Commercial to predict all of them. Nor can CIM Commercial assess the impact of each such factor or the extent to which any factor, or combination of factors may cause results to differ materially from those contained in any forward looking statement. CIM Commercial undertakes no obligation to publicly update or release any revisions to these forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances after the date hereof or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events, except as required by law.

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