



PRESS RELEASE

For immediate release

thebridge, Ascendas-Singbridge Group's coworking platform, to host ASEAN's first Ethereum Hackathon in Singapore

SINGAPORE, 29 November 2018 – thebridge, a coworking platform powered by Ascendas-Singbridge Group, will be hosting ASEAN's first Ethereum Hackathon "ETHSingapore" in Singapore Science Park 1 from 7 to 9 December 2018. This event is part of the ETHGlobal series, which brings together developers, industry experts, advisors and companies from around the world to collaborate and build decentralised applications using Ethereum, an open software platform based on blockchain technology. ETHSingapore is jointly organised by the ETHGlobal team and its regional partner Neutral, a blockchain start-up based in New York and backed by Sequoia Capital. thebridge is proud to be a community partner and venue host for the milestone event.

Situated in the heart of Singapore Science Park, thebridge is a coworking space that breaks the ubiquity of an R&D and technology hub with its vision of a modern workspace. As an extension of Ascendas-Singbridge Group's portfolio of sustainable urban development and business space solutions, thebridge offers hot desks, fixed desks, generous private suites and various shared amenities as part of its commitment to providing flexible workspace solutions to support the growing trend of the shared economy.

The coworking space is also an interactive platform that promotes cross-border collaboration and resource sharing, through various programmes and networking sessions. Since October 2017, thebridge has attracted an eclectic tribe of tech entrepreneurs and corporates through its access to a deep knowledge pool, making it ideal for hosting milestone events like ETHSingapore. Leveraging its expertise and connections with the business community, thebridge has gained significant traction both locally and abroad. thebridge was recently launched in China, and will be looking to expand into India by early 2019.

Mr Chng Yi Ta, Chief Executive Officer, Business Community Development, Ascendas-Singbridge Group said: "It is our privilege to host ASEAN's first Ethereum Hackathon at thebridge in Singapore. This is our specially curated platform where people can embark on an experiential journey together, to interact and influence one another through the sharing of knowledge and ideas. The hosting of this event also runs in tandem with our aspiration for thebridge to become an incubation ground for innovation. We look forward to hosting more of such events at thebridge."

thebridge is currently home to about 20 progressive companies and start-ups from various industries. These include a number of prominent regional blockchain companies such as Anquan, Zilliqa, Longhash and NPower.

Kartik Talwar, co-founder of ETHGlobal said, "Global MNCs have set up regional headquarters in Singapore due to the business-friendly policies here, as well as an open and welcoming culture that supports innovation and entrepreneurship. We are seeing the formation of vibrant ecosystems in Singapore, driving the growth of companies and start-ups in the blockchain industry."

Guo Chen, CEO of Neutral said, "We are excited to be the regional partner to kickstart the first Ethereum Hackathon in the ASEAN region. This will be a significant milestone in the development of the Ethereum community here and around the region."

ETHSingapore will be a 30-hour non-stop coding competition targeting 250 developers from Singapore and beyond. The participants will form teams addressing problems in the decentralised future and

present their solutions to a panel of judges consisting of some of the most prominent industry experts, such as **Vitalik Buterin**, co-founder of Ethereum; **Xinshu Dong**, CEO of Zilliqa; **Matthew Brandon**, CTO of Neutral; **Ben He**, CEO of ImToken; and **Sean Brennan**, Core Developer of MakerDao.

During the event, participants will also have opportunity to strengthen their skills, build new ideas, share knowledge, collaborate and help expand the vibrant Ethereum community ecosystem. Industry leaders participating in the event include **Guo Chen**, CEO of Neutral; **Liam Horne**, co-founder of ETHGlobal and L4; **Christopher Heymann**, Partner of 1kx; **Anna Rose**, co-founder of Zero Knowledge; and **Evan Van Ness**, core developer of ConsenSys.

ETHGlobal is a not-for-profit organisation with the mission of fostering the Ethereum ecosystem, through organising hackathons around the world for Ethereum enthusiasts. In the past year, ETHGlobal has hosted Ethereum Hackathons in major cities globally, including Bangalore, Berlin, Buenos Aires, Denver, San Francisco and Waterloo.

-END-

For media queries, please contact:

Ms. Lena Han
Senior Manager
Group Communications
Ascendas-Singbridge Pte Ltd
DID: +65 6714 7706
Email: lena.han@ascendas-singbridge.com

About Ascendas-Singbridge Group

Ascendas-Singbridge Group is a leading provider of sustainable urban development and business space solutions with Assets Under Management exceeding S\$20 billion.

Jointly owned by Temasek Holdings and JTC Corporation, Ascendas-Singbridge Group undertakes projects spanning townships, mixed-use developments, business/industrial parks, offices, hotels and warehouses. Headquartered in Singapore, the Group has a presence across 11 countries in Asia, Australia, Europe and the United States of America.

Ascendas-Singbridge Group has deep capabilities in real estate fund management, holding commercial, hospitality and industrial assets. It has a substantial interest in and also manages three Singapore-listed funds under its subsidiary Ascendas, namely Ascendas Reit (a Straits Times Index component stock), Ascendas India Trust and Ascendas Hospitality Trust. Besides these listed funds, it also manages a series of private real estate funds.

www.ascendas-singbridge.com
www.thebridge-asb.com