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# **ASCOTT RESIDENCE TRUST**

(Constituted in the Republic of Singapore pursuant to a trust deed dated 19 January 2006 (as amended))

### NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual General Meeting ("AGM") of the holders of units of Ascott Residence Trust ("Ascott Reit", and the holders of units of Ascott Reit, "Unitholders") will be held at The Star Gallery, Level 3, The Star Performing Arts Centre, 1 Vista Exchange Green, Singapore 138617 on Wednesday, 10 April 2019 at 3.30 p.m.to transact the following business:

### **ORDINARY BUSINESS**

 To receive and adopt the Report of DBS Trustee Limited, as trustee of Ascott Reit (the "Trustee"), the Statement by Ascott Residence Trust Management Limited, as manager of Ascott Reit (the "Manager"), and the Audited Financial Statements of Ascott Reit for the financial year ended 31 December 2018 and the Auditors' Report thereon. **Ordinary Resolution 1** 

2. To re-appoint KPMG LLP as Auditors of Ascott Reit to hold office until the conclusion of the next AGM and to authorise the Manager to fix their remuneration.

Ordinary Resolution 2

### **SPECIAL BUSINESS**

To consider and, if thought fit, to pass with or without any modifications, the following resolutions:

3. That authority be and is hereby given to the Manager to:

**Ordinary Resolution 3** 

- (a) (i) issue units in Ascott Reit ("**Units**") whether by way of rights, bonus or otherwise; and/or
  - (ii) make or grant offers, agreements or options (collectively, "Instruments") that might or would require Units to be issued, including but not limited to the creation and issue of (as well as adjustments to) securities, warrants, debentures or other instruments convertible into Units,

- at any time and upon such terms and conditions and for such purposes and to such persons as the Manager may in its absolute discretion deem fit; and
- (b) issue Units in pursuance of any Instrument made or granted by the Manager while this Resolution was in force (notwithstanding that the authority conferred by this Resolution may have ceased to be in force at the time such Units are issued),

### provided that:

- (1) the aggregate number of Units to be issued pursuant to this Resolution (including Units to be issued in pursuance of Instruments made or granted pursuant to this Resolution) shall not exceed fifty per cent. (50.0%) of the total number of issued Units (as calculated in accordance with sub-paragraph (2) below), of which the aggregate number of Units to be issued other than on a pro rata basis to Unitholders (including Units to be issued in pursuance of Instruments made or granted pursuant to this Resolution) shall not exceed twenty per cent. (20.0%) of the total number of issued Units (as calculated in accordance with sub-paragraph (2) below);
- (2) subject to such manner of calculation as may be prescribed by Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited (the "SGX-ST") for the purpose of determining the aggregate number of Units that may be issued under subparagraph (1) above, the total number of issued Units shall be based on the total number of issued Units at the time this Resolution is passed, after adjusting for:
  - (a) any new Units arising from the conversion or exercise of any convertible securities or options which are outstanding or subsisting at the time this Resolution is passed; and
  - (b) any subsequent bonus issue, consolidation or subdivision of Units;
- (3) in exercising the authority conferred by this Resolution, the Manager shall comply with the provisions of the Listing Manual of the SGX-ST for the time being in force (unless such compliance has been waived by the SGX-ST) and the trust deed dated 19 January 2006 constituting Ascott Reit (as amended) (the "Trust Deed")

for the time being in force (unless otherwise exempted or waived by the Monetary Authority of Singapore);

- (4) (unless revoked or varied by the Unitholders in a general meeting) the authority conferred by this Resolution shall continue in force until (i) the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of Ascott Reit or (ii) the date by which the next annual general meeting of Ascott Reit is required by applicable laws and regulations or the Trust Deed to be held, whichever is the earlier;
- (5) where the terms of the issue of the Instruments provide for adjustment to the number of Instruments or Units into which the Instruments may be converted in the event of rights, bonus or other capitalisation issues or any other events, the Manager is authorised to issue additional Instruments or Units pursuant to such adjustment notwithstanding that the authority conferred by this Resolution may have ceased to be in force at the time the Instruments or Units are issued; and
- (6) the Manager and the Trustee be and are hereby severally authorised to complete and do all such acts and things (including executing all such documents as may be required) as the Manager or, as the case may be, the Trustee may consider expedient or necessary or in the interests of Ascott Reit to give effect to the authority conferred by this Resolution.

### (Please see Explanatory Note 1)

### 4. That:

Extraordinary Resolution 4

- (a) approval be and is hereby given to amend the Trust Deed to include provisions regarding the repurchase and redemption of the Units of Ascott Reit in the manner set out in Annex A of the Letter to Unitholders dated 13 March 2019 (the "Trust Deed Supplement"); and
- (b) the Manager and the Trustee be and are hereby severally authorised to complete and do all such acts and things (including executing all such documents as may be required) as the Manager or, as the case may be, the Trustee, may consider expedient or necessary or in the interests of Ascott Reit to give effect to the Trust Deed Supplement.

(Please see Explanatory Note 2)

- 5. That subject to and conditional upon the passing of Ordinary Resolution 5 Extraordinary Resolution 4:
  - (a) the exercise of all the powers of the Manager to repurchase issued Units for and on behalf of Ascott Reit not exceeding in aggregate the Maximum Limit (as hereafter defined), at such price or prices as may be determined by the Manager from time to time up to the Maximum Price (as hereafter defined), whether by way of:
    - market repurchase(s) on the SGX-ST and/or, as the case may be, such other stock exchange for the time being on which the Units may be listed and quoted; and/or
    - (ii) off-market repurchase(s) (which are not market repurchase(s)) in accordance with any equal access scheme(s) as may be determined or formulated by the Manager as it considers fit in accordance with the Trust Deed, as proposed to be supplemented by the Trust Deed Supplement,

and otherwise in accordance with all applicable laws and regulations including the rules of the SGX-ST, or, as the case may be, such other stock exchange for the time being on which the Units may be listed and quoted, be and is hereby authorised and approved generally and unconditionally (the "Unit Buy-Back Mandate");

- (b) (unless revoked or varied by the Unitholders in a general meeting) the authority conferred on the Manager pursuant to the Unit Buy-Back Mandate may be exercised by the Manager at any time and from time to time during the period commencing from the date of the passing of this Resolution and expiring on the earliest of:
  - (i) the date on which the next annual general meeting of Ascott Reit is held;
  - the date by which the next annual general meeting of Ascott Reit is required by applicable laws and regulations or the Trust Deed to be held; or
  - (iii) the date on which repurchases of Units pursuant to the Unit Buy-Back Mandate are carried out to the full extent mandated:

### (c) in this Resolution:

"Average Closing Price" means the average of the closing market prices of the Units over the last five Market Days, on which transactions in the Units were recorded, immediately preceding the date of the market repurchase or, as the case may be, the date of the making of the offer pursuant to the off-market repurchase, and deemed to be adjusted for any corporate action that occurs after the relevant five Market Days;

"date of the making of the offer" means the date on which the Manager makes an offer for an off-market repurchase, stating therein the repurchase price (which shall not be more than the Maximum Price for an off-market repurchase) for each Unit and the relevant terms of the equal access scheme for effecting the off-market repurchase;

"Market Day" means a day on which the SGX-ST and/or, as the case may be, such other stock exchange for the time being on which the Units may be listed and quoted, is open for trading in securities;

"Maximum Limit" means that number of Units representing 5.0% of the total number of issued Units as at the date of the passing of this Resolution; and

"Maximum Price" in relation to a Unit to be repurchased, means the repurchase price (excluding brokerage, stamp duty, commission, applicable goods and services tax and other related expenses) which shall not exceed 105.0% of the Average Closing Price of the Units for both a market repurchase and an off-market repurchase.

(d) the Manager and the Trustee be and are hereby severally authorised to complete and do all such acts and things (including executing all such documents as may be required) as the Manager or, as the case may be, the Trustee may consider expedient or necessary or in the interests of Ascott Reit to give effect to the transactions contemplated and/or authorised by this Resolution.

(Please see Explanatory Note 3)

# BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

# **Ascott Residence Trust Management Limited**

(Registration Number: 200516209Z) as manager of **Ascott Residence Trust** 

# **KAREN CHAN**

**Company Secretary** 

Singapore 13 March 2019

#### Notes:

- (a) A Unitholder who is not a relevant intermediary (as defined below) is entitled to appoint not more than two proxies to attend, speak and vote at the AGM. Where such Unitholder's Proxy Form appoints more than one proxy, the proportion of the unitholding concerned to be represented by each proxy shall be specified in the Proxy Form.
  - (b) A Unitholder who is a relevant intermediary is entitled to appoint more than two proxies to attend, speak and vote at the AGM, but each proxy must be appointed to exercise the rights attached to a different Unit or Units held by such Unitholder. Where such Unitholder's Proxy Form appoints more than one proxy, the number of Units in relation to which each proxy has been appointed shall be specified in the Proxy Form.

### "relevant intermediary" means:

- a banking corporation licensed under the Banking Act, Chapter 19 of Singapore, or a wholly owned subsidiary of such a banking corporation, whose business includes the provision of nominee services and who holds Units in that capacity;
- (ii) a person holding a capital markets services licence to provide custodial services for securities under the Securities and Futures Act, Chapter 289 of Singapore, and who holds Units in that capacity; or
- (iii) the Central Provident Fund Board ("CPF Board") established by the Central Provident Fund Act, Chapter 36 of Singapore, in respect of Units purchased under the subsidiary legislation made under that Act providing for the making of investments from the contributions and interest standing to the credit of members of the Central Provident Fund, if the CPF Board holds those Units in the capacity of an intermediary pursuant to or in accordance with that subsidiary legislation.
- 2. A proxy need not be a Unitholder.
- 3. The Proxy Form must be deposited at the office of Ascott Reit's Unit Registrar, Boardroom Corporate & Advisory Services Pte. Ltd., 50 Raffles Place, #32-01 Singapore Land Tower, Singapore 048623 no later than Monday, 8 April 2019 at 3.30 p.m., being 48 hours before the time appointed for holding the AGM.

### **Personal Data Privacy:**

By submitting an instrument appointing a proxy(ies) and/or representative(s) to attend, speak and vote at the AGM of Ascott Reit and/or any adjournment thereof, a Unitholder (i) consents to the collection, use and disclosure of the Unitholder's personal data by the Manager and the Trustee (or their agents) for the purpose of the processing and administration by the Manager and the Trustee (or their agents) of proxies and representatives appointed for the AGM of Ascott Reit (including any adjournment thereof) and the preparation and compilation of the attendance lists, minutes and other documents relating to the AGM of Ascott Reit (including any adjournment thereof), and in order for the Manager and the Trustee (or their agents) to comply with any applicable laws, listing rules, regulations and/or guidelines (collectively, the "Purposes"), (ii) warrants that where the Unitholder discloses the personal data of the Unitholder's proxy(ies) and/or representative(s) to the Manager and the Trustee (or their agents), the Unitholder has obtained the prior consent of such proxy(ies) and/or representative(s) for the collection, use and disclosure by the Manager and the Trustee (or their agents) of the personal data of such proxy(ies) and/or representative(s) for the Purposes, and (iii) agrees that the Unitholder will indemnify the Manager and the Trustee in respect of any penalties, liabilities, claims, demands, losses and damages as a result of the Unitholder's breach of warranty.

### **EXPLANATORY NOTES:**

## 1. Ordinary Resolution 3

Ordinary Resolution 3, if passed, will empower the Manager to issue Units and to make or grant Instruments and to issue Units in pursuance of such Instruments from the date of the AGM of Ascott Reit until (i) the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of Ascott Reit or (ii) the date by which the next annual general meeting of Ascott Reit is required by applicable laws and regulations or the Trust Deed to be held, whichever is the earlier, unless such authority is earlier revoked or varied by Unitholders in a general meeting. The aggregate number of Units which the Manager may issue (including Units to be issued pursuant to Instruments) under this Resolution must not exceed fifty per cent. (50.0%) of the total number of issued Units with a sub-limit of twenty per cent. (20.0%) for issues other than on a *pro rata* basis to Unitholders (excluding treasury Units, if any).

For the purpose of determining the aggregate number of Units that may be issued, the total number of issued Units will be based on the total number of issued Units at the time Ordinary Resolution 3 is passed, after adjusting for (i) new Units arising from the conversion or exercise of any convertible securities or options which are outstanding or subsisting at the time this Resolution is passed and (ii) any subsequent bonus issue, consolidation or subdivision of Units.

Fund raising by issuance of new Units may be required in instances of property acquisitions or debt repayments. In any event, if the approval of Unitholders is required under the Listing Manual of the SGX-ST and the Trust Deed or any applicable laws and regulations, in such instances, the Manager will then obtain the approval of Unitholders accordingly.

## 2. Extraordinary Resolution 4

Extraordinary Resolution 4 above, if passed, will approve the supplement of the Trust Deed with the Trust Deed Supplement, which is set out in Annex A of the Letter to Unitholders.

(See the Letter to Unitholders dated 13 March 2019 in relation to the Trust Deed Supplement for further details.)

## 3. Ordinary Resolution 5

Ordinary Resolution 5, if passed, will empower the Manager from the date of the AGM of Ascott Reit until (i) the date on which the next annual general meeting of Ascott Reit is held, (ii) the date by which the next annual general meeting of Ascott Reit is required by applicable laws and regulations or the Trust Deed to be held, or (iii) the date on which the repurchases of Units pursuant to the Unit Buy-Back Mandate are carried out to the full extent mandated, whichever is the earliest, to exercise all the powers to repurchase issued Units for and on behalf of Ascott Reit not exceeding in aggregate 5.0% of the total number of Units as at the date of the passing of this Resolution, whether by way of market repurchase(s) or off-market repurchase(s), on the terms of the Unit Buy-Back Mandate set out in the Letter to Unitholders dated 13 March 2019, unless such authority is revoked or varied by the Unitholders in a general meeting. As the Trust Deed Supplement is required for the adoption of the Unit Buy-Back Mandate, Ordinary Resolution 5 is conditional upon the passing of Extraordinary Resolution 4.