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# Ascott Residence Trust

The Proposed Acquisition Of Interests In Serviced Residence Properties In Malaysia And the People's Republic Of China From Interested Persons

Press Conference

7 July 2014

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# Overview of the Target Acquisitions

Ascott Raffles Place Singapore

# Overview of the Target Acquisitions

## Summary of the Target Acquisitions

	Somerset Ampang Kuala Lumpur ("KL Property")	Citadines Zhuankou Wuhan ("Wuhan Property")	Citadines Gaoxin Xi'an ("Xi'an Property")	Total
<b>Target Acquisitions</b>				
<b>Purchase Consideration</b>	MYR169.4m (\$65.3m)	US\$25.2m (\$31.7m)	US\$27.5m (\$34.6m)	<b>\$131.6m</b>
<b>No. of Apartment Units</b>	207	249	251	<b>707</b>

- **Blended EBITDA yield = 5.1%<sup>1</sup>**

### Interested Person/Party Transactions

Unitholders' approval is required for the proposed Target Acquisitions

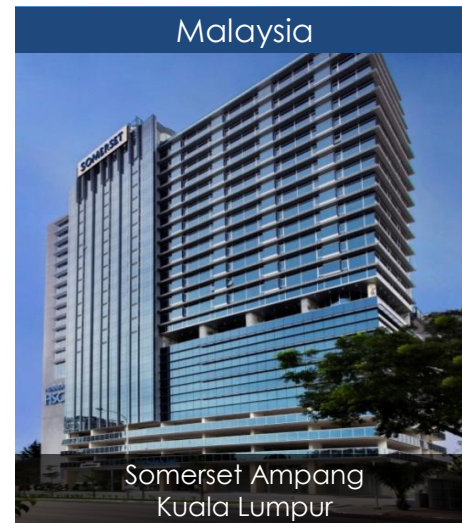
- **EGM to be held on 31 July 2014 at 10.00 a.m.**

Note: Based on exchange rates of MYR1.00 to \$0.38538, RMB1.00 to \$0.20404, and US\$1.00 to \$1.25596

1. On pro forma basis for FY2013

# Overview of the Target Acquisitions

## Overview of the Target Properties



A nighttime photograph of a dense urban skyline. The central focus is a tall, light-colored building with a distinctive tiered top and glowing white architectural accents. To its right is a darker, taller building with a vertical sign that reads 'ONE VIKLAVSON GREEN'. In the background, another building has 'ASCOTT' visible on its facade. The sky is a deep twilight blue, and the city lights create a vibrant, high-contrast scene.

# Competitive Strengths of the Target Properties

Ascott Raffles Place Singapore

# Overview of the KL Property

## Property Details



<b>Agreed Property Value</b>	MYR175.0m (\$67.4m <sup>1</sup> )
<b>Appraised Value<sup>2</sup></b>	MYR175.0m (\$67.4m <sup>1</sup> )
<b>No. of Apartment Units</b>	207; Comprising studio, 1-Bedroom, 2-Bedroom and 3-Bedroom
<b>Gross Floor Area</b>	18,868.0 sqm
<b>Title</b>	Commercial; Freehold
<b>Location</b>	No. 187, Jalan Ampang 50450, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
<b>Year of Opening</b>	2011

Notes:

1. Based on exchange rate of MYR1.00 to \$0.38538
2. Average of the appraised values provided by the Independent Valuers, namely, C H Williams Talhar & Wong Sdn Bhd (as consultant to Jones Lang LaSalle Property Consultants Pte Ltd) and HVS Singapore (SG&R Singapore Pte Ltd)



## Competitive Strengths of the KL Property

The KL Property is located in Kuala Lumpur, the capital city of Malaysia, which is also the main gateway for international travellers to Malaysia



**Strategically located in Kuala Lumpur, the federal capital city in Malaysia**

- The most modern and developed city in Malaysia, with contemporary high-rise buildings, hotels and shopping malls
- Main gateway for international travellers to Malaysia through the Kuala Lumpur International Airport

**Increasingly attractive location for MNCs to set up regional business hubs**

- Malaysia ranks 6th in ease of doing business<sup>1</sup> and 15th in most competitive economy in overall performance<sup>2</sup>
- An ideal hub for services and industrial support services and has the strong support of a stable government that is committed to pro-business reforms

1. World Bank Doing Business 2014 Report  
2. IMD World Competitiveness Yearbook 2013

# Competitive Strengths of the Target Properties

## Competitive Strengths of the KL Property

- 1 Kuala Lumpur is the main gateway for international travellers to Malaysia and an increasingly attractive location for MNCs to set up regional operations
- 2 The property is strategically located in the prime Golden Triangle of Kuala Lumpur with easy access to attractions
- 3 Enjoys good inter-city and intra-city connectivity
- 4 Part of an integrated development that houses the HSC Medical Center, one of Malaysia's leading medical, heart and diagnostic centres
- 5 The property is new; only opened in 2011



# Overview of the Wuhan Property

## Property Details



<b>Agreed Property Value</b>	RMB252.0m (\$51.4m <sup>1</sup> )
<b>Appraised Value<sup>2</sup></b>	RMB256.0m (\$52.2m <sup>1</sup> )
<b>No. of Apartment Units</b>	249; Comprising studio, 1-Bedroom and 2-Bedroom
<b>Gross Floor Area</b>	21,615.4 sqm
<b>Title</b>	Commercial; 40-year leasehold ending on 26 Dec 2043
<b>Location</b>	Building C2 and C3, Xiang Long Times Business Center, Plot 3R2, Wuhan Economic and Technological Development Zone, Wuhan, Hubei Province, China
<b>Year of Opening<sup>3</sup></b>	2011

### Notes:

1. Based on exchange rate of RMB1.00 to \$0.20404
2. Average of the appraised values provided by the Independent Valuers, namely, Jones Lang LaSalle Property Consultants Pte Ltd and Cushman & Wakefield VHS Pte. Ltd.
3. Fully opened in 2011

## Competitive Strengths of the Wuhan Property

The Wuhan Property is located within Wuhan Economic and Technological Development Zone (“WEDZ”) in Wuhan, China, home to many Fortune 500 companies



**Strategically located in WEDZ, one of the most concentrated automotive industrial areas in China**

- WEDZ is a national level development zone approved by the State Council of the People's Republic of China in 1993
- Home to the headquarters of automobile makers such as Dongfeng Motor, Dongfeng Peugeot Citroen Motor, Dongfeng Honda Motor, automobile R&D centers and automotive parts manufacturers

**Positioned for sustained demand from foreign and domestic corporate travellers**

- Continued domestic and foreign investment into Wuhan and particularly WEDZ
- In 2013, FDI into Wuhan reached US\$5.2b, up 18.1% from 2012<sup>1</sup>



1. Wuhan statistics bureau

## Competitive Strengths of the Wuhan Property

- 1 Strategically located within Wuhan Economic and Technological Development Zone, one of the most concentrated automotive industrial areas in China
- 2 Situated near the headquarters and training centres of Dongfeng Peugeot Citroen Automobiles Co. Ltd
- 3 Expected opening of a new Metro station in end 2015 (~100m away) to provide direct connectivity to Wuhan's CBD
- 4 The property is new; only fully opened in 2011



2-Bedroom – Master Bedroom



1-Bedroom – Living Room



# Overview of the Xi'an Property

## Property Details



<b>Agreed Property Value</b>	RMB270.0m (\$55.1m <sup>1</sup> )
<b>Appraised Value<sup>2</sup></b>	RMB275.0m (\$56.1m <sup>1</sup> )
<b>No. of Apartment Units</b>	251; Comprising Studio, 1-Bedroom and 2-Bedroom
<b>Gross Floor Area</b>	24,303.7 sqm
<b>Title</b>	Commercial; 50-year leasehold ending on 3 Jan 2056
<b>Location</b>	1-26/F, No. 13 Gaoxin Si Road, Hi-Tech Zone, Xi'an, Shaanxi Province, China
<b>Year of Opening<sup>3</sup></b>	2011

Notes:

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## Competitive Strengths of the Xi'an Property

The Xi'an Property is located at the heart of Xi'an Hi-Tech Industries Development Zone ("XHDZ") in Xi'an, China, one of the earliest and most successful Chinese science parks at the national level



**Strategically located in a prime location with ready catchment for serviced residence market**

- Key industries in XHDZ include electronic, manufacturing, biomedical industry and modern services
- MNCs such as Micron, Honeywell, Intel, Infineon and Samsung Electronics have set up production facilities or R&D centers in XHDZ

**Continued entry of foreign MNCs and domestic enterprises to XHDZ is expected to support demand for the Xi'an Property**

- FDI into Xi'an surged 26.3% YoY in 2013 to US\$3.1b<sup>1</sup>
- Samsung announced in 2012, plans to invest US\$7.5b to construct a flash memory chip plant in XHDZ, expected to be completed in 2Q 2014
- Johnson & Johnson announced in late 2013 plans to build its largest supply chain production base in XHDZ

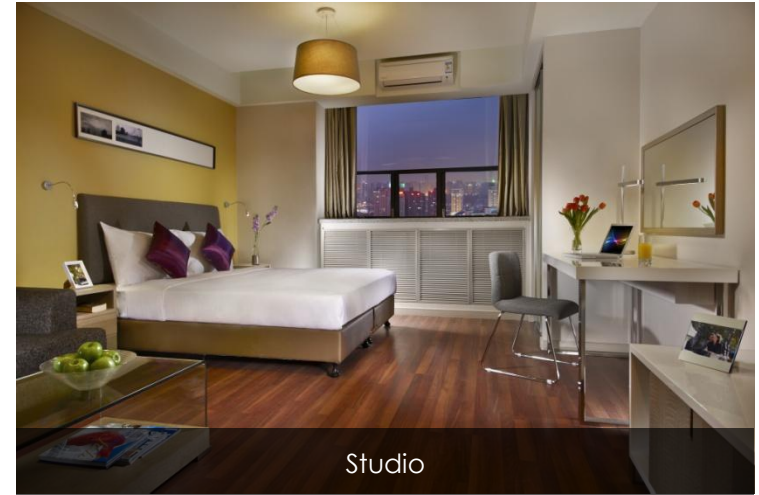


1. Xi'an statistics bureau

# Competitive Strengths of the Target Properties

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- 1 Strategically located at the heart of Xi'an Hi-Tech Industries Development Zone, where many foreign MNCs and domestic enterprises are sited
- 2 Tourist attractions such as the Bell Tower, the Drum Tower, the Grand Mosque and Xi'an Ancient City Wall are located within 15 minutes' drive from the property
- 3 The property is new; only fully opened in 2011





# Rationale for the Target Acquisitions



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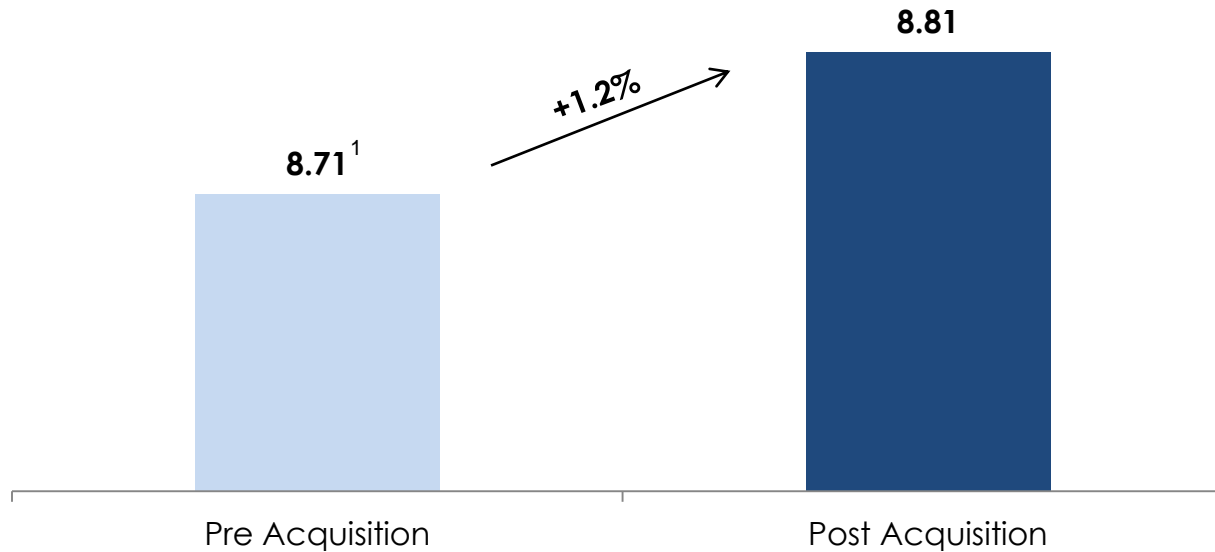
## Key Rationale

- 1 Enhance DPU to Unitholders
- 2 Broaden Earnings Base with Increased Portfolio Scale
- 3 Enhance Geographical Diversification
- 4 Maiden Investment into Malaysia
- 5 Deepening of Ascott REIT's Presence in the Key Growth Market of China

# Rationale for the Target Acquisitions

## 1 Enhance DPU to Unitholders

### Distribution Per Unit (S cents)



FY 2013 pro forma DPU will increase by 1.2% from 8.71 cents<sup>1</sup> to 8.81 cents<sup>2</sup> post acquisition

1. Adjusted for the pro forma financial effects of the acquisition of the Somerset Grand Central Dalian (as announced on 20 February 2014) and Infini Garden (as announced on 21 March 2014)
2. Assuming that the Target Acquisitions would be funded entirely by debt

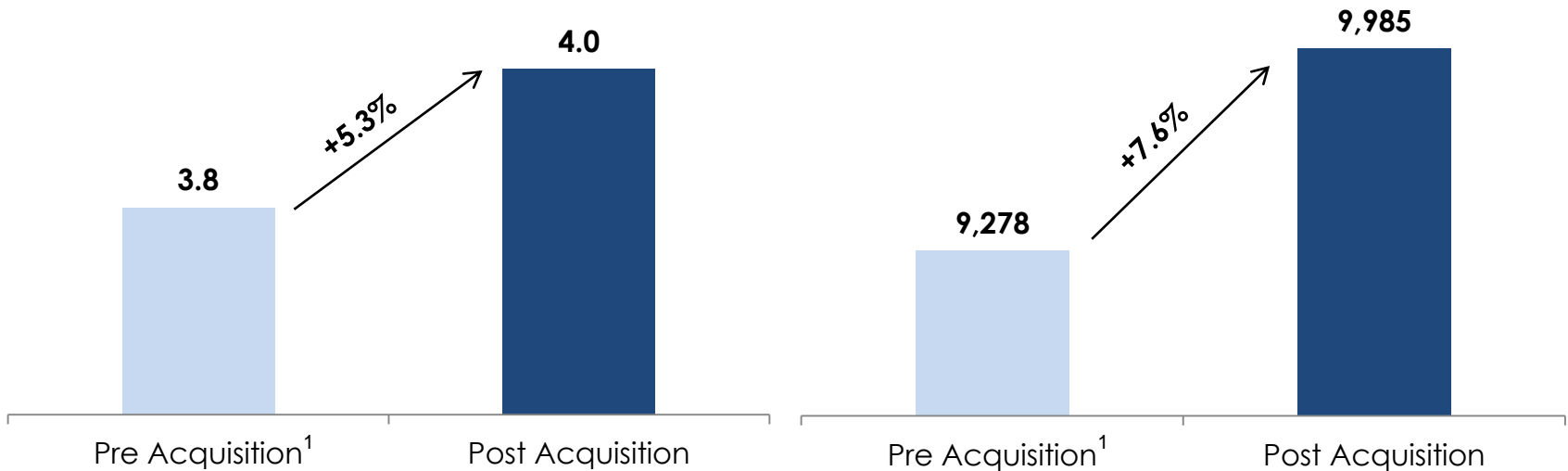
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## 2 Broaden Earnings Base With Increased Portfolio Scale

- Post acquisition, Ascott REIT's total assets is expected to increase 5.3% to \$4.0b
- The number of apartment units will increase 7.6% to 9,985 in 86 properties in 36 cities across 13 countries

Total Assets (\$ billion)

Number of Apartment Units



The Target Acquisitions will enable Ascott REIT to benefit from a broader earnings base, thereby raising the profile of Ascott REIT among global investors

1. Portfolio as of 31 December 2013, and including the acquisition of the Somerset Grand Central Dalian (as announced on 20 February 2014) and Infini Garden (as announced on 21 March 2014) but excludes the New Cairnhill SR, which acquisition is targeted to be completed in 2017

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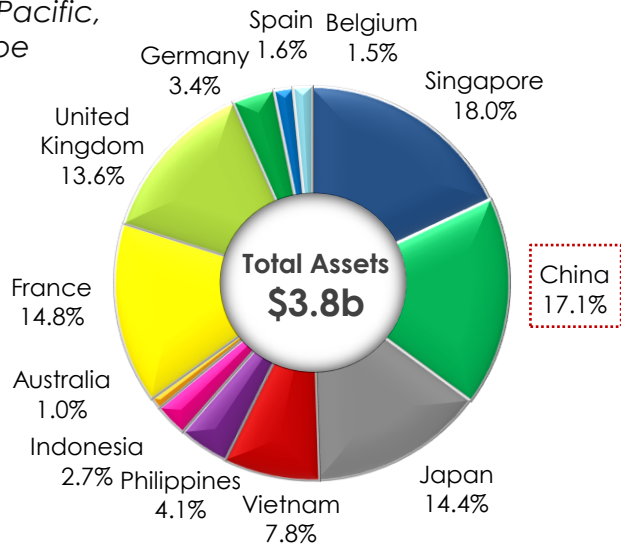
## 3 Enhance Geographical Diversification

- Post acquisition, exposure to the growing markets of Asia will increase from 65% to 67% of total assets
- The remaining 33% of total assets will be in stable European markets

### Breakdown of Ascott REIT's Assets by Geography

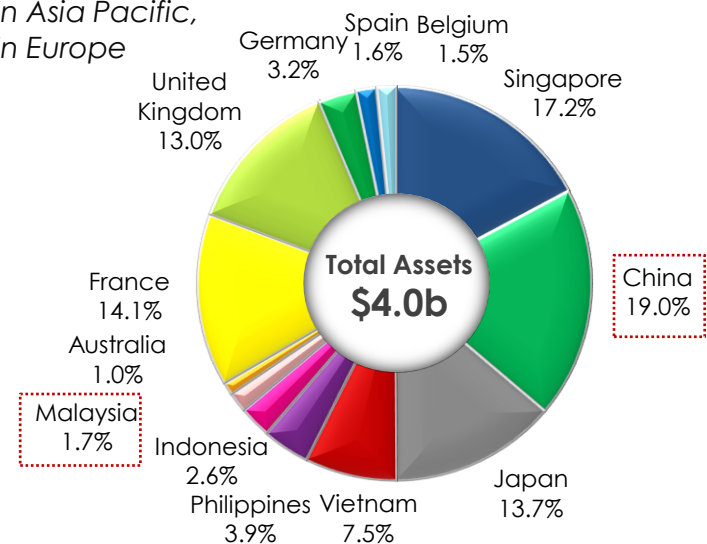
#### Pre Acquisition<sup>1</sup>

- 65.1% in Asia Pacific,
- 34.9% in Europe



#### Post Acquisition

- 66.6% in Asia Pacific,
- 33.4% in Europe



The Target Acquisitions will enhance the diversification of Ascott REIT's portfolio in terms of geographical spread and across property and economic cycles

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## 4 Maiden Investment into Malaysia

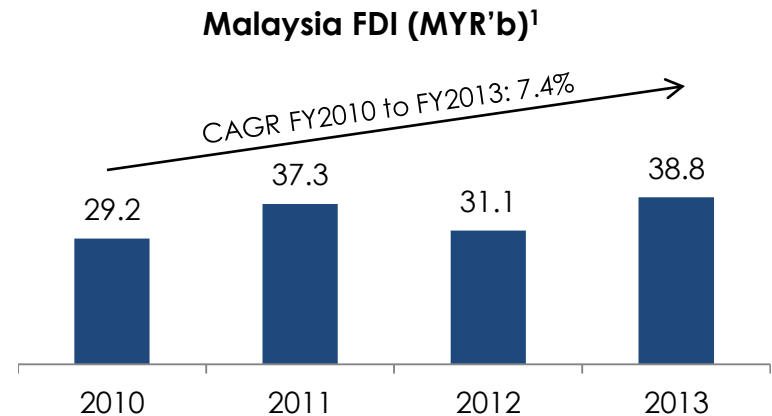
Ascott REIT's first foray into the established hospitality market of Kuala Lumpur

### Main gateway for international travellers to Malaysia

- In 2013, Malaysia hosted conferences, corporate meetings and incentive groups that contributed MYR1.2b to the economy
- The city is set to become one of the leading locations for MICE in Asia, with several international events already planned for the next few years

### An ideal business and investment location to attract an influx of foreign, high-level corporate investments

- An attractive location for MNCs to set up their regional hubs given the combination of modern infrastructure and quality facilities
- In 2012, the Malaysia Government embarked on a growth programme aimed at creating US\$452b worth of investment; of which 27% would be expected to come from foreign direct investment ("FDI")
- In 2013, FDI increased 25% Y-o-Y to MYR38.8b



Growth in FDI is expected to gain momentum going forward given various pro-business government policies

1. Source: Kuala Lumpur statistics bureau

# Rationale for the Target Acquisitions

## 5 Deepening of Ascott REIT's Presence in the Key Growth Market of China

### Expand footprint to China's high-growth regional cities of Wuhan and Xi'an

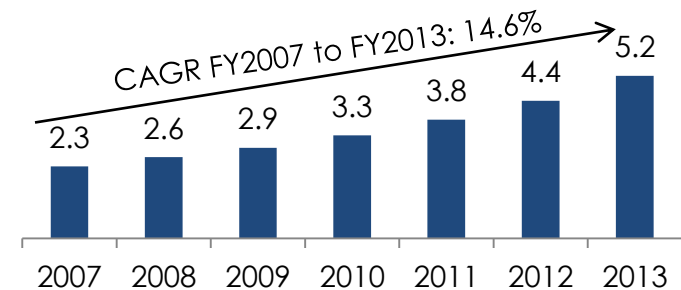
#### **Wuhan – one of the most economically vibrant cities in central China and a major transportation, commercial and financial hub**

- Home to many Fortune 500 companies
- Rising expatriate population and business travellers in Wuhan provide a base of strong demand for international-class serviced residences

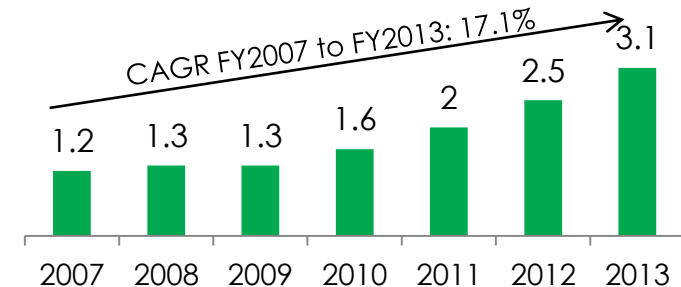
#### **Xi'an – one of the most developed cities in north-west China**

- Many global high-tech giants have been setting up large-scale manufacturing and R&D bases in Xi'an
- Key driver of corporate demand for accommodation in Xi'an

#### Wuhan FDI (USD'b)<sup>1</sup>



#### Xi'an FDI (USD'b)<sup>2</sup>



Wuhan and Xi'an have seen strong FDI growth due to the central government's policies to develop China's inland regions

1. Source: Wuhan statistics bureau

2. Source: Xi'an statistics bureau

# Rationale for the Target Acquisitions

## 5 Deepening of Ascott REIT's Presence in the Key Growth Market of China

- Existing Ascott REIT Properties in China
- China Target Properties



### Existing Properties in China



Following completion of the acquisitions of the Wuhan Property and the Xi'an Property, Ascott REIT will have presence in **nine cities** across China



# Impact on Ascott REIT

Ascott Raffles Place Singapore

# Impact on Ascott REIT

## Pro Forma Financial Effects

	Pre Acquisition <sup>1</sup>	Post Acquisition
<b>DPU</b>	8.71 cents	8.81 cents
<b>Distribution Yield <sup>2</sup></b>	7.2%	7.3%
<b>Net Asset Value Per Unit</b>	\$1.37	\$1.37
<b>Gearing</b>	37.5%	40.2%

1. Adjusted for the pro forma financial effects of the acquisition of the Somerset Grand Central Dalian (as announced on 20 February 2014) and Infini Garden (as announced on 21 March 2014)
2. Computed based on the closing Unit price of \$1.21 on 31 December 2013

# Overview of Funding Structure

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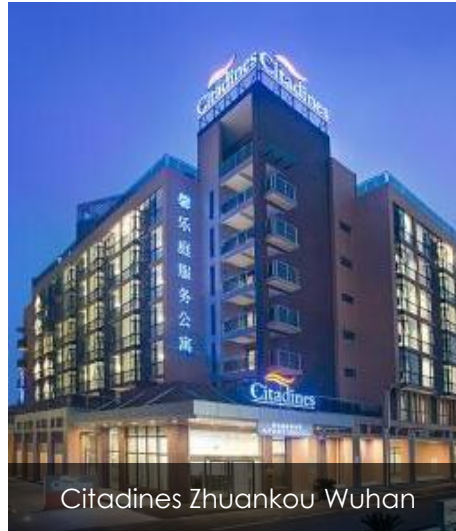
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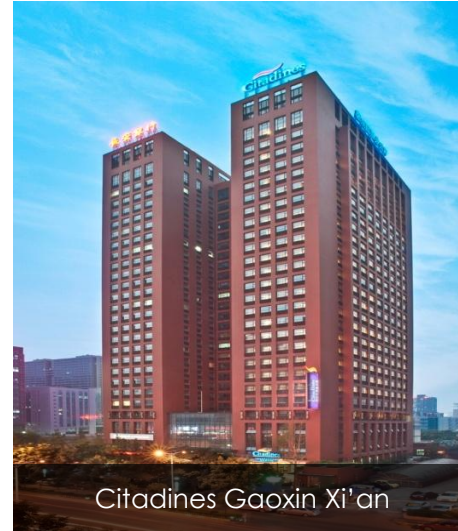
## Debt financing from the existing debt facilities



\$65.3m



\$31.7m



\$34.6m

Transaction  
Expenses

\$1.7m<sup>1</sup>

**Total use of funds: \$133.3m**

Target Acquisitions to be entirely funded by debt from existing debt facilities available to Ascott REIT

Note: Based on exchange rates of MYR1.00 to \$0.38538, RMB1.00 to \$0.20404, and US\$1.00 to \$1.25596  
1. Excludes acquisition fees of approximately \$1.7 million, which will be payable in Units to the Manager

# Conclusion

Citadines Mount Sophia



## The Proposed Acquisition of Serviced Residence Properties in Malaysia and China

### Enhance DPU to Unitholders

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## Overview of Ascott REIT's Portfolio Post Acquisition

**\$4.0b**

Total Assets

**9,985**

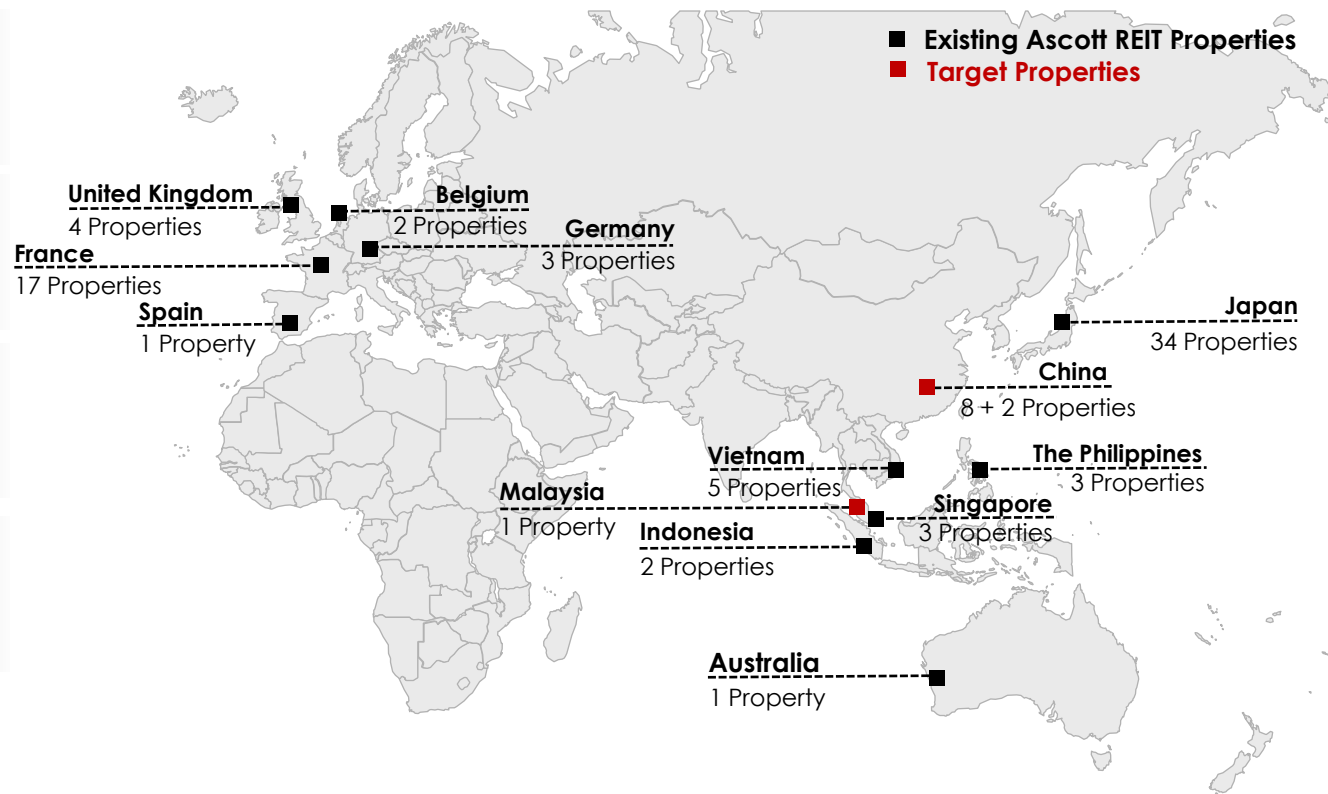
Units

**86**

Properties

**36**

Cities in 13 Countries





# Extraordinary General Meeting

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## Resolution: The Target Acquisitions (Ordinary Resolution)

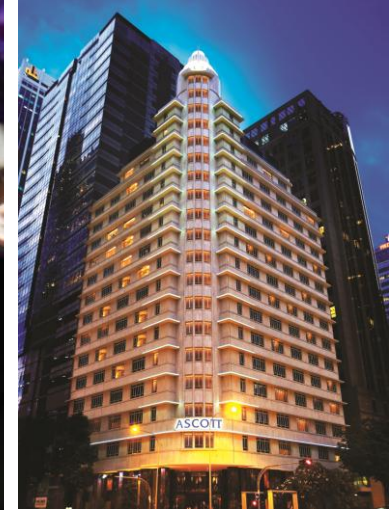
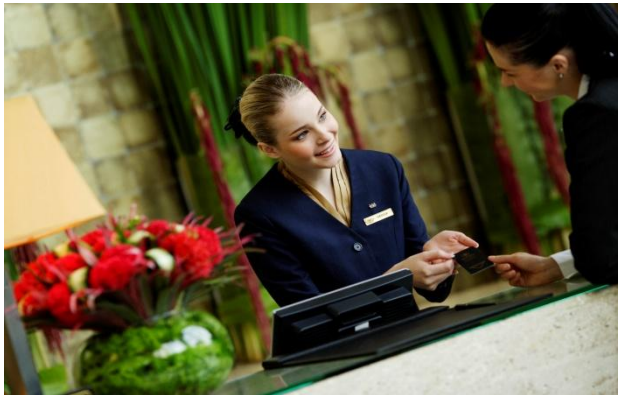
RESOLVED that:

- i. approval be and is hereby given for the acquisition of three serviced residence properties, namely
  - a) the KL Property from Ascott Investment Holdings Ltd through the acquisition of a 100.0% interest in Somerset Ampang (Malaysia) Sdn. Bhd. (which owns a 100.0% interest in the KL Property);
  - b) the Wuhan Property from Zhuankou Investments (BVI) Limited through the acquisition of a 100.0% interest in Zhuankou Investments (Hong Kong) Limited (which owns through its wholly-owned subsidiary, Wuhan Citadines Property Development Co., Ltd., a 100.0% interest in the Wuhan Property); and
  - c) the Xi'an Property from Gaoxin Investments (BVI) Limited through the acquisition of a 100.0% interest in Gaoxin Investments (Hong Kong) Limited (which owns through its wholly-owned subsidiary, Citadines (Xi'an) Property Co., Ltd., a 100.0% interest in the Xi'an Property),for an estimated aggregate purchase consideration of \$131.6 million, and
- ii. Ascott Residence Trust Management Limited, as manager of Ascott REIT, any director of the Manager and the DBS Trustee Limited 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, the Director 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 Target Acquisitions.

# Extraordinary General Meeting

## Important Dates and Times

Event	Date and Time
Last date and time for lodgment of Proxy Forms	Tuesday, 29 July 2014 at 10.00 a.m.
Date and time of the Extraordinary General Meeting	Thursday, 31 July 2014 at 10.00 a.m.
Place of Extraordinary General Meeting	STI Auditorium, 168 Robinson Road, Level 9, Capital Tower, Singapore 068912



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