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# OUE Hospitality Trust's First Distribution Exceeds Forecast

**Singapore - 25 February 2014 -** OUE Hospitality Trust (OUE H-Trust), a stapled group comprising OUE Hospitality Real Estate Investment Trust (OUE H-REIT) and OUE Hospitality Business Trust (OUE H-BT) listed on 25 July 2013 on the Mainboard of Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited, has achieved S\$38.2 million Distributable Income (DI) and Distribution per Stapled Security (DPS) of 2.90 cents for the financial period from 25 July to 31 December 2013. Both DI and DPS are 2.4% and 2.1% respectively higher than the forecast<sup>1</sup> for the same period. This translates into an annualised yield of 7.52% based on the listing price of S\$0.88.

#### **Distribution Details**

Distribution Period	25 July 2013 to 31 December 2013	
Distribution Rate	2.90 cents per stapled security	
Last Day of Trading on "cum" Basis	28 February 2014, 5 pm	
Ex-Date	3 March 2014, 9 am	
Book Closure Date	5 March 2014	
Distribution Payment Date	28 March 2014	

Mr. Christopher Williams, Chairman of OUE Hospitality REIT Management Pte. Ltd., manager of OUE H-REIT, said: "We are pleased to announce that OUE H-Trust's first distribution to stapled securityholders is higher than forecast. The strong underlying performance of Mandarin Orchard Singapore hotel and the stable rentals from Mandarin Gallery mall have enabled us to deliver a performance that exceeded the forecast. Both DI and DPS are higher than the forecast by 2.4% and 2.1% respectively for the financial period from 25 July to 31 December 2013. Going forward, we will continue with our asset enhancement initiatives to achieve organic growth for Mandarin Orchard hotel and actively manage leasing opportunities at Mandarin Gallery to enhance its position as a high-end destination mall. We will also seek yield accretive acquisitions from our Sponsor and third parties to grow OUE H-Trust."

Credit Suisse (Singapore) Limited, Goldman Sachs (Singapore) Pte. and Standard Chartered Securities (Singapore) Pte. Limited were the joint global coordinators and issue managers for the initial public offering of OUE Hospitality Trust.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> As disclosed in the prospectus dated 18 July 2013 (the Prospectus)

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Mr. Chong Kee Hiong, CEO of OUE Hospitality REIT Management Pte. Ltd., said: "OUE H-Trust has performed better than the forecast for the period from 25 July to 31 December 2013. This is mainly attributable to Mandarin Orchard hotel as it achieved a Revenue per Available Room (RevPAR) of S\$254, compared to the forecast RevPAR of S\$252. Despite the heightened competition due to increased hotel room supply, Mandarin Orchard hotel achieved a RevPAR growth of 4.5% against the same period last year<sup>2</sup>. This is a very commendable performance as upscale hotels in Singapore experienced a 12.7%³ decline in RevPAR in 2013."

Mr. Chong added: "As at end 2013, the hotel has completed the conversion of 26 guest rooms, increasing the number of guest rooms to 1,077. In addition, 32 guest rooms have been refurbished and these rooms have achieved room rates which are about 15% higher than the non-refurbished rooms."

The asset enhancement programme to renovate 430 guest rooms at Mandarin Orchard is funded by the Sponsor, and is expected to be completed in phases in 2014 and 2015. The refurbishment schedule will be tailored to minimise disruption to the normal service of the hotel so that the occupancy of the hotel will continue to be optimised.

Mr Chong continued: "Mandarin Gallery accounted for 27% of OUE H-Trust's Net Property Income (NPI) for the financial period. The mall's NPI of S\$12.0 million exceeded the forecast of S\$11.7<sup>2</sup> million. This was also about 16.5% higher than the proforma 2012 NPI<sup>2</sup> of S\$10.3 million for the period."

#### 2014 Outlook

The outlook for 2014 points to a modest recovery of the global economy supported by improving economic indicators from the US and Eurozone. In Singapore, the Ministry of Trade and Industry has forecast 2.0% to 4.0%<sup>4</sup> growth for 2014. An improving global economy would likely bolster corporate travel and accommodation budgets and hence would be positive for the hotel industry as Singapore is a key international business and financial hub. Singapore is also expected to benefit from a bumper MICE schedule in 2014, as it hosts major events such as the Singapore Air Show, and a burgeoning outbound Chinese tourist market. New infrastructure such as the Singapore Sports Hub which will open in 2014 will also add to Singapore's ability to increase its sources of visitor origination. The Sports Hub will be the venue for the Women's Tennis Association's (WTA) annual end of season tour championship for the next five years, commencing from 2014.

OUE Hospitality Trust remains positive on the corporate travel, tourism and retail segments in Singapore for 2014. We will continue to seek growth opportunities through active asset management and yield accretive acquisitions.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Derived from disclosures in the Prospectus dated 18 July 2013

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Singapore Tourism Board, Hotel Statistics by Tier (Preliminary), 27 January 2014

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Ministry of Trade and Industry Singapore, Press Release, 20 February 2014

# **Summary of Results**

Financial Period - 25 July to 31 December 2013

	Actual 2013 25 Jul to 31 Dec <sup>5</sup>	Forecast 2013 25 Jul to 31 Dec <sup>6</sup>	Variance %
Gross Revenue (S\$m)	50.6	49.9	+1.3%
Net Property Income (S\$m)	44.8	44.2	+1.4%
Distributable Income (S\$m)	38.2	37.3	+2.4%
DPS (S cents)	2.90	2.84	+2.1%

- Gross revenue recorded was 1.3% higher than forecast mainly due to better
  performance recorded by Mandarin Orchard hotel. The achieved RevPAR of \$254
  had outperformed the forecast RevPAR of \$252. This translated into higher than
  forecast lease revenue recognised by OUE H-REIT as the rental income is pegged
  to a percentage of Gross Operating Revenue and Gross Operating Profit of
  Mandarin Orchard hotel.
- Higher revenue was also recorded by Mandarin Gallery from leasing of advertising panels and short term leasing of outdoor space.
- Net property income recorded was higher than the forecast due to higher revenue.
- Income available for distribution for the period from 25 July 2013 to 31 December 2013 was 2.4% higher and DPS was 2.90 cents as a result of higher net property income coupled with lower trust expenses incurred.

## Actual 4Q 2013 vs Forecast 4Q 2013

	Actual 2013 01 Oct to 31 Dec	Forecast 2013 01 Oct to 31 Dec <sup>6</sup>	Variance %
Gross Revenue (S\$m)	29.0	28.7	+0.9%
Net Property Income (S\$m)	25.5	25.4	+0.6%
Distributable Income (S\$m)	21.9	21.4	+2.3%
DPS (S cents)	1.67	1.63	+2.5%

- Gross revenue recorded for the quarter ended 31 December 2013 was 0.9% higher than the forecast due to better performance from Mandarin Orchard hotel. This was a result of higher Food & Beverage revenue mainly due to higher income from banquet sales and corporate meetings which more than compensated for slightly lower room revenue compared to forecast. RevPAR achieved was S\$249 compared to forecast RevPAR of S\$252.
- Net property income recorded was higher than the forecast due to higher revenue.
- Income available for distribution for the quarter ended 31 December 2013 was 2.3% higher as a result of higher net property income coupled with lower trust expenses incurred.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Although OUE H-REIT and OUE H-BT were established on 10 July 2013, the acquisition of properties by OUE H-REIT was only completed on 25 July 2013 which was the official listing date of OUE H-Trust. Consequently, the actual income derived from the properties for the current period was from 25 July 2013 to 31 December 2013. OUE H-REIT was dormant as a private trust during the period from 10 July 2013 to 24 July 2013.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Please refer to page 13, paragraph 9(ii) of the results announcement for information on the derivation of the forecast figures.

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# **About OUE Hospitality Trust**

OUE Hospitality Trust is a stapled group comprising OUE Hospitality Real Estate Investment Trust (OUE H-REIT) and OUE Hospitality Business Trust (OUE H-BT), listed on the Mainboard of Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited.

OUE H-REIT was established with the principal investment strategy of investing, directly or indirectly, in a portfolio of income-producing real estate which is used primarily for hospitality and/or hospitality-related purposes, whether wholly or partially, as well as real estate-related assets.

OUE H-REIT's initial asset portfolio comprising the 1,077-room Mandarin Orchard Singapore and the adjoining Mandarin Gallery, has a portfolio value of S\$1.76 billion as at 31 December 2013. 26 new guest rooms were added to Mandarin Orchard Singapore after the listing of OUE Hospitality Trust, thereby increasing the number of rooms from 1,051 to 1,077.

OUE H-BT is dormant.

OUE H-REIT is managed by OUE Hospitality REIT Management Pte. Ltd., which is a wholly-owned subsidiary of OUE Limited (OUE). OUE H-BT is managed by OUE Hospitality Trust Management Pte. Ltd., which is also a wholly-owned subsidiary of OUE.

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