



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

ANNOUNCEMENT

PROPOSED COMBINATION OF ASCOTT RESIDENCE TRUST AND ASCENDAS HOSPITALITY TRUST BY WAY OF A TRUST SCHEME OF ARRANGEMENT

APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT FINANCIAL ADVISER

INTRODUCTION

On 3 July 2019, the board of directors of Ascott Residence Trust Management Limited (“**Ascott Reit Manager**”), as manager of Ascott Residence Trust (“**Ascott Reit**”), announced the proposed combination of Ascott Reit and Ascendas Hospitality Trust (“**A-HTRUST**”) to be effected through the acquisition by Ascott Reit of all the A-HTRUST Stapled Units for an aggregate consideration of S\$1.0868 for each A-HTRUST Stapled Unit, comprising S\$0.0543 in cash and 0.7942 Ascott Reit-BT Stapled Units (such announcement, the “**Joint Announcement**”). Terms defined in the Joint Announcement have the same meanings when used in this Announcement.

INDEPENDENT FINANCIAL ADVISER

The Ascott Reit Manager wishes to announce that it has appointed Australia and New Zealand Banking Group Limited, Singapore Branch as the independent financial adviser (“**Ascott Reit IFA**”) to advise the Ascott Reit Trustee, the Ascott Reit Audit Committee and the Ascott Reit Independent Directors as to whether the Combination is on normal commercial terms and is not prejudicial to the interests of Ascott Reit and its minority unitholders.

The Ascott Reit Composite Document containing, *inter alia*, the advice of the Ascott Reit IFA and the recommendation of the Ascott Reit Independent Directors will be sent to Ascott Reit Unitholders in due course.

In the meantime, Ascott Reit Unitholders are advised to refrain from taking any action in relation to their Ascott Reit Units which may be prejudicial to their interests until they or their advisers have considered the information and the recommendation of the Ascott Reit Independent Directors on the Combination as well as the advice of the Ascott Reit IFA which will be set out in the Ascott Reit Composite Document.

RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT

The directors of the Ascott Reit Manager (including those who may have delegated detailed supervision of this Announcement) have taken all reasonable care to ensure that the facts stated and opinions expressed in this Announcement which relate to Ascott Reit and/or the Ascott Reit Manager (excluding those relating to A-HTRUST and/or the A-HTRUST REIT Manager and/or the A-HTRUST BT Trustee-Manager) are fair and accurate and that there are no other material facts not contained in this Announcement the omission of which would make any statement in this Announcement misleading. The directors of the Ascott Reit Manager jointly and severally accept responsibility accordingly.

Where any information has been extracted or reproduced from published or otherwise publicly available sources or obtained from A-HTRUST and/or the A-HTRUST REIT Manager and/or the A-HTRUST BT Trustee-Manager, the sole responsibility of the directors of the Ascott Reit Manager has been to ensure through reasonable enquiries that such information is accurately extracted from such sources or, as the case may be, reflected or reproduced in this Announcement. The directors of the Ascott Reit Manager do not accept any responsibility for any information relating to A-HTRUST and/or the A-HTRUST REIT Manager and/or the A-HTRUST BT Trustee-Manager or any opinion expressed by A-HTRUST and/or the A-HTRUST REIT Manager and/or the A-HTRUST BT Trustee-Manager.

By Order of the Board
Ascott Residence Trust Management Limited
(Company Registration No. 200516209Z)
As manager of Ascott Residence Trust

Karen Chan
Company Secretary
30 July 2019

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Important Notice

The value of the Ascott Reit Units and the income derived from them may fall as well as rise. The Ascott Reit Units are not obligations of, deposits in, or guaranteed by, the Ascott Reit Manager or any of its respective affiliates. An investment in the Ascott Reit Units is subject to investment risks, including the possible loss of the principal amount invested.

Investors have no right to request the Ascott Reit Manager to redeem their Ascott Reit Units while the Ascott Reit Units are listed. It is intended that Ascott Reit Unitholders may only deal in their Ascott Reit Units through trading on the SGX-ST. Listing of the Ascott Reit Units on the SGX-ST does not guarantee a liquid market for the Ascott Reit Units.

This announcement is for information only and does not constitute an invitation or offer to acquire, purchase or subscribe for Ascott Reit Units.

The past performance of Ascott Reit is not necessarily indicative of the future performance of Ascott Reit.

This announcement may contain forward-looking statements that involve assumptions, risks and uncertainties. Actual future performance, outcomes and results may differ materially from those expressed in forward-looking statements as a result of a number of risks, uncertainties and assumptions. Representative examples of these factors include (without limitation) general industry and economic conditions, interest rate trends, cost of capital and capital availability, competition from other developments or companies, shifts in expected levels of occupancy rate, property rental income, charge out collections, changes in operating expenses (including employee wages, benefits and training costs), governmental and public policy changes and the continued availability of financing in the amounts and the terms necessary to support future business. You are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which are based on the Ascott Reit Manager's current view on future events.