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# CLAYMORE CONNECT - THE LATEST FAMILY-FRIENDLY LIFESTYLE AND DINING DESTINATION IN ORCHARD ROAD

**Singapore, 7 October 2015** – CDL Hospitality Trusts ("CDLHT" or the "Group"), a stapled group comprising CDL Hospitality Real Estate Investment Trust ("H-REIT"), a real estate investment trust, and CDL Hospitality Business Trust ("HBT"), a business trust, is pleased to announce the official opening of Claymore Connect (formerly known as Orchard Hotel Shopping Arcade) following a comprehensive asset enhancement exercise. The enhancement exercise, which started in December 2013, has increased the mall's net lettable area by about 10,000 sq ft to approximately 54,000 sq ft<sup>1</sup>.

Given the increasing number of residential developments along the fringes of Orchard Road, the refreshed mall is well-poised to plug a gap in family-friendly malls. The enhanced tenant mix comprises more outlets that better cater to the discerning demands of urban families and will serve to differentiate Claymore Connect from other high-fashion malls along Orchard Road.

Visitors to Claymore Connect will get to enjoy the convenience of a supermarket and also delight in the array of offerings from the various restaurants, beauty stores as well as lifestyle services. Anchored by key tenant, Cold Storage, Claymore Connect also houses a good range of delectable food and beverage ("F&B") offerings from well-established and niche brands such as Redbank, The Rotisserie, Subway and Jewel Cafe. There are also two new F&B concepts which have opened in Claymore Connect - Mon Bijou and Hua Ting Steamboat. Mon Bijou is an artisanal bistro that serves French pastries and all-day breakfast nosh while Hua Ting Steamboat is a concept from Orchard Hotel's award-winning Chinese restaurant Hua Ting.

In addition, families with young children can opt to take part in activities at Ch'i Life, a family fitness studio or enrol their children at MapleBear Singapore, a renowned international preschool offering bilingual curriculum.

Mr Vincent Yeo, CEO of M&C REIT Management Limited, the manager of CDLHT, said, "The transformation of Claymore Connect into a family-friendly destination will help to enhance the potential of this asset."

In celebration of Claymore Connect's official opening, a series of exciting events and promotions have been organised on 10 and 11 October. In addition, shoppers who spend at least S\$50 (S\$80 if inclusive of Cold Storage receipts) will be able to redeem attractive Claymore Connect merchandise as well as a chance to win an iPhone 6 handset every week during October<sup>2</sup>.

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Excludes net lettable area of the adjoining Galleria which is not part of the asset enhancement exercise.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Terms and Conditions apply. Apple is not a sponsor or a participant in this promotion.

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### About Claymore Connect

Claymore Connect, formerly known as Orchard Hotel Shopping Arcade, is located on Claymore Road in Orchard's prime shopping district. The mall is adjacent to Orchard Hotel and it had recently completed an asset enhancement exercise.

The newly refurbished mall, with its enhanced retail offerings, is well-poised to fill a gap in familyoriented malls, given the increasing number of residential developments in and along the fringes of Orchard Road. The tenant mix post-asset enhancement is expected to cater to the needs of the residents living in the nearby precincts of Tanglin, Orchard and Claymore.

### About CDL Hospitality Trusts

CDL Hospitality Trusts ("CDLHT") is a stapled group comprising CDL Hospitality Real Estate Investment Trust ("H-REIT"), a real estate investment trust, and CDL Hospitality Business Trust ("HBT"), a business trust. CDLHT was listed on the Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited on 19 July 2006. M&C REIT Management Limited is the manager of H-REIT, the first hotel real estate investment trust in Singapore, and M&C Business Trust Management Limited is the trustee-manager of CDL Hospitality Business Trust.

CDLHT was established with the principal investment strategy of investing, directly or indirectly, in a diversified portfolio of income-producing real estate, which is primarily used for hospitality and/or hospitality-related purposes, whether wholly or partially, and real estate-related assets in relation to the foregoing.

As at 1 October 2015, CDLHT owns 15 hotels and two resorts with a total of 4,909 rooms, comprising:

- six hotels in Singapore (Orchard Hotel, Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel, M Hotel, Copthorne King's Hotel, Novotel Singapore Clarke Quay and Studio M Hotel) as well as a shopping arcade adjoining Orchard Hotel (Claymore Connect);
- (ii) five hotels in Australia's key gateway cities of Brisbane and Perth (Novotel Brisbane, Mercure Brisbane, Ibis Brisbane, Mercure Perth and Ibis Perth);
- (iii) two hotels in Japan's gateway city of Tokyo (Hotel MyStays Asakusabashi and Hotel MyStays Kamata);
- (iv) one hotel in New Zealand's gateway city of Auckland (Rendezvous Grand Hotel Auckland);
- (v) one hotel in Cambridge, United Kingdom (Cambridge City Hotel); and
- (vi) two resorts in Maldives (Angsana Velavaru and Jumeirah Dhevanafushi).