

# Ascott Residence Trust A Leading Global Serviced Residence REIT

FY2018 Financial Results

29 January 2019

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# Key Highlights of FY2018 and 4Q 2018

Ascott Orchard Singapore







8 Key Markets<sup>1</sup> Contributed ~85% Total Gross Profit Better Performance on a Same-Store Basis





Notes:

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Figures above as at 31 December 2018

1. Refers to Australia, China, France, Japan, Singapore, United Kingdom, United States and Vietnam

## Financial Highlights (FY2018 vs FY2017)



Revenue and Gross Profit grew **4%** and **5%** y-o-y respectively boosted by enlarged portfolio from acquisitions and higher same-store contributions



#### Notes:

1. Excluding one-off realised foreign exchange gain of \$\$1.6m arising from the receipt of divestment proceeds and repayment of foreign currency bank loans with the divestment proceeds and one-off partial distribution of divestment gains of \$\$6.5m

2. Excluding one-off realised foreign exchange gain of \$\$11.9m arising from repayment of foreign currency bank loans with proceeds from Rights Issue and divestments and one-off partial distribution of divestment gains of \$\$6.5m

## Financial Highlights (4Q 2018 vs 4Q 2017)



Higher contributions from properties acquired in FY 2017 and better performance of existing properties









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## **Revenue and Gross Profit by Contract Type** (4Q 2018 vs 4Q 2017)



Higher Revenue and Gross Profit achieved Better performance on same store basis

		Revenue (S\$'mil)			Gros	s Profit (S	S\$'mil)	RevPAU (S\$)		
		4Q 2018	4Q 2017	% Change	4Q 2018	4Q 2017	% Change	4Q 2018	4Q 2017	% Change
Stable Income	Master Leases	20.0	19.8	1	17.8	17.9	(1)	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Sta Inco	MCMGI <sup>1</sup>	20.5	19.3	6	8.2	8.2	-	196	179	10
Growth Income	Management Contracts	96.0	95.4	1	37.4	35.7	5	157	151	4
	<b>Total</b> 73 Properties <sup>2</sup>	136.5	134.5	2	63.4	61.8	3	163	155	5

• Master Leases: Revenue increased mainly due to full quarter contribution from Ascott Orchard Singapore

- **MCMGI:** Revenue grew 6% y-o-y underpinned by strong demand in Spain and United Kingdom.
- **Management Contracts:** Higher Revenue contributed by better performance of United States, Japan and Singapore properties, partially offset by loss of contribution from the two divested China properties, Citadines Biyun Shanghai and Citadines Gaoxin Xi'an

Notes:



2. Relates to operating properties only and excludes lyfone-north Singapore (under development)



# **j** Strong Performance



• 4Q 2018 Gross Profit comprised by **41% Stable** Income and **59% Growth** Income



### Stable Income:

- Refers to Master Leases and Management Contracts with Minimum Guaranteed Income. Weighted average tenure of contracts of ~ 5 Years
- Impact from rent reduction in French master leases renewal offset by better operating performance from Singapore and Spain which saw higher RevPAU with stronger demand

### Growth Income:

- 5% increase Y-o-Y due to better performance on a portfolio basis, partially offset by loss of contribution from two divested China properties
- On same store basis, better operating performance in Key Markets of China, Japan and United States



- Reversal of accrued transaction costs from divestment of China properties in 4Q 2018 increased **Divestment Gains by \$\$3.3m** to a total of **\$\$54.9m**
- 4Q 2018 Unitholders' Distribution of S\$46.5m to be paid out together with 3Q 2018's distribution in 1Q 2019. This includes one-off Capital Distribution of S\$6.5m



## **Inorganic and Organic Growth Strategies**

- Active capital recycling : Acquisition of site in September 2018 to develop maiden coliving property, lyf one-north Singapore; followed by divestment of Ascott Raffles Place Singapore announced in January 2019
- Access to ~20 pipeline properties from Sponsor via ROFR
- AEI completion of Somerset Grand Hanoi in 4Q 2018
- Proactive yield management and marketing strategies to capture rising global travelling trends in both business and leisure segments

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1. Average length of stay computed based on rental income for the year ended 31 December 2018, excluding properties on Master Leases

2. Proportion based on total Property Value of \$\$4,942.9m as of 31 December 2018



Notes:

As at 31 December 2018 (unless otherwise indicated)

# **<u>J</u>**Yield-Enhancing Capital Recycling



### Investment in lyf one-north Singapore



- Maiden development project; first coliving property
- Yield on cost of ~6%

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 Site handed over and hoarding in place. Tender for main contract works in progress, with the Project slated to complete in 2021

### Divestment of Ascott Raffles Place Singapore



- Sale Price of \$\$353.3m, or 64.3% above book value
- Exit Yield of ~2%
- Estimated net gain of \$\$134.0m



# Disciplined Capital and Risk Management

### **Prudent Capital and Debt Management**



- Gearing: 36.7% (debt headroom<sup>1</sup> of ~\$\$788m)
- Interest Cover: 4.8 times
- Effective Borrowing Cost: **2.3%** p.a.
- Debt Maturity 2020 and beyond: 96%

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Successfully refinanced S\$100m Medium Term Note and proceeds swapped into EUR at a lower fixed rate of 1.56%<sup>2</sup> p.a. for 5 years

### **Risk Management – Forex Hedging**



 Impact of foreign exchange fluctuation after hedges on FY2018 Gross Profit was 0%

> Historical impact of exchange rate movement on gross profit largely kept within the threshold of +/-1.4% for the past 5 years

#### Notes:

As at or for the year ending 31 December 2018

1. Refers to the amount of additional debt before reaching aggregate leverage limit of 45% set by MAS

2. Prior to re-financing, the original cost of borrowing was 4.30% p.a.

## Performance Driven by Balanced and Diversified Asset Allocation



## 60% Asia Pacific

### 40% Europe/Americas

Asic	a Pacific	60.2%
0	Singapore	20.3%
0	Japan	12.8%
0	China	10.0%
0	Vietnam	5.7%
0	Australia	5.3%
0	Philippines	3.0%
0	Indonesia	<b>2</b> .1%
	Malaysia	1.0%





# **Distribution Details**

Somerset Ho Chi Minh City





### Distribution of **3.966 cents per Unit** for period from **1 July 2018 to 31** December 2018

		Feb	oruary 2				
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	4 February
					1	2	Last Day of Trading on "cum" Basis
3	4	5 Chinese New Year	6 Chinese New Year	7	8	9	<b>7 February</b> Ex-Date
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	
							8 February Books Closure
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	
							28 February Distribution Payment
24	25	26	27	(28)			



# Portfolio Performance

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Citadines St Georges Terrace Perth

## J Balanced Portfolio of Stable Income and Growth Income



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	Stable	Income	Growth Income		
	Master Lease	Management Contracts with Minimum Income Guarantee	Management Contracts		
Description	Fixed rental <sup>1</sup> received	Enjoy minimum guaranteed income	Variable amount (no fixed or guaranteed rental)		
Location and Number of Properties <sup>2</sup>	27 properties mainly in Europe France(17) Germany(5) Australia(3) Singapore(2)	7 properties in Europe United Kingdom(4) Belgium(2) Spain(1)	39 properties mainly in Asia Pacific Australia(2) China(7) Indonesia(2) Japan(15) Malaysia(1) The Philippines(2) Singapore(2) United States(3) Vietnam(5)		
Percentage of Gross Profit <sup>3</sup>	28%	13%	59%		
	41%	59% Growth			

#### Notes:

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1. Rental received under master leases are generally fixed. However, some contracts provide for annual rental revisions pegged to indices; while some contracts include a variable rental above fixed rental if certain conditions are met



3. Based on 4Q 2018 Gross Profit

# **Delivering Resilient Performance**



### **8 Key Markets** contribute ~**85%** of Total Gross Profit No concentration in any single market

## 41% Stable

## 59% Growth

Master Leases	28%				Management Contracts	<b>59</b> %
France	12%				United States	16%
Singapore	7%	28%			Japan	13%
Germany	6%		Gross Profit	59%	Vietnam	<b>9</b> %
Australia	3%		S\$63.4m	0770	China	<b>7</b> %
		10			Australia	5%
MCMGI <sup>1</sup>	13%		3%		Singapore	4%
United Kingdom	9%				Philippines	3%
•					Indonesia	2%
Belgium	2%				Malaysia	<1%
Spain	2%				· · · ·	

8 Key Markets: Australia (8%), China (7%), France (12%), Japan (13%), Singapore (11%), United Kingdom (9%), United States (16%) and Vietnam (9%) contribute ~85% of Total Gross Profit



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## 8 Key Markets Generally Performed Well

Contributed to ~85% Total Gross Profit



		Gross Profit (LC'mil)			RevPAU (LC)			Koy Posson
		4Q 2018	4Q 2017	% Change	4Q 2018	4Q 2017	% Change	Key Reason for Change
ወ	Australia (AUD)	1.8	1.8	-	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	
С С С	France (EUR)	4.9	5.2	(6)	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	Lower rent upon lease renewal
Stable Income	Singapore (SGD)	4.6	4.2	10	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	Full quarter contribution from Ascott Orchard Singapore
Sta	United Kingdom (GBP)	3.4	3.4	-	137	125	10	Higher leisure demand
ЭС	Australia (AUD)	3.1	3.1	-	158	154	3	Higher corporate and leisure demand in Melbourne
	China (RMB)	23.9	21.2	13	472	446	6	Higher long stay demand and lower depreciation expense. Divestment of two properties with lower RevPAU led to 6% increase
Growth Income	Japan (JPY) <sup>1</sup>	666.7	596.7	12	12,642	12,312	3	Stronger corporate and leisure demand in Tokyo
Srowth	Singapore (SGD)	2.5	2.7	(7)	198	185	7	Higher operating costs partially offset by higher market demand
	United States (USD)	7.4	6.3	17	255	242	5	Stronger market demand and higher contribution from refurbished apartments at Sheraton Tribeca
	Vietnam (VND)²	91.1	94.7	(4)	1,555	1,599	(3)	Fewer project groups in Hanoi and increased supply and competition

Notes: All figures above are stated in local currency

1. RevPAU for Japan refers to serviced residences and excludes rental housing

2. Gross Profit figures for VND are stated in billions. RevPAU figures are stated in thousands.

# Key Country Updates

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Ascott Makati



# Higher corporate and leisure demand in Melbourne



#### Master Lease

#### Management Contracts





Citadines on

Bourke

Melbourne



3 Quest Properties

Citadines St Georges Terrace Perth

#### Performance Highlight and Market Outlook

- Revenue increased due to higher corporate and leisure demand in Melbourne
- Continued weakness of the AUD has put pressure on Revenue and Gross Profit in SGD terms
- IMF forecasted GDP growth of 2.8% for 2019 and a decline in unemployment rate<sup>2</sup>
- 2019 RevPAU for Melbourne is expected to be stable with strong fundamentals due to growth from inbound segments<sup>3</sup>
- Perth remains challenging as it is uncertain if investments and a possibly improving economy can enhance performance with increasing supply<sup>3</sup>

Note:

- 1. Of which, 3 properties under Master Lease contracts and 2 properties under Management Contracts contributed 3% and 5% respectively
- 2. Source: International Monetary Fund (2018) and OECD (2018)
- 3. Source: Colliers International (2018)



### Higher RevPAU from re-constitution of properties



Management Contracts Somerset Ascott Citadines Somerset Somerset Citadines Somerset Xu Hui

## Guangzhou

Shanghai

Xinghai Olympic Tower Suzhou Property Tianjin



Zhuankou Wuhan

Heping Shenyang

#### Performance Highlight and Market Outlook

- Y-o-Y Revenue decreased due to divestment of Citadines Biyun Shanghai and Citadines Gaoxin Xi'an on 5 January 2018. However, RevPAU increased as the two divested properties had relatively lower RevPAU against the other properties
- On a same store basis, Revenue and RevPAU increased 2% and 1% respectively due to higher long stay demand
- Same store Gross Profit increased 16% due to higher revenue, lower depreciation expense and marketing expense
- Forecasted 2019 GDP growth weakened to 6.2% due to ongoing trade tensions. Domestic demand will remain as a stable driver of growth<sup>2</sup> with corporate accounts driving the properties' performance. Market remains challenging with new supply expected to be injected across China<sup>3</sup>

#### Notes:

- Excluding Citadines Biyun Shanghai and Citadines Gaoxin Xi'an which were divested on 5 January 2018
- Source: International Monetary Fund (2019) and OECD (2018) 2.
- 3. Source: Hotel Management (2018)





Citadines Central

Shinjuku Tokyo



Citadines

Shinjuku Tokyo



Karasuma-Gojo

Kvoto

Management Contracts



Somerset

Azabu East

Tokyo



11 rental housina

properties

in Japan

# Higher corporate and leisure demand



### Performance Highlight and Market Outlook

- Revenue and RevPAU increased 3% due to higher corporate and leisure demand in Tokyo, partially offset by keen competition arising from new supply in Kyoto
- Stronger JPY and better underlying performance widened the increase in Revenue and RevPAU in SGD terms
- Projected GDP growth of 1.1% in 2019 by IMF. Growth is driven by wage hikes supporting private consumption and higher expected investments for 2020 Tokyo Olympics partially offset by planned sales tax hike in October 2019<sup>2</sup>
- Catalytic events including the 2019 Rugby World Cup are expected to pull tourists into the country, growing the visitor arrivals to the 40 million target by 2020<sup>3</sup>
- New supply is expected to enter the market in preparation for the 2020 Tokyo Olympics and may put pressure on the properties' performance<sup>4</sup>

#### Notes:

- 1. RevPAU relates to serviced residences and excludes rental housing properties
- 2. Source: International Monetary Fund (2019) and OECD (2018)
- 3. Source: Savills (2018)
- 4. Source: CBRE (2018)



### Higher market demand



#### relates to properties under Management Contracts only

Master Lease





Singapore



Management Contracts

Ascott **Raffles** Place Sinaapore

Ascott Somerset Liana Court Property Orchard Singapore

Citadines Mount Sophia Property Singapore

#### Performance Highlight and Market Outlook

- Revenue and RevPAU increased 7% due to higher market demand. Gross Profit decreased due to higher staff costs and marketing expense, partially mitigated by higher revenue
- Singapore's economy is forecasted to grow modestly at 2.5% in 2019 and is relatively well-positioned amongst the trade tension with its numerous bilateral and regional Free Trade Agreements<sup>2</sup>. As an advocate of innovation, Singapore has drawn big technology firms to set up shop locally and work on projects to fuel the fintech industry<sup>3</sup>
- In 2019, the opening of Jewel Changi Airport and the recent commencement of Seletar Airport grows private and business jet arrivals and increases the capacity of Changi Airport for larger planes<sup>3</sup>
- Hotel supply is expected to taper down to a compounded annual growth rate of 1.3% between 2017 to 2020 from 5.5% in the prior 3 years from 2017. The hospitality sector can brace itself for a RevPAU uplift in 2019<sup>4</sup>

#### Note:

- Of which, 2 properties under Master Lease contracts and 2 properties under Management Contracts contributed 7% and 4% respectively
- Source: International Monetary Fund (2018) and DBS (2018) 2.
- Source: The Straits Times (2018) 3.
  - 4. Source: Singapore Business Review (2018)

# **United Kingdom**

Contributed 9% to Gross Profit

### Higher leisure demand



#### Management Contracts with Minimum Guaranteed Income









Citadines Trafalgar Ho Square London Go

es Citadines ar Holborn-Covent Idon Garden London

Citadines Barbican London

Citadines South Kensington London

#### Performance Highlight and Market Outlook

- Higher Revenue and RevPAU led by higher leisure demand
- Gross Profit remained stable due to higher staff costs and marketing expense, offset by higher revenue
- On the assumption of a smooth Brexit, UK's economic growth is expected to grow at 1.5% in 2019. While it is still uncertain the eventualities of Brexit, trade arrangements and employment shortages are affected<sup>1</sup>
- Key events such as the Cricket World Cup and the NBA London Games are expected to drive demand. In 2019, ~4,300 rooms are expected to enter the market so overall RevPAU is forecasted to weaken minimally by 0.3% in 2019<sup>2</sup>
- Ascott REIT's UK portfolio, structured as management contracts with minimum guaranteed income, limits downside risks

#### Note

Source: International Monetary Fund (2019) and OECD (2018)
 Source: PwC (2018)

# United States

Contributed 16% to Gross Profit

### Higher revenue from refurbished apartments and improved market



#### Management Contracts







Element New York Times Square West

DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel New York – Times Square South

Sheraton Tribeca New York Hotel

#### Performance Highlight and Market Outlook

- Higher Revenue and Gross Profit due to higher revenue from refurbished apartments at Sheraton Tribeca New York Hotel and stronger market demand
- Excluding straight-line recognition of operating lease expense, Gross Profit increased by USD1.0 million (14%) due to higher revenue
- IMF forecasted US economic growth to slow to 2.5% in 2019. Supported by solid consumption growth and a tightening labour market, growth is partially weighed down by tapering fiscal policy<sup>1</sup>
- Average room rates and RevPAU are projected to increase by 2.3% and 2.4% respectively in 2019, in spite of supply growth outshining demand growth<sup>2</sup>

#### Notes:

- 1. Source: International Monetary Fund (2019) and OECD (2018)
- 2. Source: STR and Tourism Economics (2018) and CBRE (2018)

## **Vietnam** Contributed 9% to Gross Profit

#### Management Contracts



Somerset

Grand Hanoi



Somerset West

Lake Hanoi



Somerset Ho

Chi Minh City



Somerset

Chancellor Court

Ho Chi Minh City

# Revenue stable despite competition



#### Performance Highlight and Market Outlook

Somerset

Hoa Binh

Hanoi

- Revenue and RevPAU increased from post renovation of Somerset Grand Hanoi, offset by lower revenue from fewer project groups and increased supply in Hanoi
- Gross Profit decreased 4% due to higher depreciation expense and operation and maintenance expense
- Vietnam's economy is expected to grow at 6.5% in 2019 driven by processing-manufacturing and services sector<sup>1</sup>. As companies reassess their global supply chains in the medium term with the ongoing trade tensions, Vietnam is poised to be a beneficiary<sup>2</sup>
- The hosting of the Formula 1 Grand Prix Project in 2020 is expected to ramp up tourist arrivals and investments in infrastructure in Hanoi<sup>3</sup>
- New supply of approximately 3,000 and 1,700 units are expected to be injected into Ho Chi Minh City and Hanoi<sup>4</sup>

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#### Notes:

- 1. Source: International Monetary Fund (2018) and Vietnam News (2018)
- 2. Source: DBS (2018)
- Source: Bloomberg (2018)
   Source: Savills (2018)



# Short Term Outlook



### Strategies cushion effects of impending challenges

Opportunities/Threats	Strategies Adopted
<ul> <li>Tapered Economic Growth</li> <li>Continued trade tensions</li> <li>Policy uncertainties</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Diversification</li> <li>No Gross Profit concentration from any single market</li> </ul>
Rising Global Travelling Trends	<ul> <li>Global Reach</li> <li>73 properties spanning across 14 countries and 37 cities; well-positioned to capture growth in travelling trends</li> </ul>
Potential Rising Interest Rate Environment	<ul> <li>Capital &amp; Risk Management         <ul> <li>~80% of total debt on fixed rates</li> <li>Debt maturity of 3.9 years</li> <li>&lt;5% of debt expiring in 2019, low re-financing risk</li> </ul> </li> <li>Fitch Reaffirmed Ratings as "BBB" with Stable Outlook         <ul> <li>Maintained investment grade status; ability to borrow at attractive rates</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Competition and New Supply	<ul> <li>Active Asset Management</li> <li>Asset Enhancement Initiatives</li> <li>Leveraging on technology</li> </ul>

# Value Creation Strategies

Citadines City Centre Frankfurt

Citadines

# Value Creation Strategies



### Five pronged strategies to deliver value to Unitholders



# Key Milestone Acquisitions since IPO



### Total Assets since Listing (S\$b)



Notes: Figures above exclude lyf one-north Singapore (under development)

1. The decrease in total assets is due to the divestment of Citadines Biyun Shanghai and Citadines Gaoxin Xi'an on 5 January 2018

# Acquisition of Prime Site



**lyf one-north Singapore -** new coliving product targeted at rising millennialminded business travellers market



- Located in **prime** developing district;
   Strengthening presence in Singapore
- Comprising 324 studio and loft units<sup>1</sup>,
   project targets to open in **2021**
- Total project cost of ~\$\$117.0 million<sup>2</sup>
- Yield on cost ~6%

#### Note:

- 1. Subject to change
- 2. Including \$\$62.4 million site tender price; development to be 100% debt funded

## **Active Asset Management** <sup>2</sup> (Completed Asset Enhancement Initiatives)



### Achieved ADR uplift of 10% to 20% upon completion of Asset Enhancement Initiatives

### Ascott Makati



### Somerset Grand Hanoi



Completed in 2018



Post-refurbishment

Completed in 2018

### **Criteria for Asset Enhancement Initiatives**

- . Age of the Property
- 2. Market Outlook
- 3. Yield Accretion

**Active Asset Management** <sup>2</sup> (Updates<sup>1</sup> on Asset Enhancement Initiatives)



Ascott Makati	Renovation of 183 apartment units				
(Phase II) The Philippines	Completed end July 2018				

Somerset Grand Hanoi	Renovation of apartment units, toilets and public area
Vietnam	Phase I : completed in December 2017 Phase II : <b>completed in December 2018</b>









## Generated ...

**Total Net Divestment Gains** S\$441.6 million

**Total Divestment Proceeds** S\$1.6 billion

### Criteria for Divestment

- Property Life Cycle 1.
- 2. Market Conditions
- 3. Requirement for additional capital outlay

# **Opportunistic**

Notes

Divestment figures above relates to ~10 transactions involving over 30 properties since listing to January 2019 and includes expected divestment gains of ~S\$134.0 million from the sale of Ascott Raffles Place Singapore, to be completed in May 2019 at a sale price of S\$353.3 million


## *i* Opportunistic Divestments 3



### **Divestment of Ascott Raffles Place Singapore**



- Opportunistic divestment: The sale price of \$\$353.3 million was the highest offer received during marketing exercise
- Consideration was 64.3% above book value, with a net gain of ~\$\$134.0 million
- Deliver financial flexibility; proceeds to pare down debts and fund potential acquisitions
- Collected 15% Sale Price; balance to be received on completion in May 2019



## 💪 Capital & Risk Management (



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Strong Balance Sheet	Liquidity and Interest Rate Risk Management	Foreign Exchange Risk Management
At comfortable target gearing of approximately 40%	Diversified funding sources and proactive interest rate management	Manage exposure through natural hedges and derivatives
Gearing remained low at 36.7% (vs 36.4%) 3.9 years Weighted average debt to maturity (vs 3.8 years) ~80% otal debts on fixed rates to hedge against rising interest rates (vs ~82%)	<b>BBB'</b> (stable outlook) Long-term rating by Fitch Healthy Metrics	Effective borrowing cost maintained at 2.3% per annum (vs 2.3% p.a.) NAV Per Unit S\$1.221 (vs S\$1.22) Historical impact of exchange rate movement of ±1.4% on Gross Profit for the past 5 years

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Figures above as at/for the period ending 31 December 2018, with 30 September 2018 comparable in brackets

1. Adjusted NAV per unit, excluding the distributable income to Unitholders, is \$\$1.18

### **Diversified Funding Sources** Well Spread-out Debt Maturity

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<5% debt maturing in 2019 Well-diversified funding sources of 59% Bank Loans: 41% MTN

#### **Debt Maturity Profile**



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swapped into EUR at a fixed interest rate of 2.15% p.a. over the same tenure



Notes: As at 31 December 2018

same tenure

1. Prior to re-financing, the original cost of borrowing was 4.30% p.a.

## Foreign Currency Risk Management



Striking a balance between cost of hedging and uncertainty in currency fluctuations

### **Considerations for Hedging**

1. Natural Hedge Proportion 3. Cost of Hedging 2. Portfolio Diversification

4. Need for Certainty

~49% **Total Assets in Foreign Currency Hedged** 

### **Balance Sheet Hedge**

Use of foreign borrowings as natural hedge and swaps to match the capital value of assets on a portfolio basis

### 0%

**Impact of Foreign** Exchange after hedges on **Gross Profit for FY2018** 

### **Income Hedge**

Use of forward contracts to hedge foreign currencies income to protect distribution



## L Strong Sponsor – The Ascott Limited

### A wholly-owned subsidiary of CapitaLand Limited



1. Exclude the number of properties under the Synergy corporate housing portfolio

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# Conclusion

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La Clef Louvre Paris

## Conclusion



## Creation of long term, stable returns to Unitholders through diversified portfolio and extended-stay business model



Note:

1. For sale of over 30 properties since listing to January 2019 and includes expected divestment gains of ~S\$134.0 mil from the sale of Ascott Raffles Place Singapore, to be completed in May 2019 at a sale price of S\$353.3 mil

## **L** Awards and Accolades



### Clinched Highly Coveted Accolades

#### World Travel Awards 2018

- Leading Serviced Apartments in respective countries
  - Citadines Arnulfpark Munich
  - Citadines Sainte-Catherine Brussels
  - Citadines Ramblas
     Barcelona

#### **TripAdvisor Awards**

- Travellers' Choice Award 2018
  - Ascott Makati
  - Citadines South Kensington London
  - La Clef Lourve Paris
  - Somerset Ampang Kuala Lumpur
  - Somerset Grand Hanoi
  - Somerset Ho Chi Minh City
  - Somerset Xu Hui Shanghai
- Certificate of Excellence Award 2018

   24 properties<sup>1</sup>

### Asia Pacific Best of the Breeds REITs Awards 2018

- Best Hospitality REIT
  - Platinum
  - (Second year in a row) 🂐



#### Singapore Governance and Transparency Index 2018

• Ranked **3** out of the 43 Trusts

#### **Business Traveller Asia-Pacific Awards 2018**

 Best Serviced Residence Brand in Asia Pacific

### Travel Weekly Asia Readers' Choice Awards 2018

Best Serviced Residence Group



## **Other Information**

Somerset Grand Central Dalian

### Ascott REIT – A Leading Global Serviced Residence REIT



### Well-diversified portfolio of quality assets located in major gateway cities



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Figures above as at 31 December 2018 (unless otherwise indicated) and exclude lyfone-north Singapore (under-development)

Based on closing share price of \$\$1.15 as at 18 January 2019 1.

# **L** Key Features of Ascott REIT



Investment Mandate	<ul> <li>Invests primarily in real estate and real estate-related assets which are income- producing and which are used, or predominantly used, as serviced residences, rental housing properties and other hospitality assets in any country in the world</li> </ul>
Leverage	<ul> <li>Based on regulatory requirements, Ascott REIT's aggregate leverage limit cannot exceed 45%<sup>1</sup></li> <li>Historically, Ascott REIT's aggregate leverage has been at approximately 34%-41%<sup>2</sup></li> </ul>
Minimum Distribution Payout Ratio	<ul> <li>Required to distribute at least 90% of its taxable income to Unitholders to qualify for the Inland Revenue Authority of Singapore tax transparency treatment for REITs</li> <li>Since its listing, Ascott REIT has paid out <b>100%</b> of its distributable income to Unitholders</li> </ul>
Sponsor-aligned Interest	<ul> <li>CapitaLand Limited, the parent company of The Ascott Limited ("Ascott"), is a substantial Unitholder of Ascott REIT (~45% interest in Ascott REIT)</li> </ul>
Corporate Governance	<ul> <li>Externally managed by Ascott Residence Trust Management Limited<sup>3</sup></li> <li>Majority Independent Non-Executive Directors on the Board</li> </ul>

#### Notes:

- 1. Ascott REIT is governed by the Code on Collective Investment Schemes ("CIS Code") issued by the Monetary Authority of Singapore.
- 2. Based on Ascott REIT's gearing for financial years 2011 2018.
- 3. An indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of CapitaLand Limited



# **Coverview of Ascott REIT**



Cap/taLand

### Trust Structure



Note:

48 - As at 31 December 2018, which excludes lyf one-north Singapore (under development)

## Where is Ascott REIT since IPO 12 Years Ago



### Geographical presence deepened from 7 to 37 cities



Total Unitholder's Return <sup>1</sup>	
>300%	

Notes:

1. Consists all distributions and capital appreciation of Ascott Reit's unit price from IPO in March 2006 to 31 December 2018 (Source: Bloomberg as at 31 December 2018)

# **Under Are Serviced Residences?**

### **Characterised By**

#### **Fully Furnished Apartments**

- Including kitchen facilities, living and dining area
- May also include gyms and laundry services
- Limited services provided; with lower staff-to-room ratio

### Flexibility of Short and Extended Stay Catered to

- Leisure guests
- Corporate guests travelling alone or with families

#### Seasonality

 Predominantly driven by long term macroeconomic factors; GDP & FDI inflows

## Providing a "Home away from home"









## **J** Business Model

#### **Engages Service of Operator**



**Owner** Ascott Reit

What we do:

Invest in serviced residences, rental housing properties and other hospitality assets around the world

### Value Creation:

To deliver stable and sustainable returns to Unitholders through the ownership of the assets **Sponsor/Operator** The Ascott Limited

What we do: Experienced Operator of Serviced Residence & Lodging Product

Value Creation: Experience, Deepened Presence for Economies of Scale; Suite of Brands

### Guests

### Description:

A good mix of corporate vs leisure customers; varying across length of stay

Enjoyment of different experience

Provision of Customer Service



### Thank You

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