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ASCOTT RESIDENCE TRUST

A stapled group comprising:

Ascott Real Estate Investment Trust

(A real estate investment trust constituted on 19 January 2006 under the laws of the Republic of Singapore)

Managed by

Ascott Residence Trust Management Limited
(Company Registration No. 200516209Z)

Ascott Business Trust

(A business trust constituted on 9 September 2019 under the laws of the Republic of Singapore)

Managed by

Ascott Business Trust Management Pte. Ltd.
(Company Registration No. 201925299R)

ANNOUNCEMENT

**RECEIPT OF APPROVAL IN-PRINCIPLE FOR LISTING AND QUOTATION OF
152,594,100 NEW STAPLED SECURITIES**

Further to its announcements dated 9 September 2021 and 10 September 2021 in relation to the placement of new stapled securities (“**New Stapled Securities**”) in Ascott Residence Trust (“**ART**”) at an issue price of S\$0.983 per New Stapled Security (the “**Private Placement**”), Ascott Residence Trust Management Limited (as manager of Ascott Real Estate Investment Trust) and Ascott Business Trust Management Pte. Ltd. (as trustee-manager of Ascott Business Trust), collectively as managers of ART (the “**Managers**”), wish to announce that approval in-principle has been obtained today from Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited (the “**SGX-ST**”) for the listing of, and dealing in and quotation on the Main Board of the SGX-ST of 152,594,100 New Stapled Securities which are proposed to be issued pursuant to the Private Placement.

The SGX-ST’s approval in-principle is not to be taken as an indication of the merits of the Private Placement, the New Stapled Securities, ART and/or its subsidiaries.

In respect of the Private Placement, the SGX-ST's approval in-principle is subject to:

- (i) compliance with the SGX-ST's listing requirements;
- (ii) submission of:
 - (a) a written undertaking from the Managers that they will comply with Rule 803 of the Listing Manual of the SGX-ST (the "**Listing Manual**");
 - (b) a written undertaking from the Managers that they will comply with Rule 704(30) and Rule 1207(20) of the Listing Manual in relation to the use of proceeds from the Private Placement and where proceeds are to be used for working capital purposes, the Managers will disclose a breakdown with specific details on the use of proceeds for working capital in ART's announcements on use of proceeds and in its annual report;
 - (c) a written undertaking from J.P. Morgan (S.E.A) Limited and Oversea-Chinese Banking Corporation Limited, as the joint lead managers and underwriters for the Private Placement (the "**Joint Lead Managers and Underwriters**") that they will comply with Rule 803 of the Listing Manual;
 - (d) a written confirmation from the Managers that they will not issue the New Stapled Securities to persons prohibited under Rule 812(1) of the Listing Manual; and
 - (e) a written confirmation from the Joint Lead Managers and Underwriters that the New Stapled Securities will not be placed out to persons prohibited under Rule 812(1) of the Listing Manual.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

ASCOTT RESIDENCE TRUST MANAGEMENT LIMITED

(Company Registration No. 200516209Z)

As manager of Ascott Real Estate Investment Trust

ASCOTT BUSINESS TRUST MANAGEMENT PTE. LTD.

(Company Registration No. 201925299R)

As trustee-manager of Ascott Business Trust

Karen Chan

Company Secretary

16 September 2021

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The value of the Stapled Securities and the income derived from them may fall as well as rise. Stapled Securities are not obligations of, deposits in, or guaranteed by, Ascott Residence Trust Management Limited as manager of Ascott Real Estate Investment Trust or Ascott Business Trust Management Pte. Ltd. as trustee-manager of Ascott Business Trust or any of their respective affiliates.

An investment in the Stapled Securities is subject to investment risks, including the possible loss of the principal amount invested. Stapled Securityholders have no right to request that the Managers redeem or purchase their Stapled Securities while the Stapled Securities are listed. It is intended that Stapled Securityholders may only deal in their Stapled Securities through trading on the SGX-ST. Listing of the Stapled Securities on the SGX-ST does not guarantee a liquid market for the Stapled Securities. The past performance of ART is not necessarily indicative of the future performance of ART.

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This publication has not been reviewed by the Monetary Authority of Singapore.

Notification under Section 309B of the Securities and Futures Act, Chapter 289 of Singapore: The Stapled Securities are prescribed capital markets products (as defined in the Securities and Futures (Capital Markets Products) Regulations 2018) and Excluded Investment Products (as defined

in MAS Notice SFA 04-N12: Notice on the Sale of Investment Products and MAS Notice FAA-N16: Notice on Recommendations on Investment Products).