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### ASCOTT WINS BIG AT THE 2016 WORLD TRAVEL AWARDS™

*Amongst Ascott's three industry accolades is the prestigious region-wide award for The Ascott Limited, named 'The Middle East's Leading Serviced Apartment Brand'*

**Dubai, United Arab Emirates:** The Ascott Limited (Ascott), the world's largest serviced residence owner-operator, has scooped three top industry awards at this year's World Travel Awards™, of which the winners for the Middle Eastern segment were announced at a gala ceremony held at the St. Regis Dubai on 29<sup>th</sup> September.

Beating off fierce regional competition, Ascott's flagship and award-winning marque, The Ascott Limited, was named this year's Leading Serviced Apartment Brand for the entire Middle East.

Elsewhere for the company, individual property honours for 2016 went to Somerset West Bay Doha (named Qatar's Leading Serviced Apartments); and Ascott Park Place Dubai (which scooped the award for Dubai's Leading Serviced Apartments).

Now in its 23<sup>rd</sup> year, the World Travel Awards™ recognises the cream of the crop in the global travel industry and celebrates excellence in all key sectors of the travel, tourism and hospitality market.

"We are proud to have won in three categories and be acknowledged as the leading name in the Middle East's serviced residence industry," commented Vincent Miccolis, Ascott's Area General Manager for the GCC.

"I dedicate these awards to our staff members who worked tirelessly to ensure the well-being of our guests and provide unique home-away-from-home experiences. These awards inspire us to do more and work even harder in delivering award-winning hospitality and world-class experiences for our guests."

Ascott, along with other regional winners from across Europe, North America, Asia and Australasia etc. will now compete head-to-head in the corresponding world categories to decide who will triumph in the World Travel Awards™ world awards. Global winners will be announced at the grand finale ceremony held on 2<sup>nd</sup> December in the Maldives.

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In the Middle East, Ascott's portfolio comprises of seven operating properties and 10 under development across six countries, including, UAE, Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Qatar, Oman and Turkey.

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### **About The Ascott Limited**

The Ascott Limited is a Singapore company that has grown to be the world's largest international serviced residence owner-operator. It has over 29,000 operating serviced residence units in key cities of the Americas, Asia Pacific, Europe and the Middle East, as well as over 17,000 units which are under development, making a total of more than 46,000 units in over 290 properties. The company operates three award-winning brands – Ascott, Citadines and Somerset. Its portfolio spans more than 100 cities across 27 countries.

Ascott, a wholly owned subsidiary of CapitaLand Limited, pioneered Asia Pacific's first international-class serviced residence with the opening of The Ascott Singapore in 1984. Today, the company boasts over 30 years of industry track record and award-winning serviced residence brands that enjoy recognition worldwide.

Ascott's achievements have been recognised internationally. Recent awards include World Travel Awards 2016 for 'Leading Serviced Apartment Brand' in Europe and the Middle East; Business Traveller Asia-Pacific Awards 2016 for 'Best Serviced Residence Brand'; Business Traveller Middle East Awards 2016 for 'Best Serviced Apartment Company'; TTG China Travel Awards 2016 for 'Best Serviced Residence Operator in China'; DestinAsian Readers' Choice Awards 2016 for 'Best Serviced Residence Brand'; Business Traveller UK Awards 2015 for 'Best Serviced Apartment Company' and Business Traveller China Awards 2015 for 'Best Serviced Residence Brand' and 'Best Serviced Residence'. For a full list of awards, please visit <http://www.theascottlimited.com/en/aboutus/awards>.

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### **About CapitaLand Limited**

CapitaLand is one of Asia's largest real estate companies headquartered and listed in Singapore. The company leverages its significant asset base, design and development capabilities, active capital management strategies, extensive market network and operational capabilities to develop high-quality real estate products and services. Its diversified global real estate portfolio includes integrated developments, shopping malls, serviced residences, offices

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and homes. Its two core markets are Singapore and China, while Indonesia, Malaysia and Vietnam have been identified as new growth markets. The company also has one of the largest real estate fund management businesses with assets located in Asia.

CapitaLand's listed real estate investment trusts are CapitaLand Mall Trust, CapitaLand Commercial Trust, Ascott Residence Trust, CapitaLand Retail China Trust and CapitaLand Malaysia Mall Trust.

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