

#### **NEWS RELEASE**

# CapitaLand Ascott Trust divests Citadines Karasuma-Gojo Kyoto for JPY6.18 billion

Transaction is part of CLAS' active portfolio reconstitution strategy to deliver sustainable returns to Stapled Securityholders

**Singapore, 9 October 2024** – CapitaLand Ascott Trust (CLAS) has divested Citadines Karasuma-Gojo Kyoto in Japan to an unrelated third party for about JPY6.18 billion (S\$53.1 million<sup>1</sup>).

The 124-unit property was divested at 40.1% above book value at an exit EBITDA yield of about 0.3%<sup>2</sup>. Net proceeds of the divestment are JPY4.4 billion (S\$37.8 million) and CLAS has recognised a net gain<sup>3</sup> of JPY0.9 billion (S\$8.0 million).

Ms Serena Teo, Chief Executive Officer of CapitaLand Ascott Trust Management Limited and CapitaLand Ascott Business Trust Management Pte. Ltd. (the Managers of CLAS), said: "The divestment of Citadines Karasuma-Gojo Kyoto is in line with CLAS' active portfolio reconstitution strategy. The mature property has reached the optimal stage of its lifecycle. We plan to redeploy the divestment proceeds into higher-yielding investments to further grow our returns to Stapled Securityholders. Japan remains a key market for CLAS and is one of our strongest performing markets. We continue to seek opportunities to strengthen our portfolio in Japan."

"The proposed acquisition of lyf Funan Singapore announced last week demonstrates CLAS' ability to enhance value for Stapled Securityholders by using proceeds from our divestment of Citadines Mount Sophia Singapore at an exit EBITDA yield of 3.2%<sup>4</sup> towards the proposed acquisition of lyf Funan Singapore at a higher yield of 4.7%<sup>5</sup>. In 1H 2024, CLAS also completed the acquisition of Teriha Ocean Stage, a rental housing property in Fukuoka, Japan and fully acquired Standard at Columbia, a student accommodation property in the United States of America. The acquisitions will strengthen our income stream, creating sustainable value for our Stapled Securityholders," added Ms Teo.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Based on the exchange rate of S\$1 to JPY0.0086.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Based on FY 2023 EBITDA.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Assuming proceeds are redeployed in Japan.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Exit EBITDA yield is computed based on the divestment price of S\$148.0 million.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> The EBITDA yield is computed based on the agreed property value of lyf Funan Singapore.

To further enhance the quality of CLAS' portfolio, it has completed asset enhancement initiatives (AEI) for four properties<sup>6</sup> in 1H 2024. CLAS has four<sup>7</sup> additional properties in its AEI pipeline that are expected to complete between 2H 2024 and 2026. These AEIs will better position CLAS' properties to capture lodging demand, raise their value and drive higher returns.

### CLAS' portfolio in Japan

CLAS' properties in Japan saw high demand in 2Q 2024. Revenue per available unit increased 29% year-on-year to JPY19,288 as its average daily rate continued to rise. Post-divestment, CLAS will have a portfolio of 29 properties comprising a mix of serviced residences, hotels, rental housing and student accommodation properties in Japan. These properties are situated in gateway cities such as Tokyo, Osaka, Fukuoka, Hiroshima and Sapporo.

#### Proposed acquisition of lyf Funan Singapore to grow CLAS' income stream

On 1 October 2024, CLAS announced the proposed acquisition of lyf Funan Singapore at an agreed property value of S\$263 million<sup>8</sup>. It is expected to increase CLAS' total distribution by S\$3.5 million, which translates to a Distribution per Stapled Security accretion of 1.5% on a FY 2023 pro forma basis. Subject to the approval of Stapled Securityholders at an extraordinary general meeting scheduled in November 2024, the proposed acquisition is expected to be completed in 4Q 2024<sup>9</sup>.

#### About CapitaLand Ascott Trust (www.capitalandascotttrust.com)

CapitaLand Ascott Trust (CLAS) is the largest lodging trust in Asia Pacific with an asset value of S\$8.5 billion as at 30 June 2024. CLAS' objective is to invest primarily in income-producing real estate and real estate-related assets which are used or predominantly used as serviced residences, rental housing properties, student accommodation and other hospitality assets in any country in the world. CLAS was listed on the Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited (SGX-ST) since March 2006, and is a constituent of the FTSE EPRA Nareit Global Real Estate Index Series (Global Developed Index).

CLAS' international portfolio comprises 102 properties with more than 18,000 units in 45 cities across 16 countries in Asia Pacific, Europe and the United States of America as at 30 June 2024.

CLAS' properties are mostly operated under the Ascott, Somerset, Quest and Citadines brands. They are mainly located in key gateway cities such as Barcelona, Berlin, Brussels, Hanoi, Ho Chi Minh City, Jakarta, Kuala Lumpur, London, Manila, Melbourne, Munich, New York, Paris, Perth, Seoul, Singapore, Sydney and Tokyo.

CLAS is a stapled group comprising CapitaLand Ascott Real Estate Investment Trust (CapitaLand Ascott REIT) and CapitaLand Ascott Business Trust (CapitaLand Ascott BT). CLAS is managed by CapitaLand Ascott Trust Management Limited (as manager of CapitaLand Ascott REIT) and CapitaLand Ascott Business Trust Management Pte. Ltd. (as trustee-manager of CapitaLand Ascott BT). The manager and trustee-manager are wholly

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> The Robertson House by The Crest Collection in Singapore, Citadines Les Halles Paris, Citadines Kurfürstendamm Berlin and La Clef Tour Eiffel Paris.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Citadines Holborn-Covent Garden London, Temple Bar Hotel Dublin, The Cavendish London and Sydney Central Hotel.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Takes into account the independent valuations of the property by HVS and Colliers as at 30 June 2024.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> While the target date for completion is 4Q 2024, the long stop date for completion is 28 February 2025 or such later date as the parties to the Unit Purchase Agreement may agree.

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CLI aims to scale its fund management, lodging management and commercial management businesses globally and maintain effective capital management. As the investment management arm of CapitaLand Group, CLI has access to the development capabilities of and pipeline investment opportunities from CapitaLand's development arm.

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