THE ASCOTT GROUP LIMITED
(Incorporated in the Republic of Singapore)
Company Registration no. 197900881N

VOLUNTARY UNCONDITIONAL CASH OFFER FOR THE ASCOTT GROUP LIMITED (THE "COMPANY")
APPOINTMENT OF PRICEWATERHOUSECOOPERS CORPORATE FINANCE PTE LTD AS INDEPENDENT FINANCIAL ADVISER

The Board of Directors of the Company refers to the announcement dated 8 January 2008 made by DBS Bank Ltd (the "**Offer Announcement**"), for and on behalf of Somerset Capital Pte Ltd (the "**Offeror**"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of CapitaLand Limited, in relation to the Offeror's intention to make a voluntary unconditional cash offer (the "**Offer**") for the Company.

The Board of Directors of the Company wishes to inform its shareholders ("**Shareholders**") that it has appointed PricewaterhouseCoopers Corporate Finance Pte Ltd ("**IFA**") as the independent financial adviser to advise the Directors of the Company who are considered independent for the purposes of the Offer (the "**Independent Directors**").

A circular containing, *inter alia*, the advice of IFA and the recommendation of the Independent Directors in respect of the Offer (the "**Circular**") will be sent to Shareholders within 14 days of the despatch of the offer document to be issued by or for and on behalf of the Offeror.

In the meantime, Shareholders are advised to exercise caution when dealing in their shares in the Company ("Shares") and to refrain from taking any action in relation to their Shares which may be prejudicial to their interests until they or their advisers have considered the information and the recommendations of the Independent Directors as well as the advice of IFA, which will be set out in the Circular to be issued in due course.

The Board of Directors of the Company (including those who may have delegated detailed supervision of this announcement ("**Announcement**")) has taken all reasonable care to ensure that the facts stated and all opinions expressed in this Announcement are fair and accurate and that no material facts have been omitted from this Announcement, and they jointly and severally accept responsibility accordingly.

By Order of the Board

Hazel Chew / Lam Chee Kin
Joint Company Secretaries
15 January 2008