# VOLUNTARY UNCONDITIONAL CASH OFFER

by

## DBS BANK LTD

(Company Registration No. 196800306E)
(Incorporated in the Republic of Singapore)

for and on behalf of

## SOMERSET CAPITAL PTE LTD

(Company Registration No. 199903322R)
(Incorporated in the Republic of Singapore)

a wholly-owned subsidiary of

## CAPITALAND LIMITED

(Company Registration No. 198900036N)
(Incorporated in the Republic of Singapore)

to acquire all the issued ordinary shares in the capital of

## THE ASCOTT GROUP LIMITED

(Company Registration No. 197900881N)
(Incorporated in the Republic of Singapore)

other than those already held by Somerset Capital Pte Ltd, Somerset Land Pte Ltd and Areca Investment Pte Ltd as at the date of the Offer

# LEVEL OF ACCEPTANCES

## 1. INTRODUCTION

DBS Bank Ltd ("**DBS Bank**") refers to the offer document dated 26 January 2008 (the "**Offer Document**") in connection with the voluntary unconditional cash offer (the "**Offer**") by DBS Bank, for and on behalf of Somerset Capital Pte Ltd (the "**Offeror**"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of CapitaLand Limited, to acquire all the issued ordinary shares ("**Shares**") in the capital of The Ascott Group Limited ("**Ascott**") other than those already held by the Offeror, Somerset Land Pte Ltd ("**SLPL**") and Areca Investment Pte Ltd ("**AIPL**") as at the date of the Offer.

All capitalised terms not defined herein shall have the same meaning as used in the Offer Document.

## 2. LEVEL OF ACCEPTANCES AND AGGREGATE HOLDING

### 2.1 Acceptances of the Offer

Based on information provided to the Offeror, as at 5.00 p.m. on 3 March 2008, the Offeror has received, pursuant to the Offer, valid acceptances in respect of 379,972,739 Offer Shares, representing approximately 23.59% of the total number of Shares in issue[1].

Based on information available to the Offeror as at 3 March 2008, these acceptances include acceptances received from the Offeror's Concert Parties in respect of 5,189,161 Offer Shares, representing approximately 0.32% of the total number of Shares in issue.

### 2.2 Shares held before the Offer Period

As at 8 January 2008, being the Announcement Date, the Offeror, SLPL and AIPL owned or controlled an aggregate of 1,067,846,016 Shares, representing approximately 66.52% of the total number of Shares in issue then. As at the Announcement Date, the Offeror's other Concert Parties owned or controlled an aggregate of 4,886,550 Shares[2], representing approximately 0.30% of the total number of Shares in issue then.

Save as disclosed above, neither the Offeror nor its Concert Parties owned, controlled or agreed to acquire any Shares as at the Announcement Date.

### 2.3 Acquisitions/Purchases during the Offer Period

Between the Announcement Date and 5.00 p.m. on 27 February 2008, the Offeror has acquired by way of market purchases on the SGX-ST an aggregate of 132,236,000 Shares[3], representing approximately 8.21% of the total number of Shares in issue.

On 13 February 2008, 14,500 new Shares were issued to certain directors of subsidiaries of CapitaLand pursuant to the exercise of Options by such directors.

On 21 February 2008, 701,932 new Shares were issued to certain directors of subsidiaries of CapitaLand pursuant to the release of Awards under the Ascott Performance Share Plan.

On 28 February 2008, 140,516 new Shares were issued to certain directors of CapitaLand and its subsidiaries pursuant to the release of Awards under the Ascott Restricted Share Plan.

Save as disclosed above, neither the Offeror nor any of its Concert Parties (based on information available to the Offeror as at 3 March 2008) has acquired or agreed to acquire any further Shares between the Announcement Date and 5.00 p.m. on 3 March 2008.

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1 Unless otherwise stated, references in this Announcement to the total number of Shares in issue are based on 1,610,437,298 Shares.

2 Of which 75,000 Shares have been disposed by a presumed Concert Party subsequently.

3 These Shares include 146,000 Shares which are believed to have been acquired from a Concert Party, which Shares have been included in the shareholdings of the Offeror's other Concert Parties as at the Announcement Date as stated in paragraph 2.2 above.

**2.4 Aggregate Holding**

Accordingly, as at 5.00 p.m. on 3 March 2008, DBS Bank wishes to announce, for and on behalf of the Offeror, the following:-

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| 1. | Aggregate number of (i) Shares owned, controlled or agreed to be acquired by the Offeror and its Concert Parties, and (ii) valid acceptances of the Offer | 1,580,388,092 |
| 2. | Percentage of total number of Shares in issue represented by the above number | 98.13% |

## 3. PROCEDURES FOR ACCEPTANCE

Shareholders who wish to accept the Offer but have not done so should complete, sign and forward their FAT or FAA (as the case may be) and all other relevant documents as soon as possible so as to reach the Offeror not later than the Final Closing Date.

Shareholders who are in any doubt about the Offer should consult their stockbroker, bank manager, solicitor or other professional adviser immediately.

Depositors and Shareholders who have not received or who have misplaced the Offer Document and/or the relevant acceptance forms should contact The Central Depository (Pte) Limited or Boardroom Corporate & Advisory Services Pte. Ltd., as the case may be, immediately at the following respective addresses:

The Central Depository (Pte) Limited
4 Shenton Way
#02-01 SGX Centre 2
Singapore 068807

Boardroom Corporate & Advisory Services Pte. Ltd.
3 Church Street
#08-01 Samsung Hub
Singapore 049483

## 4. RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT

The directors of the Offeror (including those who may have delegated detailed supervision of this Announcement) have 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.

Where any information has been extracted from published or otherwise publicly available sources (including, without limitation, information relating to Ascott and its subsidiaries), the sole responsibility of the directors of the Offeror has been to ensure through reasonable enquiries that such information has been accurately and correctly extracted from such sources or, as the case may be, accurately reflected or reproduced in this Announcement.

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**DBS BANK LTD**

For and on behalf of
**SOMERSET CAPITAL PTE LTD**
3 March 2008