(Constituted in the Republic of Singapore
pursuant to a trust deed dated 19 January 2006 (as amended))

ANNOUNCEMENT

RESPONSE TO SGX-ST'S QUERY REGARDING TRADING ACTIVITY

Ascott Residence Trust Management Limited (the "**Manager**"), as manager of Ascott Residence Trust ("**Ascott Reit**"), refers to the query on 6 November 2008 from Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited (the "**SGX-ST**"), regarding the substantial increase in the price of Ascott Reit's units on 6 November 2008.

The Manager had on behalf of Ascott Reit made an announcement on 5 November 2008 in relation to the acquisition of 70 percent interest in Somerset West Lake, a 90 unit serviced residence in Hanoi, Vietnam, for a net purchase consideration of US$15.4 million (approximately S$22.9 million).

The Manager is not aware of any information not previously announced concerning Ascott Reit which, if known, might explain the substantial increase in the price of Ascott Reit's units on 6 November 2008. The Manager is also not aware of any other possible explanation for the trading.

The Manager confirms that Ascott Reit is in compliance with the listing rules of SGX-ST, in particular, Rule 703 regarding the disclosure of material information.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
Ascott Residence Trust Management Limited
(Company Registration No: 200516209Z)
As Manager of Ascott Residence Trust

Lam Chee Kin / Kang Siew Fong
Joint Company Secretaries

Singapore, 6 November 2008