

Press Release

RLJ Lodging Trust Announces 2011 Dividend Income Tax Information

Bethesda, MD, January 31, 2012 – RLJ Lodging Trust (the “Company”) (NYSE: RLJ) today announced the 2011 tax classification of the dividend distributions made to the Company’s holders of its common shares of beneficial interest (“common shares”).

The income tax classification as expected to be reported on Form 1099-DIV for the Company’s common shares, CUSIP number 74965L101, is as follows:

Record Date	Payment Date	Total Distribution per Share	2011 Distribution	Ordinary Taxable Dividend	Return of Capital
6/30/11	7/15/11	\$0.08	\$0.08	\$0.08	\$0.00
9/30/11	10/14/11	\$0.15	\$0.15	\$0.15	\$0.00
12/31/11	1/13/12	\$0.15	\$0.13	\$0.13	\$0.00
Total		\$0.38	\$0.36	\$0.36	\$0.00
Percent			100.00%	100.00%	0.00%

The 2011 fourth quarter distribution of \$0.15, which had a record date of December 31, 2011, will be a split-year distribution. For tax purposes, \$0.13 will be allocated to the 2011 Form 1099-DIV and the remaining \$0.02 will be allocated to the 2012 Form 1099-DIV.

No portion of the 2011 distributions represented capital gains or qualified dividend income.

The information presented above is based on preliminary results and is subject to correction or adjustment when the Company’s filings are completed. The tax information provided should not be construed as tax advice. Shareholders are encouraged to consult with their tax advisors regarding their specific tax treatment.

About Us

RLJ Lodging Trust is a self-advised, publicly traded real estate investment trust focused on acquiring premium-branded, focused service and compact full-service hotels. The Company's portfolio consists of 141 hotels in 20 states and the District of Columbia, with a total of more than 20,600 rooms. Additional information may be found on the Company's website: <http://rljlodgingtrust.com/>

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