

## Press Release

### RLJ Lodging Trust Announces 2012 Dividend Income Tax Information

Bethesda, MD, January 30, 2013 – RLJ Lodging Trust (the “Company”) (NYSE: RLJ) today announced the 2012 tax classification of the dividend distributions made to the Company’s holders of its common shares of beneficial interest.

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:

<b>Record Date</b>	<b>Payment Date</b>	<b>Total Distribution Per Share</b>	<b>Total Distribution Allocable to 2012</b>	<b>Ordinary Taxable Dividend</b>	<b>Return of Capital</b>
12/31/2011	01/13/2012	\$0.150	\$0.020	\$0.020	\$0.00
03/30/2012	04/13/2012	\$0.165	\$0.165	\$0.165	\$0.00
06/29/2012	07/13/2012	\$0.165	\$0.165	\$0.165	\$0.00
09/28/2012	10/15/2012	\$0.165	\$0.165	\$0.165	\$0.00
12/31/2012	01/15/2013	\$0.205	\$0.165	\$0.165	\$0.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$0.850</b>	<b>\$0.680</b>	<b>\$0.680</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<i>Percent</i>			<i>100%</i>	<i>100%</i>	<i>0%</i>

The 2012 fourth quarter distribution of \$0.205, which had a record date of December 31, 2012, will be a split-year distribution. For tax purposes, \$0.165 will be allocated to the 2012 Form 1099-DIV and the remaining \$0.04 will be allocated to the 2013 Form 1099-DIV.

No portion of the 2012 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 145 hotels in 21 states and the District of Columbia, with a total of more than 21,600 rooms. Additional information may be found on the Company's website: <http://rljlodgingtrust.com>.

### **Forward Looking Statements**

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