

Press Release

RLJ Lodging Trust Announces 2016 Dividend Income Tax Information

Bethesda, MD, January 30, 2017 – RLJ Lodging Trust (the “Company”) (NYSE: RLJ) today announced the 2016 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:

Record Date	Payment Date	Total Distribution Per Share	Total Distribution Allocable to 2016	Ordinary Taxable Dividend	Return of Capital	Capital Gains Dividend
12/31/2015	1/15/2016	\$0.330	\$0.250	\$0.250	\$0.000	\$0.000
3/31/2016	4/15/2016	\$0.330	\$0.330	\$0.330	\$0.000	\$0.000
6/30/2016	7/15/2016	\$0.330	\$0.330	\$0.330	\$0.000	\$0.000
9/30/2016	10/14/2016	\$0.330	\$0.330	\$0.330	\$0.000	\$0.000
12/30/2016	1/13/2017	\$0.330	\$0.330	\$0.120	\$0.000	\$0.210
Total		\$1.650	\$1.570	\$1.360	\$0.000	\$0.210
<i>Percent</i>			<i>100%</i>	<i>87%</i>	<i>0%</i>	<i>13%</i>

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 owns 122 hotels with approximately 20,100 rooms, located in 21 states and the District of Columbia.

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