



RLJ Lodging Trust Prices Initial Public Offering

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BETHESDA, Md., May 11, 2011 (BUSINESS WIRE) -- RLJ Lodging Trust (the "Company") today announced it has priced its initial public offering of 27,500,000 common shares of beneficial interest, \$0.01 par value per share, at \$18.00 per share, for total gross proceeds of \$495.0 million.

The offering is expected to close on May 16, 2011. The underwriters have a 30-day option to purchase up to an additional 4,125,000 share to cover overallocments, if any. All the shares are being sold by the Company. The common shares of the Company are scheduled to begin trading on May 11, 2011, on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol "RLJ."

The Company will contribute the net proceeds of the offering to its operating partnership. The Company intends to use the net proceeds of the offering to reduce outstanding indebtedness and to pay other related transaction costs.

BofA Merrill Lynch, Barclays Capital and Wells Fargo Securities are acting as the joint book-running managers for the offering. Deutsche Bank Securities and Goldman, Sachs & Co. are acting as senior co-managers and KeyBanc Capital Markets, Raymond James and RBC Capital Markets are acting as co-managers.

A registration statement relating to the offering of the Company's common shares discussed above was declared effective by the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 10, 2011. This press release shall not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy, nor shall there be any sale of these securities, in any state or jurisdiction in which such offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful prior to registration or qualification under the securities laws of any such state or jurisdiction.

The offering is being made solely by means of a prospectus, a copy of which may be obtained by contacting BofA Merrill Lynch, Attention: Prospectus Department, 4 World Financial Center, New York, NY 10080, or by email at dq.prospectus_requests@baml.com; Barclays Capital, c/o Broadridge Financial Solutions, 1155 Long Island Avenue, Edgewood, NY 11717, telephone 888-603-5847 or by e-mail at barclaysprospectus@broadridge.com; or Wells Fargo Securities, Attention: Equity Syndicate Department, 375 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10152, telephone (800) 326-5897 or by email at cmclientsupport@wellsfargo.com.

Forward Looking Statements

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