

Press Release

RLJ Lodging Trust Announces 2017 Dividend Income Tax Information

Bethesda, MD, January 31, 2018 – RLJ Lodging Trust (the “Company”) (NYSE: RLJ) today announced the 2017 tax classification of the dividend distributions made to the Company’s holders of its common shares of beneficial interest and Series A Preferred Shares.

The income tax classification as expected to be reported on Form 1099-DIV is as follows:

Common Stock (CUSIP # 74965L101):

Record Date	Payment Date	Total Distribution Per Share	Total Distribution Allocable to 2017	Ordinary Taxable Dividend	Return of Capital	Capital Gains Dividend
3/31/2017	4/14/2017	\$0.3300	\$0.3300	\$0.2400	\$0.0900	\$0.0000
6/30/2017	7/14/2017	\$0.3300	\$0.3300	\$0.2400	\$0.0900	\$0.0000
8/30/2017	9/15/2017	\$0.2200	\$0.2200	\$0.1600	\$0.0600	\$0.0000
9/29/2017	10/13/2017	\$0.1100	\$0.1100	\$0.0800	\$0.0300	\$0.0000
12/29/2017	1/12/2018	\$0.3300	\$0.0000	\$0.0000	\$0.0000	\$0.0000
Total		\$1.3200	\$0.9900	\$0.7200	\$0.2700	\$0.0000
<i>Percent</i>			<i>100%</i>	<i>73%</i>	<i>27%</i>	<i>0%</i>

Series A Preferred Stock (CUSIP # 74965L200):

Record Date	Payment Date	Total Distribution Per Share	Total Distribution Allocable to 2017	Ordinary Taxable Dividend	Return of Capital	Capital Gains Dividend
9/29/2017	10/31/2017	\$0.4875	\$0.4875	\$0.4875	\$0.0000	\$0.0000
12/29/2017	1/31/2018	\$0.4875	\$0.0000	\$0.0000	\$0.0000	\$0.0000
Total		\$0.9750	\$0.4875	\$0.4875	\$0.0000	\$0.0000
<i>Percent</i>			<i>100%</i>	<i>100%</i>	<i>0%</i>	<i>0%</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's portfolio consists of 157 hotels with approximately 30,800 rooms located in 26 states and the District of Columbia and an ownership interest in one unconsolidated hotel with 171 rooms.

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