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## **The Ascott Limited signs global agreement with Bureau Veritas to certify its properties worldwide with Ascott Cares Hygiene Excellence and Safety Label**

**The Ascott Limited (Ascott)**, one of the leading international lodging owner-operators, and **Bureau Veritas**, a world leader in testing, inspection and certification, have signed a global agreement to provide independent audits and certification for the hygiene and safety standards of Ascott's properties worldwide.

The Ascott Cares Hygiene Excellence and Safety Label is a holistic programme developed in partnership with Ascott by leveraging Bureau Veritas' health, hygiene and safety expertise of more than 190 years in providing testing, inspection and certification.

Ascott has embarked on the programme as part of its Ascott Cares commitment to continue providing a safe home away from home for its guests and a safe working environment for its staff. Launched in May 2020, Ascott Cares covers nine commitments to enhance Ascott's existing cleanliness protocols. For more information on Ascott Cares, please visit: [www.the-ascott.com/ascottcares](http://www.the-ascott.com/ascottcares).

Bureau Veritas will conduct field audits at Ascott properties to ensure that the nine commitments under Ascott Cares meet the stringent requirements of Bureau Veritas' inspection programme. Bureau Veritas' auditors will verify if the properties have appropriate health, hygiene and safety procedures and processes in place, and are in line with globally recognised best practices on preventive measures in order to be certified with the Ascott Cares Hygiene Excellence and Safety Label.

### **Alfred Ong, Head, Global Operations, The Ascott Limited, commented:**

“At Ascott, we continue to place the health and well-being of our guests and staff as our top priority. As international travel gradually resumes, our partnership with Bureau Veritas offers our guests a greater peace of mind as they book their stay with Ascott. Our guests can continue to place their trust in Ascott to provide a home away from home that is not only comfortable, but also clean, secure and safe. With a safe working environment, our staff are also able to better focus on caring for our guests. We look forward to welcoming new and returning guests back home at Ascott.”

### **Juliano Cardoso, Executive Vice President, The Commodities, Industry & Facilities Division, Asia, Pacific and Middle East, Bureau Veritas, commented:**

“We are very pleased to work with Ascott properties globally. The Ascott Cares Hygiene Excellence and Safety Label allows Ascott to attest its commitment to reassure its guests that appropriate health, hygiene and safety standards are met and ensure safe working conditions for its employees through a consistent approach across all its properties. During this current health crisis, ensuring compliance to recommended health, hygiene and safety standards are at the forefront throughout society. We are proud to play our part in Shaping a World of Trust.”

### **About Bureau Veritas**

Bureau Veritas is a world-leading provider in testing, inspection and certification. Created in 1828, the Group has more than 78,000 employees located in more than 1,500 offices and laboratories around the globe. Bureau Veritas helps its clients to improve their performance by offering services and innovative solutions in order to ensure that their assets, products, infrastructure and processes meet standards and regulations in terms of quality, health and safety, environmental protection and social responsibility.

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### **About The Ascott Limited**

The Ascott Limited is a Singapore company that has grown to be one of the leading international lodging owner-operators. Ascott's portfolio spans more than 180 cities across over 30 countries in Asia Pacific, Central Asia, Europe, the Middle East, Africa and the USA. Ascott has about 69,000 operating units and over 48,000 units under development, making a total of about 117,000 units in over 700 properties. The company's serviced residence and hotel brands include Ascott The Residence, The Crest Collection, Somerset, Quest, Citadines, lyf, Préférence, Vertu, Harris, Citadines Connect, Fox, Yello and POP!. Ascott, a wholly owned subsidiary of CapitaLand Limited, pioneered Asia Pacific's first international-class serviced residence with the opening of The Ascott Singapore in 1984. Today, the company boasts over 30 years of industry track record and award-winning brands that enjoy recognition worldwide. Ascott's achievements have been recognised internationally. Recent awards include DestinAsian Readers' Choice Awards 2020 for 'Best Serviced Residence Brand'; World Travel Awards 2019 for 'Leading Serviced Apartment Brand' in Asia, Europe and the Middle East; Business Traveller Asia-Pacific Awards 2019 for 'Best Serviced Residence Brand'; Business Traveller China Awards 2019 for 'Best Luxury Serviced Residence Brand'; and TTG China Travel Awards 2019 for 'Best Serviced Residence Operator in China'.

For a full list of awards, please visit <https://www.the-ascott.com/ascotlimited/awards.html>.

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