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WCT AND HYATT ANNOUNCES DEVELOPMENT OF HYATT PLACE JOHOR BAHRU, PARADIGM MALL

Set to open in 2022, the hotel will be part of one of the largest regional malls in Johor and will expand Hyatt's select service offering in Malaysia

JOHOR BAHRU, Malaysia (June 20, 2019) – [Hyatt](#) announced today that a Hyatt affiliate has entered into a management agreement with a subsidiary of WCT Holdings Berhad (“WCT”) to develop a Hyatt Place hotel in Johor Bahru. The new 200-room Hyatt Place Johor Bahru, Paradigm Mall will fuel Hyatt’s growth in Malaysia where Hyatt is expected to double its current portfolio of five hotels by 2022.

“We are grateful to work with WCT for the first time to introduce the Hyatt Place brand to Johor Bahru, one of the fastest growing cities in Malaysia,” said David Udell, Hyatt’s group president, Asia Pacific. “A destination in itself, Paradigm Mall Johor Bahru offers an ideal locale for Hyatt Place Johor Bahru, which will provide professionals and leisure travellers with a relaxed, quality hotel experience in a prime leisure, retail and dining hub.”

The Hyatt Place brand is founded on extensive consumer insights indicating that guests seek stylish, comfortable, seamless experiences that accommodate their lifestyles and routines. The brand offers casual hospitality and purposeful service in a smartly designed, high-tech and contemporary environment, which the new Hyatt Place hotel in Johor Bahru will embody.

“We are delighted to work with Hyatt as well to embrace and integrate the Hyatt Place brand’s unique approach to hospitality with our retail mall and residential components. We are confident given the prospects and business vibrancy of Johor Bahru that this new hotel will be well received by the local Johoreans, as well as business and leisure travellers from various parts of Malaysia and Singapore,” said Dato’ Lee Tuck Fook, Group Managing Director of WCT Holdings Berhad.

“We are thrilled to see the growing interest in this versatile select-service brand among owners and developers in Malaysia as we continue to grow our distribution in the region and provide more diverse experiences for our guests,” said Patrick Finn, Hyatt’s senior vice president, real estate and development, Asia Pacific. “Hyatt Place Johor Bahru, Paradigm Mall will reinforce our growing portfolio in Malaysia as we look to double the number of Hyatt hotels there over the next few years.”

Hyatt Place Johor Bahru, Paradigm Mall will feature 200 guestrooms, a cafe, swimming pool, fitness centre, as well as more than 2,400 square feet (225 square meters) of meeting space. The hotel will be part of a carefully-crafted 13-acre integrated development that includes the Paradigm Mall Johor Bahru and the soon-to-be-launched Paradigm Residence. The development will be located in the vibrant hub of Skudai district, which is considered the geographical centre of Johor Bahru due to its central location and accessibility from the surrounding areas.

Situated within a 10-minute drive from Johor Bahru City Centre, the hotel will provide direct access to major highways, including the Skudai Highway, Pasir Gudang Highway, North-South Highway, and Second Link Expressway. Additionally, the hotel will be conveniently located within reach of various amenities, including education, healthcare, popular attractions and the Senai International Airport. The seven-storey Paradigm Mall Johor Bahru opened in late 2017 and offers more than 500 retail shops operating on 1.3 million square feet of retail space and 4,200 carpark bays.

For more information about Hyatt Place hotels, please visit hyattplace.com.

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About Hyatt Place

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About WCT Holdings Berhad (“WCT”)

Founded in 1981, WCT is listed on the Bursa Malaysia since 1995. Currently with 2,000 employees and presence in six countries, WCT is an investment holding company involved in engineering and construction, property development and investment & management activities. Its engineering and construction expertise covers F1 racing circuits, airports, dam and water supply scheme, expressways and highways, civil works, residential and commercial buildings including shopping malls and rail-based infrastructure works. Its property development and investment & management portfolio includes townships, luxury homes, high-rise residences, integrated commercial developments, concession assets, hotels, and shopping malls. The Group owns five shopping malls/centre – Bukit Tinggi Shopping Centre in Klang, the airport malls – gateway@klia2 and Skypark Terminal 3 in Selangor, Paradigm Mall in Petaling Jaya and Paradigm Mall in Johor Bahru. For more information about WCT, please visit www.wct.com.my.

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