

Digital Realty Announces Tax Treatment of 2021 Dividends

AUSTIN, TX – January 24, 2022 – Digital Realty (NYSE: DLR), a leading global provider of cloud- and carrier-neutral data center, colocation and interconnection solutions, announced today the tax treatment of its 2021 dividends for common stock and preferred stock. The information below has been prepared using the best available information to date. Digital Realty’s federal income tax return for the year ended December 31, 2021 has not yet been filed. Please note that federal tax laws affect taxpayers differently, and we cannot advise you on how distributions should be reported on your federal income tax return. Please also note that state and local taxation of REIT distributions vary and may not be the same as the federal rules. Shareholders are urged to consult with their tax advisors as to their specific tax treatment of Digital Realty’s dividends.

Digital Realty Trust, Inc. Common Stock Dividends

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Digital Realty’s 2021 taxable dividend of \$4.808415 per share includes a portion (90%) of one quarterly distribution declared in 2020 and paid in January 2021, three quarterly distributions declared and paid in 2021, and a portion (28%) of one quarterly distribution declared in 2021 and paid in January 2022. Digital Realty’s 2021 taxable dividend will be reported on Form 1099-DIV as follows: \$0.418485 per share (9%) as ordinary income and \$4.389930 per share (91%) as capital gain distribution.

The following table contains this information on a quarterly basis:

Record Dates	Payment Dates ⁽¹⁾	Cash Distribution (\$ per share) ⁽¹⁾	Taxable Dividend (\$ per share) ⁽¹⁾	Box 1a Ordinary Dividend (\$ per share)	Box 2a Long-Term Capital Gain (\$ per share)	Box 2b Un-Recaptured Section 1250 Gain (\$ per share)	Box 2f Section 897 Capital Gain (\$ per share) ⁽²⁾	Box 5 Section 199A Dividend (\$ per share) ⁽³⁾	Section 1061 One-Year Capital Gain (\$ per share) ⁽⁴⁾	Section 1061 Three-Year Capital Gain (\$ per share) ⁽⁴⁾
12/15/2020	01/15/2021	\$1.120000	\$1.006288	\$0.087579	\$0.918709	\$0.213184	\$0.627398	\$0.087579	\$0.013632	\$0.007412
03/15/2021	03/31/2021	\$1.160000	\$1.160000	\$0.100957	\$1.059043	\$0.245748	\$0.723234	\$0.100957	\$0.015714	\$0.008544
06/15/2021	06/30/2021	\$1.160000	\$1.160000	\$0.100957	\$1.059043	\$0.245748	\$0.723234	\$0.100957	\$0.015714	\$0.008544
09/15/2021	09/30/2021	\$1.160000	\$1.160000	\$0.100957	\$1.059043	\$0.245748	\$0.723234	\$0.100957	\$0.015714	\$0.008544
12/15/2021	01/14/2022	\$1.160000	\$0.322127	\$0.028035	\$0.294092	\$0.068243	\$0.200839	\$0.028035	\$0.004364	\$0.002373
		\$5.760000	\$4.808415	\$0.418485	\$4.389930	\$1.018671	\$2.997939	\$0.418485	\$0.065138	\$0.035417

- (1) Please note that of the \$1.16 quarterly distribution paid in January 2022, \$0.322127 is included in the 2021 taxable dividend and \$0.837873 will be considered as 2022 reportable dividend for federal income tax purposes.
- (2) Represents section 897 gain attributable to disposition of U.S. real property interests included in Box 2a Long-Term Capital Gain. Section 897 is applicable to nonresident alien individuals and foreign corporations.
- (3) Beginning in 2018, the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 added Section 199A to allow for a new tax deduction based on certain qualified business income. Section 199A provides eligible individual taxpayers a deduction of up to 20% of their qualified real estate investment trust dividends (Box 5 of the Form 1099-DIV).
- (4) For purposes of Section 1061 of the Internal Revenue Code, Digital Realty is disclosing two additional capital gain categories. Section 1061 is generally applicable to direct and indirect holders of “applicable partnership interests.” Please consult your tax advisor with respect to the two additional categories disclosed herein.

Series C Cumulative Redeemable Perpetual Preferred Stock Dividends**CUSIP # 253868848****Ticker Symbol: DLRPRC**

The 2021 taxable dividend for Digital Realty Trust, Inc.'s Series C Cumulative Redeemable Perpetual Preferred Stock is \$0.625695 per share. For tax reporting purposes, \$0.054456 per share (9%) will be reported on Form 1009-DIV as ordinary income and \$0.571239 per share (91%) as capital gain distribution.

The following table contains this information on a quarterly basis:

Record Dates	Payment Dates	Cash Distribution (\$ per share)	Taxable Dividend (\$ per share)	Box 1a Ordinary Dividend (\$ per share)	Box 2a Long-Term Capital Gain (\$ per share)	Box 2b Unrecaptured Section 1250 Gain (\$ per share)	Box 2f Section 897 Capital Gain (\$ per share)	Box 5 Section 199A Dividend (\$ per share)	Section 1061 One Year Amounts Disclosure (\$ per share)	Section 1061 Three Year Amounts Disclosure (\$ per share)
03/15/2021	03/31/2021	\$0.414063	\$0.414063	\$0.036037	\$0.378026	\$0.087720	\$0.258159	\$0.036037	\$0.005609	\$0.003050
05/17/2021	05/17/2021	\$0.211632	\$0.211632	\$0.018419	\$0.193213	\$0.044835	\$0.131948	\$0.018419	\$0.002867	\$0.001559
		\$0.625695	\$0.625695	\$0.054456	\$0.571239	\$0.132555	\$0.390107	\$0.054456	\$0.008476	\$0.004609

Series J Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock Dividends**CUSIP # 253868855****Ticker Symbol: DLRPRJ**

The 2021 reportable dividend for Digital Realty Trust, Inc.'s Series J Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock is \$1.312500 per share. For tax reporting purposes, \$0.114228 per share (9%) will be reported on Form 1099-DIV as ordinary income and \$1.198272 per share (91%) as capital gain distribution.

The following table contains this information on a quarterly basis:

Record Dates	Payment Dates	Cash Distribution (\$ per share)	Taxable Dividend (\$ per share)	Box 1a Ordinary Dividend (\$ per share)	Box 2a Long-Term Capital Gain (\$ per share)	Box 2b Unrecaptured Section 1250 Gain (\$ per share)	Box 2f Section 897 Capital Gain (\$ per share)	Box 5 Section 199A Dividend (\$ per share)	Section 1061 One Year Amounts Disclosure (\$ per share)	Section 1061 Three Year Amounts Disclosure (\$ per share)
03/15/2021	03/31/2021	\$0.328125	\$0.328125	\$0.028557	\$0.299568	\$0.069514	\$0.204579	\$0.028557	\$0.004445	\$0.002417
06/15/2021	06/30/2021	\$0.328125	\$0.328125	\$0.028557	\$0.299568	\$0.069514	\$0.204579	\$0.028557	\$0.004445	\$0.002417
09/15/2021	09/30/2021	\$0.328125	\$0.328125	\$0.028557	\$0.299568	\$0.069514	\$0.204579	\$0.028557	\$0.004445	\$0.002417
12/15/2021	12/31/2021	\$0.328125	\$0.328125	\$0.028557	\$0.299568	\$0.069514	\$0.204579	\$0.028557	\$0.004445	\$0.002417
		\$1.312500	\$1.312500	\$0.114228	\$1.198272	\$0.278056	\$0.818316	\$0.114228	\$0.017780	\$0.009688

Series K Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock Dividends**CUSIP # 253868830****Ticker Symbol: DLRPRK**

The 2021 taxable dividend for Digital Realty Trust, Inc.'s Series K Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock is \$1.462500 per share. For tax reporting purposes, \$0.127284 per share (9%) will be reported on Form 1099-DIV as ordinary income and \$1.335216 per share (91%) as capital gain distribution.

The following table contains this information on a quarterly basis:

Record Dates	Payment Dates	Cash Distribution (\$ per share)	Taxable Dividend (\$ per share)	Box 1a Ordinary Dividend (\$ per share)	Box 2a Long-Term Capital Gain (\$ per share)	Box 2b Unrecaptured Section 1250 Gain (\$ per share)	Box 2f Section 897 Capital Gain (\$ per share)	Box 5 Section 199A Dividend (\$ per share)	Section 1061 One Year Amounts Disclosure (\$ per share)	Section 1061 Three Year Amounts Disclosure (\$ per share)
03/15/2021	03/31/2021	\$0.365625	\$0.365625	\$0.031821	\$0.333804	\$0.077458	\$0.227959	\$0.031821	\$0.004953	\$0.002693
06/15/2021	06/30/2021	\$0.365625	\$0.365625	\$0.031821	\$0.333804	\$0.077458	\$0.227959	\$0.031821	\$0.004953	\$0.002693
09/15/2021	09/30/2021	\$0.365625	\$0.365625	\$0.031821	\$0.333804	\$0.077458	\$0.227959	\$0.031821	\$0.004953	\$0.002693
12/15/2021	12/31/2021	\$0.365625	\$0.365625	\$0.031821	\$0.333804	\$0.077458	\$0.227959	\$0.031821	\$0.004953	\$0.002693
		\$1.462500	\$1.462500	\$0.127284	\$1.335216	\$0.309832	\$0.911836	\$0.127284	\$0.019812	\$0.010772

Series L Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock Dividends**CUSIP # 253868822****Ticker Symbol: DLRPRL**

The 2021 taxable dividend for Digital Realty Trust, Inc.'s Series L Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock is \$1.300000 per share. For tax reporting purposes, \$0.113140 per share (9%) will be reported on Form 1099-DIV as ordinary income and \$1.186860 per share (91%) as capital gain distribution.

The following table contains this information on a quarterly basis:

Record Dates	Payment Dates	Cash Distribution (\$ per share)	Taxable Dividend (\$ per share)	Box 1a Ordinary Dividend (\$ per share)	Box 2a Long-Term Capital Gain (\$ per share)	Box 2b Unrecaptured Section 1250 Gain (\$ per share)	Box 2f Section 897 Capital Gain (\$ per share)	Box 5 Section 199A Dividend (\$ per share)	Section 1061 One Year Amounts Disclosure (\$ per share)	Section 1061 Three Year Amounts Disclosure (\$ per share)
03/15/2021	03/31/2021	\$0.325000	\$0.325000	\$0.028285	\$0.296715	\$0.068852	\$0.202631	\$0.028285	\$0.004403	\$0.002394
06/15/2021	06/30/2021	\$0.325000	\$0.325000	\$0.028285	\$0.296715	\$0.068852	\$0.202631	\$0.028285	\$0.004403	\$0.002394
09/15/2021	09/30/2021	\$0.325000	\$0.325000	\$0.028285	\$0.296715	\$0.068852	\$0.202631	\$0.028285	\$0.004403	\$0.002394
12/15/2021	12/31/2021	\$0.325000	\$0.325000	\$0.028285	\$0.296715	\$0.068852	\$0.202631	\$0.028285	\$0.004403	\$0.002394
		\$1.300000	\$1.300000	\$0.113140	\$1.186860	\$0.275408	\$0.810524	\$0.113140	\$0.017612	\$0.009576

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