

EMPIRE STATE REALTY TRUST LAUNCHES FIFTH ANNUAL “MY EMPIRE STATE BUILDING” PHOTO CONTEST

New York, NY, June 1, 2016 – Empire State Realty Trust, Inc. (NYSE: ESRT) today announced the launch of the fifth annual “My Empire State Building” photo contest, inviting amateur photographers to submit their images of or from the Empire State Building (ESB). Photographers are encouraged to enter their original photos highlighting the iconic landmark for a chance to gain international exposure and to win a Grand Prize of \$5,000. An additional \$2,500 prize will be granted to one Runner-Up.

ESB fans can participate in the contest by submitting their photo entries via ESB’s Facebook page (www.facebook.com/EmpireStateBuilding), or by using the hashtag #ESBStory on Instagram or Twitter. Entrants are also able to submit their Snapchat photos using the geo-filters available while in or near the Empire State Building by saving them to their personal devices and posting their submission on either Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram. Entries will be accepted between 12:00 PM ET on Wednesday, June 1 through Wednesday, July 27, at 11:59 PM ET. Exterior and interior shots of the building will be accepted. ESRT will select up to 52 total finalists from the submissions, from which two will be selected for the Grand Prize and Runner-Up honors.

“The Empire State Building is the heart of New York City and is the most photographed building in New York City,” said Anthony E. Malkin, Chairman and CEO of ESRT. “Our annual photo contest allows photographers the chance to submit and demonstrate their unique connection to the international icon of New York City.”

Eight weekly winners will be chosen by ESRT throughout the duration of the contest and will automatically become finalists — competing for a chance to win the Grand Prize of \$5,000 or the Runner-Up prize of \$2,500.

Entrants must be over the age of 18 and legal residents of the United States. For official contest rules and additional information about the photo contest, visit: www.facebook.com/empirestatebuilding.

About the Empire State Building

Soaring 1,454 feet above Midtown Manhattan (from base to antenna), the Empire State Building, owned by Empire State Realty Trust, Inc., is the “World’s Most Famous Building.” With new investments in energy efficiency, infrastructure, public areas and amenities, the Empire State Building has attracted first-rate tenants in a diverse array of industries from around the world. The skyscraper’s robust broadcasting technology supports major television and FM radio stations in the New York metropolitan market. The Empire State Building was named America’s favorite building in a poll conducted by the American Institute of Architects, and the Empire State Building Observatory is one of the world’s most beloved attractions as the region’s #1 tourist destination. For more information on the Empire State Building, please visit www.empirestatebuilding.com, www.facebook.com/empirestatebuilding, @EmpireStateBldg, www.instagram.com/empirestatebldg, www.youtube.com/esbnyc or www.pinterest.com/empirestatebldg/.

About Empire State Realty Trust

[Empire State Realty Trust, Inc.](http://www.esrt.com) (NYSE: ESRT), a leading real estate investment trust (REIT), owns, manages, operates, acquires and repositions office and retail properties in Manhattan and the greater New York metropolitan area, including the [Empire State Building](http://www.empirestatebuilding.com), the world’s most famous building. Headquartered in New York, New York, the Company’s office and retail portfolio covers 10.1 million rentable square feet, as of March 31, 2016, consisting of 9.4 million rentable square feet in 14 office properties, including nine in Manhattan, three in Fairfield County, Connecticut and two in Westchester County, New York; and approximately 720,000 rentable square feet in the retail portfolio.

Forward-Looking Statements

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