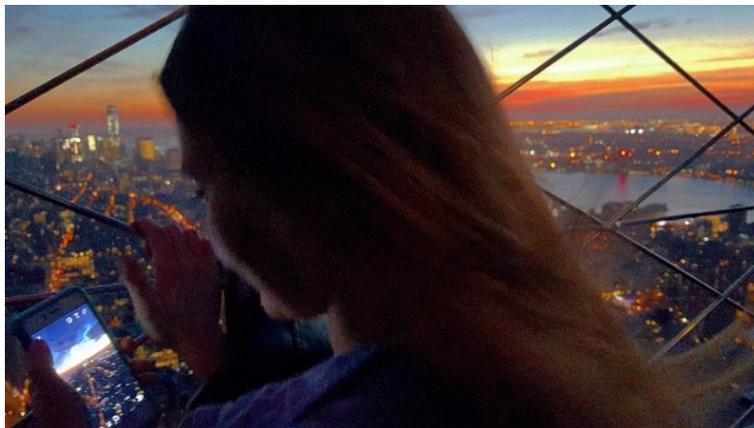


**EMPIRE STATE REALTY TRUST ANNOUNCES WINNER OF FIFTH ANNUAL
“MY EMPIRE STATE BUILDING” PHOTO CONTEST**

New York, NY – **September 19, 2016** – Empire State Realty Trust, Inc. (NYSE: ESRT) today announced the Grand Prize winner of its fifth annual “My Empire State Building” contest. The winner, Matthew Pugliese from Brooklyn, NY, will be awarded a prize of \$5,000 for his photo emphasizing the beauty of the iconic Empire State Building (ESB) shining in red, white and blue. Additionally, Runner-Up Lori Freshwater from Bronx, NY, will be awarded a \$2,500 prize for capturing the view from ESB’s famed 86th floor Observatory.



Grand Prize Photo by Matthew Pugliese



Runner-Up Photo by Lori Freshwater

The winning photo will be featured as ESB's profile picture from October 1 through October 31, 2016, on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. Mr. Pugliese's photo will also be showcased in ESB's highly trafficked Fifth Avenue lobby windows along with the photo entries from the Runner-Up, 46 finalists, and weekly winners.

Amateur photographers of all skill levels were invited to participate in the contest that ran from June 1 through July 27, 2016. As one of the most photographed landmarks in the world, the annual contest has become an opportunity for people to showcase their unique connection to the international icon and present different perspectives of both the exterior of the building and the view from its world-famous Observatories.

“Every year, entrants impress us with their ability to capture and share the Empire State Building’s beauty from their unique vantage point,” said Anthony E. Malkin, Chairman, and CEO of ESRT. “The winning contestant was chosen because their submission highlights the incomparable details of the building and how it illuminates New York City.”

Throughout 2016, the finalists will be celebrated by having their photos showcased to ESB’s global online community via the building’s social media channels. Additionally, the finalists may be featured in future ESB materials.

Entries for the contest were accepted via ESB’s Facebook page (www.Facebook.com/EmpireStateBuilding) or via Instagram and Twitter using the hashtag #ESBStory.

For the official contest rules, and more information about the judging process, visit www.facebook.com/empirestatebuilding.

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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 all 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](https://www.instagram.com/empirestatebldg), www.instagram.com/empirestatebldg, www.youtube.com/esbnyc or www.pinterest.com/empirestatebldg/.

About Empire State Realty Trust

Empire State Realty Trust, Inc. (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, 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 June 30, 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 724,000 rentable square feet in the retail portfolio.

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