

EMPIRE STATE REALTY TRUST ANNOUNCES WINNER OF SIXTH ANNUAL PHOTO CONTEST

New York, NY – **August 29, 2017** – Empire State Realty Trust, Inc. (NYSE: ESRT) today announced the Grand Prize winner of its sixth annual photo contest. The winner, Arnold Blair from New York, NY, will be awarded a prize of \$5,000 for his photo that showcases the stunning views of sunrise from the world-famous 86th floor Observatory of the Empire State Building (ESB). Taken while visiting during the “Sunrise Experience,” the exclusive access to the Observatory – with only 100 tickets sold per sunrise – provided Mr. Blair with an unforgettable opportunity to see, hear and feel the city wake up from a serene vantage point.

Additionally, runner-up Frank Little from Cranford, NJ, will be awarded a \$1,500 prize for capturing the building in signature white as the moon rises.



Grand Prize Winning Photo by Arnold Blair



Runner-Up Winning Photo by Frank Little

The winning photo will be featured as ESB's profile picture from November 1 through November 30, 2017, on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. Mr. Blair's photo will also be displayed in ESB's highly trafficked Fifth Avenue lobby windows along with the photo entries from the runner-up, 37 finalists, and weekly winners.

Photographers of all skill levels were invited to participate in the annual contest that ran from June 28, 2017 through August 9, 2017. The contest has become a beloved tradition for fans to showcase their talent and admiration for the building and capture the international icon's uniqueness both from the exterior and while visiting its world-famous Observatories.

"Entrants continuously impress us with their ability to photograph stunning depictions of the building in various moments in time," said Anthony E. Malkin, Chairman, and CEO of ESRT. "The winning contestant was chosen because his submission captured the true essence of what it's like to experience the sunrise from the World's Most Famous Building."

Both winners will have 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 #ESBmoment.

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 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, 2017, 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 700,000 rentable square feet in the retail portfolio.

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