

**EMPIRE STATE REALTY TRUST CELEBRATES LUNAR NEW YEAR
WITH A DYNAMIC EMPIRE STATE BUILDING LIGHT SHOW
AND INTRICATE WINDOW DISPLAYS**

The World's Most Famous Building Commemorates the Year of the Dog

New York City (February 9, 2018) – Empire State Realty Trust, Inc. (NYSE: ESRT) today announced that the Empire State Building will host its annual celebration of the Chinese Lunar New Year with a dynamic, celebratory lighting of its world-famous tower lights and its annual Spring Festival window exhibition in its Fifth Avenue lobby windows.

At 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 13, 2018, Ambassador Zhang Qiyue, Consul General of the People's Republic of China in New York, will participate in a lighting ceremony at the Empire State Building in honor of the Year of the Dog. John B. Kessler, President and Chief Operating Officer of ESRT, will provide opening remarks and lead the countdown to ceremoniously light the World's Most Famous Building. That night the Empire State Building's renowned tower lights will display a dynamic light show designed by Fantastic Art China and China Central Academy of Fine Arts. The lights will shine in red, yellow, blue and white to emulate the Lunar New Year fireworks display that will take place over the Hudson River the following night.

"Every year we look forward to celebrating Chinese Lunar New Year with a magnificent light show and window display," says John Kessler. "The year of the dog is symbolic of loyalty and auspiciousness, and the Empire State Building sends our most sincere wishes to our Chinese visitors to have a year filled with both."

The Empire State Building will also commemorate Lunar New Year with a Fifth Avenue lobby window display in the theme of "The Intelligent Dog Brings Prosperity for the New Year." The display, designed by China Arts and Entertainment Group, features four scenes in which the dog jumps out from the Chinese painting "The Ten Hunting Dogs of the Kangxi" and is represented alongside plum blossoms and magpies, which signify happiness and good luck. Classical forms of Chinese art, including paper-cutting, calligraphy and woodblock print are included in the exhibit.

Additionally, Chinese visitors who stop by the Empire State Building's information desk from February 13th through February 21st will receive a limited edition commemorative certificate and a hang bao with a free gift from Macy's and local retailer B&H.

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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 September 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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