

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

World's Most Famous Building Commemorates Year of the Rooster

New York City (January 20, 2017) – Empire State Realty Trust, Inc. (NYSE: ESRT) announced today that the Empire State Building plans to celebrate 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.

To kick-off the festivities, Ambassador Zhang Qiyue, Consul General of the People's Republic of China in New York, will participate in a lighting ceremony on Thursday, January 26, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. John B. Kessler, President and Chief Operating Officer of ESRT, and Jean-Yves Ghazi, Director of the Observatory for the Empire State Building, will provide opening remarks and lead the countdown to light the Empire State Building ceremoniously in honor of the Year of the Rooster, which forecasts fresh challenges and positive business advances in the coming year.

From January 26 through January 27, the Empire State Building's world-famous tower lights will shine in a special Chinese Lunar New Year design entitled "Universal Celebration," curated by the China Central Academy of Fine Arts.

The Empire State Building will also commemorate the Year of the Rooster with a festive Fifth Avenue Lobby window exhibition opening on January 21, 2017. Presenting three themes, "Herald Daybreak," "Good Luck," and "Rooster Bringing Luck and Fortune," the exquisite windows designed by China Arts and Entertainment Group (CAEG) will echo the timeless joy of the season and symbolize a blessing from the people of China to the world.

"Chinese Lunar New Year is the biggest celebration of the year in China," says Mr. Kessler. "The rooster represents punctuality, trustworthiness and good luck in Chinese Spring Festival culture, and it is our honor to celebrate this special event with China."

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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.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, 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 707,000 rentable square feet in the retail portfolio.

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