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Empire State Realty Trust Announces the 2015 Empire State Building Run-Up

38th Annual Empire State Building Run-Up Scheduled for February 4, 2015

NEW YORK – October 17, 2014— Empire State Realty Trust, Inc. (NYSE: ESRT) today announced that after 37 years, the Empire State Building is updating its annual signature event—the Empire State Building Run-Up—with a more exclusive, focused race format and exciting new features planned for the 2015 race. ESRT has secured a new race management partner, lead sponsor and charity partner, which it will announce in November, along with race registration information to be found on www.empirestatebuilding.com. The Empire State Building Run-Up (ESBRU), the pinnacle event in global tower running, will continue to challenge runners from around the world in a race to climb the 1,576 steps and 86 floors of the World’s Most Famous Office Building on February 4, 2015.

ESRT is committed to maintain and improve the ESBRU as the marquee tall tower race and looks forward to a new era with international competitors, sponsor partners and its worldwide audience.

“The Empire State Building Run-Up has been one of the most unique and iconic races not only in New York City, but also for runners around the world for nearly four decades,” said Anthony Malkin, Chairman, CEO and President of ESRT. “We could not be more excited to build on our Run-Up’s success and look forward to elevating this once-in-a-lifetime experience for runners.”

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 Office 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://twitter.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 office building. Headquartered in New York, New York, the Company’s office and retail portfolio covers 10.0 million rentable square feet, as of July 15, 2014, consisting of 9.3 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 732,000 rentable square feet in the retail portfolio. The Company also owns land at the Stamford, Connecticut Transportation Center that supports the development of an approximately 380,000 rentable square foot office building and garage.

Forward-Looking Statements

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