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## EMPIRE STATE REALTY TRUST LAUNCHES FOURTH ANNUAL “MY EMPIRE STATE BUILDING” PHOTO CONTEST

**New York, NY, October 1, 2015** – Empire State Realty Trust, Inc. (NYSE: ESRT) today announced the launch of the fourth annual “My Empire State Building” photo contest, inviting photographers of all levels to submit their images of or from the Empire State Building (ESB). Photographers are encouraged to enter their original photos highlighting the iconic landmark for a chance to gain international exposure and win a Grand Prize of \$5,000. An additional \$2,000 prize will be granted to one Runner-Up.

ESB fans can participate in the contest by submitting their photo entries via ESB’s Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/EmpireStateBuilding](https://www.facebook.com/EmpireStateBuilding)), or by using the hashtag #ESBHeartofNYC on Instagram or Twitter. Entries will be accepted between 12:00 PM ET on Thursday, October 1 through Monday, November 2 at 11:59 PM ET. Exterior and interior shots of the building or the building are accepted. ESRT will select up to 26 total finalists from the submissions, from which two will be selected for the Grand Prize and Runner-Up honors.

“The Empire State Building is one of the most recognizable and photographed landmarks around the world, and the very heart of New York City” said Anthony E. Malkin, Chairman and CEO of ESRT. “One of the most popular activities for photographers from around the world is to capture and share its image. Our annual contest has become the perfect opportunity for enthusiasts to showcase their talent while celebrating this global icon.”

Four weekly winners will be chosen by ESRT throughout the duration of the contest and will automatically become part of the 26 finalists — competing for a chance to win the Grand Prize of \$5,000 or the Runner-Up prize of \$2,000. All 26 photos may be featured as the profile picture on ESB’s social channels for up to two weeks, and will also be featured in a display in ESB’s highly trafficked Fifth Avenue lobby windows.

Entrants must be over the age of 18 and legal residents of the United States. For official contest rules and additional information about the photo contest, visit: [www.facebook.com/empirestatebuilding](https://www.facebook.com/empirestatebuilding).

### 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](http://www.empirestatebuilding.com), [www.facebook.com/empirestatebuilding](https://www.facebook.com/empirestatebuilding), [@EmpireStateBldg](https://@EmpireStateBldg), [www.instagram.com/empirestatebldg](https://www.instagram.com/empirestatebldg), [www.youtube.com/esbnyc](https://www.youtube.com/esbnyc) or [www.pinterest.com/empirestatebldg/](https://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 June 30, 2015, 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 720,000 rentable square feet in the retail portfolio.

### Forward-Looking Statements



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