

## **CHINA AND THE EMPIRE STATE BUILDING CELEBRATE FRIENDSHIP AND LUNAR NEW YEAR WITH FESTIVE EMPIRE STATE BUILDING WINDOWS AND LIGHT DISPLAYS**

### ***Modern Design Meets Tradition as the World's Most Famous Building Rings in the Year of the Sheep***

**New York City (February 16, 2015)** – Empire State Realty Trust, Inc. (NYSE: ESRT) announced today that the Empire State Building will celebrate the Chinese Lunar New Year with a special window exhibition in its Fifth Avenue lobby windows and a dynamic lighting of its world-famous tower lights.

The window exhibition exemplifies the Chinese idiom “san yang kai tai,” meaning “three sheep bring bliss,” and represents a blessing for prosperity in the New Year. The elegant display is made from a background of red stainless steel in the shape of a traditional Chinese scroll, with three golden sheep leaping out, creating a vibrant scene spread across four windows. Each sheep represents a blessing of luck, kindness and beauty, coinciding with the I Ching’s (the traditional Chinese Book of Changes) philosophy of combined virtues.

Ambassador Zhang Qiyue, Consul General of the People’s Republic of China in New York, will preside over a lighting ceremony on Tuesday, February 17, 2015 at 10:30 a.m. The Empire State Building’s world-famous tower lights will shine in a special Chinese Lunar New Year design curated by the China Central Academy of Fine Arts titled “Universal Celebration” from Tuesday, February 17, 2015 through Wednesday, February 18, 2015.

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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 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://www.instagram.com/empirestatebldg), [www.youtube.com/esbnyc](https://www.youtube.com/esbnyc) or [www.pinterest.com/empirestatebldg](http://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 September 30, 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 731,000 rentable square feet in the retail portfolio. The Company also owns land at the Stamford, Connecticut Transportation.

#### **Forward-Looking Statements**

This press release includes “forward looking statements.” Forward-looking statements may be identified by the use of words such as “believes,” “expects,” “may,” “will,” “should,” “seeks,” “approximately,” “intends,” “plans,” “pro forma,” “estimates,” “contemplates,” “aims,” “continues,” “would” or “anticipates” or the negative of these words and phrases or similar words or phrases. The following factors, among others, could cause actual results and future events to differ materially from those set forth or contemplated in the forward-looking statements: the factors included in the Company’s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2013, including those set forth under the headings “Risk Factors,” “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations,” “Business,” and “Properties.” While forward-looking statements reflect the Company’s good faith beliefs, they are not guarantees of future performance. The Company disclaims any obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statement to reflect changes in underlying assumptions or factors, or new information, data or methods, future events or other changes after the date of this press release, except as required by applicable law. For a further discussion of these and other factors that could impact the Company’s future results, performance or transactions,

see the section entitled “Risk Factors” in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2013, and other risks described in documents subsequently filed by the Company from time to time with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Prospective investors should not place undue reliance on any forward-looking statements, which are based only on information currently available to the Company (or to third parties making the forward-looking statements).

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