

## **EMPIRE STATE REALTY TRUST ANNOUNCES NEW OPEN CALL FORMAT FOR THE 21<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL EMPIRE STATE BUILDING VALENTINE’S DAY WEDDINGS EVENT**

*Empire State Building to Offer 100 Couples Opportunity to Say "I do" Atop the World’s Most Romantic Building*

**New York City (January 15, 2015)** – Empire State Realty Trust, Inc. (NYSE: ESRT) announced today the Empire State Building’s (ESB) 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Valentine’s Day Weddings Event, where the global landmark will offer an open call for 100 couples to enjoy the wedding ceremony of their dreams at the world-famous 86<sup>th</sup> floor Observatory. The new format, which will be utilized for the first-time ever in place of the building’s annual contest, will allow couples with a valid New York State marriage license the opportunity of a lifetime on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Since its opening in 1931, ESB’s world-renowned Observatory has been the setting for countless on-screen romances and is the perfect site for couples to wed. This year marks the 21<sup>st</sup> year of ESB’s annual Valentine’s Day Weddings Event, which is the only day of the year couples can wed at the iconic building.

ESB has also partnered with the Caribbean country of Aruba to offer five lucky couples a honeymoon to the beautiful, white-sand beaches of “One Happy Island.” The randomly-selected couples will be awarded a romantic five night / six day stay at the adult-only Brickell Bay Beach Club & Spa Boutique Hotel, airfare included.

“The Empire State Building’s 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Valentine’s Day Weddings Event will be our biggest yet,” said Jean-Yves Ghazi, Director of the Empire State Building Observatory. “For the first time ever, we are opening the opportunity to a much larger group of people. Participants will walk away with an unforgettable wedding taking place on our Observatory, providing breathtaking 360° views on the most romantic day of the year.”

Engaged couples and those seeking to renew their vows at the iconic building this Valentine’s Day are asked to preregister at [www.empirestatebuilding.com/valentines-day-weddings-2015](http://www.empirestatebuilding.com/valentines-day-weddings-2015) starting today. The first 100 couples will be escorted up to the Observatory where they will be able to take part in a private ceremony. The first ceremony will begin at 8 a.m. and will be officiated by Mr. Ghazi.

Following the ceremonies couples will be able to take in the panoramic views and pose for photos on the Observatory as well as receive gift bags from Aruba Tourism Authority and an invitation to ESB’s newest restaurant, STATE Grill and Bar, to enjoy complimentary Champagne and sweets.

Couples must be over the age of 18 and have a valid New York State marriage license in order to marry. Vow renewals can be performed if the couple is able to provide a valid New York State marriage license for review.

For complete details, please visit [www.empirestatebuilding.com](http://www.empirestatebuilding.com). For more information about the Aruba Tourism Authority and STATE Grill & Bar, visit [www.aruba.com](http://www.aruba.com) and [www.stategrillny.com](http://www.stategrillny.com).

### **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, [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 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.

### **About Aruba**

As one of the most revisited destinations in the Caribbean, Aruba – “One Happy Island” -- is an island of contradictions, where pristine turquoise waters collide against the desert-like terrain of the north shore; where peace and relaxation coexist with wild and rugged adventures; where Dutch influence meets American ease; and where a diverse history parallels a bright future. Nestled in the Southern Caribbean on the fringes of the hurricane belt, the island is just a two-and-a-half hour flight from Miami and a four-hour flight from New York City and also boasts year-round cooling trade winds and an average 82-degree temperature. Aruba offers beach lovers, adrenaline junkies, relaxation seekers and everyone in between a slice of paradise, including breathtaking beaches, a booming culinary scene with 25+ restaurants located ideally on the water, world famous festivals and events, exciting land and water activities, art galleries and museums, sumptuous spas, championships golf, exclusive shopping and signature experiences such as cooling off in Conchi, the serene Natural Pool accessible only by foot or off-road vehicle. With all-inclusive options, boutique properties in charming Eagle Beach, high-rise branded resorts in Palm Beach or cosmopolitan city hotels in Oranjestad, the island of contradictions provides the perfect getaway for first-time guests and loyal visitors. Visit [www.aruba.com](http://www.aruba.com) to learn more and engage with the brand at [facebook.com/arubafans](https://facebook.com/arubafans) and @aruba on Twitter.

### **Forward-Looking Statements**

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