

## **EMPIRE STATE REALTY TRUST HOSTS 2014 WORLD FEDERATION OF GREAT TOWERS CONFERENCE AT EMPIRE STATE BUILDING**

### ***Members from Great Monuments and Towers Worldwide to Gather at Iconic Landmark and Founding Tower***

**New York, NY, October 24, 2014** – Empire State Realty Trust, Inc. (NYSE: ESRT) today announced it will host the 2014 World Federation of Great Towers (WFGT) conference at the Empire State Building (ESB) beginning Sunday, October 26, through Wednesday, October 29, 2014. WFGT members from around the globe will gather at the iconic landmark, which is one of the Federation's founding members. Participating towers will have the opportunity to share best practices, review global tourism trends, explore the evolution of e-commerce and its impact on our unique industry, and explore sales, marketing, and operational topics affecting towers across the globe.

The WFGT is an international association comprised of some of the most famous and symbolic monuments and towers in the world, such as ESB. The conference, and Federation overall, showcases these great towers and celebrates the astonishing feats of architecture and engineering that created them. The Federation also helps its members develop local and international opportunities to promote their businesses and encourage networking, idea sharing and fruitful partnerships between the great towers of the world.

"As we are the heart of New York City, and central to its most dynamic neighborhoods, the Empire State Building is proud to host the world's leading landmarks to gather for inspiration," said Jean-Yves Ghazi, Director of the Empire State Building Observatory. "ESB is the proud parent of every tall tower, and together with our fellow global landmarks, we stand even taller."

"It is only fitting that the Federation is being hosted by one of its founding and most innovative members, at a time when tourism numbers are soaring in this great city. Collectively our 47 members represent over 50 million visitors annually so to meet in a location that is geared towards the tourist, makes total sense," said Daniel Thomas, Executive Director of the World Federation of Great Towers.

To celebrate this monumental gathering, ESB will shine its world-famous tower lights in sparkling white on Monday, October 27, 2014. ESB will also dedicate a window in its highly trafficked Fifth Avenue Lobby to a display honoring the Federation.

Towers participating in this year's conference include:

- Beijing Central Radio and TV Tower
- Berliner Fernsehturm
- Boston Prudential Tower - Skywalk Observatory - Top of the Hub
- Burj Khalifa
- Calgary Tower
- CN Tower
- Donauturm Tower
- Dragon Tower
- Eiffel Tower
- Empire State Building
- Eureka Skydeck 88
- Goryokaku Tower
- Hague Tower
- Henan Tower (Tower of Fortune)
- 360 Chicago (formerly John Hancock Observatory)

- Menara KL Tower
- Montparnasse Tower
- N Seoul Tower
- Oriental Pearl Tower
- Sichuan Radio & TV Tower
- sky100 Hong Kong Observation Deck
- Space Needle
- Sydney Tower
- Tallinna Teletorn
- The Shard
- Tianjin Radio & TV Tower
- Tokyo Tower
- Torre Latinoamericano Mexico
- Tower Park Prague
- UFO
- Willis Tower SkyDeck

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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, [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 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**

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 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).

**About The World Federation of Great Towers**

The World Federation of Great Towers was founded in 1989 and now has over 45 international members representing over 50 million visitors. The Federation exists to showcase the great towers of the world and celebrate the astonishing feats of architecture and engineering that created them. It also exists to develop local and international opportunities for its member towers to promote themselves and to encourage cross-promotion, networking, best practices and fruitful partnerships between the great towers of the world. In isolation each towers is monumental; together as an association they stand even taller. To learn more about WFGT, please visit <http://www.great-towers.com>.

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