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## **Winthrop Realty Trust Announces Exercise of Over-Allotment Option for Its Senior Notes**

BOSTON, Aug. 23, 2012 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Winthrop Realty Trust (NYSE:FUR) ("Winthrop") today announced that the underwriters have elected to exercise in full the over-allotment option for its underwritten public offering of 7.75% Senior Notes due 2022 (the "Notes"). The closing of the issuance of the additional \$11.25 million of Notes is expected to occur on August 24, 2012, subject to certain closing conditions.

Barclays Capital Inc., Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Incorporated and Jefferies & Company, Inc. acted as joint book-running managers for the offering. Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC acted as lead manager for the offering and KeyBanc Capital Markets and MLV & Co. LLC acted as co-managers for the offering.

This communication shall not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy, nor shall there be any sale of the Notes in any state in which the offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful prior to registration or qualification under the securities laws of that state.

Winthrop Realty Trust is a NYSE-listed real estate investment trust (REIT) headquartered in Boston, Massachusetts. Additional information on Winthrop Realty Trust is available on its Web site at [www.winthropreit.com](http://www.winthropreit.com).

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