



Winthrop Realty Trust Acquires Interests in Four Loans

BOSTON, Jan 04, 2010 /PRNewswire-FirstCall via COMTEX News Network/ -- Winthrop Realty Trust (NYSE: FUR) announced that it has acquired for a gross price of \$15.6 million junior participations or rake bonds in three first mortgage loans as well as a mezzanine loan together which have an aggregate outstanding balance of \$34.8 million. Each loan or bond is secured by either a class A office building located in New York city, a class A office building located in the greater Los Angeles metro market, the Beverly Hills Hilton Hotel or a retail condominium building located in New York city.

Michael L. Ashner, the Company's Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, stated "in each instance we targeted a debt position in the underlying collateral's capital stack which we believe may be the fulcrum position in connection with a recapitalization of such asset."

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.

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