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## Winthrop Realty Trust Announces Public Offering of Senior Notes

BOSTON, Aug. 7, 2012 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Winthrop Realty Trust (NYSE:FUR) ("Winthrop") today announced that it has commenced a public offering of its Senior Notes due 2022 (the "Notes"). The underwriters will be granted a 30-day option to purchase an additional amount of Notes to cover over-allotments, if any.

Winthrop will loan the net proceeds of this offering to its operating partnership, which will use the net proceeds to fund future acquisitions and/or for general working capital purposes, including funding capital expenditures, tenant improvements and leasing commissions.

The offering is being made pursuant to Winthrop's effective shelf registration statement previously filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission. The offering of the Notes will be made only by means of a prospectus and a related prospectus supplement. Copies of the prospectus and prospectus supplement may be obtained from Barclays Capital Inc., c/o Broadridge Financial Solutions, 1155 Long Island Avenue, Edgewood, New York 11717, by email at [Barclaysprospectus@broadridge.com](mailto:Barclaysprospectus@broadridge.com) or by telephone at (888) 603-5847; from Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Incorporated, One South Street, 15th Floor, Baltimore, MD 21202, Attention: Syndicate Department or by telephone at (443) 224 - 1988; or from Jefferies & Company, Inc., Attn: Debt Capital Markets, 520 Madison Avenue, 8th Floor, New York, NY, 10022 or by telephone at (201) 761-7610 or by email at [Prospectus\\_Department@Jefferies.com](mailto:Prospectus_Department@Jefferies.com).

An electronic copy of the prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus will also be available on the website of the Securities and Exchange Commission at <http://www.sec.gov>.

This communication shall not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy, nor shall there be any sale of these securities 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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