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## NAREIT Investor CARE Awards Honor REIT Industry's Best Investor Communications

**WASHINGTON, DC, June 14**—NAREIT, the National Association of Real Estate Investment Trusts, announced the winners of its annual NAREIT Investor CARE Awards for Investor Communications and Reporting Excellence. The awards recognize outstanding achievement in shareholder communications through annual reports and web sites among NAREIT's more than 150 REIT and publicly traded real estate operating company members.

Gold, silver and bronze NAREIT Investor CARE awards are given for annual report management discussion and analysis sections; annual report presentation and design; and web sites. This year's winners for the best management discussion and analysis section were Regency Centers Corporation (Gold Award); Brookfield Properties Corporation (Silver Award) and Boston Properties, Inc. (Bronze Award).

The winners for the best presentation and design of an annual report were: AvalonBay Communities, Inc. (Gold Award); Shaftesbury PLC (Silver Award); and Hammerson PLC (Bronze Award).

Award winners for the best web site were: Land Securities Group PLC (Gold Award); Brookfield Properties Corporation (Silver Award); and Ventas, Inc. (Bronze Award).

The NAREIT Investor CARE Awards are judged by an independent panel of REIT securities analysts and portfolio managers. This year's judges were: Paul Adornato, managing director and senior REIT analyst, BMO Capital Markets; David AuBuchon, director, Robert W. Baird & Co., Inc.; Ralph Block, CEO, Essential REIT Publishing Co.; Mary Hogan-Preusse, managing director and co-head, Americas Real Estate, APG Asset Management U.S., Inc.; the JP Morgan Investment Management Team; Eden Levinson, assistant vice president, Duff & Phelps Investment Management; Keven Lindemann, director, Real Estate Group, SNL Financial, LLC; the RBC Capital Markets REIT Research Team; and the Stifel Nicolaus REIT Research Team.

The awards were presented at REITWeek 2010: NAREIT's Investor Forum, which was held June 9-11 in Chicago.

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