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NAREIT AND ENERGY STAR HONOR REIT "LEADERS IN THE LIGHT"

Washington, D.C. -- The National Association of Real Estate Investment Trusts[®] (NAREIT[®]), in collaboration with Energy Star[®], today honored several of its member companies for demonstrating superior and sustained energy use practices.

"Our 'Leader in the Light' award recognizes company-wide operations which generate substantially improved energy efficiency and expense management," explained NAREIT Executive Vice President for Finance and Operations Sheldon M. Groner.

This year's "Leader in the Light" Award recipients:

Gold (Tie): Simon Property Group (NYSE: SPG)

Legacy Hotels REIT (TSE: LGY.UN)

Silver: Parkway Properties, Inc. (NYSE: PKY)

Bronze: The Macerich Company (NYSE: MAC)

Honorable Mention: AMB Property Corporation (NYSE: AMB)

HCP, Inc. (NYSE: HCP) ProLogis (NYSE: PLD)

"It's apparent that better managing or reducing energy costs at properties can play a role in enhancing shareholder value," Groner explained. "The companies we have singled out have implemented innovative and effective measures to improve portfolio-wide energy performance."

The "Leader in the Light" Awards were presented at a breakfast session during the NAREIT Annual Convention in Las Vegas.

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