

Digital Realty Among First Data Center Providers To Complete SOC 2 Audit Of Its U.S. Data Center Security Operations

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SAN FRANCISCO, April 30, 2012 /PRNewswire/ -- Digital Realty Trust, Inc. (NYSE: DLR), a leading global provider of data center solutions, announced today that it has completed a SOC 2 Type 2 examination of its U.S. data center operations using the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) Guide: *Reporting on Controls at Service Organizations Relevant to Security, Availability, Processing Integrity, Confidentiality, or Privacy*.

"Digital Realty has successfully completed an examination of its security controls using the AICPA's SOC 2 Type 2 report," said Dave Caron, Senior Vice President, Portfolio Management at Digital Realty. "As one of the largest data center providers with a commitment to excellence and transparency, we took an early start in the industry to undertake this extensive effort, validating our security procedures and making those results available to our broad base of customers. This report gives our customers a higher level of confidence that our security protocols are being enforced to ensure their mission critical computing systems are protected."

SOC 2 is a mechanism for service organizations, including data center providers such as Digital Realty, to report on the design and effectiveness of their security policies, communications, procedures and monitoring based on detailed criteria. This report is intended to meet the needs of a broad range of users that need to understand internal controls at a service organization.

"With the retirement of SAS 70 last year and increasing deployment of cloud and other outsourced solutions, we see the growing importance of SOC 2 reports for customers to help them monitor the effectiveness of their service providers' security and other operational controls," said David Schirmacher, Senior Vice President, Operations for Digital Realty. "SOC 2 reports benefit customers by providing detailed information on controls and auditor testing to address a predefined set of detailed control criteria. For this reason, we decided to be proactive and complete our inaugural SOC 2 security examinations."

About Digital Realty

Digital Realty Trust, Inc. focuses on delivering customer driven data center solutions by providing secure, reliable and cost effective facilities that meet each customer's unique data center needs. Digital Realty's customers include domestic and international companies across multiple industry verticals ranging from information technology and Internet enterprises, to manufacturing and financial services. Digital Realty's 102 properties, excluding three properties held as investments in unconsolidated joint ventures, comprise approximately 19.1 million square feet as of April 26, 2012, including 2.2 million square feet of space held for redevelopment. Digital Realty's portfolio is located in 31 markets throughout Europe, North America, Singapore and Australia. Additional information about Digital Realty is included in the Company Overview, which is available on the Investors page of Digital Realty's website at <http://www.digitalrealty.com>.

Safe Harbor Statement

This press release contains forward-looking statements which are based on current expectations, forecasts and assumptions that involve risks and uncertainties that could cause actual outcomes and results to differ materially, including statements related to Brent Behrman's departure. These risks and uncertainties include, among others, the following: the impact of the recent deterioration in global economic, credit and market conditions, including the downgrade of the U.S. government's credit rating; current local economic conditions in our geographic markets; decreases in information technology spending, including as a result of economic slowdowns or recession; adverse economic or real estate developments in our industry or the industry sectors that we sell to (including risks relating to decreasing real estate valuations and impairment charges); our dependence upon significant tenants; bankruptcy or insolvency of a major tenant or a significant number of smaller tenants; defaults on or non-renewal of leases by tenants; our failure to obtain necessary debt and equity financing; increased interest rates and operating costs; risks associated with using debt to fund our business activities, including re-financing and interest rate risks, our failure to repay debt when due, adverse changes in our credit ratings or our breach of covenants or other terms contained in our loan facilities and agreements; financial market fluctuations; changes in foreign currency exchange rates; our inability to manage our growth effectively; difficulty acquiring or operating properties in foreign jurisdictions; our failure to successfully integrate and operate acquired or redeveloped properties or businesses; risks related to joint venture investments, including as a result of our lack of control of such investments; delays or unexpected costs in development or redevelopment of properties; decreased rental rates or increased vacancy rates; increased competition or available supply of data center space; our inability to successfully develop and lease new properties and space held for redevelopment; difficulties in identifying properties to acquire and completing acquisitions; our inability to acquire off-market properties; our inability to comply with the rules and regulations applicable to reporting companies; our failure to maintain our status as a REIT; possible adverse changes to tax laws; restrictions on our ability to engage in certain business activities; environmental uncertainties and risks related to natural disasters; losses in excess of our insurance coverage; changes in foreign laws and regulations, including those related to taxation and real estate ownership and operation; and changes in local, state and federal regulatory requirements, including changes in real estate and zoning laws and increases in real property tax rates. For a further list and description of such risks and uncertainties, see the reports and other filings by the Company with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, including the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2011. The Company disclaims any intention or obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements,

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