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02-26-2015 - ULI Boston to host Trends in Real Estate Forum at the Renaissance Waterfront Hotel Feb. 26 from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

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In 2015, Boston is again one of the top ten cities in America for real estate investment, according Emerging Trends in Real Estate 2015, co-published by PwC and the Urban Land Institute (ULI). The report, which compiles data collected from 1,400 industry experts nationwide, notes that Boston will continue "to attract significant amounts of institutional capital."

On February 26, one the report's author will headline ULI Boston's Trends in Real Estate Forum, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Renaissance Boston Waterfront Hotel, featuring candid discussions from leading experts on how Boston can compete in an increasingly global stage.

Mitch Roschelle national practice leader for PwC's real estate advisory practice, will comment on the top trends impacting real estate investors, developers, workers and consumers, including the transformation of downtown regions to create 18-hour cities; the changing influence of millennials and baby boomers and; how long term labor trends will reflect a market where "jobs are chasing people."

A panel of local experts will address the trends they see in the Boston market. The panel includes:

- * Thomas Alperin, president, National Development and a member of the Boston 2024 team;
 - * Don Briggs, executive vice president of development, Federal Realty Investment Trust;
 - * Carlos Febres-Mazzei, senior vice president, CBRE/New England; and
- Paul Lee, SVP, head of investment & finance, Landsea Holdings Corp.

The Trends in Real Estate Forum is ULI Boston's signature winter event, drawing professionals from across the local real estate spectrum.

"ULI Trends in Real Estate Forum will examine how Boston is positioned to compete as a region on an international stage. We will explore themes of regional coordination, inflows of international capital and the Olympic planning process as determining factors in keeping Boston a top ten city for investment," said Sara Cassidy, co-chair of the ULI Trends in Real Estate Forum and Eexecutive director of J.P. Morgan Asset Management.

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