

## Northwestern Mutual provides \$200 Million in loan refinancing for One and Two Union in Seattle

MILWAUKEE, April 22, 2013 /PRNewswire/ -- Northwestern Mutual has funded \$200 million of a \$400 million loan refinance on Union Square in Seattle, Washington. Union Square consists of One Union, a 36-story building containing 670,000 square feet and Two Union, a 56-story building containing 1.1 million square feet .

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Northwestern Mutual provided the loan to Union Square Limited Liability Company owned by Washington Real Estate Holdings and a major pension fund investor.

"Union Square is an iconic office property that is very well-positioned within Seattle's financial district," noted Kelly Havey, Director, Northwestern Mutual Real Estate Investments, LLC, the wholly owned subsidiary and authorized representative of Northwestern Mutual for the management of Northwestern Mutual's real estate portfolio. "Seattle is a dynamic city where it makes sense for us to invest on behalf of our policyowners."

Washington Real Estate Holdings, as the managing member of the ownership, handles both the leasing and management of Union Square.

An essential ingredient in maintaining Northwestern Mutual's financial strength and ability to deliver value to policyowners is the performance of the company's \$174 billion general account investment portfolio, whose assets back the company's insurance and annuity products.

The investment earnings generated by this portfolio produce capital that helps build the company's strong financial base. They are also the primary determinant of the interest component of the dividend scale for traditional permanent life insurance policies.

As part of a well-diversified portfolio primarily invested in investment-grade bonds and other high-quality fixed-income instruments, Northwestern Mutual invests in commercial mortgage loans that it originates in the private market directly with owners of commercial real estate. The portfolio also includes commercial real estate equity investments primarily in apartment, warehouse and office properties.

The company's real estate investments enhance its dividend-paying capacity while supporting economic growth in the communities in which it does business.

New York Life is providing the remaining half of the \$400 million loan refinance.

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