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## **PARTNERS REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST CLOSES PUBLIC OFFERING**

### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**Victoria, B.C.** – March 12, 2013 – **Partners Real Estate Investment Trust** (the “**REIT**” or “**Partners REIT**”) (TSX: PAR.UN; PAR.DB; PAR.DB.A; PAR.DB.B) is pleased to announce that it has closed its previously announced offering (the “**Offering**”) of \$20,000,000 aggregate principal amount of 5.5% convertible unsecured subordinated debentures, on a bought deal basis, to a syndicate of underwriters (the “**Underwriters**”) led by National Bank Financial Inc. and Scotiabank and including RBC Dominion Securities, CIBC World Markets Inc., Canaccord Genuity Corp., TD Securities Inc., Macquarie Capital Markets Canada Ltd., Raymond James Ltd. and M Partners Inc.

The REIT has granted the Underwriters an over-allotment option, exercisable in whole or in part at the discretion of the Underwriters at any time up to 30 days following the closing of the Offering, enabling the Underwriters to purchase up to an additional \$3,000,000 aggregate principal amount of 5.5% convertible unsecured subordinated debentures.

The net proceeds to the REIT from the Offering, after deducting the underwriters’ fee of \$800,000 but before deducting the expenses of the Offering, were \$19,200,000. Partners REIT will use the net proceeds from the Offering to fund a portion of the purchase price for the previously announced acquisition of certain properties in Montreal, Quebec.

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### **About Partners REIT**

Partners REIT is a growth-oriented real estate investment trust, which currently owns (directly or indirectly) [33] retail properties located in British Columbia, Alberta, Manitoba, Ontario and Quebec, aggregating approximately [2.3] million square feet of leasable space. Partners REIT focuses on expanding and managing a portfolio of retail and mixed-use community and neighbourhood shopping centres located in both primary and secondary markets across Canada.

### **For further information:**

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### **Forward-looking Statements**

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*The forward-looking statements contained in this press release reflect our current views with respect to future events and are also subject to certain other risks and uncertainties and other risks detailed from time-to-time in Partners REIT's ongoing filings with the securities regulatory authorities, which filings can be found at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com). Actual results, events, and performance may differ materially from those contemplated in Partners REIT's forward-looking statements. Readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements. Partners REIT does not undertake any obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements either as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, except as required by applicable securities laws.*

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