

# Partners Real Estate Investment Trust Announces Exercise of Over-Allotment Option

**VICTORIA, BC., March 6, 2012 - Partners Real Estate Investment Trust** (the "**REIT**" or "**Partners REIT**") (TSXV: PAR. UN; PAR.DB) is pleased to announce that the underwriters of its previously announced offering (the "**Offering**") of 10,753,000 units ("**Units**") (on a pre-consolidation basis) at a price of \$1.86 per Unit (on a pre-consolidation basis) of the REIT representing gross proceeds of approximately \$20 million, have delivered a notice of intention to exercise in part their over-allotment option which will result in the issuance of an additional 360,812 Units on a 1:4 post-consolidation basis (1,443,248 Units on a pre-consolidation basis) at a price of \$7.44 per Unit on a post-consolidation basis (\$1.86 per Unit on a pre-consolidation basis), for gross proceeds of approximately \$2.684 million (the "**Over-Allotment Option**"). Total gross proceeds to the REIT from the Offering and the Over-Allotment Option are expected to be \$22.684 million.

The closing of the Over-Allotment Option is expected to take place on or about March 8, 2012 and is subject to certain conditions precedent.

The estimated net proceeds to the REIT for the Over-Allotment Option, after deducting the Underwriters' fee of \$120,800 but before deducting the expenses of the Over-Allotment Option, is approximately \$2.564 million.

The net proceeds from the Offering were used by the REIT to pay out a loan facility entered into in connection with certain property purchases and to pay down a portion of the REIT's acquisition facility advanced in respect of a property purchase completed in 2011.

The Offering was co-led by National Bank Financial Inc. and Canaccord Genuity Corp., and including Scotia Capital Inc., CIBC World Markets Inc., TD Securities Inc., Desjardins Securities Inc., Macquarie Capital Markets Canada Ltd., Raymond James Ltd. and GMP Securities L.P.

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**About Partners REIT**

Partners REIT is a growth-oriented real estate investment trust, which currently owns (directly or indirectly) twenty-two retail properties located in British Columbia, Alberta, Manitoba, Ontario and Quebec, aggregating approximately 1.7 million square feet of leaseable 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.

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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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