

News Release

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GLOBAL GROWTH TRUST ANNOUNCES SIXTH APARTMENT DEVELOPMENT

-- Texas project marks an estimated \$167 million in multifamily development in the past year --

(ORLANDO, Fla.) Jan. 22, 2013 — Global Growth Trust, a real estate investment trust (REIT) focused on providing capital appreciation for investors, has formed a joint venture with Trinsic Residential Group to develop an estimated \$32 million Class A, garden-style apartment community in Katy, Texas, on the west side of Houston.

The community, Aura Grand Corners, will be the fifth multifamily development Global Growth Trust has undertaken in the past year, with other communities in development near Dallas, Charlotte, N.C. and Tampa, Fla. The company has committed approximately \$167.3 million in these five projects. Additionally, Global Growth Trust recently completed a 258-unit project in Mount Pleasant, S.C., near Charleston, representing a total investment commitment of nearly \$195 million in multifamily development for the REIT.

"We continue to see opportunities for our investors in multifamily development, especially as a growing number of people find renting in high-quality communities such as Aura Grand Corners to be more attractive than home ownership," said Andy Hyltin, president and CEO of Global Growth Trust. "Population centers such as these continue to attract new residents and to see increased demand for new development."

Aura Grand Corners will contain 291 units on 14.45 acres. The site is part of Grand Lakes, a master-planned community that encompasses more than 1,250 acres and is regarded as a premier neighborhood in Katy. The property is located at the northeast corner of Grand Parkway, the major north/south thoroughfare in Katy, and the Westpark Tollway, a major east/west road that provides access to downtown Houston.

The project will include one-, two-, and three-bedroom floor plans with an average unit size of 931 square feet. The community will feature a clubhouse, business center, fitness center, dog park, a resort-style swimming pool, and attached and detached garages.

Trinsic Residential Group, a privately held real estate company based in Dallas, will serve as the project's developer and general contractor. The company develops upscale multifamily housing in infill and suburban locations, primarily in major Texas markets. Collectively, the company's senior management has developed or acquired approximately 19,000 units worth more than \$2 billion.

This is the second joint development project for Global Growth Trust and Trinsic Residential Group. Last month, they announced they would be building Aura Castle Hills, a 316-unit, \$34.9 million multifamily project outside of Dallas.

"Trinsic Residential Group is a well-respected developer in Texas, with a deep knowledge of the market dynamics in the communities in which they work," said Hyltin. "We look forward to strengthening our relationship with them through the development of these new communities."

Financial advisors can contact the managing dealer of the REIT, CNL Securities, member FINRA/SIPC, at (866) 650-0650 (www.CNLSecurities.com).

Global Growth Trust is advised by CNL Global Growth Advisors, LLC, which is an affiliate of the REIT's sponsor, CNL Financial Group.

About Global Growth Trust

Global Growth Trust is a non-traded real estate investment trust with a focused growth philosophy. It intends to take advantage of opportunities in the commercial real estate market. With a flexible investment strategy, the REIT is able to target assets it believes provide the greatest opportunity for growth and capital appreciation. For more information, visit www.GrowthTrust.com.

About CNL Financial Group

CNL Financial Group (CNL) is a leading private investment management firm providing global real estate and alternative investments. Since inception in 1973, CNL and/or its affiliates have formed or acquired companies with more than \$26 billion in assets. CNL is headquartered in Orlando, Florida. For more information, visit www.cnl.com.

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