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Katten and GreerWalker Host Sixth Annual Charlotte Commercial Real Estate Outlook Event

Executives from UBS Securities, Mountain Real Estate Group and Cassidy Turley to Examine State of Commercial Real Estate and Discuss Outlook for 2013

(CHARLOTTE) The law firm of Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP and the accounting firm of GreerWalker LLP will host their sixth annual event examining the state of the commercial real estate market in Charlotte and the Southeast and the outlook for 2013. The event will take place on Wednesday, February 13, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at The Ritz-Carlton, 201 East Trade Street.

This year's panel speakers include Michael Cohen, executive director at UBS Securities LLC, Peter Fioretti, chief executive officer at Mountain Real Estate Group and Kevin Thorpe, chief economist at Cassidy Turley.

“As we expect that the real estate market will continue to improve and recover in 2013, it's important to come together and discuss the potential challenges and opportunities that we may be faced with in the upcoming year,” said Daniel S. Huffenus, managing partner of Katten's Charlotte office and part of the firm's Real Estate practice. “This event features a diverse range of perspectives on the state of our economy and its impact on real estate in Charlotte and the Southeast.”

“Every year we look forward to this event where the real estate industry can get together and hear from different market experts on how current and expected trends might impact the economic development and the commercial real estate market,” said Barry Leasure, partner at GreerWalker LLP. “In addition to its informative value, it gives folks in the real estate industry a chance to rub elbows and network with their peers.”

The event is free of charge. Attendees are encouraged to donate to the Charlotte-based nonprofit organization Community Link which enables individuals and families to obtain and sustain safe, decent affordable housing.

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