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Katten Named Real Estate Law Firm of the Year by *Finance Monthly*

(CHICAGO) Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP was named Real Estate Law Firm of the Year–USA as part of the 2012 *Finance Monthly* Law Awards. The awards recognize those law firms that have innovated and met the challenging business environment head-on by delivering first class results for their clients.

“Katten’s Real Estate Practice is well-deserving of this designation, as our attorneys are some of the most well-respected in the field,” said Vincent A. F. Sergi, Katten’s national managing partner.

Katten has one of the most extensive and renowned real estate practices, with more than 100 attorneys throughout the United States and in London. The firm’s combined experience in the United States and European real estate and real estate capital markets enables Katten attorneys to provide premier servicing solutions and capabilities on both sides of the Atlantic.

The award criteria included the amount and significance of legal cases and activity over the past year, legal expertise and innovation, peer recognition and votes, strategic thinking and planning, and other accolades by international legal guides.

“The firm’s Real Estate Practice is growing both in the United States and internationally, which with current economic challenges speaks to the quality of work our attorneys provide as well as their reputation in the industry,” said David J. Bryant, national head of Katten’s Real Estate Practice.

Finance Monthly is an international publication that provides news, insight, comment and analysis on funds, corporate tax, mergers and acquisitions and private equity. Written for the corporate leader, *Finance Monthly* examines the driving forces that affect the corporate world from a financial viewpoint month by month. The *Finance Monthly* Law Awards recognize all those law firms that have dedicated their resources to innovation built on their depth of expertise and whose performance has been outstanding over the year.

Attorneys in Katten’s Real Estate Practice have broad experience in all types of real estate transactions, including all classes of debt financings, leasing, acquisitions, sales, development,

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fund formation, private equity and joint ventures, REIT formation, securitizations, cross-border transactions, recapitalizations, workouts and restructurings. The firm's deals involve asset classes that span the market, including hotels, office, retail, industrial, residential, raw land and mixed-use projects.

Katten is a full-service law firm with more than 600 attorneys in locations across the United States and in London and Shanghai. Clients seeking sophisticated, high-value legal services turn to us for counsel locally, nationally and internationally. The firm's core areas of practice are corporate, financial services, insolvency and restructuring, litigation, real estate, environmental, commercial finance, intellectual property and trusts and estates. Katten attorneys represent public and private companies in numerous industries, including a third of the Fortune 100, as well as a number of government and nonprofit organizations and individuals.

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