CINCINNATI, Oct. 7, 2013 /PRNewswire/ -- Phillips Edison & Company announced today that D.J. Belock has joined their leadership team as Senior Vice President of Finance. He will be responsible for all financial and internal control activities, including planning and reporting, fundraising, investor relations, accounting and risk management.

"We are pleased to welcome someone of D.J.'s caliber to our team," said Devin Murphy, Principal and Chief Financial Officer of Phillips Edison. "D.J. is an experienced finance professional who has an outstanding strategic, capital markets and analytical skill set that will help our team become a premier finance organization."

Mr. Belock brings over 15 years of experience, most recently as Senior Vice President at Goldman, Sachs & Co. in the real estate investment banking group. While at Goldman Sachs, he advised clients across all sectors of real estate on capital markets and mergers and acquisitions. His retail real estate clients included Taubman Centers, Kite Realty and Pennsylvania Real Estate Investment Trust (PREIT), and he helped advise the Mills Corporation on its sale to Simon.

Prior to his tenure at Goldman Sachs, Mr. Belock was an Associate on the real estate investment banking team at Bear, Stearns & Co. Inc. where he served as an advisor on numerous real estate transactions. In his role at National City Corporation prior to business school, he was responsible for developing the sales strategy for Direct Lending products utilized in National City's 14,000-unit branch system, after having managed multiple branches himself.

Mr. Belock graduated from Notre Dame with a BBA in finance and business economics. He received his MBA in finance from Columbia Business School.

Since 1991, Phillips Edison & Company has specialized in the acquisition, leasing and operation of grocery-anchored neighborhood and community shopping centers. The Company has diversified its portfolio and services to become the total retail solution for property owners, retailers and investors. In addition to its core focus on necessity-based shopping centers, the Company manages specialized funds invested in power centers, enclosed malls, lifestyle centers, net lease properties and other retail real estate assets. Phillips Edison's portfolio of owned and/or managed properties currently includes more than 285 properties, totaling over 30 million square feet in 35 states. The Company has corporate offices in Cincinnati and Salt Lake City as well as regional offices across the country.

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