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Associated Estates Realty Corporation

(Name of Registrant as Specified In Its Charter)

Land & Buildings Investment Management, LLC

Land & Buildings Capital Growth Fund, L.P.

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Land and Buildings Sends Letter to Recently Added Associated Estates Independent Directors

- Applauds Associated Estates Decision to Maximize Shareholder Value -

Stamford, CT— (April 22, 2015) – Land and Buildings applauds Associated Estates’ (NYSE: AEC) (the “Company”) Board of Directors for entering into a definitive agreement today to sell the Company to a real estate fund managed by Brookfield Asset Management (NYSE/TSX: BAM) for \$28.75 per share, or approximately \$2.5 billion including the assumption of debt. This purchase price represents a 17% premium to yesterday’s closing price and a 65% premium to the price prior to Land and Buildings’ public involvement on June 2, 2014.

Jonathan Litt, Founder and Chief Investment Officer of Land and Buildings, stated:

“We are encouraged that the Board of Associated Estates has chosen to enter into this transaction, which we believe is an outstanding outcome for all shareholders. Our goal at AEC was always to unlock the substantial discount the Company has traded at relative to net asset value, and we are confident that this has now been achieved.

“We are pleased to have played an important role in maximizing value for shareholders of AEC, and believe today’s announcement clearly reflects that Associated Estates’ Board recognized that there was a need to act to address the persistent valuation discount.”

As previously announced, Land and Buildings has nominated three candidates to the AEC board at the Company’s 2015 annual meeting of shareholders. Land and Buildings anticipates that AEC will schedule its next annual meeting only in the event that the transaction does not close.

About Land and Buildings:

Land and Buildings is a registered investment manager specializing in publicly traded real estate and real estate related securities. Land and Buildings seeks to deliver attractive risk adjusted returns by opportunistically investing in securities of global real estate and real estate related companies, leveraging its investment professionals' deep experience, research expertise and industry relationships.

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LAND & BUILDINGS CAPITAL GROWTH FUND, L.P., LAND & BUILDINGS INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT, LLC AND JONATHAN LITT (COLLECTIVELY, "LAND & BUILDINGS") AND CHARLES M. ELSON AND R. SCOT SELLERS (TOGETHER WITH LAND & BUILDINGS, THE "PARTICIPANTS") FILED WITH THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION (THE "SEC") ON APRIL 6, 2015 A DEFINITIVE PROXY STATEMENT AND ACCOMPANYING FORM OF PROXY CARD TO BE USED IN CONNECTION WITH THE PARTICIPANTS' SOLICITATION OF PROXIES FROM THE STOCKHOLDERS OF ASSOCIATED ESTATES REALTY CORPORATION (THE "COMPANY") FOR USE AT THE COMPANY'S 2015 ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS (THE "PROXY SOLICITATION"). ALL STOCKHOLDERS OF THE COMPANY ARE ADVISED TO READ THE DEFINITIVE PROXY STATEMENT AND OTHER DOCUMENTS RELATED TO THE PROXY SOLICITATION BECAUSE THEY CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION, INCLUDING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION RELATED TO THE PARTICIPANTS. THE DEFINITIVE PROXY STATEMENT AND AN ACCOMPANYING PROXY CARD HAVE BEEN FURNISHED TO SOME OR ALL OF THE COMPANY'S STOCKHOLDERS AND ARE, ALONG WITH OTHER RELEVANT DOCUMENTS, AVAILABLE AT NO CHARGE ON THE SEC'S WEBSITE AT [HTTP://WWW.SEC.GOV/](http://www.sec.gov/). IN ADDITION, INNISFREE M&A INCORPORATED, LAND & BUILDING'S PROXY SOLICITOR, WILL PROVIDE COPIES OF THE DEFINITIVE PROXY STATEMENT AND ACCOMPANYING PROXY CARD WITHOUT CHARGE UPON REQUEST

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