

News Release

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GLOBAL GROWTH TRUST ACQUIRES ATLANTA-AREA OFFICE COMPLEX

-- Company invests \$14.1 million in three buildings in fast-growing Gwinnett County --

(ORLANDO, Fla.) Oct. 20, 2011 — Global Growth Trust, Inc., a nontraded real estate investment trust (REIT) focused on acquiring growth-producing assets for investors, has acquired Gwinnett Center, a three-building office complex in Duluth, Ga., northeast of Atlanta. The complex, which has 263,742 square feet of leasable space, was purchased from a senior lender, after the previous owners defaulted on their debt payments, for \$14.1 million, representing a significant discount to its estimated current replacement cost.

The complex, which was completed in 2000, is located near Interstate 85 in Gwinnett County, part of the Atlanta metropolitan area. Gwinnett Center is currently 41 percent leased by approximately 30 tenants, including companies that operate in the health care, education and engineering industries.



An aerial photo of the three buildings acquired by Global Growth Trust.

“Recent and ongoing ownership uncertainty made it difficult for the property to undertake capital improvements and leasing efforts over the past year,” said Andy Hyltin, president of Global Growth Trust. “The discounted cost of this transaction will allow us to make needed upgrades to the complex, while offering highly competitive lease rates to help attract new tenants. This revitalization should translate to a greater return on our shareholders’ investment.”

Gwinnett County is projected to become Georgia’s most populous county within the next five years. The Atlanta metropolitan area is the seventh largest in the country with a population of 5.6 million residents. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, the Atlanta metropolitan area saw its population increase 22 percent between 2000 and 2009, giving it the second highest rate of population growth in the nation. The region is consistently ranked as one of the best places to do business in the country and more than 1,000 companies relocated their headquarters, started operations or expanded into the Atlanta area between 2000 and 2008. The Atlanta metropolitan area is home to more than 140,000 private firms and the headquarters of a dozen Fortune 500 companies.

About Global Growth Trust

Global Growth Trust is a company whose goal is to provide capital appreciation for its shareholders. The company, which is taxed as a real estate investment trust (REIT), plans to build a portfolio of real estate and real estate related assets located in the United States and abroad; over the long term, up to 30 percent of its assets may be located abroad. For more information, visit www.growthtrust.com.

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