



Video Interview: Stuart Tanz, President, and CEO of Retail Opportunity Investments Corp.

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NEW YORK, Nov. 11, 2009 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Veteran business journalist Joya Dass joins Stuart Tanz, President & CEO of Retail Opportunity Investments Corp. (ROIC) to discuss the company's industry, strategy, financials and positioning.

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Mr. Tanz is the Chief Executive Officer and President of Retail Opportunity Investments Corp., a public company traded on the NASDAQ stock exchange. Prior to joining Retail Opportunity Investments, Mr. Tanz was the Chairman of the Board of Directors, Chief Executive Officer and President of Pan Pacific Retail Properties, Inc., a San Diego based real estate investment trust (REIT), which owned and operated shopping centers located throughout the Western United States. Under his direction, the company's portfolio grew from 13 shopping centers (totaling \$415 million in assets in 1992) into the largest shopping center REIT on the West Coast with 138 properties and a total market capitalization in excess of \$4 billion before being sold to Kimco Realty Corp. in November 2006.

From 1986 to 1991, Mr. Tanz operated his own real estate development company based in Southern California. From 1982 to 1985, he was Director of Acquisitions for Bramalea California, Inc., a subsidiary for Bramalea Ltd., one of the largest real estate companies at that time in North America. More recently, from 2007 to 2009, Mr. Tanz served as the Founder and Chief Executive Officer of United Income Properties, Inc., a San Diego based real estate company.

Mr. Tanz currently serves on the Advisory Council for the University of Southern California Lusk Center for Real Estate; the Policy Advisory Board of the Burnham-Moores Institute of Real Estate at the University of San Diego, and the Board of Directors for the Burnham Institute for Medical Research.

Mr. Tanz is also a member of International Council of Shopping Centers and the Young Presidents Organization. Considered one of the industry's leaders, Mr. Tanz is a frequent guest speaker at real estate conferences throughout the country. In 1998, National Real Estate Investors named Mr. Tanz as one of the country's top real estate executives under the age of 40. In 2001, Mr. Tanz was awarded San Diego's Ernst & Young Real Estate Entrepreneur of the Year in real estate. Mr. Tanz received his BS in business administration from the University of Southern California, Marshall School of Business.

About Retail Opportunity Investments Corp.

Retail Opportunity Investments Corp. is a corporation that intends to qualify as a REIT for U.S. federal income tax purposes and that expects to invest in, acquire, own, lease, reposition and manage a diverse portfolio of necessity-based retail properties, including, primarily, well located community and neighborhood shopping centers, anchored by national or regional supermarkets and drugstores. The Company may also acquire other retail properties, including power centers, regional malls, lifestyle centers and single-tenant retail locations that are leased to national, regional and local tenants. Retail Opportunity Investments Corp. will target properties strategically situated in densely populated, middle and upper income markets in the eastern and western regions of the United States. In addition, the Company may supplement its direct purchases of retail properties with first mortgages or second mortgages, mezzanine loans, bridge or other loans or debt investments related to retail properties, which we refer to collectively as "real estate-related debt investments," in each case provided that the underlying real estate meets the Company's criteria for direct investment. Retail Opportunity Investments Corp.'s primary focus with respect to real estate-related debt investments is to capitalize on the opportunity to acquire control positions that will enable it to obtain the asset should a default occur.

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