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NEWSTAR SCHEDULES RELEASE OF RESULTS FOR THE FOURTH QUARTER AND FISCAL YEAR OF 2016

Boston, Massachusetts, Jan. 31, 2017 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) --

NewStar Financial, Inc. ("NewStar") (NASDAQ:NEWS) announced today that it will report financial results for the fourth quarter and fiscal year of 2016 on Tuesday, February 14, 2017 before the markets open.

NewStar will also host a webcast/conference call to discuss the results on Tuesday, February 14, 2017 at 10:00am Eastern Time. All interested parties are invited to participate via telephone or webcast, which will be hosted through the Investor Relations section of the company's website at www.newstarfin.com. Please visit the website to register for the webcast and test your connection prior to the call. You can also access the conference call by dialing 877-755-7419 approximately 5-10 minutes prior to the call. International callers should dial 973-200-3080. All callers should reference "NewStar Financial."

For convenience, an archived replay of the call will be available through February 22, 2017 by dialing 855-859-2056. International callers should call 404-537-3406. For all replays, please use the passcode 56986355. The audio replay will also be available through the Investor Relations section of our website at www.newstarfin.com.

About NewStar Financial, Inc.:

NewStar Financial, Inc. (Nasdaq:NEWS) is an internally-managed commercial finance company with more than \$6 billion of assets managed across two complementary business lines — middle market direct lending and asset management. The Company's direct lending activities are focused on meeting the complex financing needs of companies and private investors in the middle markets through specialized lending groups that offer a range of flexible debt financing options to fund working capital, growth strategies, acquisitions and recapitalizations. Through its asset management platforms, NewStar also offers a range of investment products employing credit-oriented strategies focused on middle market loans and liquid, tradeable credit.

NewStar is headquartered in Boston MA and has regional offices in Chicago IL, Darien CT, and New York NY. Please visit our website at www.newstarfin.com for more detailed information.

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