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### REISA ELECTS NEW DIRECTORS FOR 2013 BOARD

**December 2012, Indianapolis, Ind.**—REISA, the leading association for alternative investments, has elected new directors to its 2013 Board. The following industry leaders will help guide REISA in the new year: Randy Anderson, Mike Bendix, Peter Blum, Shimshon Plotkin and Thomas Voekler.

**Dr. Randy Anderson** is chief economist at Bluerock Capital Markets LLC. He has been active in the real estate industry for more than 20 years as a researcher, owner investor and strategist. As Bluerock chief economist, Dr. Anderson serves as the primary spokesperson on macroeconomic issues and the global commercial real estate market.

**Mike Bendix** is the co-founder of DFIG Investments Inc. where he chairs the Real Estate Securities Investment Committee and is responsible for the development of the propriety due diligence models used by DFIG. Additionally, Bendix is the president of Bridge Equities Inc., a branch office of DFIG.

**Peter H. Blum** is the co-chief executive officer and co-president of Ladenburg Thalmann & Co. Inc., a full-service investment banking firm established in 1876 and a NYSE member firm since 1879. Along with its affiliated independent broker-dealers, Investacorp, Securities America and Triad Advisors, Ladenburg Thalmann & Co. Inc. is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Ladenburg Thalmann Financial Services Inc. (NYSE MKT:LTS) a diversified financial services firm based out of New York, N.Y., and Miami, Fla.

**Shimshon “Shim” Plotkin** is founder and president of Plotkin Financial Advisors, a registered investment advisory firm in Chevy Chase, Md., where he leads a devoted team of specialists and service professionals. He holds degrees in electrical engineering and mechanical engineering, and a master’s degree in industrial management.

**Thomas Voekler** is co-founder and co-managing partner of Kaplan Voekler Cunningham & Frank PLC. His law practice focuses primarily on corporate finance, public and private securities offerings, private equity and corporate governance issues, with a particular focus on real estate investment trusts (REITs), 1031 syndications (DSTs/TICs) and private placements of real estate investments.



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Anderson, Bendix, Plotkin and Voekler will join the incumbent directors to comprise REISA's 2013 Board of Directors:

**Daniel Oschin**, KBR Capital Partners

**Michael Weil**, American Realty Capital

**Tony Chereso**, FactRight

**Deborah Froling**, Arent Fox

**Hollis Greenlaw**, United Development Funding

**Mark Kosanke**, Concorde Investment Services

**DeVonna Murrin**, Silber Bennett Financial

**Darryl Steinhouse**, DLA Piper

**Brad Updike**, Mick & Associates

**Bill Winn**, Passco Companies

In addition to the new directors, REISA also elected **Michael Weil**, president of American Realty Capital, as its new president. Weil will succeed former REISA president Daniel Oschin of KBR Capital Partners.

REISA Board elections occur each fall with new directors being announced at the REISA Annual Conference & Trade Show. The 2012 Annual Conference was held Oct. 7-9 at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas, where about 800 industry professionals gathered for education and networking. The 2013 Annual Conference will be held in the same place Oct. 6-8.

**About REISA**—REISA is a national trade association serving alternative investment and securities industry professionals who are active in offering, managing and distributing private and public direct investments. REISA connects members directly to key industry experts through intimate forums and leading edge conferences and trade shows providing timely trends and education. The association was founded in 2003 and has over 1,200 members who are key decision makers that represent over 30,000 professionals throughout the nation. REISA works to maintain the integrity and reputation of the industry by promoting the highest ethical standards and providing education, networking opportunities and resources to its members.

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