



H&R REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST

H&R Completes \$60 Million Senior Unsecured Debenture Financing

Toronto, October 23, 2013 – H&R Real Estate Investment Trust (“H&R REIT”) (TSX: HR.UN; HR.DB.D; HR.DB.E; HR.DB.H) announced today that it completed its previously announced offering of \$60 million principal amount of floating rate Series I senior unsecured debentures due January 23, 2017 (the “Series I Debentures”). H&R REIT had previously agreed with a syndicate of agents led by TD Securities Inc. to sell the Series I Debentures on a private placement “best efforts” agency basis. The Series I Debentures have been issued at par, bear interest at a rate equal to 3-month CDOR plus 165 basis points payable quarterly in arrears and mature on January 23, 2017. The net proceeds of the offering will be used for the repayment of existing indebtedness and for general trust purposes.

About H&R REIT

H&R REIT is an open-ended real estate investment trust, which owns a North American portfolio of 41 office, 112 industrial and 165 retail properties comprising over 53 million square feet and 2 development projects, with a fair value of approximately \$13 billion. In addition, H&R REIT has a one-third interest in ECHO Realty LP which owns 176 properties totalling 7.4 million square feet. The foundation of H&R REIT’s success since inception in 1996 has been a disciplined strategy that leads to consistent and profitable growth. H&R REIT leases its properties for long terms to creditworthy tenants and strives to match those leases with primarily long-term, fixed-rate financing.

Forward-looking Statements

Certain information in this news release contains forward-looking information within the meaning of applicable securities laws (also known as forward-looking statements) including, among others, statements relating to the objectives of H&R REIT, strategies to achieve those objectives, H&R REIT’s beliefs, plans, estimates, and intentions, and similar statements concerning anticipated future events, results, circumstances, performance or expectations that are not historical facts. Forward-looking statements generally can be identified by words such as “outlook”, “objective”, “may”, “will”, “expect”, “intend”, “estimate”, “anticipate”, “believe”, “should”, “plans”, “project”, “budget” or “continue” or similar expressions suggesting future outcomes or events. Such forward-looking statements reflect H&R REIT’s current beliefs and are based on information currently available to management. These statements are not guarantees of future performance and are based on H&R REIT’s estimates and assumptions that are subject to risk and uncertainties, including those discussed in H&R REIT’s materials filed with the Canadian securities regulatory authorities from time to time, which could cause the actual results and performance of H&R REIT to differ materially from the forward-looking statement contained in this news release. Those risks and uncertainties include, among other things, risks related to: prices and market value of securities of H&R REIT; availability of cash for distributions; restrictions pursuant to the terms of indebtedness; liquidity; credit risk and tenant concentration; interest rate and other debt related risk; tax risk; ability to access capital markets; dilution; lease rollover risk; construction risks; currency risk; unitholder liability; co-ownership interest in properties; competition for real property investments; environmental matters; and changes in legislation and indebtedness of H&R REIT. Material factors or assumptions that were applied in drawing a conclusion or making an estimate set out in the forward-looking statements include that the general economy is stable; local real estate conditions are stable; interest rates are relatively stable; and equity and debt markets continue to provide access to capital. H&R REIT cautions that this list of factors is not exhaustive. Although the forward-looking statements contained in this news release are based upon what H&R REIT believes are reasonable assumptions, there can be no assurance that actual results will be consistent with those forward-looking statements. All forward looking statements in this news release are qualified by these cautionary statements. These

forward-looking statements are made as of today, and H&R REIT, except as required by applicable law, assumes no obligation to update or revise them to reflect new information or the occurrence of future events or circumstances.

Additional information regarding H&R REIT is available at www.hr-reit.com and on www.sedar.com. For more information, please contact Larry Froom, Chief Financial Officer, H&R Real Estate Investment Trust, 416-635-7520, or e-mail info@hr-reit.com.

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