

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**CANADIAN REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST
ANNOUNCES JANUARY 2010 DISTRIBUTION**

January 14, 2010 *Toronto, Ontario (TSX: REF.UN)* – Canadian Real Estate Investment Trust (“CREIT”) today announced its January 2010 monthly distribution in the amount of 11.50 cents per unit (C\$1.38 annualized). The January distribution will be payable on February 12, 2010 to Unitholders of record January 29, 2010.

CREIT is a real estate investment trust focused on accumulating a portfolio of high-quality real estate assets and delivering the benefits of real estate ownership to Unitholders. The primary benefit is a reliable and, over time, increasing monthly cash distribution. CREIT owns a diversified portfolio of retail, office and industrial properties.

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