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REALTY INCOME CITED IN FORBES.COM AS ONE OF “The Top 100 Most Trustworthy Companies”

ESCONDIDO, CALIFORNIA, May 7, 2009....Realty Income Corporation (Realty Income), The Monthly Dividend Company®, (NYSE: O) today announced that the Company was cited in a recent article on Forbes.com that identified the 100 businesses on American exchanges with the most transparent and conservative accounting practices and the most prudent management.

Realty Income ranked in the top tier of the “Mid Cap” sized companies with a current quarter Accounting and Governance Risk (AGR) score of 86. The article stated that Forbes.com used data from Audit Integrity, an independent financial analytics company, which looks behind the raw data on income statements and balance sheets to assess the true quality of corporate accounting and management practices.

Realty Income, The Monthly Dividend Company®, is a New York Stock Exchange real estate company dedicated to providing shareholders with dependable monthly income. To date the Company has paid 465 consecutive common stock monthly dividends throughout its 40-year operating history and increased the dividend 53 times since Realty Income’s listing on the New York Stock Exchange in 1994. The monthly dividend is supported by the cash flow from over 2,300 retail properties owned under long-term lease agreements with leading regional and national retail chains. The Company is a buyer of net-leased retail properties nationwide.

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