



PIEDMONT OFFICE REALTY TRUST DECLARES SPECIAL CASH DIVIDEND OF \$.50 PER SHARE

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Atlanta, GA -December 13, 2017 - Piedmont Office Realty Trust (NYSE: PDM) announced today that its Board of Directors declared a special cash dividend of \$.50 per common share payable on January 9, 2018 to stockholders of record as of the close of business on December 26, 2017. The decision to declare a special dividend was a result of taxable gains realized on the sale of approximately \$396 million of assets during 2017.

About Piedmont Office Realty Trust

Piedmont Office Realty Trust, Inc. (NYSE: PDM) is an owner, manager, developer, and operator of high-quality, Class A office properties in select submarkets located primarily within eight major Eastern U.S. office markets. Its geographically-diversified, over \$5 billion portfolio is comprised of approximately 19 million square feet. The Company is a fully-integrated, self-managed real estate investment trust (REIT) with local management offices in each of its major markets and is investment-grade rated by Standard & Poor's (BBB) and Moody's (Baa2). For more information, see www.piedmontreit.com.

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