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**NORTHGATE EARNS LEED GOLD CERTIFICATION  
FOR SHOPPING CENTER DESIGN**

**- Transformation 'recycled' Marin County's largest retail destination -**

San Rafael, Calif. – February 12, 2013 – Macerich® today announced the prestigious LEED GOLD certification by the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) under their Core & Shell v2.0 rating system for the company's environmentally-tuned redevelopment of Northgate, the 723,000 square-foot shopping center in San Rafael, Calif.

LEED, which stands for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design, is a certification by the U.S. Green Building Council that acknowledges achievement in green-building.

The major 2008-2009 renovation of Marin County's largest enclosed shopping center at Northgate was, in itself, a significant effort. "One important goal Northgate and Macerich achieved was recycling as much of the materials of the existing center in the top-to-bottom transformation, as well as a focus on energy reduction" said Brianna Thornton, Marketing Manager of Northgate.

"We know environmental stewardship is important to the Marin County community, and our focus on energy efficiency and sustainable practices made sense for the environment, for smart energy use, and for cost-effective operations at Northgate, now and over the long term," said Thornton.

In late December, Northgate received LEED GOLD certification under the Core and Shell category for the Northgate design and construction project that included:

- A mild-weather alternative ventilation system that brings in fresh air through clerestory windows in the roof element that open and close by remote control, with roll-away entry doors/walls to take advantage of Marin County's temperate climate
- High-efficiency heating and cooling with the latest environmentally friendly cooling systems
- High-efficiency lighting systems and a dramatic increase in natural light to take advantage of natural light through extensive skylights and glass openings
- A white roof for the renovated spaces to reduce the heat island effect
- Collection of all surface runoff water from 40+ acres of buildings and parking lots for cleaning before emptying into city storm drains and San Francisco Bay
- Reuse of wood from the original mall structure through decorative architectural work, benches and even concrete framing
- Water-efficient landscaping through use of plants that need little to no water after five years

- Selection of low-emitting materials including paints, sealants, adhesives, carpets and wood products to improve indoor environmental quality
- Diverted more than 70% of the construction, demolition and land clearing debris from landfill disposal
- Installed necessary infrastructure within the base building to provide for the ongoing accountability of mall energy consumption over time
- Provided tenants with design and construction guidelines that educates and helps them implement sustainable design and construction features in their tenant improvement build-out

The San Rafael property is the second of several Macerich redevelopment and development projects to earn LEED certification. Last year, the company's new Santa Monica Place received LEED GOLD certification, as well.

Northgate's successful, top-to-bottom redesign preserved the center's position as the largest and only enclosed regional shopping center in Marin County, while utilizing new features that blurred the boundaries between the indoors and the outdoors. These include a new, welcoming courtyard, open-air dining areas and an indoor-outdoor food court near Century Theatres. The center itself has new natural lighting and a more sophisticated, simplified interior. Its redesigned landscaping reflects greater use of native Northern California plants, including a live oak tree as the centerpiece of the outdoor gathering space near Kohl's.

At Northgate, Macerich introduced a merchandise mix of high quality retailers designed to meet the wide-ranging needs of today's families and complement other Marin County retail offerings. The center is anchored by Macy's, Kohl's, Sears and Century Theatres.

Macerich is a fully integrated self-managed and self-administered real estate investment trust, which focuses on the acquisition, leasing, management, development and redevelopment of regional malls throughout the United States. Additional information about Macerich can be obtained from the Company's website at [www.macerich.com](http://www.macerich.com).

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