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## **METLIFE PLACES \$27,460,000 COMMERCIAL MORTGAGE IN AUSTIN, TX**

Dallas, TX, – April, 2005 – MetLife Real Estate Investments has placed a \$27,460,000, mortgage on Westbank Shopping Center in Austin, TX.

Westbank Market is a Class” A” retail center near Austin. It is anchored by Randalls and includes a Starbucks, Kinkos and Jason Deli. This fashionable center is in close proximity to the affluent Westlake Hills neighborhood.

The deal was brokered by Tom Goodson of HFF. Karla Peterson of MetLife’s Dallas office led the mortgage transaction.

MetLife Real Estate Investments ranks among the most active commercial mortgage lenders, with annual transaction volume of \$7 billion and an existing portfolio exceeding \$25 billion. The company’s investment focus centers on institutional quality office, multi-family, retail, industrial, and hotel properties in major markets with experienced sponsors. MetLife provides fixed and floating rate loans, with flexible terms.

MetLife also has a \$7 billion equity portfolio and is actively looking to increase the portfolio by \$1.2 billion annually.

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