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WESTFIELD REIT CLOSES PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED \$50 MILLION EQUITY OFFERING

Westfield Real Estate Investment Trust (TSXV:WFD.UN) ("**Westfield REIT**") announced today that it closed its previously announced offering (the "**Offering**") of 3,572,000 trust units ("**Units**") at a price of \$14.00 per Unit for aggregate gross proceeds of \$50,008,000. The Units were sold by way of public offering pursuant to a short form prospectus dated February 27, 2006 (the "**Prospectus**") and to certain non-resident institutional investors in reliance on applicable private placement exemptions. The underwriting syndicate was comprised of Canaccord Capital Corporation, as lead underwriter, CIBC World Markets Inc., National Bank Financial, Scotia Capital Inc., Bieber Securities Inc. and Westwind Partners Inc. The underwriters have been granted an over-allotment option to purchase up to 535,800 Units at the same price as sold under the Offering for a period of 30 days following closing.

Since becoming a publicly traded real estate investment trust 15 months ago, Westfield REIT has grown its real estate assets from \$8 million to approximately \$320 million, including the previously disclosed acquisition of Northwest Centre I & II in Calgary, Alberta and the proposed acquisitions of Southwood Mall in Calgary, Alberta, Circle 8 Mall in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan and Reenders Square in Winnipeg, Manitoba (the "**Proposed Acquisitions**"), which are scheduled to close on March 31, 2006. All of Westfield REIT's properties are located in western Canada, with the majority located in the Province of Alberta.

Based on the statement of consolidated forecasted net income for the year ended December 31, 2006 including in its Prospectus, which assumes the completion of the Proposed Acquisitions on March 31, 2006, Westfield forecasted that its distributable income for 2006 will be \$13,975,000 and its funds from operation for 2006 will be \$12,797,000. The basic per Unit calculations of distributable income and funds from operation contained in the Prospectus are calculated on an annual basis based upon the actual number of Units outstanding after completion of the Offering (without factoring in the exercise of the over-allotment option). If the calculations were made based on the weighted average number of Units expected to be outstanding for 2006, the basic distributable income per Unit would be \$1.28 per Unit (an increase from \$1.21 per Unit in the Prospectus) and the basic funds from operations per Unit would be \$1.18 per Unit (an increase from \$1.11 per Unit in the Prospectus). The fully diluted per Unit calculations of distributable income and funds from operations contained in the Prospectus do not add back interest payable on the convertible debentures in 2006. If interest on convertible debentures were added back, the fully diluted distributable income per Unit on a weighted average number of units outstanding would be \$1.22 per Unit (an increase from \$1.06 per Unit in the Prospectus) and the fully diluted funds from operations per Unit would be \$1.16 per Unit (an increase from \$0.97 per Unit in the Prospectus).

Armin Martens, President and Chief Executive of Westfield REIT, stated: "Westfield REIT's goal is to continue to grow our portfolio through the acquisition of high quality properties located in western Canada, and primarily in Alberta", said Mr. Martens.

Westfield REIT is a real estate investment trust listed as a Tier 2 issuer on the TSX Venture Exchange with the objective of acquiring and maintaining a growing portfolio of properties with stable cash distributions. Westfield REIT intends to initially focus on properties located in Western Canada, primarily in the Province of Alberta.

This press release contains forward-looking statements. Westfield REIT is subject to significant risks and uncertainties which may cause the actual results, performance or achievements of Westfield REIT to be materially different from any future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied in these forward-looking statements. Such risk factors include, but are not limited to, risks associated with real property ownership, availability of cash flow, financial forecasts, general uninsured losses, future property acquisitions, environmental matters, tax related matters, debt financing, unitholder liability, potential conflicts of interest, potential dilution, reliance on key personnel, changes in legislation and potential changes in the tax treatment of trusts. Westfield REIT cannot assure investors that actual results will be consistent with any forward-looking statement and Westfield REIT assumes no obligation to update or revise such forward-looking statements to reflect actual events or new circumstances.

For further information please contact Mr. Armin Martens, President and Chief Executive Officer of the REIT or Mr. Jim Green, Chief Financial Officer of the REIT at (204) 947-1200.

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