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#### Merger Watch

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Note from Danny Lane,  
SVP, Global Operations, Digital Realty

As Hurricane Harvey approached the Houston area last week, we initiated crisis management protocols to make sure our team on the ground was prepared for the storm. And, of course, once Harvey touched down, the first order of business was to determine that our people were safe and out of harm's way, which, thankfully, they were.

It is not news to you that our customers count on us to keep their businesses up-and-running, even in the face of a severe weather event like a hurricane.

During last week's storm, one customer actually went on record to express his appreciation: "[We were] up through the course of this event as were our many customers and we can credit Digital Realty with a large portion of that for the data center they built for us."

I am proud to work alongside honorable people committed to the long-term success of our customers, and excited to be joining forces with the many DFT employees cut from the same cloth that will join us after the closing of the merger.

Over the past few months I have had the privilege of sitting down with the teams that run DFT's 12 data centers spread across the United States—from Silicon Valley to Ashburn, Virginia—and today as I reflect on our response to Hurricane Harvey, it is apparent to me that this is a group of people familiar with braving incredibly challenging conditions to keep the lights on for customers.

Digital Realty made an initial contribution to Houston relief efforts, and will likewise match employee donations through the Matching Gifts Program. It is also an honor to be part of an organization that takes seriously its commitment to the communities it serves.

The community of Houston has a long way to go to recover from this disaster, and I would like to think that our efforts will help in that pursuit. I also believe that once our team is strengthened by the addition of DFT employees after the closing, we will be even more capable of guiding our customers and communities through turbulent times.

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#### Updates

#### People

The talent assessment process has been completed and we expect to begin communicating with DFT employees this week

#### Processes

To assist with the transition for customers and employees, the company will continue to use both the DFT and Digital Realty names and logos in its communication materials for a few months after the closing

#### Systems

After closing, payroll systems and processes will remain the same through year end - and in January 2018, legacy DFT employees in the U.S. will transition to the Digital Realty payroll system

#### Timing / Reminder

The special meetings for Digital Realty and DFT shareholders to vote on the merger are scheduled to be held on September 13, 2017

**Additional Information and Where You Can Find It:**

Digital Realty Trust, Inc. ("Digital Realty") and DuPont Fabros Technology, Inc. ("DuPont Fabros") have filed a proxy statement/prospectus in connection with the merger. Investors are urged to read carefully the proxy statement/prospectus and other relevant materials because they contain important information about the merger. Investors may obtain free copies of these documents and other documents filed by Digital Realty or DuPont Fabros with the SEC through the web site maintained by the SEC at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov). Investors may obtain free copies of the documents filed with the SEC by Digital Realty by going to Digital Realty's corporate website at [www.digitalrealty.com](http://www.digitalrealty.com) or by directing a written request to: Digital Realty Trust, Inc., Four Embarcadero Center, Suite 3200, San Francisco, CA 94111, Attention: Investor Relations. Investors may obtain free copies of documents filed with the SEC by DuPont Fabros by going to DuPont Fabros' corporate website at [www.dft.com](http://www.dft.com) or by directing a written request to: DuPont Fabros Technology, Inc., 401 9th St. NW, Suite 600, Washington, DC 20004, Attention: Investor Relations. Investors are urged to read the proxy statement/prospectus and the other relevant materials before making any voting decision with respect to the merger.

Digital Realty and its directors and executive officers and DuPont Fabros and its directors and executive officers may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies from the stockholders of each of Digital Realty and DuPont Fabros in connection with the merger. Information regarding the interests of these directors and executive officers in the merger is included in the proxy statement/prospectus referred to above. Additional information regarding certain of these persons and their beneficial ownership of Digital Realty common stock is also set forth in the Definitive Proxy Statement for Digital Realty's 2017 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, which has been filed with the SEC. Additional information regarding certain of these persons and their beneficial ownership of DuPont Fabros common stock is set forth in the Definitive Proxy Statement for DuPont Fabros' 2017 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, which has been filed with the SEC.

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