



Catalyst and National Announce Ocala Eye's Expansion in The Villages

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PENSACOLA, FL – Catalyst Healthcare Real Estate (Catalyst), a full-service healthcare real estate investment firm, and National Real Estate Advisors, LLC (National), an investment manager developing and managing large-scale real estate projects on behalf of its clients, announce the development of a 22,500 square foot (SF) medical office building and ambulatory surgery center for Ocala Eye.

Ocala Eye is an independent physician group with 13 ophthalmologists and 7 optometrists in the Central Florida region, making it the largest ophthalmologic physician group within 25 miles of Wildwood, FL. This new development will be strategically positioned to accommodate the outpatient demands of The Villages and the surrounding communities.

"This development represents an opportunity to establish a relationship between Catalyst and one of the most prominent providers of ophthalmologic care in the fastest-growing regions in Central Florida," said Phil Schuck, Senior Vice President of Catalyst. "It is our mission to align with best-in-class organizations like Ocala Eye, who are committed to the long-term vision of providing better access for the communities they serve."

This two-building facility will include 14,000 SF of clinical space for routine eye care services, and an 8,500 SF ambulatory surgery center for more intensive procedures and services. These services will expand and complement those offered at Ocala Eye's other locations while creating more accessibility.

"We are so excited to add another Ocala Eye location in The Villages. This new facility will allow us to better serve our patients in The Villages and offer more convenient care to those living in the southern part of The Villages," said Zora Harrison, Chief Operating Officer of Ocala Eye. "We are even more thrilled to offer a surgery center, exclusively for Ocala Eye, which will let our patients have their surgeries closer to home as opposed to using our Ocala surgery center."

With the accessibility to better routine eye care and complex procedures, this two-building facility will be the foundation for future patient treatment to remain in the Ocala Eye physician network. Catalyst and National are excited to be a part of Ocala Eye's growth and look forward to future opportunities.

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ABOUT NATIONAL REAL ESTATE ADVISORS, LLC

National Real Estate Advisors, LLC (National) is an investment manager, developing, operating, and managing commercial real estate projects across the United States. Recognized as an ESG industry leader, National is focused on environmental sustainability, social responsibility, and strong governance practices to create value for investors and benefits for local communities. Founded in 2000, the firm constructs investment portfolios of modern property assets—apartment, office, mixed use, medical/healthcare, industrial (including data centers), and hospitality.

National is an independently operated subsidiary of the National Electrical Benefit Fund (“NEBF”), a substantial pension trust with a significant amount of assets that are managed by National on a discretionary basis. For more information, please visit www.natadvisors.com.

ABOUT OCALA EYE

Ocala Eye is the largest, most experienced eye care practice in North Central Florida. For over 50 years, our Board Certified Surgeons have provided comprehensive medical and surgical eye care to the people of Ocala, The Villages, and Dunnellon. Services include ophthalmology, optometry, aesthetics, hearing and a complete optical center for frames and lens prescriptions. Our expertise lies in leading edge diagnosis, treatments and surgeries, including cataract surgery, LASIK and more. Visit www.ocalaeye.com to learn more.