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MFA Financial, Inc. to Present at the Keefe, Bruyette & Woods 2011 Investment Management & Specialty Finance Conference and at the Deutsche Bank Securities Inc. 2011 Global Financial Services Investor Conference

NEW YORK, May 25, 2011 /PRNewswire/ -- MFA Financial, Inc. is scheduled to make presentations at the Keefe, Bruyette & Woods 2011 Investment Management & Specialty Finance Conference in New York, New York on Tuesday, June 7, 2011, and at the Deutsche Bank Securities Inc. 2011 Global Financial Services Investor Conference in New York, New York on Wednesday, June 8, 2011.

MFA is scheduled to present at the Keefe, Bruyette & Woods 2011 Investment Management & Specialty Finance Conference, which is being held at the St. Regis Hotel, 2 East 55th Street, New York, New York 10022, on Tuesday, June 7, 2011, at 2:40 p.m. (EDT). A live audio and visual webcast of MFA's presentation will be available online at http://www.kbw.com/news/conference/MSF2011_Webcast.html at 2:40 p.m. on the day of the presentation and for a 30-day period following the presentation. The link will also be available on MFA's Investor Information page located on its website (www.mfa-reit.com) for a 30-day period following the presentation.

MFA is scheduled to present at the Deutsche Bank Securities Inc. 2011 Global Financial Services Investor Conference, which is being held at the Pierre Hotel, 2 East 61st Street, New York, New York 10065, on Wednesday, June 8, 2011, at 8:55 a.m. (EDT). A live audio webcast of MFA's presentation will be available online at http://www.corporate-ir.net/ireye/confLobby.zhtml?ticker=MFA&item_id=4055211 at 8:55 a.m. on the day of the presentation and for a 30-day period following the presentation. The link will also be available on MFA's Investor Information page located on its website (www.mfa-reit.com) for a 30-day period following the presentation.

MFA is a real estate investment trust primarily engaged in the business of investment, on a leveraged basis, in Agency and Non-Agency residential mortgage-backed securities.

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