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**NEXT REALTY LEASES 6,000 SQUARE FEET OF RETAIL  
SPACE TO CHICAGO HOME FITNESS**

CHICAGO (December 9, 2004) – Marc Blum, chief operating officer of Next Realty, announced that 6,000 square feet of retail space in the Sportmart Plaza located at 3201 East Lincoln Highway in Hobart, Ind., has been leased to Chicago Home Fitness. Terms were not disclosed.

Next manages and leases the property on behalf of Merrillville Partners, the owners. Other tenants include Sportmart and Bar Furniture.

Chicago Home Fitness is a Chicago-based fitness chain, with 15 store locations throughout the Chicago metropolitan region and now one in Hobart, Ind.

Next Realty LLC, with headquarters in Northfield, Ill. and an additional office in Alexandria, Va., is a real estate investment company specializing in acquisition of shopping centers, retail land, and parking structures. The company also provides high-level tenant representation and land-acquisition services. Next Realty's principals own and manage a portfolio of properties valued in excess of \$150 million, have developed over 23 million square feet of land, and have repositioned more than \$200 million in real estate assets. For further information, please visit [www.nextrealty.com](http://www.nextrealty.com).

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