

CENTRAL GOLDTRUST

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NYSE AMEX SYMBOL: GTU (U.S. \$)**

CENTRAL GOLDTRUST ANNOUNCES PROPOSED OFFERING

TORONTO, Ontario (October 27, 2011) -

Central GoldTrust of Ancaster, Ontario announced today that it plans to offer Units of Central GoldTrust to the public in Canada (except Québec) and in the United States under its existing U.S.\$1,000,000,000 base shelf prospectus dated October 11, 2011 and filed with the securities commissions in each of the provinces and territories of Canada, except Québec, and under the multijurisdictional disclosure system in the United States pursuant to a proposed underwritten offering by CIBC. Central GoldTrust will only proceed with the offering if it is non-dilutive to the net asset value of the Units owned by the existing Unitholders of Central GoldTrust.

The entire original amount of U.S.\$1,000,000,000 provided for in the base shelf prospectus is available for this offering.

Substantially all of the net proceeds of the offering will be used for gold bullion purchases, in keeping with the asset allocation provisions outlined in Central GoldTrust's Declaration of Trust and the related policies established by its Board of Trustees. Any additional capital raised by the offering is expected to assist in reducing the annual expense ratio in favour of all Unitholders of Central GoldTrust.

This press release does not constitute an offer to sell or a solicitation of an offer to buy any securities. Central GoldTrust has filed a base shelf prospectus and registration statement with the Canadian securities regulatory authorities (except Québec) and the United States Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") for the offering to which this communication relates. Before you invest, you should read the base shelf prospectus and prospectus supplement and any other documents Central GoldTrust has filed with the securities commissions in each of the provinces and territories of Canada, except Québec, and the SEC for more complete information about Central GoldTrust and this offering. You may obtain a copy of the base shelf prospectus filed in the United States from CIBC World Markets Corp., 425 Lexington Avenue, 5th Floor, New York, New York 10017, by fax at 212-667-6303 or by e-mail at useprospectus@us.cibc.com. You may obtain a copy of the base shelf prospectus filed in Canada from CIBC, fax 416-594-7242 or request a copy by telephone at 416-594-7270.

Statements contained in this release that are not historical facts are forward-looking statements that involve risks and uncertainties. Central GoldTrust's actual results could differ materially from those expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. Factors that could cause or contribute to such differences include, but are not limited to, those risks detailed in Central GoldTrust's filings with the Canadian securities regulatory authorities and the SEC.

Central GoldTrust, founded in April 2003, is a passive, self-governing, single purpose, closed-end trust, which presently holds approximately 98% of its net assets in unencumbered, long-term holdings of gold bullion, primarily in physical 400 troy ounce international bars with very minor

amounts in certificate form. Central GoldTrust does not actively speculate with regard to short-term changes in gold prices. Central GoldTrust's gold bullion is held unencumbered in allocated and segregated safekeeping in Canada, in the treasury vaults of one of the largest banks in Canada. The gold bullion is physically inspected by appointed Trustees and Officers of Central GoldTrust in the presence of representatives of its auditors, Ernst & Young LLP and bank officials. Central GoldTrust Units are quoted on the NYSE Amex LLC, symbol GTU and on the Toronto Stock Exchange, symbols GTU.UN (Cdn. \$) and GTU.U (U.S. \$).

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