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ARA Executes Sale of 100-Unit Townhome Community in Houston *Current Structure offers Buyer Value-Add Opportunity and Upside Potential*

Houston, TX (May 20, 2013) — Atlanta-headquartered ARA, the largest privately held, full-service investment advisory brokerage firm in the nation focusing exclusively on the multihousing industry, executed the sale of Ambiance Townhomes, a 100-unit community located on 5.36 acres in Houston, TX.

ARA Houston-based brokers Matt Saunders, Russell Jones, and Zach Springer represented the seller, Rich and Rich Associates, a private real estate investment group based in Philadelphia, PA. Washington-state-based, Richmond Apartments, LLC, a new investor in the Houston market, was selected as the buyer and plans to renovate and upgrade the property long-term. "This deal proves the fundamentals of the Houston market have drawn interest from out of town investors. Due to the strength of ARA's platform, we were able to locate a buyer in Washington who is new to the Houston market. Ambiance represents a great value-add opportunity for the new owner."

Constructed in 1984, Ambiance Townhomes is located in Southwest Houston in the town of Alief and was 98% occupied at the time of the sale.

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About ARA

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