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ARA Newmark Arranges Record-Breaking Sale in Denver's Observatory Park

Sale Sets High Mark for Per-Unit Cost With and Without Nearly 24,000 Square Feet of Retail Space

Denver, CO (February 2016) — ARA, A Newmark Company (ARA Newmark) closes the record-breaking \$82.5 million sale of One Observatory Park, marking the highest price ever paid per unit for a 50-plus unit multihousing asset in Denver, Colorado. Executive Managing Directors Terrance Hunt and Shane Ozment and Vice Chairmen Jeff Hawks and Doug Andrews represented the seller, Urban West Group, in the transaction that netted approximately \$345,000 per unit or \$387,000 per unit when combined with its nearly 24,000 square feet of retail.

Hunt noted, "One Observatory Park is a concrete high rise located in the highly sought-after Observatory Park neighborhood. Proximity to the University of Denver and its position on the corner of a prominent intersection helped to push the value to record pricing. Buyers were attracted to the long-term stability of the location." The sale marks the highest price ever paid per unit for a 50-plus unit multihousing asset in Denver.

Constructed in 2013, the Class A property at 2360 East Evans Avenue comprises 213 units situated in an 11-story high rise adjacent to the University of Denver. The ground floor contains 23,366 square feet of retail that is home to notable tenants such as Qdoba and Bank of America. The property was 94 percent occupied at the time of the sale.

Urban West Group, a Denver-headquartered firm dedicated to premier urban infill projects in coveted locations, chose The Wolff Company (Wolff) as the buyer. Wolff is a fully-integrated real estate private equity firm founded in 1949.

One Observatory Park is located six miles from downtown Denver, just south of I-25 on University Boulevard, within walking distance to the University of Denver Light Rail Station and minutes from Cherry Creek, South Pearl

Street, Old Gaylord Street and Washington Park. The property is surrounded by single-family neighborhoods such as Belcaro and University Park, where home prices exceed \$1 million and \$775,000, respectively.

The property offers best-in-class amenities including a rooftop deck with a saltwater pool and spa, a poolside lounge with gas grills and fire pits, a fully equipped fitness center, a business center with Apple computers, a secured parking garage and an electronic key system. The units are equipped with condo-quality finishes, giving residents the feel of high-end living.

About ARA, A Newmark Company

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