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## ARA Executes Sale of 273-Unit, Class A Property within a Mixed-Use Development in Prime Suburban Houston Location

Current Rent Structure and Strong Submarket Fundamentals Offer Buyer Significant Upside Potential

**Cypress, TX** (January 7, 2013) — Atlanta-headquartered ARA, the largest privately held, fullservice investment advisory brokerage firm in the nation focusing exclusively on the multihousing industry, announces the sale of the 273-unit, Greystar Cypress Village multihousing community located in the Houston, TX suburb of Cypress.

ARA Houston-based Principals Matthew Rotan, David Oelfke, David Wylie and David Mitchell represented the seller, Charleston, SC-based Greystar, a national multifamily real estate owner, developer and manager, in the transaction. Miami, FL-based Momentum Real Estate Partners, LLC, a private equity real estate investment management firm focused on investments in appealing locations with strong market dynamics, was selected as the buyer.

According to Matt Rotan, "Greystar made a cutting edge play with the development of the first transit oriented mixed-use class A property in a suburban Houston location. The property was

completed right at the downturn of the economy in 2008 which made it difficult for the property to achieve its full rent growth potential. Momentum should be able to capture significant upside with this acquisition given the current rent structure and existing strong submarket fundamentals."

Constructed in 2008, Greystar Cypress Village is ideally located within Houston's first transitoriented mixed-use lifestyle development which includes 100,000 sf of retail space and a 1,500 space parking facility for the Cypress Park & Ride. It is also situated amongst a major industrial employment base along the 290 corridor and the Sam Houston Tollway allowing residents easy access to a number of major employers, including Sysco, Exxon, Toyota and Siemens just to name a few. Additionally population is projected to grow more than 23% within a one mile radius of the property over the next five years.

Greystar Cypress Village was 97% occupied at the time of the sale.

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## About ARA

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