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ARA's Carolinas Team Executes Sale of 240-Units in Greensboro *Sale is Indicative of Growing Demand for Quality In-Fill, Urban Product*

Greensboro, NC (January 9, 2012) — Atlanta-headquartered ARA, the largest privately held, full-service investment advisory brokerage firm in the nation focusing exclusively on the multihousing industry, announced the sale of Hunt's View, a 240-unit apartment community located in Greensboro, NC.

ARA Charlotte, NC-based brokers Sean Wood, Blake Okland, and Dean Smith represented an un-disclosed seller.

Hunt's View was acquired by Raleigh, NC-based Church Street Partners, a private investment group.

Occupancy at the time of the sale was approximately 95%.

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ARA's Sean Wood characterized the sale as a 'light value-add play' adding, "Many investors are turning to secondary markets like Greensboro seeking a yield premium relative to where core markets like Raleigh and Charlotte are trading. Hunt's View has been well maintained by its previous owner allowing the buyer, Church Street Partners, to focus on a light interior value add strategy to increase rental rates and generate attractive cash returns."

Constructed in 1987, Hunt's View is comprised of one and two-bedroom floor plans and offers tenants an extensive amenities package including pool/spa, billiards room, exercise facilities, and BBQ/picnic area.

To schedule an interview with an ARA executive regarding this transaction or for more information about ARA, please contact Lisa Robinson at lrobinson@ARAusa.com or 678.553.9360, or Amy Morris at amorris@arausa.com or 678.553.9366.

About ARA

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