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## ARA's Carolinas Team Executes Sale of 232-Unit Community in Charleston's High Growth Corridor

Acquisition Financing Provided by ARA's Debt Platform, ARA Finance

**Summerville, SC** (May 14, 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 Tradition at Summerville, a 232-unit apartment community located in the Charleston MSA community of Summerville, SC.

ARA Charlotte, NC-based Principal Blake Okland and Dean Smith represented private seller Schrimsher Properties, in the sales transaction.

The community was acquired by Nashville, TN-based Carter-Haston Real Estate Services, a real estate asset and property management firm, for \$18.5 million or \$79,741 a door.

Constructed in 2004, the asset was 93% occupied at the time of the sale.

According to ARA's Blake Okland "Tradition at Summerville represents an attractive discount-to-replacement-cost investment opportunity in the high-growth corridor of the Charleston MSA. The property was well received by the market; generating multiple offers for the well positioned asset."

The acquisition was financed through ARA's debt platform, ARA Finance, and was funded through Fannie Mae.

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