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ARA's Mid-Atlantic Team Announces the Sale of Premiere, Class "A" Property in Chesapeake, Virginia

Carlton at Greenbrier Ranked "Best New Apartment Community"

Chesapeake, VA (June 17, 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 Carlton at Greenbrier, a 176-unit apartment community located in Chesapeake , Virginia. ARA Mid-Atlantic Principals Mike Marshall and Drew White, and Associate Broker Wink Ewing represented the seller The Franklin-Johnston Group in the sale of the property. The Franklin-Johnston Group is based in Virginia Beach and is a regional developer and manager of multi-family housing.

Built in 2012, The Carlton at Greenbrier was ranked "Best New Apartment Community" by Inside Business. The property, which is located one block from the Greenbrier Mall, offers easy access to major thoroughfares and employers, and is walking distance to restaurants, retail and entertainment.

According to ARA's Wink Ewing, "There continues to be a very high demand for luxury apartments in Chesapeake, as shown by the unprecedented lease-up of The Carlton at Greenbrier. Investors gravitated to the location, quality of construction and the potential for rent growth in the near-term. The new owners will be very pleased, as they have acquired a 'best-in-class' asset in a very strong market."

The property was acquired by Catalyst Development Partners, LLC, a private real estate investment and management firm which controls a portfolio of multifamily assets in the Mid-Atlantic, Southeast, and South Central regions. CDP is headquartered in Atlanta, Georgia with offices in Florida. CDP intends to streamline operations and grow rents in the near-term.

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