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## ARA Arranges the Sale of Four-Property, 1,397-Unit, Multi-State Portfolio

Teams from ARA's Dallas, Houston, Nashville, and Kansas City Offices Marketed the Deal and Received 20 Offers

Atlanta, GA (October 27, 2014) — Atlanta-headquartered ARA, the largest privately-held, full-service investment advisory brokerage firm in the nation focusing exclusively on the multihousing industry, is pleased to announce the sale of a four-property, 1,397-unit multifamily portfolio comprised of apartment communities in Lewisville, TX, Katy, TX, Gallatin, TN, and Overland Park, KS. ARA's Dallas, TX-based, Brian O'Boyle, Sr., Houston, TX-based, David Oelfke, Nashville, TN-based, Scott Tyrone, and Kansas City, MO-based, Mac Crowther, all Principals, led the marketing efforts on behalf of the sellers, Washington, DC-based Artemis Real Estate Partners and Kansas City, MO's CRES Management.

These class A properties were all built between 2000 and 2003, and offer spacious floor plans with an average unit size of 1,124 square feet. Average occupancy at time of sale was 94.6%. The communities in which the properties are located have all seen substantial job growth with unemployment rates below

the national average, and they offer excellent geographic diversity. Atlanta, GA-headquartered Preferred Apartment Communities (NYSE MKT: APTS) was selected as the buyer and they purchased the properties for an undisclosed price.

Brian O'Boyle noted, "This portfolio garnered more investor interest than any I'd seen on the market recently. All four assets are located in very upscale submarkets and buyers perceived a great deal of upside opportunity. Due to the fact that all the properties are 2000-vintage product in markets enjoying strong success, ARA was able to present approximately 20 offers to the sellers."

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