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ARA Newmark Sells \$90 Million Asset in Emerging Denver Submarket High-End Property in Trendy Urban District Draws Strong Investor Interest

Denver, CO (December 2017) — <u>ARA, A Newmark Company</u> (ARA Newmark) announces the \$90.6 million sale of Dylan, a 274-unit multihousing community, completed in 2016 in the fast-emerging River North Art District (RiNo), considered the "next downtown" of Denver, CO.

Vice Chairmen Terrance Hunt and Shane Ozment and Executive Managing Director Chris Cowan represented an undisclosed seller in the sale to IRET Properties (NYSE: IRET), a publicly traded multifamily owner operator with corporate offices in Minneapolis, MN.

"Every aspect of Dylan brings design to the next level and complements the curated aesthetic of the RiNo Art District. The asset's eclectic environment resonates with residents already attracted to the neighborhood," Hunt said. "We worked with an out-of-state buyer that was strategically looking to enter the Denver market and interested in the long-term viability of the city; seeking a lucrative position in an emerging submarket, such as RiNo."

In keeping with the city's growing economy, RiNo is an emerging and trendy downtown-adjacent neighborhood in Denver. The area is full of innovation office space and actually, the neighborhood is the fastest growing per capita for office space in Colorado. The property is within walking distance to co-working office spaces including Industry, a 120,000-square-foot creative workspace concept, and popular breweries, restaurants, distilleries, a few of which include Great Divide Brewery, The Source and Mockery Brewery.

"We identified Denver as our next strategic growth market and have been seeking quality, well-located assets in high-demand submarkets," said Grant Campbell, Vice President of Investments for IRET. "Given Dylan's asset quality and location in the rapidly emerging RiNo submarket, this acquisition is a positive first step in building our metro Denver portfolio. We valued the opportunity to work with ARA Newmark on this transaction."

Dylan's modern interiors are reminiscent of its industrial beginnings, including Whirlpool stainless steel appliances, wine refrigerators, USB charging stations, front-loading washers and dryers and 9'- to 14'-ceilings

with floor-to-ceiling windows. The asset features luxurious amenities including a clubhouse with a private speakeasy, outdoor theater, catering kitchen, coffee station and media area; resort-style lap pool and hot tub, rooftop deck with breathtaking views of downtown Denver and the Rocky Mountains; health club and yoga studio; pet and bike wash; ski, snowboard and bicycle repair shop; and storage.

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