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ARA's Mid-Atlantic Team Announces the Sale of Premiere, Oceanfront Property in Virginia Beach Extensive Interest in Property a Positive Sign for the Area's Apartment Market

Virginia Beach, VA (May 20, 2013) — Atlanta-headquartered ARA, the largest privately held, full-service investment advisory brokerage firm in the nation focusing exclusively on the multihousing industry, announces the sale of Mayflower Seaside, a 265-unit apartment community located in Virginia Beach , Virginia. ARA Mid-Atlantic Principals, Drew White, Mike Marshall, and Richmond-based Wink Ewing represented the seller, Fairfield Mayflower Seaside LLC in the sale of the property.

Since 1952, Mayflower Seaside has upheld its reputation as one of the best multifamily developments on the beautiful Virginia Beach coast. The property, which is located one block from the oceanfront, offers outstanding views, easy access to major thoroughfares and employers, as well as walking distance to restaurants, retail and entertainment.

According to Mike Marshall, ARA's lead broker for this transaction, "There was a lot of interest in this property, which is a positive sign for the area's apartment market. Virginia Beach is a vibrant market that has remained consistently strong over the past few years and looks even stronger over the five year forecast. This asset is poised to benefit from the market's future trends of low vacancy and above average rent growth."

The property was acquired by Harbor Group International, LLC, a private real estate investment and management firm which controls a portfolio of worldwide assets valued at approximately \$3.8 billion. HGI is headquartered in Norfolk, Virginia with offices in New York and Tel Aviv. The company's real estate holdings include more than 9.5 million square feet of commercial space and approximately 24,500 apartment units.

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