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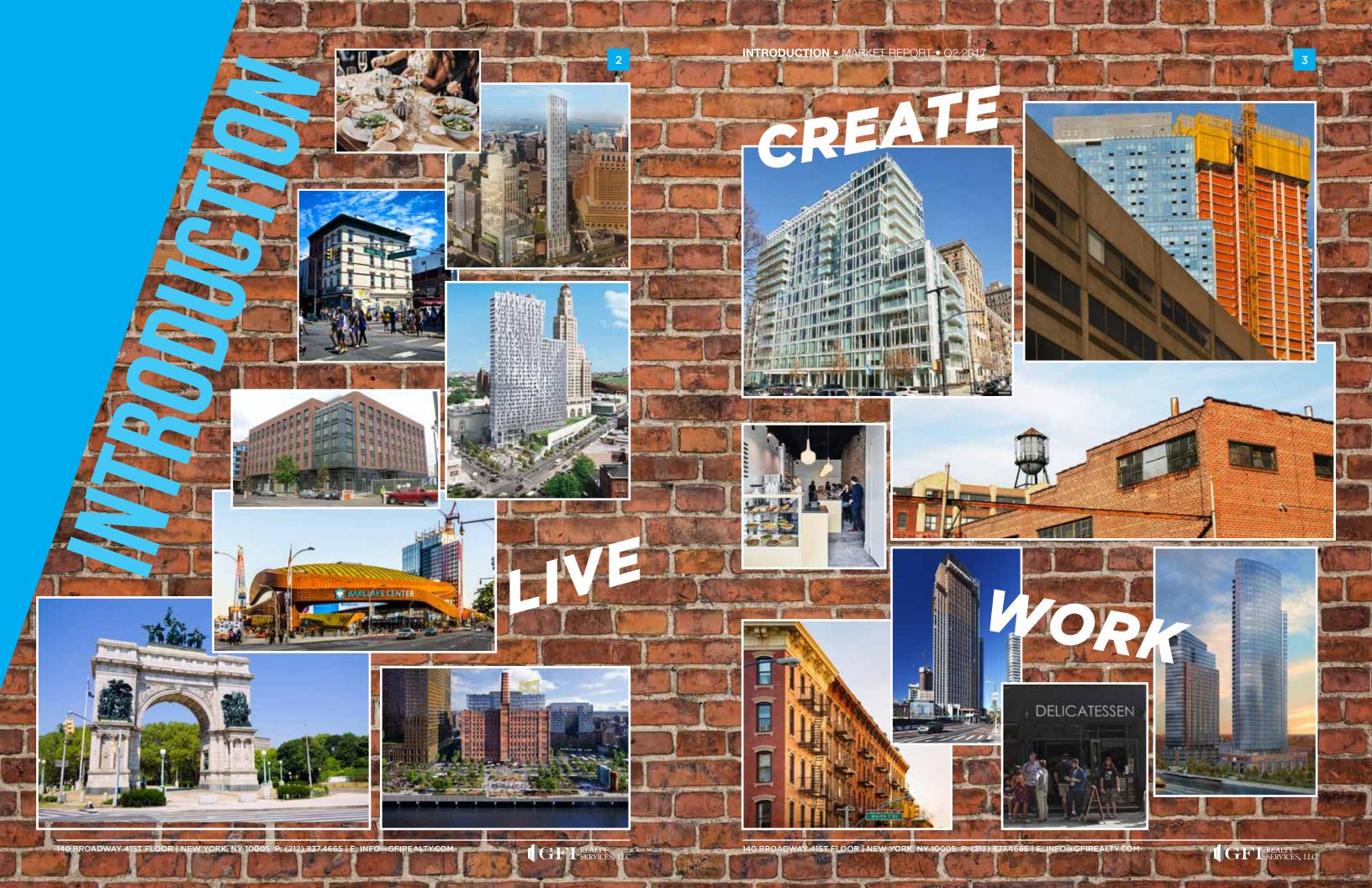
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INTRODUCTION

While the rest of the country's brick-and-mortar retail market is struggling as it tries to adapt to new realities, Brooklyn retail is on the upswing. Across much of the United States, online shopping continues to gain market share, and in-store sales are in decline; countless retailers are attempting to adapt to a new normal as they reinvent the shopping experience, balancing online commerce with brick-and-mortar outposts.

But amidst this turmoil, much of Brooklyn retail has continued to thrive, evidenced by an ongoing rise in the sector's real estate fundamentals. What warrants investigation is a fundamental question: Why is Brooklyn retail bucking the national trend and experiencing a renaissance instead of a recession?

Simply put, Brooklyn is different. Over the past decade-plus, the borough has been reinvented as one of the country's most popular and sought-after residential and commercial locales. This reality is borne out by the numbers, as the borough's population and job growth are both on the rise. With that phenomenon firmly in place, the correlation between strong residential pipelines and a rise in retail rents seems to be the most cogent explanation of Brooklyn's retail resurgence. While the growth varies somewhat by specific neighborhood, it's hard to ignore how new residential construction is helping boost retail growth in certain subsections of Brooklyn.







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YEAR-OVER-YEAR RETAIL PRICING



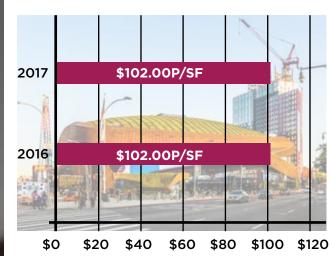
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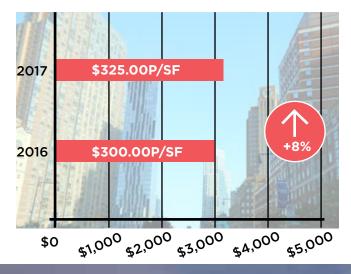
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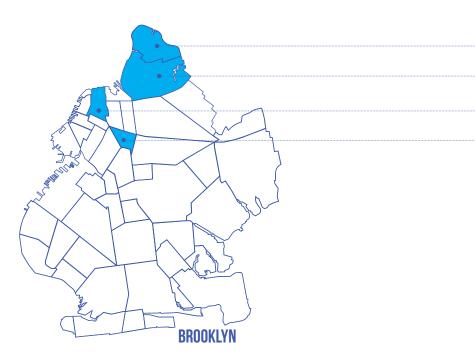


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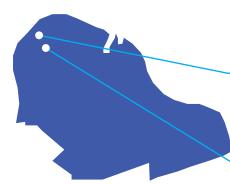
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Greenpoint Landing
37 Blue Slip
Developer: Park Tower Group
& Brooklyn Property Partners

Greenpoint Landing 21 Commercial Street Developer: Park Tower Group, L+M Development &

Brooklyn Property Partners

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Domino Sugar Factory 310 Kent Avenue Developer: Two Trees Development

771 Metropolitan 771 Metropolitan Developer: Adam America

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37 & 41 Blue Slip Towers at Greenpoint Landing, rendering via Gothamist



Greenpoint Landing, rendering via Gothamist



Domino Sugar Factory (Credit: www.dezeen.com)

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120 Nassau 120 Nassau Street Developer: The Clarett Group

City Point (Condo)
138 Willoughby Street
Developer: Extell Development

City Point (Retail) 445 Albee Square

Developer: Washington Square Partners and Acadia Realty Trust

250 Ashland250 Ashland Place
Developer: The Gotham Organization

300 Ashland 300 Ashland Place Developer: Two Trees Development

City Point 7 Dekalb Square

80 Flatbush 80 Flatbush Avenue Developer: Alloy Development

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Developer: TF Cornerstone

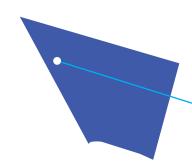


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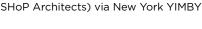


Pacific Park
Atlantic Avenue/ Flatbush & Vanderbilt
Developer: Forest City Ratner



Rendering of 38 Sixth Avenue, the B2, B4 and the Barlcays Center (Credit: SHoP Architects) via New York YIMBY





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GREENPOINT

reenpoint, the northernmost area of Brooklyn, G is a prime example of this trend. It is very telling that Franklin Street, one of the neighborhood's busiest thoroughfares, has seen a dramatic increase in ground-floor retail rents over the past year. In the first quarter of 2017, asking rents for ground-floor retail space in the Franklin Street corridor between Meserole Avenue and Commercial Street jumped a staggering 42 percent over 2016 figures, from approximately \$63 per square foot to approximately \$89 per-square-foot.

The reasons for this increase include both an uptick in foot traffic and the faith in existing and future transportation growth for the neighborhood. As some residents are readying themselves for the impending L train shutdown in 2019, others are looking at Greenpoint's alternative transit options. In addition to the G train, which has been continuously increasing service in recent years, the East River line of the NYC Ferry System is a huge boost for a neighborhood that has long had the reputation of being "stranded". Using the India Street/Greenpoint Terminal, commuters can travel to Manhattan's Financial District or Midtown in 10-20 minutes, depending on the destination. This additional transit option for waterfront residents can only be seen as a positive for a rapidly rising neighborhood.



Year-over-year jump in asking rent for ground floor retail rents

→ Approx. \$89

per-square-foot per-square-foot

In addition to transportation growth leading to increased confidence for both residents and realestate investors, the immense residential pipeline is another major factor. With residential construction underway, apartment buildings topping off and doors opening, the neighborhood is expecting the delivery of about 10,000 new apartments before the end of 2019.

In fact, the large number of past, present and future new construction projects are directly influencing Greenpoint's pricing. Condos in the neighborhood are currently trading at an average price-per-square -foot of over \$1,200 and apartments are renting for

an average of over \$60 per square foot, numbers that we expect to continue rising.

Among the most notable new construction projects in the neighborhood is Greenpoint Landing. The 10tower mega-complex, which is being developed by Park Tower Group, L+M Development and Brooklyn Property Partners, will include approximately 5,500 apartments and more than 10,000 square feet of ground-floor retail space.

In addition to Greenpoint Landing, the now-booming Greenpoint waterfront has projects like The Greenpoint, a 40-story residential building being built by Mack Real Estate Group, Palin Enterprises and Urban Development Partners. Towering above the East River Ferry Terminal at 21 India Street, the building will comprise 287 rentals and 95 condos when completed in spring 2018.

Moving three blocks south, the Karl Fischerdesigned luxury condominium at 50 Greenpoint is a shining example of how waterfront development can transform a neighborhood. The seven-story, 44-unit property built by Evenhar Development launched sales early this year, and the amenityfilled building has unsurprisingly met with great demand. Sales are averaging more than \$1,200 per square foot, and the units are selling quickly, helping drive the borough's median condo sales to new heights.

Developments like Greenpoint Landing, The Greenpoint and 50 Greenpoint are altering the neighborhood and its demographics and increasing median residential pricing. The area's resultant transformation is likely playing a direct role in the rising retail rents that Greenpoint is seeing today.

RESIDENTIAL

(Approx.) New apartments before the end of 2019

per-square-foot for condo's trading

per-square-foot for apartments renting



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Just south of Greenpoint is the already booming micro-city of Williamsburg. The area, which is home to some of the city's most expensive housing stock, has unsurprisingly enjoyed a strong retail market, as well. Through the end of 2016, Williamsburg could also boast one of the borough's priciest retail corridors: Bedford Avenue between Metropolitan Avenue and North 12th Street. However, while it hosts major national tenants including Apple, Urban Outfitters and Whole Foods, the corridor's rents declined in the first quarter of 2017, averaging approximately \$295 per square foot for ground floor retail space.

While that figure is strong when compared with other Brooklyn retail corridors, it actually represents an 18-percent year-over-year decline from \$359 per square foot in the first quarter of 2016.

With retail rents rising in other Brooklyn hotspots, it is notable that we are seeing pricing decline in one of the city's most desired neighborhoods.

Over the past decade, Williamsburg has seen substantial change, including an influx of multi-million-dollar, high-rise apartments and high-end, national retailers opening outposts in Williamsburg. In addition, the area's residential pipeline is still flush with projects, and pricing for both rentals and condos have remained extremely strong; after concessions, condos are still selling at over \$1,400 per square foot and apartments are still renting at over \$70 per square foot.

Among the most significant projects coming to the market is Two Trees Management's five-building, 2,300-unit mega-redevelopment at the site of the former Domino Sugar Factory. In addition to market-rate and affordable housing, the project will contain office space as well as plenty of ground-floor retail.

Also notable is the 86,000-square-foot mixed-use project at 771 Metropolitan Avenue, which is being developed by Adam America. With construction nearly complete, the 80-unit residential structure will also feature a 10,000-square-foot, ground-floor retail component to cater to the heavy foot traffic that the intersection sees on a daily basis.

Currently under development at the waterfront is a three-tower, 857-unit, mixed-use project located at 420 Kent Avenue. Developed by Spitzer Enterprises, the 800,000-square-foot complex will be comprised of market rate and affordable apartments as well as nearly 16,000 square feet of retail space.



+ 18%

Year-over-year decrease for ground floor retail rents

\$359

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\$1,400 per-square-foot for condo's trading

\$/U per-square-foot for apartments renting

In an example of a project in its very early stages, the Rabsky Group is hoping to move forward with an 1,146-unit mixed-use development at 200 Harrison Street ("The Broadway Triangle"). Though still in the pre-planning process, this project would continue the trend of large-scale residential properties continuing to move forward in Williamsburg.

The active pipeline indicates strongly that development activity in "The Burg" is still quite strong.

This ongoing development pipeline in Williamsburg has also included a fair amount of retail space, including large, open shopping areas, which may have played a role in the recent decline in rents. Regardless of the cause, the rent decline in prominent corridors is undeniable. However, pricing is still quite high compared with historical levels, and prime retailers are not likely to begin turning away from Williamsburg.

There are a number of factors that are influencing the dip in retail pricing on Bedford Avenue; the increase in large open retail spaces combined with the slight decline in foot traffic both play a part in the retail rents that we're seeing today. Whatever the stance you choose to examine, the corridors' drop in average rent is undeniable. That being said, pricing is still high and prime retail tenants, in our opinion, are not going away anytime soon.

Another major factor in the Williamsburg story is the impending public transportation slowdown. As mentioned, a 15-month shutdown of the popular L train looms over the neighborhood, and this transit void is another prime suspect in the recent decline in retail rents. That said, several alternative travel options exist or are being put into place, and we see this as nothing more than a temporary glitch in the neighborhood's desirability.

Still, the shutdown has been something of a disincentive for incoming retailers and residents, which has likely forced the hand of property owners to lower their asking prices and offer concessions on available space within Williamsburg.

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Building off the success and retail draw of the Barclay's Center is the long-awaited Pacific between Flatbush Avenue and Grand Army Park mega-development. Stretching along Atlantic Avenue from Vanderbilt to Flatbush Avenues, the 15-building, mixed-use complex will bring the community more than 6,400 new residences, both condos and rentals, as well as 100,000-plus square feet of retail space. Developed by Greenland Forest CityPartnersanddesignedbySHoP,theprojecthasan expected completion date of 2025, but it has already proven to be an impact player boosting the surrounding retail market.

One notable retailer entering the neighborhood is Four & Twenty Blackbirds. The high-end Gowanusbased bakery opened a new location in Prospect Heights at 634 Dean Street, in close proximity to Pacific Park. The baker's ownership stated publically that the new construction going up in the area was a factor in their decision to choose the Dean Street outpost. The new 25-seat café has even secured a liquor license, allowing it to serve beer and wine, giving customers another reason to frequent the eatery.



Four & Twenty Blackbirds (Prospect Park location)

remained strong at \$102 per square foot. We expect that in coming years, the 5th Avenue corridor's pricing will continue to strengthen, rallying on the success of Pacific Park and the Barclay's Center. Additionally, we expect similar growth in other area corridors, such as Vanderbilt Avenue between Atlantic and Grand Army.









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DOWNTOWN BROOKLYN

Perhaps more than any other neighborhood, Downtown Brooklyn is a driver of Brooklyn's retail growth, and the factors playing out in this area also epitomize the tie between residential development and the rise in retail rents.

With a variety of new construction transforming the neighborhood from a place where people simply work into a 24/7 hub that offers all of life's conveniences—and which will see 5,000 residences deliver by 2022—it's become hard to overlook how Downtown Brooklyn retail growth and rents are surpassing those of other neighborhoods.

The numbers demonstrate Downtown Brooklyn's upward trajectory: Data from early 2017 shows that Downtown Brooklyn's Fulton Street has surpassed Williamsburg's Bedford Avenue as the borough's priciest retail corridor.

But as notable as the aggregate rent data is, equally notable are the specific tenants coming to this former commercial area, which have begun grabbing up ground-floor and multi-level retail space and driven these rising rents.

In the first quarter of this year, retail space on the Fulton Street corridor—demarcated by Flatbush Avenue and Boerum Place—saw rents increase to approximately \$325 per square foot. With this eight percent premium over last year's \$300 figure, Fulton Street has emerged as the borough's most expensive retail corridor.

The most notable project pushing the growth in Downtown Brooklyn is likely City Point. With approximately 700 new residential units located in the three-tower complex, City Point has also signed big-name retail tenants such as Trader Joe's, Target, Century 21 and Alamo Draft House, as well the 35,000-square-foot DeKalb Market Hall. The openmarket food hall is packed with more than 40 vendors, including the first ever Katz's Delicatessen expansion—a brand-new Brooklyn outpost for the famous Manhattan deli.

The residential pipeline in Downtown Brooklyn has a staggering number of condo and rental residential units coming to market before the end of 2019, with others on the way, so it's no surprise to us that major national retailers have entered the area. This influx has largely reshaped the Fulton Mall, with notable new retailers including Banana Republic, GAP and, Saks off 5th.

Apple has also inked a deal with for its second Brooklyn location, a 12,000-square-foot space at 300 Ashland; Two Trees' 32-story, mixed-use building. In addition to Apple, and adding strength to the area's growing market is Whole Foods' "365". Early next year the "budget friendly" concept-grocery will open next door Apple's Downtown Brooklyn outpost.

These companies have observed growing tourism rates, demographic shifts and the redefined Brooklyn skyline and recognized Downtown Brooklyn as not just a safe bet, but a particularly enviable retail location with significant room for sustained growth.

While Downtown Brooklyn's skyline has already changed significantly, investors who recognize the neighborhood's potential are continuing to develop. For example, Alloy Development has plans for a large, mixed-use project, 80 Flatbush. The 900 unit mega-project is expected to be completed by 2025.

Under construction, with a 2020 expected completion date is JDS Development's skyscraper at 9 DeKalb Avenue. In partnership with the Chetrit Group, JDL is planning a 73-story tower; making it Brooklyn's tallest building. Plans have been filed for 500 residential units as well as 100,000+ SF of ground floor retail space.

Another notable skyscraper that has risen in Downtown Brooklyn is The Clarett Group's 33-story mixeduse project at 120 Nassau Street. In addition to 270 apartments, the project will feature 58,000 square-feet of retail and office space. The tower topped off earlier this year, and move-ins are expected to begin in early 2018.

Finally, the Rabsky Group, in partnership with Spencer Equity, recently filed plans to build approx. 75,000-square-feet of retail space at their 625 Fulton Street assemblage. The \$226-million site has enough development rights to build a 770,000-square-foot skyscraper. Although nothing has been officially stated, the firm is rumored to be leaning towards residential development stop the retail component they've already released plans for.

Projects like these are a sample of the new residential/mixed-use construction that is not only altering the skyline of Downtown Brooklyn and bringing thousands of new residents to the area, but is a major force behind the national retailers and hip boutiques respective decisions to open shop in the neighborhood. It is this growing allure that has propelled Downtown Brooklyn's retail rents above those of Williamsburg's ever-popular Bedford Avenue.



RECENT SALES



\$19,500,000 601 Ocean Parkway Brooklyn, NY 44 Apts



\$7,600,000 1812 East 18th Street Brooklyn, NY 34 Apts



\$6,000,000 2657 Bedford Avenue Brooklyn, NY 21 Apts, 4 Stores & Antenna



\$3,600,000 63 Whipple Street Brooklyn, NY 4 Apts & 2 Stores



\$15,850,000 119-123 Kent Avenue Brooklyn, NY 18 Apts & 3 Stores



\$7,000,000 531 East 22nd Street Brooklyn, NY 35 Apts



\$5,850,000 600 Ocean Avenue Brooklyn, NY 24 Apts



\$3,575,000 1424 Avenue J Brooklyn, NY 6 Apts & 4 Stores



\$10,550,000 975 Washington Avenue Brooklyn, NY 44 Apts



\$6,600,000 218-220 Park Place Brooklyn, NY 20 Apts



\$4.000.000 370 East 23rd Street Brooklyn, NY 20 Apts



\$2,925,000 341 Lincoln Road Brooklyn, NY 16 Apts



\$9,000,000 21 St. Pauls Court Brooklyn, NY 36 Apt



\$6,550,000 2105 Foster Avenue Brooklyn, NY 21 Apts



\$3.950.000 369 Ocean Avenue Brooklyn, NY 16 Apts



\$1,625,000 349 58th Street Brooklyn, NY 8 Apts



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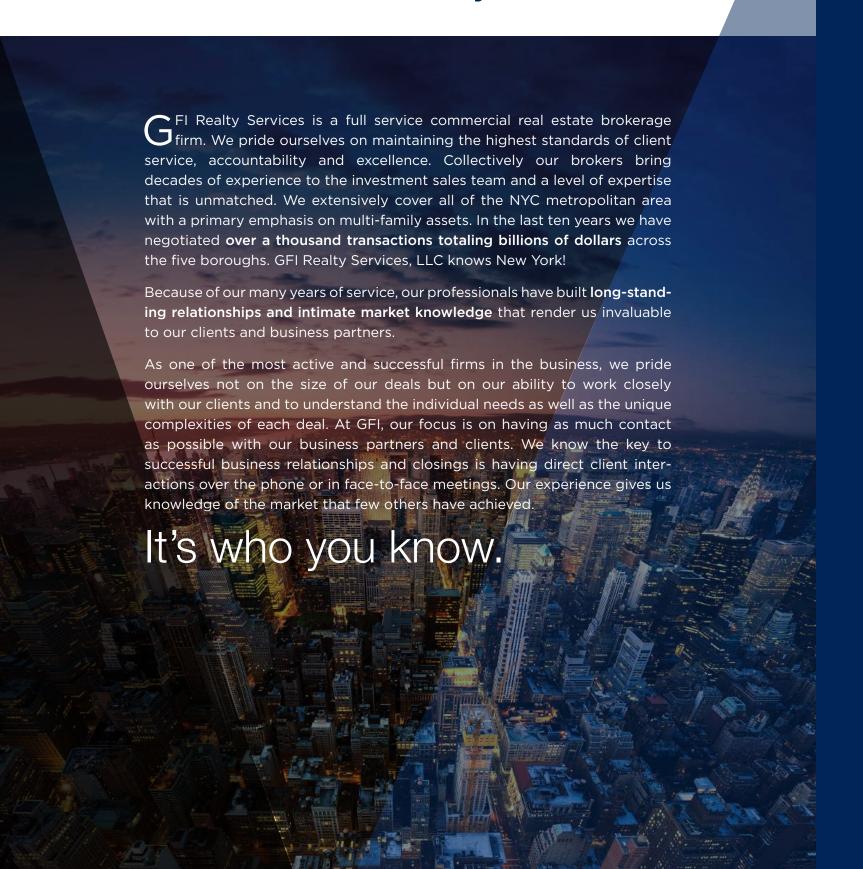
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