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BROOKLYN: STILL GROWING STRONG



Introduction: NYC Real Estate Doesn't Fail



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INTRODUCTION: **NYC REAL ESTATE DOESN'T FAIL**

Denon. However, like much of New York City, it still the stability and growth potential of Kings County, experienced a fairly weak year for investment sales in underscoring investors' confidence in the borough, 2017. The softness was particularly pronounced in the while pushing up rental and sales metrics on an first half of the year, but even a slight bounce-back in increasingly frequent basis. the final six months of 2017 was not enough to reverse the trend and bring investment numbers to the levels Brooklyn's substantial market growth from 2009 of previous years.

issues and quickly branded this slowdown as a major. Albany, including the 421-A and J-51 tax abatement downturn. However, others see the Brooklyn market programs. With investors and developers able to offas simply adjusting to evolving conditions. To a large cohort of industry professionals, the slowdown is sim- expenses, deals began to pencil out much more easily, ply part of the cycle; while we did see negative shifts and investor confidence soared. in 2017, they point out, the demand in Brooklyn's core markets remains strong, with new markets continuing In 2012 and 2013, with the market characterized by to emerge, leaving the borough with a sizable amount competitive construction costs, low interest rates and of remaining upside.

- How the proven value of core markets keeps the door open for expansion into new areas
- The investors who agree that real estate in the borough still retains untapped potential and are continuing to buy and build in Brooklyn

Before looking ahead to the future, however, it's instructive to take a step back and examine how the Brooklyn real estate market got to where it is today.

How We Got Here

As the national economy began the slow process of recovery in 2009, it was Brooklyn's economic stability — backed by the unprecedented growth within its housing market — that took center stage across New York City. It was at this time that we began to see institutional investors moving into core Brooklyn markets — and, sometimes, beyond — buying up land, and breaking ground on new development after new development. Large multifamily portfolios began trad-

nooklyn, as we know it, is a post-recession phenoming hands regularly. These property trades highlighted

through 2011 was not just a result of low land prices in particular areas; investors were also seeing higher Many people noted negative factors including supply returns as a result of incentive programs coming out of set a disproportionate percentage of property tax

less restrictive lending, Brooklyn investors increased the stream of capital that flowed into the borough. In this report, we will examine in detail the future of These factors led to a sharp uptick in the amount of deals, as transactional activity climbed in concert with the borough's population. The resultant rising property costs, revitalized neighborhoods and shifting demographics were all instrumental in creating the Brooklyn that we know today.







the "safe haven" nature of New York City is a signifi- untapped potential. cant factor.

\$9 billion. In 2016 though, that figure dropped by 2017, we saw transactional volume drop to approxiout of the norm the market's peak of \$9 billion+ was.

2016 SALES

2015 SALES

Approx.

Billion

Approx.

Approx.

2017 SALES

As was seen throughout the city, Brooklyn's downtick This trend has also extended into 2018, as many 30 percent — while the total number of development creating very strong Q1 numbers for the borough. sites that sold slid approximately 18 percent to 285.

Despite the marked slowdown, it would be incorrect to focus entirely on the year's lower sales figures and pronounce the Brooklyn market as being in decline. In fact, many industry professionals feel that last year's lackluster performance has less to do with demand and more to do with the lack of available supply and properties that were overpriced.

The macroeconomic conditions of Brooklyn's investment sales market were also a factor. With interest rates rising, the gap between the prices sellers expected to receive began to diverge widely from those which buyers were willing to pay. This, as well, led to fewer deals being completed.

New York City's primary allure to real estate inves- While some looked at the slowdown in Brooklyn and \mathbb{N} tors has long been its stability. Local, domestic and \mathbb{N} began pursuing deals in other locales, many investors, foreign investors alike correctly consider real estate developers, and brokers kept their focus on Brooklyn, in the Big Apple a safe place to park their capital. and devoted their energies to finding more creative Like every market, New York real estate has its ups ways to make deals within the borough pencil out. and downs, but its long-term stability has always been. In some cases, this meant looking at a broader array a primary driver of investment. In examining whether of neighborhoods and asset classes to find deals investment activity in 2018 will exceed that of 2017, that made sense in a Brooklyn market that still had

Investors' openness to pursuing acquisitions and In 2015, Brooklyn investment sales peaked at over development opportunities for different property types and neighborhoods was an important factor that approximately 11 percent to just under \$8 billion. In saved the Brooklyn market from an even weaker performance last year. It is noteworthy that while mately \$6.5 billion, an additional 19 percent decline. transaction volume in Brooklyn was down overall, While this pattern of year-over-year losses might seem much of the activity that did exist took place outside alarming, it is not overly troubling considering how far of the traditionally active neighborhoods such as Downtown Brooklyn and Williamsburg. For example, Bedford-Stuyvesant's (Bed-Stuy's) deal volume in 2017 was approximately \$90 million, putting it in the top five Brooklyn neighborhoods (out of a total of 40 neighborhoods). And while Williamsburg's \$300 million of transactions gave it the number-one spot, Bed-Stuy, due to its attractive affordability, saw 36 development sites trade last year, a figure 20 percent higher than the 30 that traded in Williamsburg.

in investment sales in 2017 was particularly pronounced investors and brokers who worked on deals in with regard to developable property. Development secondary markets like Bed-Stuy in late 2017 have site trades fell to \$2.2 billion — a drop of approximately seen these deals close in the first few months of 2018,

Bedford-Stuyvesant

36

20% HIGHER

Development Sites

Than Williamsburg







\/hile the core Brooklyn neighborhoods of lyn markets that have not yet seen significant revitalwith new projects, the borough's popularity continues neighborhoods remain attractive to a wide range of to expand to the next wave of neighborhoods — investors. near-core areas like Bushwick, Bed-Stuy and Crown Heights — and even into neighborhoods that are still In areas including Bed-Stuy, Crown Heights, Prospect up-and-coming, including East New York, Flatbush and Lefferts Gardens, East and Central Flatbush, Sheepshead Sheepshead Bay.

year-over-year declines, \$33.5 million of development sites traded in Flatbush last year, an incease of approximately 46 percent over 2016.

rejuvenation, saw a 33 percent year-over-year increase to get deals done. in investment activity by dollar volume, which rose to approximately \$23.5 million. The total number of Additionally, while landlords are sweetening the pot rose by 100 percent.

2017, development sites that traded in the area had an aggregate buildable square footage of 113,000, representing an 11-percent increase over 2016.

There's been significant talk about the vast amount Flatbush — where low land costs allow for the new of inventory in the development pipeline, and the construction of rental apartments. For developers, takrecord breaking amount of concessions developers are offering to new residents. In fact, approximately exemptions for as long as 35-years, with varying levels 45 percent of Brooklyn apartments rented in February of affordability. this year came with some form of concessions, highlighting the fact that at least some pockets of the borough are dealing with oversupply. However, Brook-

V Williamsburg, Dumbo and Downtown are flush ization efforts — i.e. near-core and up-and-coming

Bay and Coney Island, as referenced above, permits and plans are still being filed in great numbers, For example, while some subsections of Brooklyn saw indicating investors' continued confidence in Brooklyn real estate. With sellers holding out for inflated asking prices last year, buyers held back from investments. Since last year, a number of sellers have come to terms with the new reality; we're now starting to see Midwood, another strong example of South Brooklyn more and more buyers and sellers working together

development sites that traded in the neighborhood for renters by giving a month or two of free rent for a one or two-year lease, the Affordable New York Housing Program, which replaced the 421-A tax abatement Sheepshead Bay also saw an increase in activity. In program, is making up for these concessions by putting additional capital in the hands of developers. This should continue to be a boon for builders in Brooklyn — particularly in areas like Bed-Stuy, Bushwick, Prospect Lefferts Gardens and East and Central ing advantage of this incentive means full property-tax As the market begins to adapt to pricing and investments pick up, we are, once again, seeing significant development in core neighborhoods like Williamsburg, Greenpoint and Downtown Brooklyn. However, while those projects add to Brooklyn's backbone, even more noteworthy is the activity in areas not yet recognized for new development.

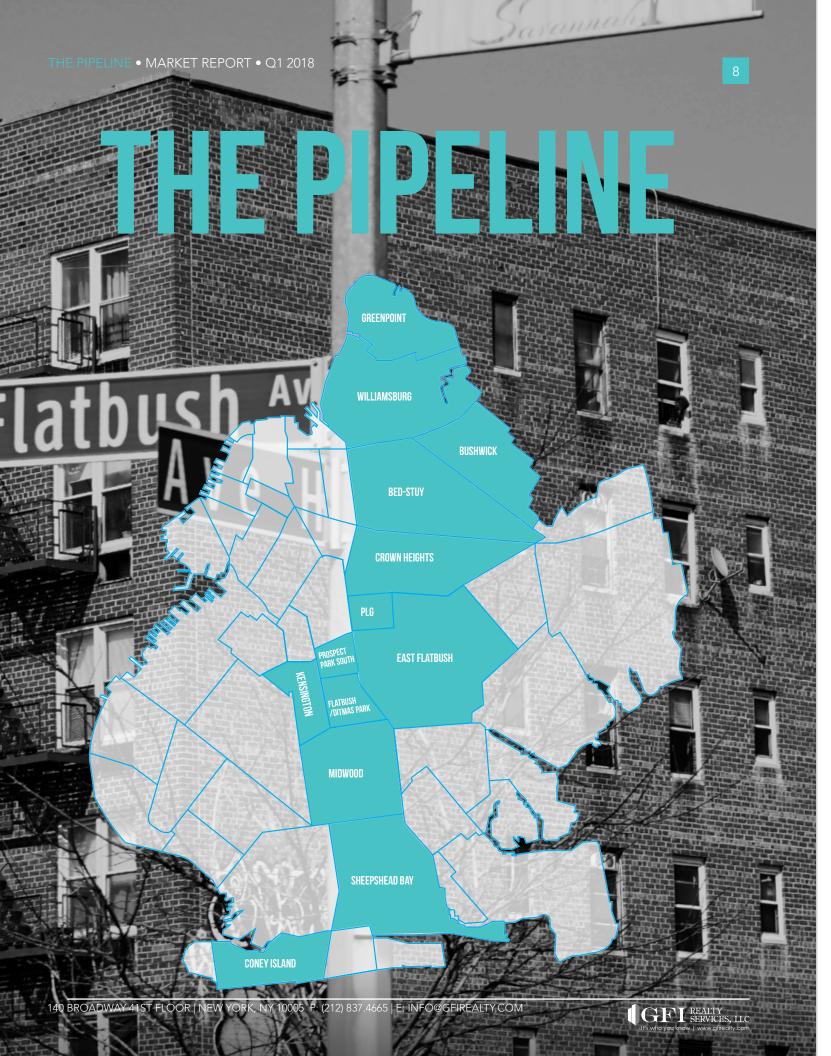
For example, Aspen Equities has started working on two back-to-back rental developments in Prospect Lefferts Gardens, while Brookland Capital is moving forward with a large, 37-unit development in Flatbush. In Kensington, Horizon Group has proposed a 63-unit condo development. Meanwhile, Candor Capital has plans filed for two buildings: one in East Flatbush, and the other in Ditmas Park. And in Midwood, the ZHL Group has filed plans for a 49-unit luxury development on Ocean Avenue.

Some of the city's most well-regarded developers are also involved, as L+M Development and John Catsimatidis' Red Apple Group are both working on luxury high rises in Coney Island. While there are a number of projects in the pipeline in Williamsburg, Greenpoint and Downtown Brooklyn, the near-core areas are finally seeing similar activity getting started.









GREENPOINT



30 Kent Street



30 Kent Street Developer:

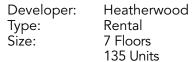
BNS Real Estate Type: Size: Rental

11 Floors 80 Units

Pre-Development Stage:

30 Kent Street park view, Kutnicki Bernstein

470 Manhattan Avenue



Stage: Pre-Development

470 Manhattan Avenue exterior

WILLIAMSBURG





46 Cook Street

Cheskie Weiss Rental Developer: Туре: 12 Floors Size: 45 Units

Pre-Development Stage:

46 Cook Street design by Karl Fisher Architects

505 Union Avenue

Davbel Properties Developer: Type:

Rental 5 Floors Size: 23 Units

Stage: Pre-Development

505 Union Avenue Rendering

BEDFORD-STUYVESANT



505 Union Avenue



343 Ralph Avenue
Developer: Solomon Feder Condo Type: 8 Floors Size:

20 Units

Pre-Development Stage:

343 Ralph Avenue, Google map image

1601 DeKalb Avenue

1579 Bedford Avenue

109 Montgomery Street

BUSHWICK



1601 DeKalb Avenue

Developer: Camber Property

Group Rental 9 Floors Size: 122 Units

Pre-Development Stage:

1601 DeKalb Avenue by Augang Architects

CROWN HEIGHTS



109 Montgomery Street
Developer: LIVWRK & CIM Developer: Type: Size: Rental 12 Floors 162 Units

Under Constuction Stage:

109 Montgomery Street, rendering by Karl Fischer



1579 Bedford Avenue

BFC Partners Developer: Rental Type: 15 Floors Size: 330 Units

Stage: Pre-Development

Overhead rendering of plans to redevelop Bedford Union Armory, courtesy BFC Partners

KENSINGTON



264 Webster Avenue

Developer: Horizon Group Condo Type: 8 Floors Size: 63 Units

Pre-Development Stage:

Image Credit: KARMABrooklyn Blog



PROSPECT PARK SOUTH



206 East 19th Street

Developer: The Midwood Group

Туре: Condo Size: 7 Floors 26 Units

On The Market Stage:

1601 DeKalb Avenue by Augang Architects



323 East 18th Street

Developer: **Anfirir Realty** Type: Size: Rental 8 Floors 28 Units

Pre-Development Stage:

323 East 18th street, Google map image

FLATBUSH/DITMAS PARK





154 Lenox Road

Brookland Capital Developer: Rental

8 Floors 37 Units

Pre-Development

154 Lenox Road, Feingold and Gregory



Developer: NYC's EDC Affordable Type: 14 Floors Size: 255 Units

Pre-Development Stage:

2119 Caton Avenue, image via NYC EDC





111 Clarkson Avenue

PROSPECT LEFFERTS GARDENS (PLG)



520 Parkside Avenue, design by Dome Architecture and Design

520 Parkside Avenue*

Developer: Aspen Equities Type: Rental Size: 7 Floors 22 Units

Under Construction Stage:

*Back to Back with Aspen's project at 111 Clarkson Avenue



Developer: Aspen Equities Туре: Rental Size: 7 Floors

28 Units Stage: **Under Construction**

111 Clarkson Avenue

111 Clarkson Avenue before demolition in 2014, photo by Rebecca Baird-Remba for Brownstoner



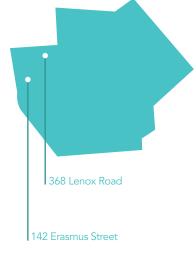
280 Linden Blvd, PLG, Brooklyn

Developer: Arbie Development

Rental Туре: 4 Floors Size: 8 Units

Under Construction Stage:

Rendering of 280 Linden Boulevard via Arbie Development



EAST FLATBUSH



368 Lenox Road

Developer: Joseph Kaufman Rental

Type: Size: 8 Floors 28 Units

Stage: Pre-Development

368 Lenox Road red building Google maps



142 Erasmus Street

Developer: Erasmus

Development, LLC

Rental Type: 6 Floors Size: 10 Units

Stage: Pre-Development

142 Erasmus Street, rendering courtesy Beam Group design by Josh Felix

1673 Ocean Avenue

MIDWOOD



1673 Ocean Avenue

Developer: ZHL Group Type: Rental 8 Floors Size: 49 Units

> (700 SF Retail Space)

Stage: Pre-Development

1673 Ocean Avenue, rendering courtesy ZHL



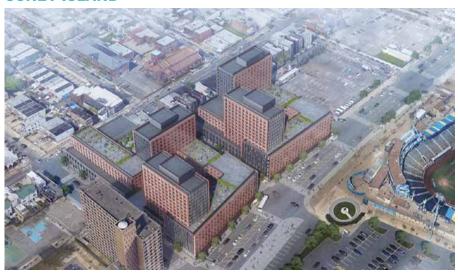


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CONEY ISLAND



2926 West 19th street, rendering by the Prusik

2926 West 19th Street

Developer: L+M Development Condo

Type: Size: 16 Floors 446 Units

Stage:

Pre-Development (81,000 SF will be a combination of retail

and office space)



3514 Surf Avenue
Developer: Red Apple Real Estate
Type: Rental Type: Size: 2 Towers* 21 Floors each 311 Units (22,513 SF Retail

Space)

Stage: Under Construction

*Towers are connected





Stage:

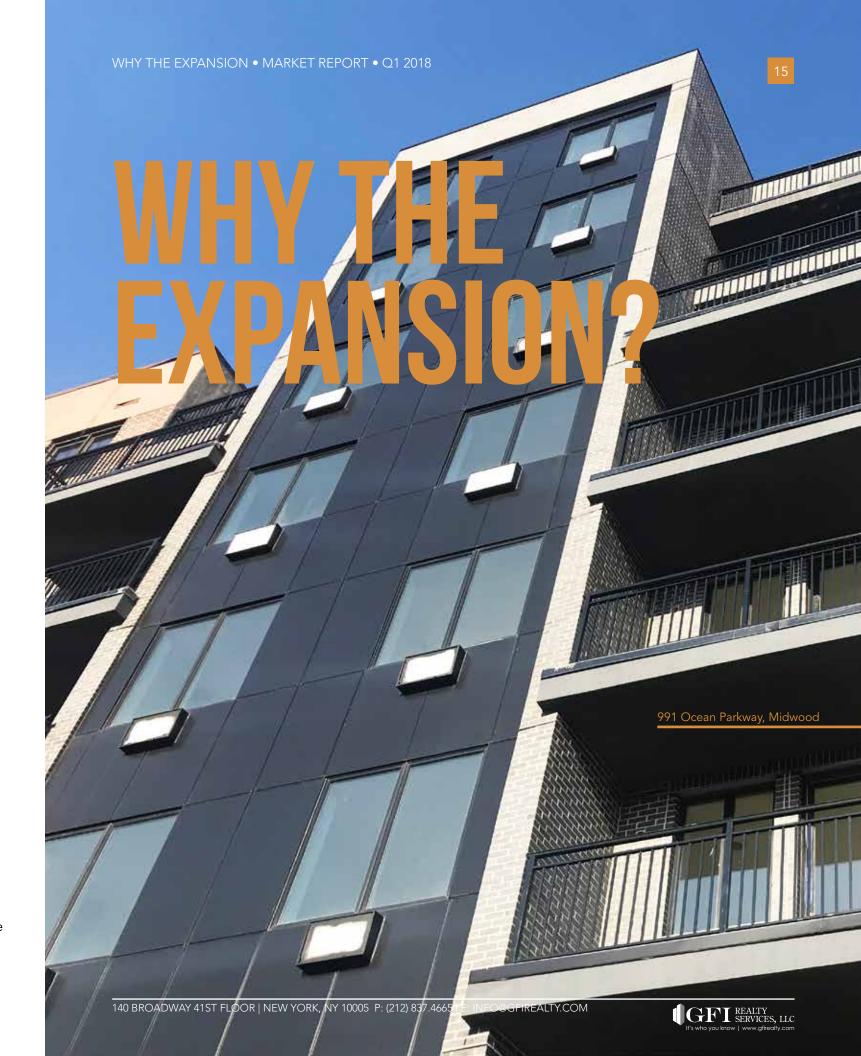
1709 Surf Avenue
Developer: The Prusik Group
& Taconic Rental Type:

Multi-Structure 1000 Units

150,000 SF Retail Space Under Construction

3514 Surf Avenue by Hill West Architects





These *near-core* areas have increasingly become the focal point for new investors, as developers have recognized the untapped potential in these long-time residential strongholds. To a certain extent, the building boom that is beginning to take shape in these central and southern Brooklyn areas is the natural progression of Brooklyn, and there's good reason to believe that these areas have the infrastructure and rental demand to support this development.

Another factor that should not be overlooked when examining this phenomenon is pricing. As Brooklyn's condo and rental prices continue to rise, affordability has become the key. Prospective renters who are unable to afford apartments in Dumbo, for example, are a source of demand for more attractively priced housing. Residents in this situation will benefit from the more widespread nature of Brooklyn development. Many investors have now moved on from overpriced development sites in Dumbo and Williamsburg and are choosing to build elsewhere in Brooklyn.

Although construction costs are not as muted as they were in the past, several factors make development an attractive option, including lower land costs in upand-coming areas, new tax breaks for developers, and attractive projected NOIs; supported by the growing population and new businesses.

It is for these reasons that we are starting to see the beginnings of a market uptick in Brooklyn even after a weak year for investments in 2017. In neighborhoods where rental prices haven't reached unusual heights, land costs have stayed affordable and investors see opportunity. There are numerous Brooklyn areas that still have room for development, so building in the central and southern sections of the borough is an increasingly safe business plan.





RECENT SALES



\$69,200,000 670 Pacific Street Brooklyn, NY 86 Apts



\$13,300,000 286-290 Clinton Avenue Brooklyn, NY 35 Apts



\$5,000,000 237, 245 & 247 Kent Street Brooklyn, NY Development Site



\$3,300,000 1322 Cortelyou Road Brooklyn, NY 6 Apts & 2 Stores



\$46,000,000 320-328 Ocean Parkway, 420 Avenue F & 2302 85th Street, Brooklyn, NY 145 Apts



\$11,000,000 25 Pierrepont Street & 161 Columbia Heights Brooklyn, NY 19 Apts



\$4,310,000 662 Madison Avenue Brooklyn, NY 9 Apts



\$2,100,000 3116 Clarendon Road Brooklyn, NY Development Site



\$14,650,000 837 East 22nd Street & 754 East 23rd Street Brooklyn, NY 64 Apts



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



\$3,950,000 369 Ocean Avenue Brooklyn, NY 17 Apts



\$1,750,000 196 Russell Street Brooklyn, NY Vacant Building



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\$13,500,000 271 Sea Breeze Avenue Brooklyn, NY Development Site



\$5,600,000 203 Sutter Avenue Brooklyn, NY Development Site



\$3,700,000 337 18th Street Brooklyn, NY 8 Apts



\$1,400,000 3008 Avenue K Brooklyn, NY 5 Apts & 1 Store

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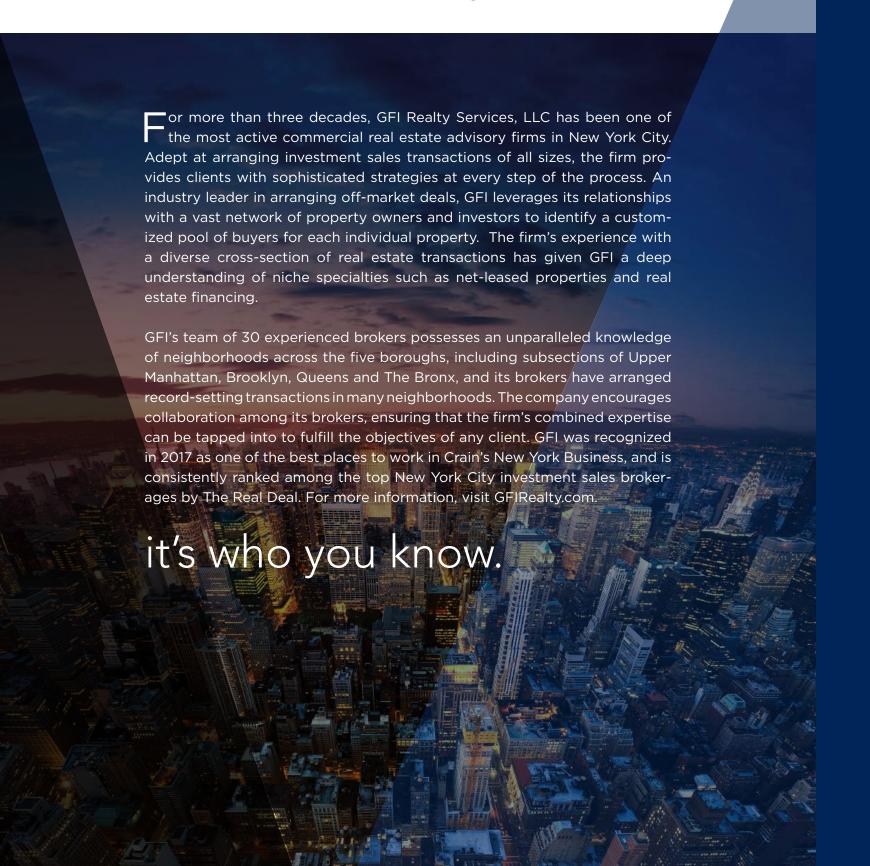
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