

# MANHATTAN BUILDING SALES REPORT 

## 2009 Poised for Steep Decline in Sales Volume

The first quarter of 2009 property sales market in Manhattan is characterized by a dramatic slowdown in sales activity. This is the first period tracked that truly reflects the market mentality created in September 2008 with the collapse of Lehman Brothers, the federal bailouts of AIG, Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac , and the ensuing paralysis of the credit markets throughout the fall. (In contrast, our last market report for the second half of 2008 included numerous sales that were negotiated preSeptember).

As illustrated in the table of dollar volume transactions on the facing page, after an astounding $\$ 52.5$ billion in 2007 - driven primarily by record-setting office building sales including Macklowe's $\$ 7$ billion acquisition of the Equity Office Portfolio - and based on first quarter 2009 total sales volume, this year's volume will be just a fraction of prior years'. Dollar volume declined by $64 \%$ from 2007 to 2008, but the number of transactions declined only $30 \%$, suggesting a shift toward smaller properties. Although a bit early to predict this year's final sales volume, the downward trend is likely to continue at a similar rate based on the first quarter activity. The first quarter annualized sales figure suggests that 2009 will see an additional $59 \%$ decline in total dollar sales volume and a $68 \%$ decline in the number of sales. But, we believe this figure to be deceptive because we anticipate activity to accelerate as the year progresses to compensate for fourth quarter 2008's extraordinarily abysmal number of contract executions.

With the steep decline in sales activity, there are far fewer data points to gauge market pricing. For example, excluding office condos, only two office buildings sold in the first quarter 2009. The office component of 1540 Broadway (without the retail space) was sold out of foreclosure by the mortgagee for $\$ 355$ million, after the building (including the retail space) was acquired in 2007 for $\$ 967.5$ million. And 1334 York Avenue was reacquired by Sotheby's International for its own use at over

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$\$ 900$ per square foot. Of the three development sites sold, one site sold to a user and another site was a small parcel that was to be part of an assemblage. For the most part, the market for development sites remains at a standstill.

Meanwhile, it would appear that retail and mixed-use properties have experienced downward pressure due to the retail vacancy rate citywide. Consumer spending - although up slightly in March - is still at extraordinary low levels which is putting tremendous stress on retailers. Cap rates in this sector are up about 150-200 basis points.

There were only 13 multi-family apartment building sales in the first quarter, of which three were elevator buildings. More than half of the sales were under $\$ 5$ million, and all but two were under $\$ 10$ million. Unlike the larger (over $\$ 50$ million) assets, this sector of the market still has financing available, though at more conservative underwriting than in the past. Multi-family investors are concerned about the bills pending in Albany that would significantly impact their ability to realize upside in their below-market rent stabilized units; the Senate is expecting to vote on the bills sometime this summer. The multi-family sales this quarter reflected a cap rate range of $2.8 \%$ to $5.7 \%$, with a median of $4.8 \%$. The GRM's ranged from 10.7 to 18.8 , with a median of 13.7. There has not been a sale of a $\$ 100+$ million class A apartment tower since mid-2008.

The low sales activity is an indication of the uncertainty on the part of both buyers and sellers as to where values are. As the year progresses and more sales take place, the shift to new market pricing levels should become more evident.


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DOLLAR VOLUME $\qquad$

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TRANSACTION VOLUME BY PROPERTY TYPE $\qquad$
${ }^{\text {IT }}$ QUARTER 2009


MEDIAN PRICE / SF BY PROPERTY TYPE $\qquad$
IST $^{\text {sT }}$ QUARTER 2009


DOLLAR VOLUME $\qquad$
2005-2009


TOTAL TRANSACTION VOLUME \& TURNOVER RATE $\qquad$


TURNOVER RATE BY PROPERTY TYPE

I ${ }^{\text {ST }}$ QUARTER 2009


## I-4 FAMILY



## 7 MACDOUGAL

 ALLEYPRICE: $\quad \$ 5,500,000$
DATE: 03-11-09
GROSS SF: I,708
PRICE / SF: $\$ 3,220$


PRICE: $\quad \$ 9,000,000$ DATE: 01-21-09 GROSS SF: 3,760 PRICE I SF: $\$ 2,393$


129 EAST $36^{\text {TH }}$ STREET
PRICE: \$7,282,040 DATE: 03-13-09 GROSS SF: 5,400 PRICE I SF: $\$ 1,349$


19 BEEKMAN PLACE
PRICE: $\quad \$ 10,600,000$ DATE: 02-24-09
GROSS SF: 6,740
PRICE / SF: \$1,573


9 EAST $67^{\text {TH }}$ STREET
PRICE: $\quad \$ 24,925,000$
DATE: 01-12-09
GROSS SF: 13,137
PRICE / SF: $\$ 1,897$


II EAST $67^{\text {TH }}$ STREET
PRICE: $\quad \$ 12,000,000$
DATE: 03-09-09
GROSS SF: 9,837
PRICE / SF: $\$ 1,220$

## 5+ FAMILY ELEVATOR



226 WEST $7{ }^{\text {ST }}$ STREET

PRICE: \$4,067,500
DATE: 03-02-09
GROSS SF: 4,792
PRICE I SF: \$849


II3 EAST 78 ${ }^{\text {TH }}$ STREET

PRICE: $\quad \$ 12,460,000$ DATE: 01-09-09 GROSS SF: 5,400 PRICE I SF: \$2,307


522 EAST 82 ${ }^{\text {ND }}$ STREET

PRICE: \$2,750,000
DATE: 02-12-09
GROSS SF: 3,212
PRICE I SF: $\$ 856$


PRICE: \$9250,000
DATE: 01-16-09
GROSS SF: 21,714
PRICE I SF: $\$ 426$
UNITS: 30
CAP RATE: $4.8 \%$
GRM:
PR. I UNIT: \$308,334
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488 SEVENTH AVENUE

12-I4 WEST $68^{\text {TH }}$ STREET
PRICE: $\quad \$ 45,300,000$ PRICE: $\$ 10,625,000$ DATE: 02-05-09 DATE: 03-11-09 GROSS SF: 88,872 GROSS SF: 14,135 PRICE / SF: \$510 PRICE / SF: \$752 UNITS: 104 UNITS: 19 PR.I UNIT: $\$ 435,577$ CAP RATE: $4.7 \%$ GRM: 13.8 PR.I UNIT: \$559,2II

5+ FAMILY WALK-UP


## 59 MORTON

 STREET
## $\begin{array}{ll}\text { PRICE: } & \$ 3,700,000 \\ \text { DATE: } & 03-27-09\end{array}$

GROSS SF:
PRICE I SF: \$554
UNITS:
PR. I UNIT: \$740,000


215 EAST 3RD STREET

| PRICE: | $\$ 3,500,000$ | PRICE: | $\$ 7,260,000$ |
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| DATE: | $02-02-09$ | DATE: | $03-18-09$ |
| GROSS SF: | 9,600 | GROSS SF: 16,220 |  |
| PRICE / SF: | \$365 | PRICE / SF: $\$ 448$ |  |
| UNITS: | 12 | UNITS: | 40 |
| PR. I UNIT: $\$ 291,667$ | CAP RATE: | $5.1 \%$ |  |
|  |  | GRM: | 12.7 |
|  |  | PR. I UNIT: $\$ 181,500$ |  |



217-219 WEST $16^{\text {TH }}$ STREET


106 EAST 30 ${ }^{\text {TH }}$ STREET

| PRICE: | $\$ 2,425,000$ |
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| DATE: | $03-04-09$ |
| GROSS SF: | 4,742 |
| PRICE I SF: | $\$ 511$ |
| UNITS: | 7 |
| CAP RATE: | $4.2 \%$ |
| GRM: | 14.8 |
| PR. I UNIT: | $\$ 346,429$ |



418 EAST $78^{\text {TH }}$ STREET
PRICE: $\quad \$ 3,150,000$ DATE: 01-14-09 GROSS SF: 7,356 PRICE I SF: $\$ 428$ UNITS: 16 CAP RATE: $2.8 \%$ GRM: $\quad 18.8$ PR. I UNIT: \$196,875



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| PRICE: | $\$ 225,000,000$ | PRICE: | $\$ 355,000,000$ |
| DATE: | $03-09-09$ | DATE: | $03-05-09$ |
| GROSS SF: | 750,000 | GROSS SF: | 905,000 |
| PRICE I SF: $\$ 300$ | PRICE / SF: | $\$ 392$ |  |


| PRICE: | \$4,000,000 | PRICE: | \$28,500,000 | PRICE: | \$370,000,000 |
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| DATE: | 02-10-09 | DATE: | 03-17-09 | DATE: | 02-09-09 |
| GROSS SF: | 3,735 | GROSS SF: | 27,220 | GROSS SF | 407,260 |
| PRICE / SF: | \$1,071 | PRICE / SF: | \$1,047 | PRICE / 5 |  |




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## METHODOLOGY

Cap Rates, Gross Income Multipliers, Median Price per Square Foot and Total Volume are based on closed sales researched or sold by Massey Knakal Realty Services that have the following parameters: occurred during the period $1 / 1 / 09-3 / 31 / 09$ for over $\$ 500,000$; can be found in the public record; were located in Manhattan - south of 96th Street east of Central Park and south of 110th Street west of Central Park; and were reported by ACRIS, Property Shark and/or Real Capital Analytics.

We use the following City of New York classifications:

- 1-4 Family building are designated by A, B, CO and C3.
- 5 + Family buildings are designated by C1, C2, C4, C5, C7, C8 and C9 (excluding C6 which represent Co-Ops).
- 5+ Elevatored buildings: D1, D2, D3, D5, D6, D8 and D9 (excluding D0, D4 which represent Co-Ops).
- Mixed-Use buildings: K and S classes.
- Retail buildings: L1, L8, L9, O, R5, R7 and R8
- Office buildings and commercial condos: O, R5, R7 and R8.
- Hotel buildings: H classes.
- Development: VO, V1, V2 and other buildings that were purchased for development.
- Each sale was analyzed and categorized on a case by case basis.

Cap Rate: net operating income divided by the sales price.
Gross Rent Multiplier: sales price divided by the gross income.
Median Price Per Square Foot: sales price divided by gross building area above grade, as reported in the public record.
Average Price Per Square Foot: sales price divided by the building's gross square feet.
Average Price Per Buildable Square Foot: sales price divided by the building's maximum buildable square feet as allowed by the zoning of New York City.
Turnover Rate: number of sales divided by total inventory.

When expenses were not available for calculating the cap rate and gross rent multiplier for multi-family buildings, we use the following guidelines:


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