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NORTHERN MANHATTAN \& THE BRONX PROPERTY SALES REPORT

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In 2009 , the total volume of commercial real estate sales in the New York City marketplace was $\$ 6.3$ billion, which was down $75 \%$ from the $\$ 25.3$ billion in 2008 and $90 \%$ below 2007's record of $\$ 62.2$ billion. There were 1,224 transactions closed which consisted of 1,439 properties, representing $0.87 \%$ in turnover. Northern Manhattan had the most turnover with a $1.33 \%$ rate, while Brooklyn had the lowest at $0.73 \%$. The average sale price of a New York City building was $\$ 4.4$ million in 2009 , down from $\$ 8$ million in 2008 and the $\$ 12.4$ million peak experienced in 2007. Manhattan clearly had the highest average building sale price at $\$ 13$ million in 2009 , down from a peak in 2007 of $\$ 52.5$ million. Brooklyn and Queens tied for the lowest average building sales price at $\$ 1.7$ million. Brooklyn had previously peaked at $\$ 2.0$ million in 2007 while Queens hit its peak of $\$ 2.0$ million also in 2007. The most adversely affected market was Northern Manhattan where values fell between $39.4 \%$ and $55.1 \%$ from their peak, while Brooklyn faired best falling only $5.3 \%$ to $21.7 \%$ depending on the product types. The below is an analysis of the Northern Manhattan and the Bronx markets.

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## Transaction Volume and Turnover

During 2009, the Northern Manhattan property sales market (north of 96th St. east of Central Park and north of 110 th St. west of Central Park.) saw 67 closed transactions consisting of 92 properties. The number of transactions was down $42 \%$ from 2008 and down $73 \%$ from the 2005, the most active year. Likewise, the 92 properties sold indicate that the turnover rate was $1.32 \%$ of the total stock of properties in the market. To put this number in perspective, the lowest turnover we have seen in the last 25 years was $1.6 \%$ in 1992 and 2003, both of which were years at the end of recessionary periods and cyclical highs in unemployment.

## Dollar Volume

The aggregate sales consideration in 2009 was $\$ 297,486,234$. This figure was down $55 \%$ from 2008 and down $80 \%$ from the peak year of 2007 . While these volume figures reflect activity across all property types, below we examine pricing trends based on product type.

## Walk-Up Apartment Buildings

The average capitalization rate for walk-up apartment buildings was $7.04 \%$ in 2009, showing an upward shift of 94 basis points from 2008 and 164 basis points from its low of $5.40 \%$ in 2007. The average gross income multiple (GIM) dropped to 8.2 in 2009 from 10.3 in 2008 and from its peak 11.1 in 2007. Correspondingly, the median price per square foot $(\$ / \mathrm{SF})$ was $\$ 139$, down $55.1 \%$ from its peak in 2007.

## Elevatored Apartment Buildings

Elevatored apartment building cap rates in 2009 averaged $5.53 \%$, up 53 basis points from 2008 and up 93 basis points from the 2005 level of $4.6 \%$, which was the low point in the market. The average GIM dropped to 8.47 in 2009 from 11.8 in 2008 and from 12.4 which was the peak in 2007 . Moreover, the median $\$ / \mathrm{SF}$ was $\$ 103$, down $29.5 \%$ from 2008 and $39.4 \%$ from its 2007 peak.

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## Transaction Volume and Turnover

In 2009, the Bronx property sales market had 160 closed transactions consisting of 202 properties. The number of transactions was down $50 \%$ from 2008 and $70 \%$ from 2006, the most active year. The 202 properties sold indicate a turnover rate of $0.94 \%$ of the total stock of properties. To put this number in perspective, the lowest turnover we have seen in the last 25 years was $1.6 \%$ in 1992 and 2003, both of which were years at the end of recessionary periods and cyclical highs in unemployment.

## Dollar Volume

The aggregate sales consideration in 2009 was $\$ 400,499,149$. This figure was down $57 \%$ from 2008 and down $82 \%$ from the peak year of 2007 . While the volume figures reflect activity across all property types, below we examine pricing trends based on product type.

## Walk-Up Apartment Buildings

The average capitalization rate for walk-up apartment buildings was $7.87 \%$ in 2009, showing an upward shift of 47 basis points from 2008 during which year the market hit a low of $7.40 \%$. The average gross income multiple (GIM) dropped to 6.8 in 2009 from 7.2 in 2008 and from its peak 8.0 in 2005. Correspondingly, the median price per square foot $(\$ / \mathrm{SF})$ was $\$ 82$, down $28.7 \%$ from 2008 and $38.4 \%$ from its 2006 peak.

## Elevatored Apartment Buildings

Elevatored apartment building cap rates in 2009 averaged $8.1 \%$, up 90 basis points from 2008 and up 210 basis points from its low of $6.0 \%$ in 2007. The average GIM dropped to 6.57 in 2009 from 7.9 in 2008 and from its peak 8.6 in 2007. Moreover, the median $\$ /$ SF was $\$ 68$, down $19.1 \%$ from its 2007 peak.

While there is still upward pressure on capitalization rates, we have seen increases in average prices per square foot in the 2 H 09 due to higher quality assets coming to the market and a bounce off of, what we assume to be, an overshot to the downside. While we do not see these increases as a clear indication that we have reached an absolute bottom, we do believe that the market is in the process of "bottoming."

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TRANSACTION VOLUME BY PROPERTYTYPE

2009


TURNOVER RATE BY PROPERTY TYPE


GROSS RENT MULTIPLE


BUILDING SALES VOLUME \& ANNUAL TURNOVER RATE $\qquad$
2005-2009


## MEDIAN PRICE PER SQUARE FOOT BY PROPERTYTYPE



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Data is based on all sales from the 4th quarter of 2009.


## N. MANHATTAN

PRICE: $\quad \$ 26,900,000$
DATE: 12-17-09
GROSS SF: 231,233
PRICE / SF: $\$ 116$
UNITS: 237
CAP RATE: $7.39 \%$
GRM: 6.87
PR. I UNIT: $\$ 113,502$


## NORTHERN MANHATTAN \& THE BRONX PROPERTY SALES



N. MANHATTAN

PRICE: $\quad \$ 1,625,000$
DATE: $\quad 11-20-09$
GROSS SF: $\quad 9,910$
PRICE ISF: \$164

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The Cap Rates, Gross Income Multipliers, Median Price per Square Foot and Total Volume presented in this report pertain to closed sales researched by or sold by Massey Knakal Realty Services through $12 / 31 / 09$. These transactions occurred at a minimum sales price of $\$ 500,000$ and were located in the Bronx and in Manhattan north of 96th Street east of Central Park and north of 110th Street west of Central Park. These sales may be found in the public record and were reported by ACRIS and other sources deemed reliable. This information has been compiled for informational purposes only and Massey Knakal Realty Services shall not be liable for any reliance thereon.

We use the following City of New York classifications:

- Industrial properties: E, F and G classes.
- 5+ Family Walk-Up properties: C1, C2, C4, C5, C7, C8 and C9 (excluding C6 which represent Co-Ops).
- 5+ Family Elevatored properties: D1, D2, D3, D5, D6, D8 and D9 (excluding D0, D4 which represent Co-Ops).
- Mixed-Use properties: K and S classes.
- Retail properties: L1, L8, L9, O, R5, R7 and R8.
- Office properties and commercial condos: O, R5, R7 and R8
- Development properties: VO, V1, V2 and other properties that were purchased for development.
- Specialty Use properties: Properties that, because of their intended uses (such as religious, medical, government, educational, non-profit uses), do not fall into any of the above property classes.

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 property area above grade, as reported in the public record.
Average Price Per Square Foot: sales price divided by the property's gross square feet.
Average Price Per Buildable Square Foot: sales price divided by the property'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 properties, we used the following guidelines:

|  | $\mathbf{6 - 2 0}$ Units | 21-50 Units | 51+ Units |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Real Estate Tax: | Actual | Actual | Actual |
| Vacancy \& Credit Loss: | $1.5 \%$ | $1.5 \%$ | $1.5 \%$ |
| Water \& Sewer: | $\$ .50 / \mathrm{sf}$ | $\$ .50 / \mathrm{sf}$ | $\$ .50 / \mathrm{sf}$ |
| Insurance: | $\$ 500 /$ unit | $\$ 400 /$ unit | $\$ 375 / \mathrm{unit}$ |
| Fuel: | $\$ 1.60 / \mathrm{sf}$ | $\$ 1.60 / \mathrm{sf}$ | $\$ 1.60 / \mathrm{sf}$ |
| Electric: | $\$ .25 / \mathrm{sf}$ | $\$ .25 / \mathrm{sf}$ | $\$ .25 / \mathrm{sf}$ |
| Payroll: | $\$ 4,800 /$ year | $\$ 20,000 /$ year | $\$ 20,000 /$ year |
| Cleaning \& Maintenance: | $\$ 300 /$ month | $\$ 400-\$ 600 / \mathrm{month}$ | $\$ 1,000 / \mathrm{month}$ |
| Elevator Maintenance: | $\$ 4,000$ elev $/ \mathrm{yr}$ | $\$ 5,000 \mathrm{elev} / \mathrm{yr}$ | $\$ 5,000$ elev $/ \mathrm{yr}$ |
| Repairs: | $\$ 550$ unit $/ \mathrm{yr}$ | $\$ 550 \mathrm{unit} / \mathrm{yr}$ | $\$ 550$ unit $/ \mathrm{yr}$ |
| Management: | $5 \%$ | $4 \%$ | $3 \%$ |

