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**For Immediate Release**

**Clarion Partners Completes the Acquisition of Gables Residential**

**NEW YORK, NY** – Clarion Partners, a leading real estate investment manager, today announced that a group of investors led by Clarion has acquired Gables Residential. As a result of the transaction, Gables Residential will be converted into a perpetual life vehicle.

Gables is a market-leading, vertically-integrated multifamily real estate company with a 32-year history in the management, development, construction, acquisition and disposition of multifamily and mixed-use communities. The Gables brand and the operating expertise of its team of over 1,100 associates are complemented by Clarion Partners' active portfolio management leadership, research and strategy initiatives and investment risk management review processes.

“Having worked closely with Gables for nearly 10 years, we’ve enjoyed our longstanding relationship with the company and look forward to the continued growth and success of the platform,” said Stephen Furnary, Chairman and CEO of Clarion Partners. “We are excited about growth prospects for multifamily residential in the markets where Gables operates.”

“As a management team, we are thrilled to continue our relationship with Clarion Partners” said Sue Ansel, CEO and President of Gables Residential. “The new ownership structure is designed to provide increased stability and growth that will facilitate the success of our company going forward.”

King & Spalding and Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver & Jacobson LLP acted as legal advisors to Clarion Partners. Hodes Weill & Associates acted as financial advisor to Clarion Partners in the transaction.

Eastdil Secured acted as the exclusive financial advisor to Lion Gables Apartment Fund L.P. and Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP and Weil Gotshal & Manges LLP acted as its legal advisors.

**About Clarion Partners, LLC**

Clarion Partners has been a leading U.S. real estate investment manager for over 32 years. Headquartered in New York, the firm has offices in Atlanta, Boston, Dallas, London, Los Angeles, São Paulo, Seattle and Washington, DC, as well as a presence in Mexico. With nearly \$35 billion in total assets under management, Clarion Partners offers a broad range of real estate strategies across the risk/return spectrum to its more than 250 domestic and international institutional investors.

More information about the firm is available at [www.clarionpartners.com](http://www.clarionpartners.com).

**About Gables Residential**

Gables Residential is an award winning, vertically integrated real estate company and privately held REIT specializing in the development, construction, ownership, acquisition, financing and management of multifamily and mixed-use communities. Gables Residential owns, develops and manages communities in high growth markets throughout the United States including Atlanta, Austin, Boston, Dallas, Denver, Houston, South Florida, Southern California and metropolitan Washington, D.C. Additionally, we have third party management operations in the New York, Virginia Beach, Phoenix, Seattle, San Antonio, Charlotte, Central and North Florida markets.

Gables manages approximately 35,000 apartment homes and 400,000 square feet of retail space and has received national recognition for excellence in development, management, sales, marketing, training, benefits and corporate accommodations. These achievements reflect the impact of our experienced and dedicated team members, our superior knowledge of the markets served, and expertise in development and management.

More information about Gables is available at [www.Gables.com](http://www.Gables.com).

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