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### **HANDLER ARRANGES WATERKEEPER NONPROFIT RELOCATION, EXPANSION AT 180 MAIDEN LANE**

*-- Global water source advocate signs long-term lease at newly renovated trophy building in Seaport District --*

**New York, NY – October 1, 2015 – Handler Real Estate Organization** announced today that it has arranged a long-term, 9,172-square-foot nonprofit lease on behalf of Waterkeeper Alliance at 180 Maiden Lane.

Founded by Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., Waterkeeper is a nonprofit organization representing advocates who patrol and protect more than 260 waterways worldwide.

The growing nonprofit organization will relocate to its new, larger offices on the sixth floor at 180 Maiden Lane in January 2016, pending build-out of the space. The 41-story, 1.2 million-square-foot Class A office tower, located between Front and South Streets in the Seaport District, is owned and managed by a joint venture of MHP Real Estate Services and Clarion Partners.

“Waterkeeper Alliance is a global nonprofit organization that required expansion space to better fulfill its mission, and desired a best-in-class, well-located building in Lower Manhattan,” said **Peter Newman**, an Executive Managing Director with Handler Real Estate Organization, who along with **Darell Handler** and **Jesse de la Rama**, represented Waterkeeper Alliance in the transaction.

“We are thrilled to add Waterkeeper Alliance, the world’s fastest growing environmental movement to our growing tenant roster at 180 Maiden Lane,” said David Greene, President of Brokerage Services at MHP Real Estate Services “The asset quality, extensive amenity package, waterfront location with spectacular views and the on-going redevelopment of the South Street Seaport will add to an already vibrant neighborhood and local amenity base.”

The agency team of Tara Stacom, Frank Cento and Justin Royce, of Cushman & Wakefield, and Jesse Rubens, Richard Doolittle, and James Tamborlane with MHP, represented ownership.

The glass-enclosed property features panoramic views of New York Harbor, the Brooklyn Bridge, and the Statue of Liberty, and is located just steps away from both the South Street Seaport and numerous public transportation options, including the newly renovated Fulton Street hub and East River ferry landings.

Ownership has nearly completed renovations at the property. They include: extensive upgrades to the ground level public plaza with a new retail kiosk and collaborative seating areas; new reception desk, high-end finishes, and enhanced security in the second floor lobby; renovated full-service cafeteria and seating area with views of the Brooklyn Bridge and East River; new fitness studio with state-of-the-art equipment, featuring spin and TRX areas, and well-appointed locker rooms; new 200-seat conference center with sophisticated audio visual capabilities; and new elevator cab finishes and upgraded controls.

#### **About Clarion Partners**

Clarion Partners, an SEC registered investment adviser and FINRA member firm, has been a leading U.S. real estate investment manager for 33 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 more than \$36 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)

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Handler has an expansive and growing real estate platform that includes, but is not limited to: Property Development, Property Management, Landlord and Tenant Leasing Services, Real Estate Advisory Services and Real Property Acquisitions.

Handler is also an owner and investor of several commercial real estate properties.

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