

RFK Jr.'s Nonprofit Signs Deal at 180 Maiden Lane

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A clean water nonprofit founded by **Robert F. Kennedy Jr.** is relocating to [MHP Real Estate Services](#) and [Clarion Partners' 180 Maiden Lane](#), Commercial Observer has learned, marking the second tenant the new owners have signed to the Downtown building.

Waterkeeper Alliance, an advocacy group for fresh drinking, swimming and fishing water, is taking 9,172 square feet on part of the sixth floor of the building between Front and South Streets, according to [Handler Real Estate Organization](#), which represented the tenant. The nonprofit is slated to move in next January, and is currently located nearby at **17 Battery Place**.

The nonprofit has been expanding and “desired a best-in-class, well-located building in Lower Manhattan,” said **Peter Newman** of Handler in prepared remarks.

The asking rent in the deal was \$57 per square foot. Waterkeeper Alliance inked a 10-year deal that closed on Sept. 2, according to **CoStar**.

Mr. Newman represented the tenant along with colleagues **Darell Handler** and **Jesse de la Rama**. **Tara Stacom**, **Frank Cento** and **Justin Royce** of **Cushman & Wakefield** represented the landlord, along with **Jesse Rubens**, **Richard Doolittle** and **James Tamborlane** of MHP in-house.

“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**, MHP’s head of brokerage services, in prepared remarks. “The asset quality, extensive amenity package, waterfront location with spectacular views and the ongoing redevelopment of the South Street Seaport will add to an already vibrant neighborhood and local amenity base.”

The partnership bought the building in January from [SL Green Realty Corp.](#) and [The Moinian Group](#) for \$470 million. In May, the **Holborn Corporation** [became the first tenant](#) new ownership signed to the 41-story building, which sits along the **East River**.

Law firm **Sam P. Israel** signed a deal for 5,677 square feet on Sept. 8, CoStar data shows. The C&W leasing team represented the landlord, and the MHP in-house team represented both sides. Sam P. Israel will also be on the sixth floor.