# Wisconsin Apartment Market Investment and **Appraisal Perspective**

#### Overview

- Capitalization Rates/Other Stats
- Why are Apartments Different?
- Sales Activity/Marketing Times/Liquidation and Disposition Values
- What Does the Future Hold?
- Questions



#### Apartment Investment Risk Levels

- Location
- Current Management/Condition
- Occupancy/Current Rents
  - Two properties can have the same location,
     but have very different value indicators as a
     result of management factors fragile market

## Cap Rates – My Most Common Question

- Low Risk: 6.50%-7.50%
- Medium Risk: 7.25%-8.25%
- High Risk: 8.25%-9.50%
- Loan Terms Steady for the time being-They are a Big Factor!

#### Vacancy/Collection Loss Rates

- Low Risk: 2-3%
- Medium Risk: 4-5%
- High Risk: 6-15%
- What if Actual Vacancy exceeds 15%?
  - Higher Risk Factor in Cap Rate
    - Income Approach vacancy rate- combination of actual/market
    - Deduction for Rent Loss



#### Rent Levels

- All Over the Place! Many factors...
- Size, Amenities, Utility Inclusion and Condition All Matter
- Example: Milwaukee East Side
  - Studio: \$325-\$650
  - 1 Bedroom: \$550-\$1,100
  - 2 Bedrooms: \$775-\$2,100
  - 3 Bedrooms: Even higher

#### Expense Levels

- Considered with Stabilized Properties
- Owner Paid Heat
  - Low Risk: 42.5%-47.5%
  - High Risk: 47.5%-55%
- Tenant Paid Heat
  - Low Risk: 37.5%-42.5%
  - High Risk: 42.5%-50%



#### Why Are Apartments Different?

- Vacancy the Biggest Indicator
- Only Investment where Rent Levels are Increasing Nearly Everywhere
- Banks are Lending!



#### Sales Activity/Marketing Times/ Liquidation Values

- Activity has Increased in 2012, especially at Year End – Cap Gains Tax Increase?
- Still Many Deal Seekers
- Less Sellers Under Duress
- Bank-Owned Properties- Special Financing
- Marketing Times 6 months to 2 Years
  - Most Unread Part of an Appraisal



### Liquidation and Disposition Values

- Seller Need for Quicker Sale
- Easy Addition to an Appraisal
- Liquidation Value
  - -0-90 Days
  - 20%-30% Value Discount
- Disposition Value
  - 90-180 Days
  - 10%-20% Value Discount

#### What Does the Future Hold?

- Interest Rate Increases?
- New Construction:
  - Why it is happening?
  - What will be the effect?
- Oversupply of Apartments?
  - High End Units
  - Low End Units



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