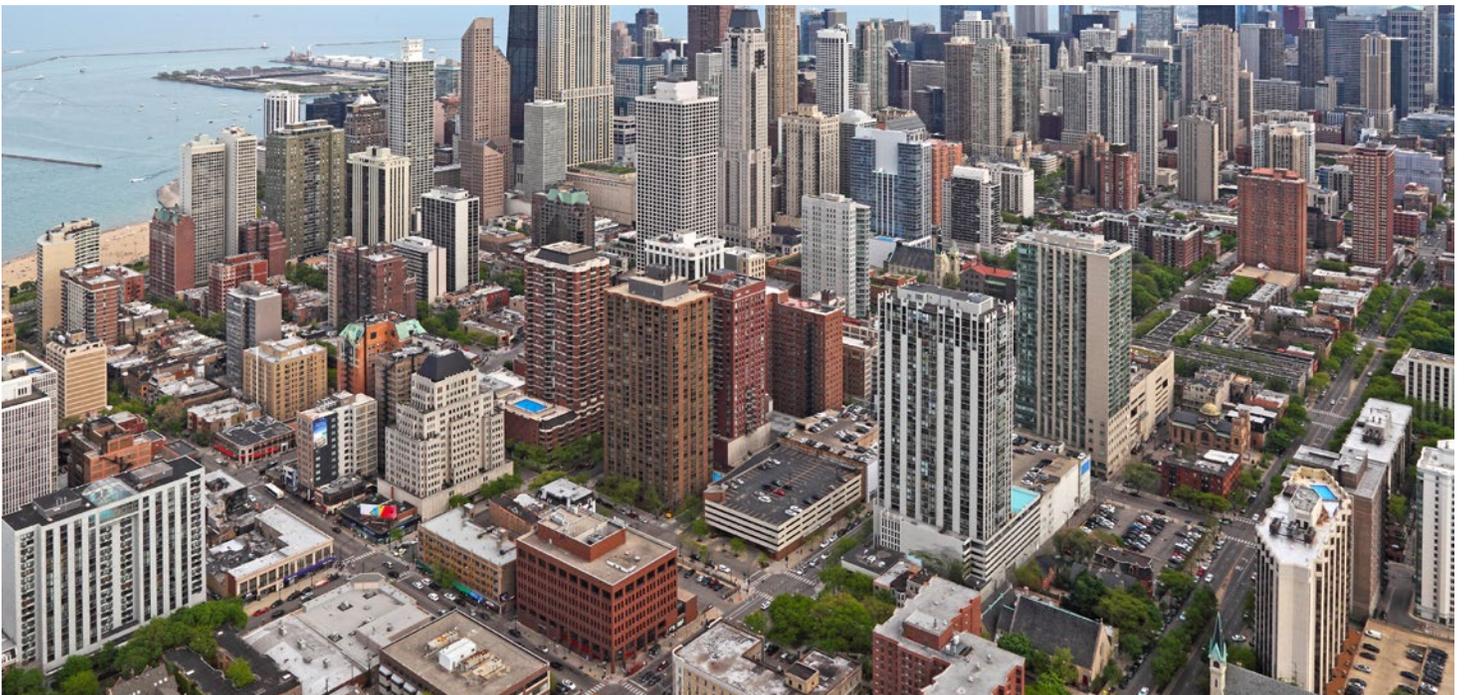


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# Venture Between R2 Companies And Goldman Sachs Plants A Flag In The Gold Coast

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CHICAGO, May 12, 2015 -- R2 Companies (“R2”), a Chicago based real estate investment firm, and AIMS Real Estate (“AIMS RE”), a business unit of Goldman Sachs Asset Management, announced a strategic partnership to recapitalize the office property at 1165 North Clark Street in Chicago’s Gold Coast.

Initially acquired in July 2013, R2 has signed ten new leases in the 100,000 square foot building including Gold Coast Bank and Assemble™, a Chicago-based shared office operator. The property is also home to a branch of CVS Health at the corner of Clark Street and Division Street. R2 has completed significant renovations to the building.

“We believed strongly in this location for office and retail when we bought the asset in 2013. We have executed our plan, bringing occupancy to almost 100% and modernizing the building,” said Max Meyers, Chief Investment Officer at R2. “We have made great strides in repositioning this asset thus far, and we believe that with Goldman as our partner we can fully reposition the property into a core asset.”

1165 North Clark is in Chicago’s Gold Coast neighborhood and is one of many projects taking place at the corner of Clark and Division. In 2012, the CTA announced a major renovation and extension of its Clark/Division Red-line station. Fifield Companies is scheduled to break ground on a 35-story apartment tower above a brand new 56,000 square foot Jewel-Osco this summer. And, Fred Latsko’s Structure Management Midwest LLC has announced plans for a retail and apartment re-development at 1201 North Clark Street.

“This structure will provide significant returns to our original investors and unlock the value we have already created, while enabling us to continue to reposition the property with an emphasis on the retail space and unimproved parking lot,” said Matt Garrison, R2’s Managing Principal.

This is the third acquisition between R2 and Goldman Sachs in downtown Chicago and their fifth project as a venture.