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## WX TO HOST 2017 WOMAN OF THE YEAR GALA TO HONOR SARA QUEEN ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017

**NEW YORK, NY— WX New York Women Executives in Real Estate (WX)** is pleased to announce that it will host its 2017 Woman of the Year Gala on Thursday, November 16, 2017 from 6:00 pm – 10:00 pm at The Pierre, located at 2 East 61<sup>st</sup> Street in New York City. The gala will honor Brookfield Property Partners (Brookfield) Executive Vice President, Asset Management Sara Queen, for her accomplishments as a leader in real estate and her contributions to WX.

### Honoring a Commitment to Success for Women in Real Estate

Sara Queen joined Brookfield as senior asset manager, a new position in the company, in 2006. She is responsible for the asset management of Brookfield's U.S. office portfolio, which comprises more than 60 buildings encompassing 45 million leasable square feet in New York City, Boston, Washington DC (including suburban Maryland and Virginia), Houston, Denver, Los Angeles, Seattle, and San Francisco. Sara is the chief company representative and liaison with co-investors in Brookfield's U.S. Office Fund, Downtown Los Angeles Fund, DC Core Fund, as well as other joint venture partnerships. She is also responsible for the company's occupancy profile and its annual strategic planning and budgeting activities. Sara oversees Brookfield's lease administration, and previously oversaw Arts Brookfield, its award-winning arts and events group, in addition to serving on the Global Asset Management Committee and the Executive Committee for the U.S. Office Division.

Prior to joining Brookfield, Sara was senior vice president at Clarion Partners, the New York City-based real estate management and advisory services firm, in charge of managing a \$1.9 billion portfolio of commercial properties. This included 35 office, industrial, retail and multifamily assets located nationwide. Previously, she worked for Metropolitan Life Insurance, and spent five years with the company in roles of increasing responsibility in the investment and asset management groups.

Sara holds an M.B.A. from Harvard Business School, and graduated cum laude with a B.A. in economics and history from Wellesley College. She was named to the prestigious 40 Under 40 list by Crain's NY Business (2008), and was selected as a Woman of Distinction by the Girl Scout

Council of Greater NY and a Woman of Influence by Real Estate Forum in 2009 and 2014. Sara is a member of the Board of Directors for WX (New York Women Executives in Real Estate), Trinity Church (Manhattan), Friends of Governors Island, and Solar One. She is a former trustee of Grace Church School (Manhattan), where she led its efforts to build a high school, and continues to run its real estate committee.

Sara is an adjunct professor at Columbia University's Master of Real Estate Development Program, teaching asset management and property ownership.

The 2017 Woman of the Year Gala will also pay tribute to Alice Connell, a longtime WX member and previous Woman of the Year recipient who passed away recently. Alice leaves a legacy as a pioneering woman in commercial real estate who was committed to elevating the profiles of women in the industry.

### **About WX New York Women Executives in Real Estate**

WX New York Women Executives in Real Estate is an invitation-only association of executive-level women actively engaged in the commercial real estate industry in New York. The mission of WX is to promote the advancement of women in commercial real estate; to enhance public perception about the role of women in the industry; and to promote the highest standards of professionalism, ethics and integrity in the field. Through educational seminars, breakfasts with industry leaders, mentoring programs, scholarships, and special events, WX provides members with a forum for visibility and exchange, spotlights the accomplishments of individual women in the industry, and paves the way for the next generation of women in the field. For more information, please visit <a href="https://www.wxnyre.org">www.wxnyre.org</a>.

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