

# QUINTESSA APARTMENTS

Foreclosure Acquisition and  
Tax Credit Restructuring

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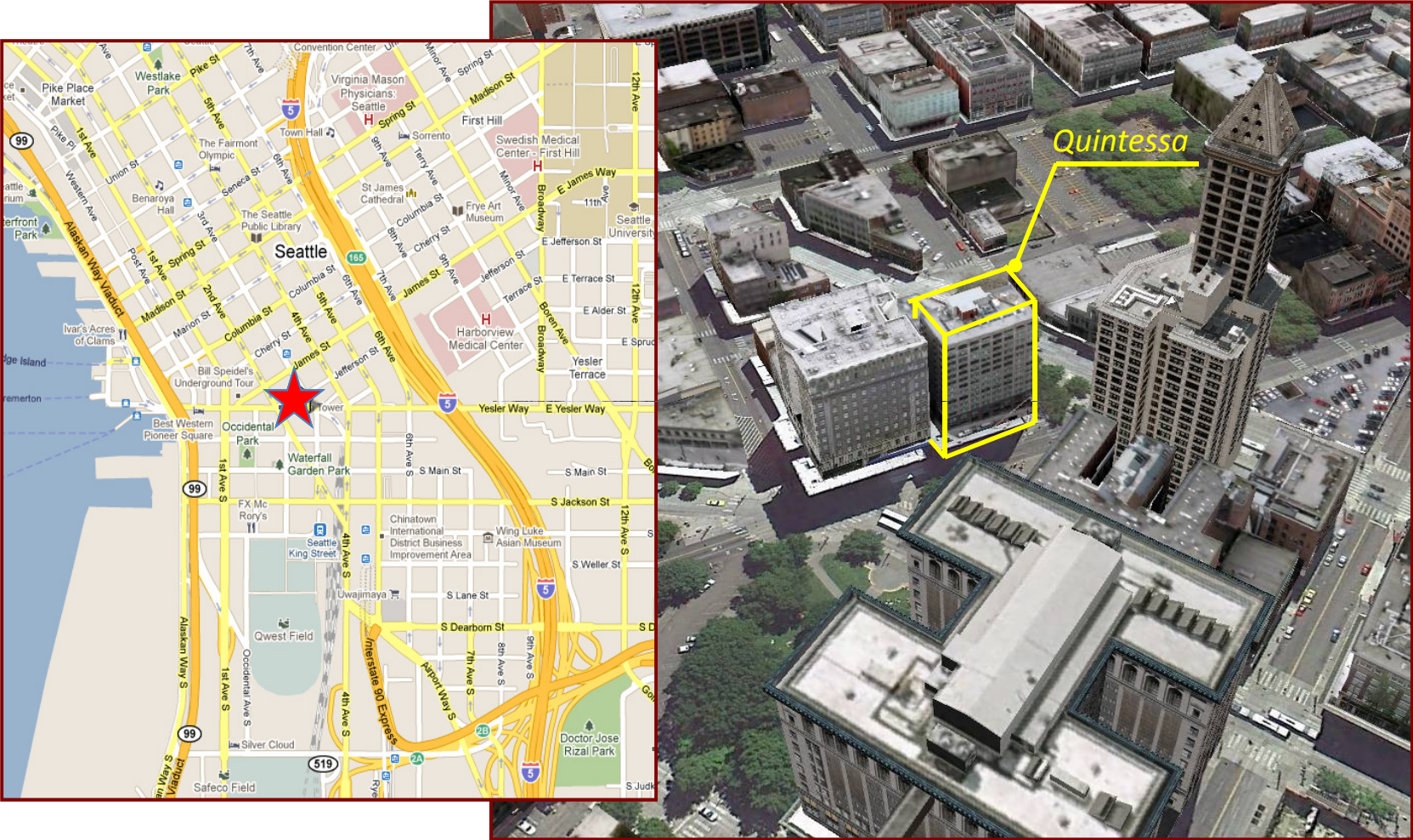
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# Overview

- **132-Unit 13-story high rise** located in the Pioneer Square neighborhood of downtown Seattle.
- **2007 - Newly Constructed** with a total development cost of approximately \$25.7 million financed by tax exempt bonds and low income housing tax credit equity.
- **2008 - Stabilized Bond Debt** of approximately \$11.7 million.
- **2009 / 2010 - Operating Deficits** of approximately \$250,000 per year in 2009 and 2010 relative to original bond debt service. Senior loan in monetary default after operating reserves depleted in 2010.
- **2011 – Foreclosure Scheduled**



# Location



## The Parties and Their Positions

- The **Original Developer and General Partner** had satisfied all guarantee obligations and elected not to make any further operating advances when capitalized operating reserves were depleted.
- The **Original Tax Credit Syndicator** ceased corporate operations and management of the tax credit limited partnership interest was transferred to a successor asset manager.
- The **Original End Investors** had varying interests and could neither agree to sell the asset nor to advance funds to support operating deficits.
- The appraisal of the **Original Senior Lender** valued the property above the amount of its debt if the property were taken to market after foreclosing out the tax credit and bond regulatory agreements.
- The **State Tax Credit Regulator** understood that the property was at risk of exiting the program and was willing to accommodate parties interested in preservation of affordability.

## Opportunity in Remaining Value of Tax Credits

		<b>Tax Credits Claimed</b>	<b>Tax Credits Remaining</b>	<b>Potential Recapture plus Interest</b>
Year 1	2008	1,055,407		296,373
Year 2	2009	1,157,298		422,324
Year 3	2010	1,157,298		383,628
Year 4	2011	95,907	1,061,391	31,969
Year 5	2012		1,157,298	
Year 6	2013		1,157,298	
Year 7	2014		1,157,298	
Year 8	2015		1,157,298	
Year 9	2016		1,157,298	
Year 10	2017		1,157,298	
Year 11	2018		101,891	
		<b>\$3,465,910</b>	<b>\$8,107,070</b>	<b>\$1,134,294</b>

## Acquisition Timeline

- January 31, 2011 – Senior Lender accelerates indebtedness which, under the policies of the Bond Issuer, forces cancellation of tax exempt bond, and effectively commits all parties to proceed with foreclosure.
- February 1, 2011 – Engage State Tax Credit Regulator with plan to preserve tax credit compliance and affordability.
- February 9, 2011 – Purchase Note from Senior Lender.
- February 10, 2011 – Notify Existing Owner of intention to preserve tax credit compliance and affordability.
- February 11, 2011 – Foreclosure and Simultaneous Ratification of Tax Credit LURA with State Tax Credit Regulator.
- April 2011 – Complete admission of Boston Financial fund as new tax credit investor and refinance with Fannie Mae senior mortgage through Citibank.

# Restructured Tax Credit Investment - Pros

- **No Construction Risk**
- **Immediate Credit Delivery**
- **High Barriers to Entry / Purchase Below Replacement Cost**
- **Excellent Access to Downtown and Regional Transit**
- **Strong Metropolitan Market**
- **Superior Product for Submarket**
- **Original Equity Investment of \$11.5 Million Effectively Converted to Subsidy**

# Restructured Tax Credit Investment - Cons

- **Uneven Historical Operations**
- **New Senior Mortgage Immediate Funding without Future Resizing**
- **Investor Concerns about a “Story Transaction”**
- **Non-Standard Investment Structure Requires Significant Explanation**



# Takeaways on Distressed Tax Credit Preservation

- **Understand the Positions of the Original Parties.** As implied by the word “distressed,” at least some of the original parties have or will suffer some loss in restructured transaction. However, any party that can minimize its losses through a restructuring may become an ally.
- **Engage the Tax Credit Regulator.** Open and early communication with the tax credit regulator is important to a smooth transaction. If the proposed transaction will preserve affordability or provide other public benefit, the regulator may be able to expedite its normal processes.
- **Conduct Thorough Due Diligence.** A restructured tax credit transaction will rely heavily upon the past actions of other parties. Answer three basic questions:
  - (1) Property originally properly qualify for tax credits?
  - (2) Tax credit status of the property preserved through the transfer/restructuring?
  - (3) Documentation sufficient that future tax credits are saleable to a new investor?
- **Pay Special Attention to Tax Credit Structure and Compliance.**