

COHEN FINANCIAL SECURES \$23 MILLION FINANCING FOR THE NEW WHOLE FOODS FLAGSHIP STORE IN CHICAGO

Chicago (August 18, 2009) – Cohen Financial, a national real estate capital services firm, today announced that it has secured a five-year, fixed rate, non-recourse \$23 million term loan on the newly opened 85,301 square-foot Whole Foods building located at 1550 North Kingsbury in the Lincoln Park neighborhood of Chicago.



The store is the third largest Whole Foods in the world behind the grocer's flagship stores in London, England and Austin, Texas. The Chicago store is situated in a three-story retail building located on 3.16 acres and features local Chicago food venues and produce from around the region. The building also contains structured parking for 344 automobiles. The property was developed by CRM Properties Group, Ltd., whose principal is Charles Malk. The building was designed by Gensler, a world renowned architecture firm.

The five-year term loan was arranged by Joel Simmons. The lead lender for the transaction was TCF National Bank, headquartered in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

"We are excited to announce this transaction," said Jack Cohen, CEO of Cohen Financial. "We firmly believe that our ability to structure a large and complex transaction within the current economic climate showcases our range of lender relationships, brand recognition and ability to secure terms that meet client needs."

The much anticipated grand opening of the new Kingsbury Whole Foods occurred on May 20, 2009.

About Cohen Financial

Cohen Financial is a national real estate capital services firm offering debt and equity placement, investment brokerage, loan administration and advisory services. Marking 31 years of capital markets experience in 2009, the company is recognized as one of the nation's leading originators of commercial real estate financing. Cohen Financial serves clients throughout the US from offices in 7 major markets.

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