



## **Piedmont Office Realty Trust Completes Sale of 1901 Market Street in Philadelphia**

**ATLANTA, June 30, 2020**--Piedmont Office Realty Trust, Inc. ("Piedmont") (NYSE:PDM), an owner of Class A office properties located primarily in select amenity-rich sub-markets within seven major Eastern U.S. office markets, today announced that it has completed the sale of its only Philadelphia asset, 1901 Market Street, for approximately \$360 million, or \$450 per square foot. As a result of the disposition of 1901 Market Street, 96% of Piedmont's annualized lease revenue is now generated from its seven core markets, with a majority from its Sunbelt locations.

1901 Market Street is a 45-story, approximately 800,000 square foot building situated on approximately three-quarters of an acre in the heart of downtown Philadelphia. Piedmont has owned the building since 2003 during which time it has been exclusively leased to the buyer, Independence Blue Cross.



Commenting on the transaction, C. Brent Smith, Piedmont's President and Chief Executive Officer, said "The sale of 1901 Market Street concludes a successful recycling story for Piedmont, allowing us to dispose of a long-term, 100%-leased asset in a non-strategic market where we believe the value potential during our ownership has been realized and to fully reinvest the proceeds accretively into our recent purchase of Dallas Galleria Office Towers. The transaction was structured as a 1031 exchange for tax purposes; therefore, no special distribution will be required despite the nine-digit gain on the sale of 1901 Market. Overall, this transaction represents a good strategic move for the purchaser and a phenomenal outcome for our stockholders."

### **About Piedmont Office Realty Trust**

Piedmont Office Realty Trust, Inc. (NYSE: PDM) is an owner, manager, developer, redeveloper, and operator of high-quality, Class A office properties located primarily in select sub-markets within seven major Eastern U.S. office markets, with the majority of its revenue being generated from the Sunbelt. Its geographically-diversified, approximately \$5 billion portfolio is currently comprised of approximately 17 million square feet. The Company is a fully-integrated, self-managed real estate investment trust (REIT) with local management offices in each of its markets and is investment-grade

rated by S&P Global Ratings (BBB) and Moody's (Baa2). At the end of the first quarter, approximately 64% of the company's portfolio was ENERGY STAR certified and approximately 40% was LEED certified. For more information, see [www.piedmontreit.com](http://www.piedmontreit.com).

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