



## **Amid Rapid Growth, Atlanta's Cortland Partners Racks Up Workplace Accolades**

*The Atlanta Journal-Constitution is honoring Cortland Partners with of a pair of awards for the firm's commitment to workplace and leadership excellence*

**ATLANTA – (April 10, 2017)** – [Cortland Partners](#), an Atlanta-based, full-service multifamily investment and management firm, has been named to The Atlanta Journal-Constitution's (AJC) annual list of [Best Places to Work](#), landing at No. 8 in the Top Large Workplaces category. Additionally, The AJC has honored Cortland Partners CEO Steven DeFrancis with the top leadership award in the large company category for high employee confidence in company leadership.

Both awards coincide with the company's new standing in the National Multifamily Housing Council's (NMHC) newly-released [2017 NMHC 50](#). Among the top 50 apartment owners and managers U.S., Cortland Partners ranks No. 21 (owners) and No. 32 (managers), signifying its continued ascension up the rankings.

"As we've grown, empowering our 1,400 associates to be their best has played a foundational role in delivering the highest-quality multifamily resident experiences," said Steven DeFrancis, CEO of Cortland Partners. "This award underscores our dedication to cultivating a nurturing atmosphere that inspires a culture of entrepreneurship."

To maintain a top workplace amid the company's continued growth – two forces that might otherwise be diametrically opposed – Cortland Partners has remained committed to fostering a culture that feels like family, including accessible management with an open-door policy, and fosters a deeply entrepreneurial spirit, where each individual is empowered to make a difference.

A common theme present across winning organizations in the 2017 program is an investment in employee well-being. This year's AJC Best Places to Work award marks Cortland Partners' third-consecutive year being named to the list.

To arrive at its list of top workplaces, The AJC and human resources consulting company Workplace Dynamics surveyed hundreds of Atlanta-area companies. A total of 60,000 metro workers responded to a set of statements on policies, procedures, culture and benefits at their respective companies.

The NMHC rankings are informed by surveys from apartment owners, managers, developers, contractors and syndicators regarding their prior-year activities, including portfolio holdings as of Jan. 1, 2017.

### **About Cortland Partners:**

With a mission of "Creating Value for a Better Life," Atlanta-based Cortland Partners is a full-service multifamily real estate acquisition, development, and operating entity focused on providing superior living spaces and experiences to its residents and producing high-quality NOI performance that generates outsized, risk-adjusted returns for its investors. Cortland Partners owns almost 40,000 apartment homes in 17 markets throughout eight states, primarily in the Southeast and Texas. Cortland Partners has been recognized as a National Multifamily Housing Council (NMHC) Top 50 Owner and

Manager (2017) and one of Atlanta's "2017 Top 25 Large Workplaces." For more information, visit [www.cortlandpartners.com](http://www.cortlandpartners.com).

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