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OAKMONT INDUSTRIAL GROUP OPENS SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA OFFICE

Los Angeles, CA - Oakmont Industrial Group has hired Timothy J. Howard, a 20-year industrial real estate veteran, to head its West Coast expansion efforts. Oakmont will focus on development of core industrial product within the one billion square foot Los Angeles market. The new Oakmont office will be based in Irvine, CA.

[Oakmont Industrial Group](#) is a fully integrated industrial real estate development company based in Atlanta, Georgia. Led by Principals Richard Rider, President, and Stephen Nelsen, Executive Vice President, Oakmont develops state-of-the-art warehouse/distribution facilities located in high quality business park environments. Oakmont is active in Georgia, Texas and now California.

Prior to joining Oakmont, Mr. Howard was a Partner with Texas-based Pinchal & Company, where his responsibilities included the successful acquisition/disposition of a 3.8 million square foot industrial portfolio. Prior thereto, Mr. Howard spent five years as Vice President of Development with Trammell Crow Company, based in Los Angeles. Mr. Howard's accomplishments at Crow include the development of a highly successful, but complex, ten-building industrial park in Santa Fe Springs, CA. Mr. Howard also brings key relationships within the Southern California brokerage community, gained during a successful 13-year tenure with Grubb & Ellis and Cushman & Wakefield. Mr. Howard earned a B.A. degree (double major) in International Relations and Business from the University of Southern California and is a licensed Real Estate Broker in California and Texas.

On his firm's LA expansion plans, Rider noted, "Establishing a strong local presence in this highly competitive marketplace was our first priority. Tim Howard is a great fit for our organization. Tim provides Oakmont with a unique skill set -- he has vertical development experience, understands the land business and has solid broker relationships."

Last year Oakmont formed an investment partnership with Dallas-based [Hunt Realty Corporation](#). Hunt Realty serves as the centralized real estate investment management resource for the family of Hunt entities directed by Ray L. Hunt and has been active in acquisition, ownership and investment in the real estate industry for more than twenty-five years. Hunt Realty Corporation follows in the footsteps of its affiliate companies and is often willing to challenge conventional wisdom in order to position itself to take advantage of special opportunities and market dislocations.

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