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## **Rechler Equity Partners Installs Major Sculpture at Its Hampton Business District**

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### ***East End Tradition of Celebrating the Arts is Inspiration for Mixing Art and Business***

**Westhampton Beach, NY – June 4, 2014** – Rechler Equity Partners, the largest owner and operator of commercial properties on Long Island, has installed a 30-foot high aluminum outdoor sculpture by artist Donald Baechler at the heart of its Hampton Business District at Gabreski, a visionary new commercial, medical, and technology development now under construction in Westhampton Beach, New York. Titled “Walking Figure,” the sculpture stands atop the roundabout on Collins Way, the main thoroughfare leading into the business park.

“Locating the sculpture front and center lets people know right away that The Hampton Business District is in a class all its own,” explained Mitchell Rechler, managing partner at Rechler Equity Partners along with his cousin, Gregg Rechler. “The sculpture is bold and imaginative, with a liveliness that mirrors the modern design elements and positive, open feel of The Hampton Business District. Rechler Equity Partners is proud to continue the East End’s long tradition of celebrating and promoting the arts by installing ‘Walking Figure’ where it can be enjoyed for years to come.”

A well-respected artist who has exhibited internationally since the early 1980s, Baechler was on hand for several days to supervise the installation of “Walking Figure,” which depicts a striding female figure and was commissioned by Rechler Equity Partners for The Hampton Business District.

“Donald Baechler is an artist of high professional standards, and one who has received extensive critical acclaim,” observed Terrie Sultan, director of Southampton’s Parrish Art Museum, which recently installed two large outdoor aluminum sculptures by artist Roy Lichtenstein. “I am pleased that Rechler Equity is committed to providing a significant visual component to this important project, both as a professional and a member of the community.”

Rechler Equity Partners has developed some of Long Island's first and largest business parks for over 55 years. Common to almost every project is the use of original sculptures, paintings, and photography to transform and complement the surrounding space.

"We tend towards modern and contemporary art," noted Gregg Rechler. "Presenting it in a business setting is exciting for us, which is why we are so pleased with the installation of 'Walking Figure.' An ambitious project like The Hampton Business District called for art on a grand scale and we found it in Baechler's work."

When completed, The Hampton Business District at Gabreski will consist of nine buildings totaling 440,000 square feet. The East End's first world-class business park, it will accommodate the needs of small and large businesses alike with available space ranging from 1,333 square feet up to 100,000 square feet. The Hampton Business District will also feature an on-premises day care center, a full-service hotel, and outdoor recreational amenities.

More information on Donald Baechler is available through the Manhattan art gallery Cheim & Read at [www.cheimread.com](http://www.cheimread.com). To learn more about The Hampton Business District at Gabreski, please visit [www.hamptonbusinessdistrict.com](http://www.hamptonbusinessdistrict.com).

#### **About Rechler Equity Partners**

*Rechler Equity Partners is the successor company to Reckson Associates, founded over 55 years ago by Donald and Roger Rechler. Today managed by Mitchell and Gregg Rechler, Rechler Equity Partners is the largest owner of commercial real estate on Long Island with a portfolio of assets totaling over seven million square feet. Rechler Equity offers a wide range of services including leasing, property management, asset management, architecture, construction, environmental, finance and development.*