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LALA WANG A FAST 50 WILDCARD

Lala Wang, founder and CEO of MLX, was named to Fast Company magazine's third annual list of "Fast 50" innovators – individuals whose achievements have significantly advanced their companies or industries. Wang has relentlessly battled anticompetitive regulatory practices in New York's real estate industry for the past ten years. The Fast 50 will appear in the March issue of Fast Company, available on February 18. Wang, named as a Wildcard on the Fast 50 list, founded MLX as a licensed real estate MLX in 1993. Wang's business combined database technology with real estate brokerage services to provide apartment hunters with a more efficient and less costly home search. Wang's innovative business gave consumers equal access to residential property listings and online tools previously available only to brokers.

HINES GETS ANOTHER FROM SUMITOMO PARTNER

Manhattan Tower a 36-story, 278,586 square foot tower on the northwest corner of 52nd Street at 600 Lexington Ave. was sold to a fund owned by Hines and Sumitomo Life Realty (NY) for less than \$100 million. The price was not disclosed.

BRONFMAN TO SEAGRAM

Edgar Bronfman Jr. leased 17,000 sf on the 17th floor of the Seagram Building where he will move the company from the fourth floor of Lever House. Bronfman's former company, Vivendi was previously located at Seagram. Glenn Isaacson of CB Richard Ellis repped the tenant while Steve Morrows acted in house for RFR's Seagram Building.

FLAGSHIPS TO THIRD

Independence Bank has taken 1062 Third Ave., on the southwest corner of 63rd Street, while Alexia Crawford signed on for 1031 Third Ave., on the northeast corner of 61st Street. Independence was brought to the location by a team from Newmark while the building owners and Alexia Crawford were repped by Faith Hope Consolo and Joseph Aquino of Garrick-Aug.

BOUTIQUE TO GANSEVOORT

Henry Beguelin has chosen the Hotel Gansevoort as the site of its first city boutique. This is the first deal Kim Mogull has completed under the label of her new shop, Mogull Realty. Mogull is representing the hotel and brought in the accessories, shoe, belt and fashion tenant.

SCORSECE RENTS SPACE

Martin Scorsese's Sikelia Productions signed a lease for the entire 5th floor (comprising 7,500 rentable square feet) in the recently renovated historic Directors Guild of America New York Headquarters Building and Theater at 110 West 57th Street. Sikelia Productions was attracted by a major renovation and extensive upgrade of the New York Headquarters Building and Theater to become the leading center for film and television on the East Coast. The location had amenities such as state-of-the-art theatrical screening facilities and building systems. Scott Gottlieb and Scott Wilpon of CB Richard Ellis represented Sikelia Productions while Bernstein Real Estate's Vincent J. Terranova and Peter Liptrot represented the DGA in the deal.