### <u>Your Property Needs –</u> <u>Lease or Own?</u>

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### **Owner's Balance Sheet**



# Debt and Real Estate Equity Returns

#### **Positive "Leverage" effect**

- \$1,357,143 asset with a @ <u>7%</u> annual return 95,000 (Net Operating Income)
  Borrow 70% (\$950,000) @ 3.75% <u>67,589</u> (Annual Debt Service)
  Annual Net Cash Flow <u>27,411</u>
- Annual <u>pre-tax</u> return on \$407,143 equity investment 27,411/407,143 = 6.73%

# Debt and Real Estate Equity Returns

#### **Positive "Leverage" effect**

- \$1,357,143 asset with a @ <u>8%</u> annual return 108,571 (Net Operating Income)
  Borrow 70% (\$950,000) @ 3.75% <u>67,589</u> (Annual Debt Service)
  Annual Net Cash Flow <u>40,982</u>
- Annual <u>pre-tax</u> return on \$407,143 equity investment 40,982/\$407,143 = 10.07%

# Debt and Real Estate Equity Returns

#### **Negative "Leverage" effect**

- \$1,357,143 asset with a @ <u>6%</u> annual return 81,429 (Net Operating Income)
  Borrow 70% (\$950,000) @ 3.75% <u>67,589</u> (Annual Debt Service)
  Annual Net Cash Flow <u>13,840</u>
- Annual <u>pre-tax</u> return on \$407,143 equity investment 13,840/407,143 = <u>3.40%</u>

## **Economic Illustration**

#### Hand out to be provided:

- 7 year period; inflation 2.5%.
- 10,000 sq. ft., cost of \$1.357 million (\$136/ft)
- \$407,143 equity; \$950,000 debt, 7 year term, 20 year amortization period, 3.75% fixed
- Annual rent \$17.50/ft, expenses \$8.00/ft
- Net operating cash flow = cash available to service debt = \$9.50/ft or 7% on cost (7% cap rate)

### Summary Lease Vs. Own

- Pay rent expense for 7 years
- Or, own and occupy your own office for those 7 years

Ownor

Here are the results:

|  |  | Owner           |                   |
|--|--|-----------------|-------------------|
| <u>Lease vs own comparison:</u>                  | <u>Lease</u>   | <u>Occupied</u> | <u>Difference</u> |
| Initial investment                               | 0  | (407,143)       | (407,143)         |
| Cash expensed in operations, net of tax benefits | (818,757)  | (670,367)       | 148,390           |
| Cash received on sale, net of taxes on gain      | 0  | 862,037         | 862,037           |
| Net cash flow over 7 years, undiscounted         | (818,757)  | (215,473)       | 603,283           |
| NPV, CF discounted at 6%                         | (647,582)  | (366,197)       | 281,385           |
|  |  |                 |                   |
|  | Cash saved in operations<br>Return on investment<br>Total difference |                 | 148,390           |
|  |  |                 | 454,894           |
|  |  |                 | 603,283           |
|  |  |                 |                   |

## Summary Comparison-Also See Handout

| <u>Lease over 7 years:</u><br>Rent paid<br>Tax deduction<br>Rent, net of tax, undiscounted<br>Discounted NPV at 6% | (1,364,595)<br>545,838<br>(818,757)<br>(647,582) |
|--|--|
|  | Owner  |
| <u>Owner over 7 years:</u>   | <u>Occupied</u>                                  |
|  | (4.070.040)                                      |
| Operating expenses and debt service paid   | (1,076,919)                                      |
| Tax savings of expenses and interest/(taxes owed)  | 328,603  |
| Tax savings from depreciation  | 77,949   |
| Operating expenses, net of tax, undiscounted   | (670,367)  |
|  |  |
| Initial equity investment  | (407,143)  |
| Proceeds from sale, net of retiring debt   | 991,532  |
| Taxes due on sale gain   | (129,496)  |
| Net cash from investment and sale  | 454.894  |
|  |  |
| Total undiscounted cash flow   | (215,473)  |
| Discounted NPV at 6%   | (366,197)  |
| Internal rate of return  | N/A  |

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|--|---|--|
| Owner over 7 years:Rental incomeOperating expenses and debt service paidTax savings of expenses and interest/(taxes owed)Tax savings from depreciationOperating expenses, net of tax, undiscountedInitial equity investmentProceeds from sale, net of retiring debtTaxes due on sale gainNet cash from investment and saleTotal undiscounted cash flowDiscounted NPV at 6% | Owner<br><u>Occupied</u><br>(1,076,919)<br>328,603<br>77,949<br>(670,367)<br>(407,143)<br>991,532<br>(129,496)<br>454,894<br>(215,473)<br>(366,197) | <u>Investor</u><br>1,364,595<br>(1,076,919)<br>(139,286)<br>0<br>148,390<br>(407,143)<br>991,532<br>(129,496)<br>454,894<br><b>603,283</b><br><b>281,385</b> |
| Internal rate of return  | (300,197)<br>N/A  | 14.99%   |

# **Options to a taxable sale?**

### If moving....

- you likely need to get your equity out of the old building to buy a new one
- tax deferred Section 1031 exchange

### If not needing to move...

- refinance taking \$'s out tax free
- need to raise rent to cover higher debt service