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Sierra Realty Hires Retail Real Estate Veteran

Marianne Thorsen Departs Coldwell Banker for Sierra Realty

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New York-based Sierra Realty Corp. recently hired Marianne Thorsen to its commercial leasing and sales division.

With more than 25 years of retail real estate experience, Thorsen most recently served as a managing director at Coldwell Banker Hunt Kennedy, where she was consistently recognized as one of the firm's top producers. Some of Thorsen's clients include the American Scandinavian Foundation, Chinese Porcelain Company, White on White, Munder Skiles and Le Décor Francais; additionally, she brokered the leases for several new concept restaurants in the city.

Raised in Stockholm, Ms. Thorsen was the first female hired by the Swedish Department of Commerce to represent Sweden abroad at its Trade Commission Office in Chicago, and later joined the British Trade Commission in New York. In 1980 she started working in commercial real estate first for Judson Realty and later at Coldwell Banker Commercial Properties.