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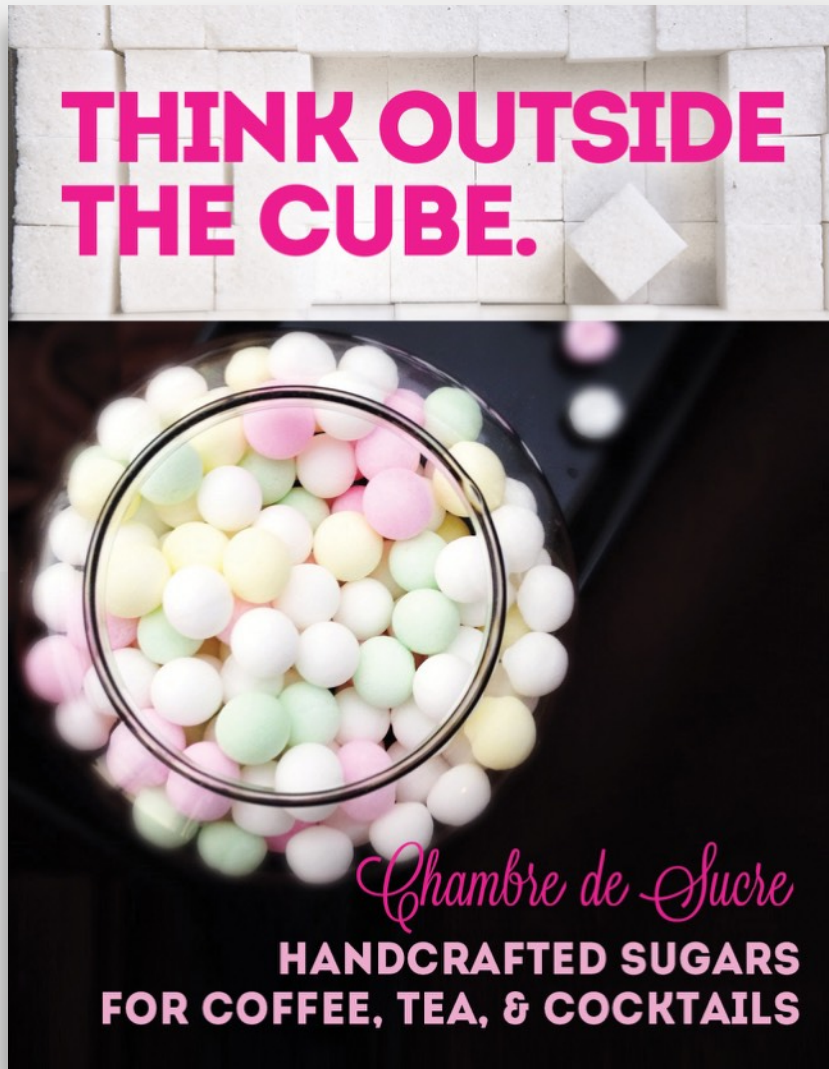
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## KEY INDICATORS: ULTRA-LUXURY

Though the segment suffered along with all others during the recession, Ultra-Luxury has rebounded more quickly and is expected to outperform all other hospitality classes over the medium term.

As illustrated in the chart at right, the twelve-month moving averages for ADR and RevPAR in the Ultra-Luxury competitive set declined sharply during 2009 as a direct result of the global financial crisis, with ADR continuing to bottom out during the following three years. In stark contrast, RevPAR has been on a continual rebound since the beginning of 2010, indicating that the Ultra-Luxury properties surveyed demonstrated the ability to improve profitability quickly after the Great Recession, even as the market continued to stagnate. With both indicators presently trending above pre-recession levels, Smith Travel Research predicts that the twelve-month moving averages for ADR and RevPAR will continue to rise for these Ultra-Luxury properties through February 2016.

Since 2009, a year in which occupancy of the Ultra-Luxury properties surveyed plunged by nearly a third, the key metric has experienced a strong rebound, posting four years of consecutive growth. Occupancy for these properties is expected to continue increasing during 2014 and 2015, with the average occupancy rate for 2015 exceeding pre-recession levels.

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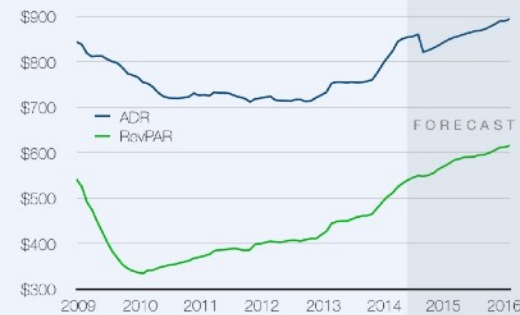
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Forecast 2015  
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Ultra-Luxury Competitive Set ADR vs. RevPAR  
2009-FEB 2016



Ultra-Luxury Competitive Set Occupancy  
2008-2015



STR, SEP 2014

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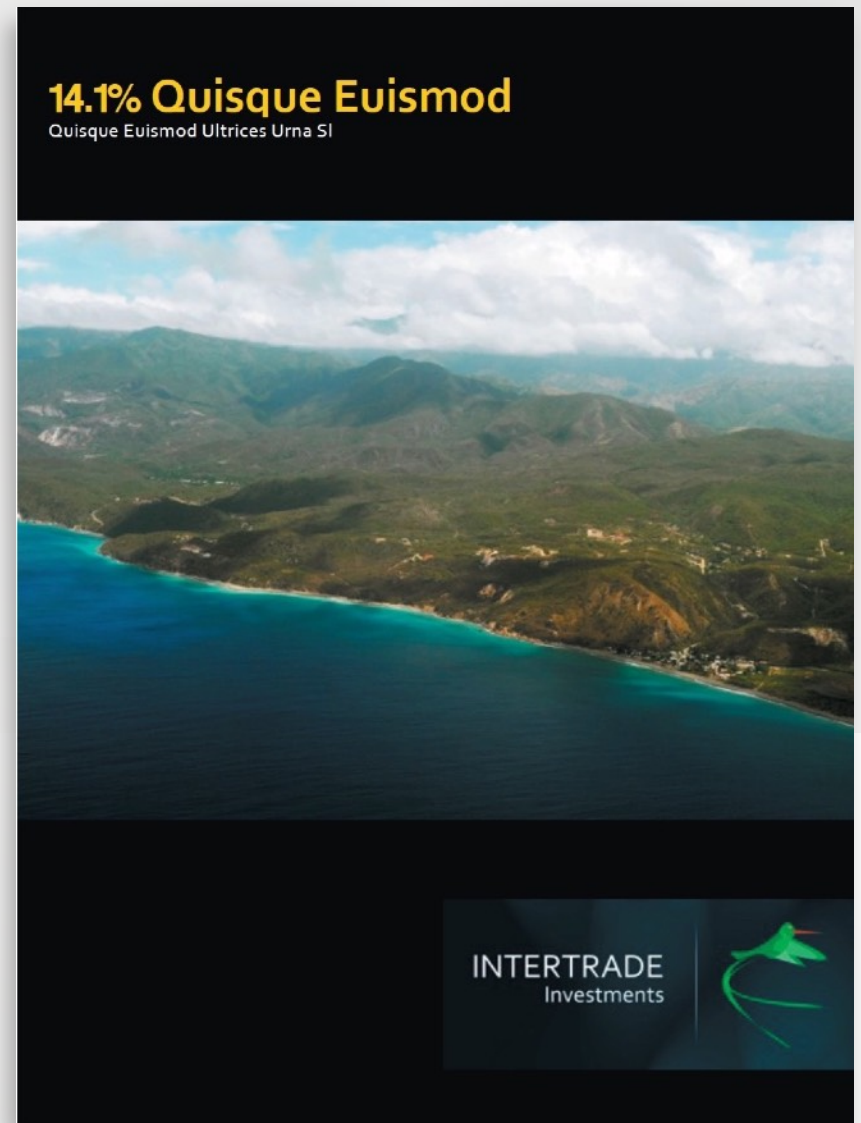
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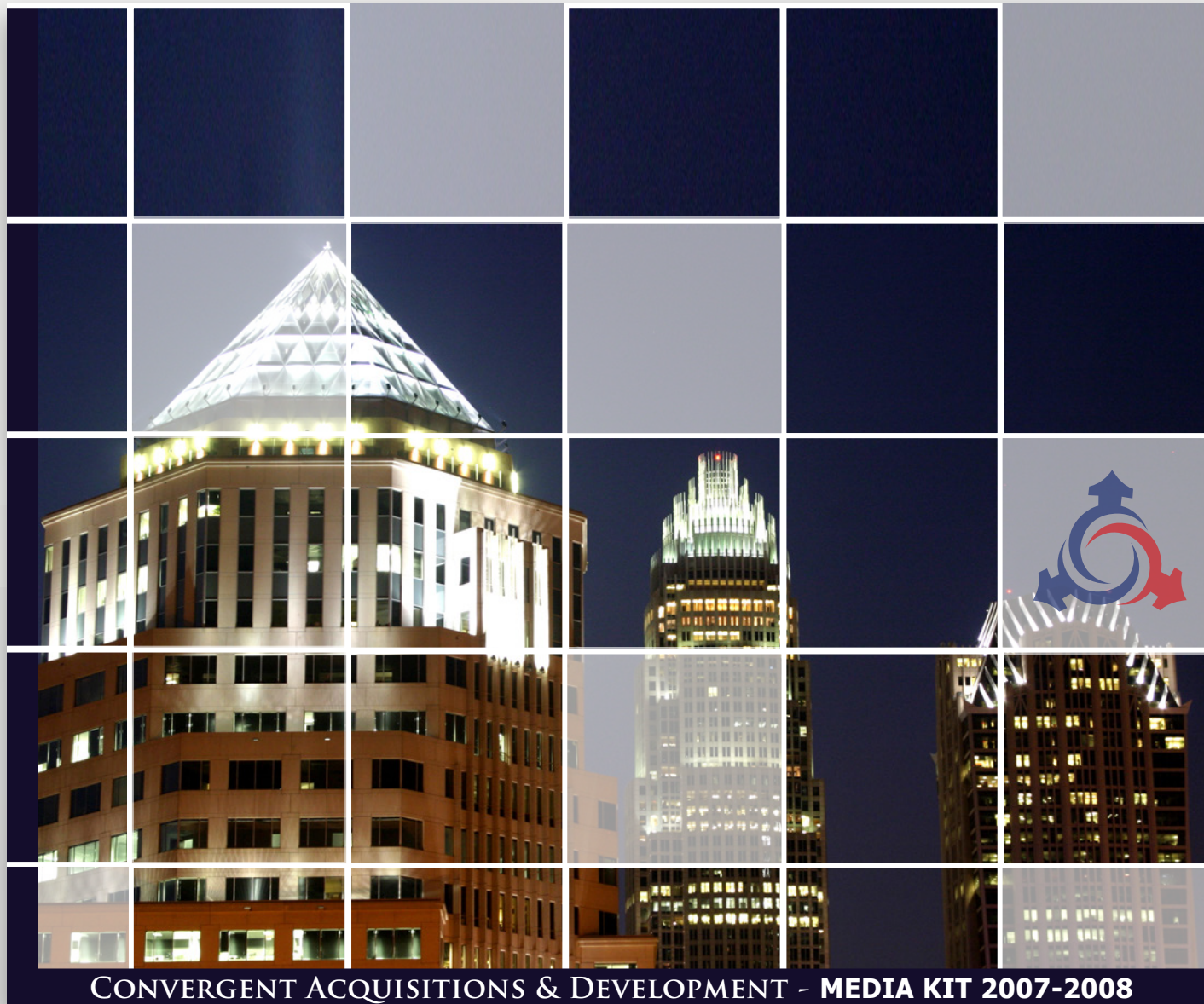
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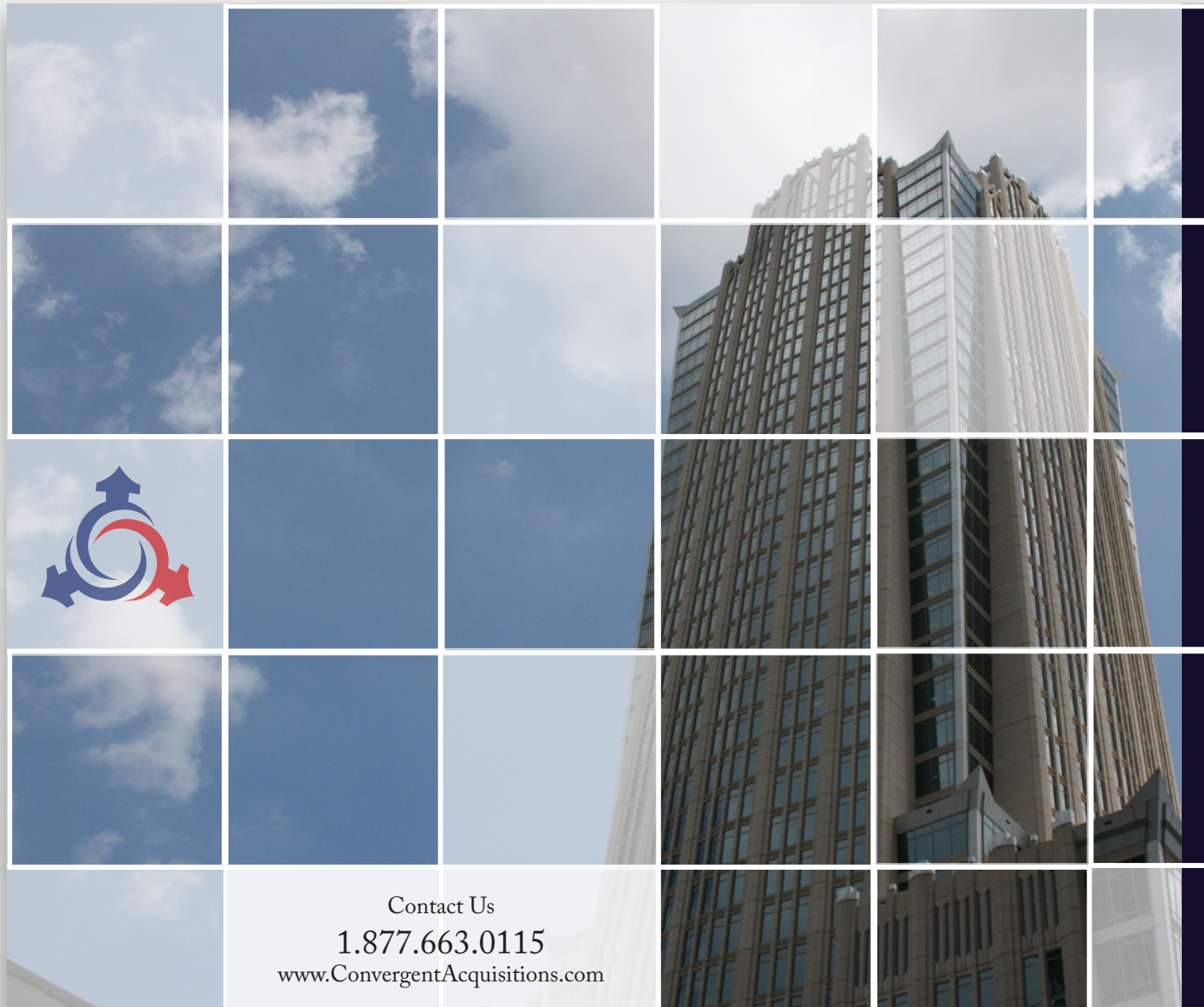


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We are vendors and developers of real estate. Convergent is dedicated to making sure that our clients purchase the absolute best product in the best locations, so that they might build themselves a better future. We strive to identify what we believe to be emerging markets with great appreciation potential.

It is this research that gives us the tools needed to walk with confidence in the areas of the country where the appreciation should be the greatest over time. We then acquire or build new product with all the attributes we think renters prefer, thus better arming our clients in their ultimate goal of long-term appreciation with minimal outflow of cash.

The true secret of acquiring wealth in real estate is by buying fairly priced units in undervalued markets and gaining wealth over the years as the property appreciates in value. But anticipating appreciation is only half of the Convergent equation - without good services both before and after closing, owners can be left with vacancies, high insurance rates and all around confusion.

Our clients are guided through the entire process - minimizing the confusion, even for the greatest of novices. From selecting their property to working with partners in mortgage services, we are there. Then beyond closing, we introduce them to reliable reasonable insurance agents and the best in property management services.

People tell us time and time again that the thing that makes us different are our services - the convergence of the best product, the best place, the best people and the best service - at Convergent, it isn't just our name, it is our way of life.

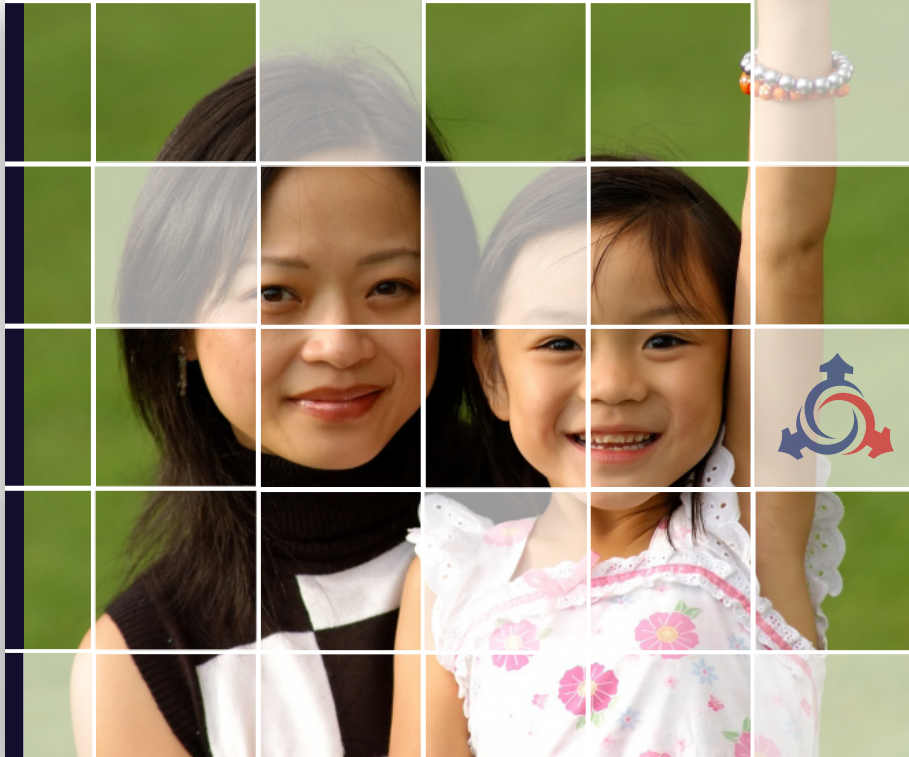
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Our Seven Steps for Success are the foundation that builds our potential turn-key solution. Taken individually or together these elements will make it easy to own real estate in an emerging market no matter your experience level. Our connections allow us to offer you access the best service providers in the market, thus streamlining our client's investment process.

1. We put the entire market under a microscope then carefully select the best locations to develop. We continually probe the market looking for triggering events which indicate impending growth. We build in areas with easy highway access, close to shopping, close to major employers and surrounded by upcoming development.
2. We build or acquire the best products in the best locations and supercharge them with the amenities that renters want. No one else can offer these properties at these prices backed by our services, resources, and rent ready amenities.
3. We have preferred lenders that specialize in income properties, including stated income and no-doc programs.
4. We have secured the services of a leading investment Real Estate brokerage firm to help ensure a smooth and professional transaction.
5. We have a short list of insurance companies that we recommend that are competent in income property policies.
6. All our properties are brand new and carry the builder new construction warranty, and include our rent ready package.
7. We have make it easy for clients to procure the services of the leading property management firms in the city. Under Convergent's guidelines, they sometime start marketing properties to credit worthy, background checked tenants before clients even close.



It may seem like a lot - and it is - but Convergent follows all of these rules and more, so that we might make our clients rest that much easier, knowing that we have taken care to look at all aspects of each and every deal that we bring to them. The following is our list of 6 Ways We Protect Our Client's Best Interests:

#### 1. 2.5 MILE RADIUS ANALYSIS

*Because as much as it has to be the right product - it should also be the right location. Our acquisitions team is networked with planning agencies, zoning departments and other local developers allowing us to develop only in micro markets where above average appreciation is indicated. We examine absorption rate studies, localized demographics and real estate trends to ensure we develop our properties in locations best suited for our clients' goals.*

#### 2. TRIGGERING EVENTS

*The right timing is also essential to success. We have insight from zoning & planning agencies on new infrastructure being planned or developed and are able to acquire grandfathered lots lowering costs prior to impending impact fees.*

#### 3. SPREAD FINANCIAL EXPOSURE

*We place limitations on the number of units one person may purchase in any individual neighborhood. This limits the financial exposure furthering protecting your investment. If an individual makes the decision to exit there is no major effect on any one development.*

#### 4. COMMUNITY OF STRONG OWNERS VS. 1ST TIME HOME BUYERS

*We require a 10% initial payment on all of our properties ensuring every owner has the minimum financial reserves to be a responsible owner therefore helping maintain your property value.*

#### 5. CREATE A STRONG HOA

*Our Home Owner Associations limit signage, impose professional property management and lawn care - this helps protect your property value.*

#### 6. LEVERAGED LEASE-UP MARKETING

*Convergent places the best on-site lease-up in all of our new developments creating residential neighborhoods with the marketing power of an apartment complex.*



The following statements speak for themselves, and they are but a small sample of all of the good things that have been said about Charlotte, North Carolina, Convergent's Chosen Market. The whole list could fill another book, so we will just print a few...

**"Banks Help Charlotte, North Carolina Buck Housing Downturn...**Price gains started accelerating two years ago, driven by the expansion of Bank of America Corp. and Wachovia Corp., the second- and fourth-largest banking companies in the U.S. Both are based in Charlotte and together employ 35,000 people in the city of 664,000."  
-Bloomberg.com, September 19, 2007

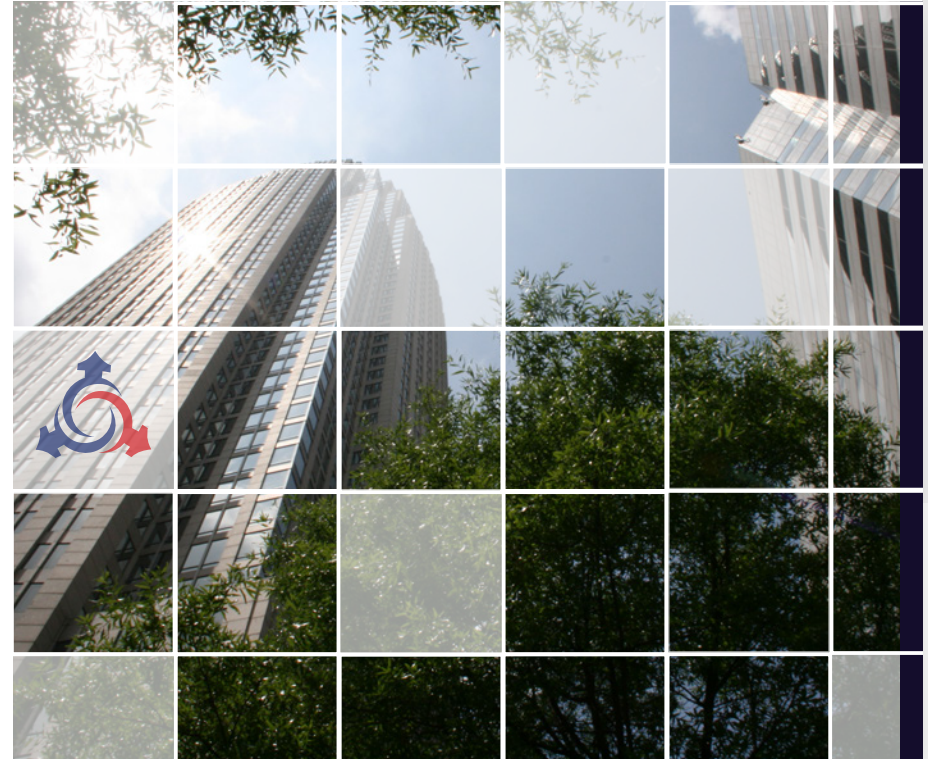
**"On March 1, 2007 the Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight announced the housing appreciation rates for 2006. Charlotte's appreciation rate for last year was 9.09%, exceeding the national average of 5.9%."**  
-OFHEO Data

**"When home prices and local wages rise in tandem, you get a homeowner's dream — a 'fairly valued' market that sidesteps the dynamics of bubble and crash. When home prices outrun wages, real estate becomes overvalued; when incomes rise faster, it's undervalued...Charlotte is currently undervalued by 13%."**  
-Smart Money, a Wall Street Journal Publication

**"The Charlotte Chamber foresees 100,000 people living in the center city and 4.2 million in the metro region in 2026. Charlotte is expected to have nearly twice as many Fortune 500 firms, more than twice as many people over 50, almost double the number of public school pupils and triple the amount of office space."**  
-The Charlotte Observer, October 24, 2006

**"North Carolina is becoming the new Florida for some retirees. North Carolina is now the #1 retirement destination in the U.S. Many people who planned to move to Florida for their Golden years have now moved to North Carolina instead and the state's quiet boom doesn't seem to be showing any signs of ending anytime soon."**  
- HousingPredictor.com, 2007

**Charlotte vacancy rate plunged by more than 35% in just two years. Occupancy rates continue to break records.**







# CENTER LINES

DECEMBER 2005

A newsletter for employees of the University of Georgia  
Center for Continuing Education Conference Center & Hotel

## KAREN SHETTERLEY RECEIVES NATIONAL RECOGNITION

Karen Shetterley, Ph.D., Department of Grants & Contracts, was recently selected as one of 24 individuals nationally to participate in the 2006 Supporting Teachers, Strengthening Families National Leadership Program. The program is funded by the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation and is sponsored by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC).

This year's initiative is to engage the early childhood community in preventing child abuse and neglect, promoting children's healthy social and emotional development, and supporting families. Karen will participate in professional development opportunities in Florida and Texas and will receive \$1,000 to support the development of an action plan to be implemented in Georgia.



In addition, Karen was appointed to the NAEYC Professional Education Review Panel. The panel advises NAEYC professional development staff and evaluates materials prepared for four-year and graduate-degree higher education institutions submitting Early Childhood Program Reports for accreditation review. Karen will begin her three-year term of service by attending three days of training in Washington, D.C. this month.

## SIGUEME: LATINO SHADOW DAY AT UGA

Chris Burgoyne, Department of Grants & Contracts, joined with Students for Latino Empowerment (SLE), a University of Georgia student service organization, to offer SigueME: Latino Shadow Day at UGA on Fri., Nov. 18. The event brought Latino juniors and seniors from the Clarke County School District to campus to shadow Latino UGA students as they attended classes and ate in Snelling Dining Commons. The visiting students also learned about university admissions.

The event was funded by the Office of the Vice President for Public Service and Outreach as part of the Latino Initiative. Based on the success of SigueME, a much larger Latino campus visit is being planned for spring that will involve many of the Latino/Hispanic organizations on campus.

### GIFT SHOP HOLIDAY SALE

The Georgia Center Gift Shop Sale will begin Dec. 12. Selected items will be available for 25% off.

## Department Profile...

### Professional & Personal Development

Did you know the Department of Professional & Personal Development (PPD) offers more than 400 educational programs each year? All year, the department is busy coordinating hundreds of program details in order to offer popular courses in real estate pre-licensing, workplace Spanish, computer applications, teacher education, customized language and test-prep training for individuals and corporations, cardio fitness, ballroom dancing, digital photography, art and music and literature, just to name a few! The department also develops and administers the SAUGA (Summer Academy at the University of Georgia) educational camps for youth, ages 10 -14 years old.

Did you also know the department now offers a variety of instructor-facilitated online programs? These Web courses are content rich, very convenient and reasonably priced. There are many course topics – everything from Introduction to Flash MX to Luscious, Low-Fat, and Lightning-Quick Meals.

Most recently, Professional & Personal Development staff launched several very successful English language training programs for the Georgia Center housekeeping staff and

(\*PPD,\* continued on p. 2)

## Book Club in the Works

Attention all avid readers or those who want to be! The Georgia Center is starting a book club and wants you to join. Members of the book club will meet once a month to discuss a book selection and to decide what to read for the following month. If you are interested in being a member of this exciting and fun book club, please e-mail Beth Lowery, Department of Payroll & Personnel, at: [beth.lowery@georgiacenter.uga.edu](mailto:beth.lowery@georgiacenter.uga.edu)





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letter from the editor, spring 2006

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO US!

Athena Magazine is one year old. I cannot help but compare this first year to a child. You see, giving birth to her was not very easy— it was a long and painful delivery. When we first saw her, we thought she was pretty cute. We watched her babble and coo. We watched her crawl and finally stand up (so did I). I am proud to say that our little baby is finally walking and her legs are strong. We could not be more proud.

Enough analogies and on to our special thanks:

You will see Ian McFarlane's name throughout the magazine, and as one of the best photographers in Athens he makes his mark on our magazine with his beautiful photography. The spring shots blew me away! Special thanks to Rachel Barnes for all she does for the Image section— finding good stuff before the national magazines do and clothes that we love; Stephanie Markham for making sure our editorial is just right; Hamilton Taylor for his design talent; Alex Starke for keeping us all on track and smiling; Claire Phillips and Fran O'Rear for assisting our advertising clients; Tim Blalock for his two cents; and Chris Parsons for handling the money, honey; and everyone else who has written, photographed, organized or touched Athena in some way.

A very special thanks to all of our advertisers over the last year - without their vision, support, and dedication, Athena would not be here. Please use their services and shop in their stores and remember to mention that you heard of them through Athena!

As the sun creeps out more and more each day, Athena shares ways to enjoy the freshness of the season. Enjoy this issue of makeovers, cleaning, organizing and inspiring. And as the sun sets, we showcase just a few of the musical talents Athens has to offer. At a recent benefit, I enjoyed watching the women of Jackpot City rock. I have always wished I could be a rock star - I am hoping for someone to be in the need of a tambourine player or

dancer. Until then, I will just keep watching and follow my mom's advice "celebrate your uniqueness!"

To all of the women embracing life (and reading this issue) I celebrate you!

Shannon Walsh

Photo by Ian McFarlane

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# MAGAZINE DESIGN





## Bring Your Own Brunch

by Corie Dickherber  
recipes by Christina Rodriguez  
photos by Keith Rein



While growing up, I watched my mother throw parties and get-togethers for her friends. All grown up now, I seem to have caught the entertaining bug. You can't go wrong with a late-morning brunch on a bright spring day. Here are a few tips for throwing a low-stress, low-cost potluck brunch to gather friends and family together. Including one tip for after the party.

**Step One: The Invite.** Make sure you choose a time that is reasonable. Noon is a fine time to start a party, especially on a weekend.

A formal invitation isn't necessary for a potluck brunch. After making a single invitation on a half-sheet of patterned paper (from at Helix on Clayton Street), I photocopied the invitation and started handing out my fliers. I encouraged guests to make whatever food their hearts desired.

**Step Two: Decorations.** Don't go crazy cleaning. Your guests aren't going to notice that all of your sinks weren't recently bleached, nor are they going to care that your windows aren't crystal clear. Remember, this is about having fun, not scouring floors. Throwing a couple of tablecloths over your tables and counters makes the area more friendly and colorful. Try to have tables and seating areas indoors and out.

Flowers in smaller vases or empty glass bottles quickly brighten a room. Buying two bundles of flowers should carry you throughout the house (flowers from Flowerland on Prince Avenue). Hint: To give your random assortment of flowers a similar theme, tie a simple raffia ribbon around the neck of each vase. Also add two pennies or some Sprite to the water to make the plants last longer.

**Step Three: Preparing things in advance.** Many batters and foods can be prepared the evening before your event, and if you're throwing a potluck, you shouldn't have to provide more than two dishes for your guests. Decorate the evening before your potluck, so that all you have to do is get ready, and throw your dish into the oven. Always set out more plates and cups than you think you'll need.

**Step Four: Enjoy yourself!** Before your guests start to arrive, throw on a pot of coffee and relax. The more relaxed you are, the more at ease your guests will feel. Besides, no one likes a hostess who worries too much!

### Zucchini Bread

(makes 2 bread pans)

Ingredients:  
3 eggs  
1 cup vegetable oil  
2 cups granulated sugar  
2 cups grated zucchini  
2 teaspoons vanilla  
3 cups all-purpose flour  
1 teaspoon salt  
1 teaspoon baking soda  
1 teaspoon baking powder  
1 tablespoon ground cinnamon  
1 cup chopped walnuts (optional)  
Note: Christina uses glazed walnuts for extra flavor!

Bear eggs until light and foamy. Add vegetable oil, sugar, zucchini and vanilla. Mix lightly but blend thoroughly. Mix together flour, salt, baking soda, baking powder and cinnamon; mix lightly. Add dry ingredients to the wet mixture, stirring to blend. Stir in walnuts. Bake at 325 degrees for 50 to 60 minutes.

### Lemon Pancakes

(makes about 30 dollar-sized pancakes or 10-15 regular pancakes)

Ingredients:  
5 lemons (zest and juice)  
6 whole eggs, separated  
1 cup powdered sugar  
1 1/3 cup all-purpose flour  
1 pint low-fat cottage cheese  
2 sticks clarified butter, melted

Mix lemon juice, lemon zest, egg yolks, cottage cheese and powdered sugar. Mix in flour. Add clarified butter. Whip egg whites to soft/medium peaks (easiest with a mixer, but can be done by hand.) Fold whites into batter. Cook pancakes on a greased griddle to desired golden-brown color. Serve garnished with whipped heavy-creaming cream (add 1 teaspoon of vanilla for flavor to every 1 pint heavy cream), a thinly-sliced lemon twist and powdered sugar. Best when batter is made a day ahead and then cooked on the day of the event.

### Sausage Pinwheels

Easiest and quickest, these are always a hit!  
(makes 10-15 pinwheels per croissant pack)

2 rolls of croissant dough  
1 package spreadable sausage  
1 package shredded cheese (colby jack)  
mustard  
tin foil

Roll out croissant dough on piece of tin foil. Squeeze together all perforated areas, so that the dough is no longer full of holes.

Spread 1/2 pack of sausage over the entire sheet of dough.

Squeeze mustard on top of the sausage. Sprinkle cheese on top of sausage and mustard. Roll the dough into the longest cylinder possible. Seal the edges by pinching together dough, making sure the roll will not come open. It is best to store the rolls, wrapped in the tin foil, in the refrigerator for at least an hour so that they are easier to cut.

Cut the log into finger-width slices, place flat on a cooking sheet, then follow directions from the croissant dough (usually 350 degrees for 10-15 minutes) to cook the pinwheels. Sprinkle cheese over the warm pinwheels and serve.

Bloody Mary Mix and Champagne provided by Skirax located in the Leathers building on Palauki St.

### Do it herself: Homemade Oven Cleaner



Cleaning a grime-covered oven can be quite a chore, especially using a store-bought cleaner that can leave a chemical residue in your oven. We've developed a high-powered, made-at-home product to help you de-gunk your oven during spring cleaning without harsh chemicals - and at half the cost.

Recipe: The juice of 1/2 lemon and 1 teaspoon of water to every 3 tablespoons of baking soda. Save the lemon half for step 2. Mix together the ingredients to make a paste. Hint: The paste will fizz as the baking soda is added to the lemon juice. Unless, of course, your baking soda is old, and no longer active.

1. Spread the paste onto the dirtiest spots of your oven. Let the solution sit for about 10 to 15 minutes before you begin cleaning.
2. Fill one of your lemon halves with the paste.
3. Using the lemon as a scrubbing utensil, start to rub the paste all over your oven. Hint: Put a little elbow grease into it!
4. Let the paste sit for another 10 minutes, then start to clean the oven using a wet rag.

Voila! A clean and fresh oven!



▶ This adorable bird plate caught my eye from across the room! I just love the color. Find it at Toulia's on Clayton Street.

▶ I never got into using body oil until I tried the LALicious Body Oil in Lily Mango. The smell gets me in the mood for summer, while the body oil gets my legs bikini-ready! LALicious Body Oil available at [www.lalicious.com](http://www.lalicious.com)



▶ The most comfortable of the platforms that you'll be seeing all over the place this season. Perfect dancing shoes! Carlos Santanas available at Fetish on Clayton Street.



▶ The most inspiring book to land on your coffee table. "Offerings: Buddhist Wisdom for Everyday" found at Frontier on Clayton Street.

▶ This stuff is like mascara for your hair. It plumps and thickens the more you put on! For those that crave volume, it's addictive. ghd Fat Hair available at bob[SALON] on Foundry Street.



▶ Forget necklaces. This fabulous hand-made scarf is lightweight enough to wear all spring! To inquire about prices, email: [wendyhanson@hotmail.com](mailto:wendyhanson@hotmail.com).



▶ For years we've been putting chemicals on our skin to look beautiful. Now we can look beautiful with all-natural glö mineral makeup. Found exclusively at The Spa at The Foundry Park Inn.



▶ I love Paris in the springtime! Especially when flashing my passport in this killer passport cover. Get one at Helix on Clayton Street.



▶ I love impressing guests, and since I know so little about wine, this amazing bottle topper/candle holder will distract them! Find one for yourself at Shiraz in the Leathers building on Pulaski Street.



▶ I love displaying fresh flowers in my house, and this little flower spike makes it 100 times easier! Just stick the stems into the spikes and place in a cute vase with water. Pick up a Frog Pin at Dondoros' Kitchen on Milledge Avenue.



By Rachel Barnes - Photos by Ian McFarlane

## Threading

By Nazy Samimi

We know well the importance of perfect eyebrows. It's also good to know that there's an alternative to waxing or spending valuable mirror-time plucking, and it's no recent innovation. 2,000 years ago, in Iran and the rest of the Middle East, threading was a pre-wedding event for all females from the bride's and groom's families. It wasn't until you were the bride that you could have threading done. This hair removal technique was part of a pre-nuptial celebration where women feted the bride-to-be with dancing, music and traditional foods.

The technique itself utilizes 100% cotton thread, which is wound between the fingers, holding one end between the teeth as sort of a third hand. The tension in the thread, along with a back and forth motion, removes hair from the skin.

Threading is wonderful for people who use medications that preclude waxing, like Retin-A, or for those whose skin is sensitive from sun damage, chemical peels or for other reasons. This technique can be used for the whole face. Threading doesn't exfoliate the top layer of skin like waxing does, so it can be performed easily during lunch hour with no irritation. It's great for thick, coarse hair and takes care of shorter, finer hair that waxing might miss. Best of all, threading lasts just as long. This time-honored procedure is tidy, simple, and simply wonderful for giving faces a fresh new curve.

Nazy Samimi is a lead Spa Technician at DRee and Company. She provides facial services, natural nail care, hair removal services and bridal hair and make-up. You can find out more about these services by visiting their website [www.dreandco.com](http://www.dreandco.com) or drop by for a complimentary tour at 497 Prince Avenue, Athens.

Photos: Ian McFarlane







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By Samantha Turner

Wanda Long, 47, wanted a makeover for her 20th wedding anniversary and to freshen up her "washed out" appearance.

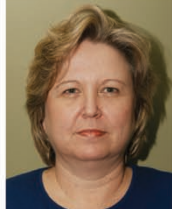
Shana Vollmer, a stylist at DRee & Company, located on Prince Avenue, wanted to give Wanda an easy to achieve look that fit her lifestyle. She used a light copper highlight to warm up Wanda's look. "It really made her eyes pop and gave her a brighter, younger look," said Shana. For the haircut, she cut the length of Wanda's hair for shape and volume and gave her feathered layers that angle away from her face.

Shana chose makeup that Wanda could wear every day. "I kept it very natural," said Shana. Gold and green shimmer eye shadow, light brown eyeliner and a soft lip color helped to accentuate Wanda's fair skin.

Wanda says she loves her look and that it makes her feel new and refreshed. This experience was something special for Wanda to have for her anniversary. When asked how couples should try to keep the love alive in their marriage, Wanda gave the following advice: "You have great days and you have horrible days, so commitment is key...remember your vows, take them seriously and grow old together."



above: Wanda on her wedding day



Photos: Ken McFarlane



## CHARLESTON 35

Photos and Story by Shannon Walsh



When I reviewed the photos I had taken from this trip with our photo editor he said he thought this was a travel story, not girls gone wild! Well, yes this is a travel story and yes, girls did go wild! Whether a bachelorette party or just a girls weekend away, Charleston is a great town to visit. It is close enough to arrive in about four and a half hours from Athens and far enough to do what you want without the worries of local gossip.

It is best to stay somewhere in town, such as the Mills House (millhouseinn.com). This way, you can walk almost everywhere. When the walk is just a little too far, be sure to take a bike taxi. We had four girls in one at once and I've hardly ever laughed so hard. We may have all been celebrating our 35th birthdays, but I think we reverted back to being 15 years old again.

Charleston has plenty of history, fine dining and shopping to offer. There are local attractions such as walking tours and horse drawn carriage rides. It is best to visit the Charleston Area Visitor's Bureau website to see what would best fit your desires on this trip. If you enjoy less planning and more adventure, it is just as easy to step out of your hotel and explore. We found a great little place to eat called Poogan's Porch, named for the dog who once made his home there. We saw more of the city by walking to the battery and touring some of the historic neighborhoods as well.

While walking down one street, we ran into a gentleman named Mr. Tommy Baker. He told us that we were angels, and in his Southern accent it hardly sounded cheesy. His gracious hospitality led him to assisting us with decisions on where to

eat and be seen. He even called his assistant and asked her to arrange reservations for "suppa." We dined at Carolina's one night, which had charming atmosphere and we ate at Hank's the next night-- both are wonderful restaurants.


Everyone we met during our visit was lovely. The Southern hospitality is alive and well in Charleston, SC. Bring your camera, because there is so much to see and capture. If you have

### more good stuff


#### travel

History and jewelry combined? This sterling silver Historical Charleston Gate Collection jewelry infuses present day fashions with the inspiration of the historic gates of Charleston, S.C. This beautiful jewelry is handcrafted in Charleston, but you can find it locally at Athena





**LINDSEY GRAHAM'S LOGIC:**  
THINKS SUSPECTED **TERRORISTS**  
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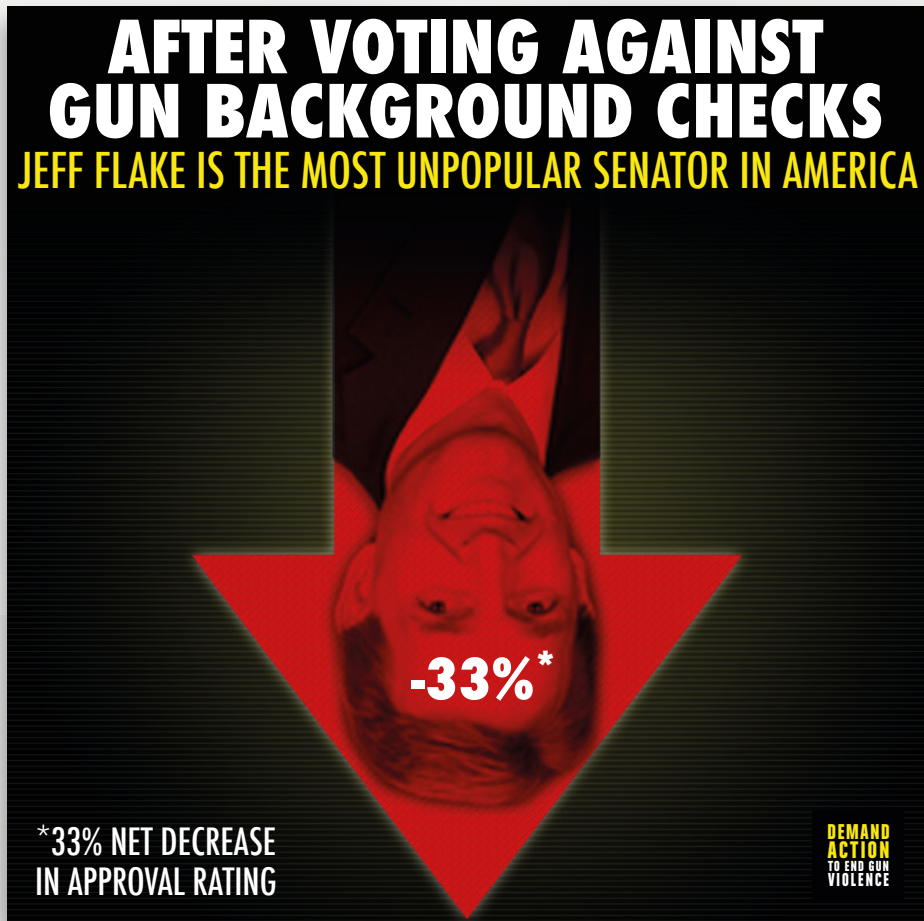
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AND I CAN'T JUSTIFY MORALLY THAT A PERSON [CAN] WALK INTO A GUN SHOW, BUY A  
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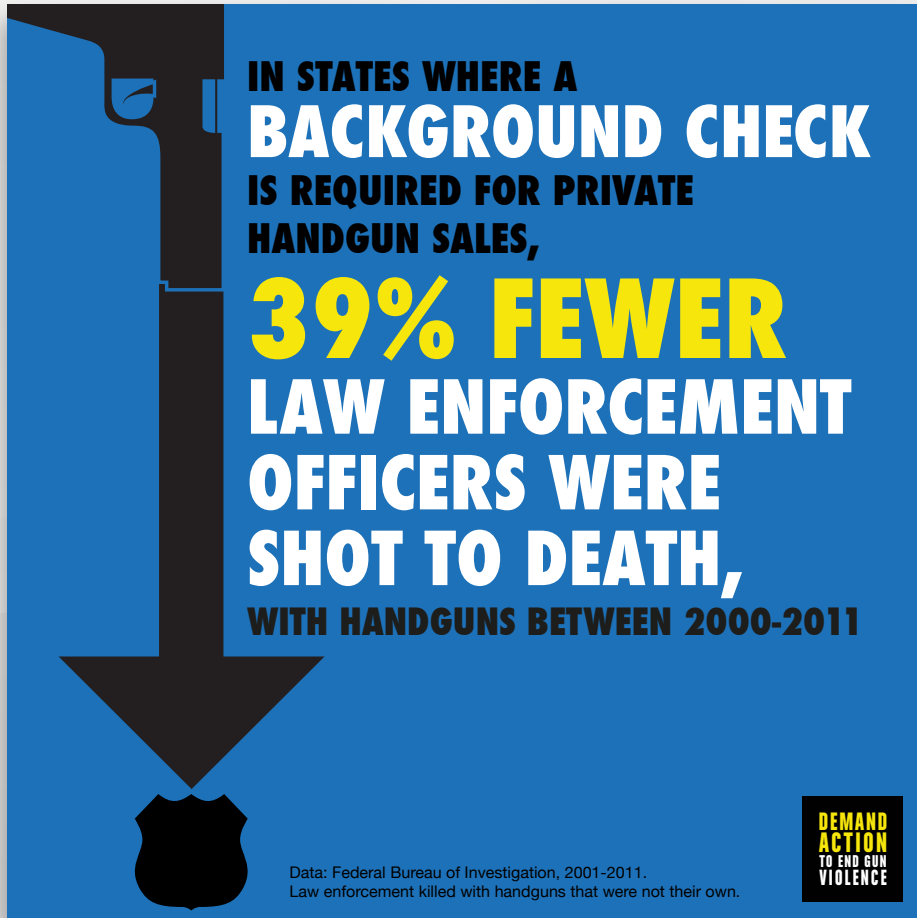


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**IN STATES WHERE A  
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39% FEWER  
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OFFICERS WERE  
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Data: Federal Bureau of Investigation, 2001-2011.  
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Dear Senator,  
No mother should have  
to bury her child.

This Mother's Day, my heart goes out to all the  
mothers whose children were murdered with guns.

The moms of Columbine. Virginia Tech. Tucson.  
Aurora. Newtown. And the mothers of the  
33 people who are murdered with guns  
every day in this country.

Now is the time for Congress to stand with moms  
across the country instead of with the NRA.  
Support background checks for all gun sales.

Thank you and have a  
Happy Mother's Day

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**START COUNTING HOUSE VOTES  
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ASK GOV. SANDOVAL  
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**ROB PORTMAN CAN'T HAVE  
HIS CAKE AND EAT IT TOO**

Claims he voted to strengthen background checks (by voting for the NRA's version) In actuality, he voted against expanded gun background checks



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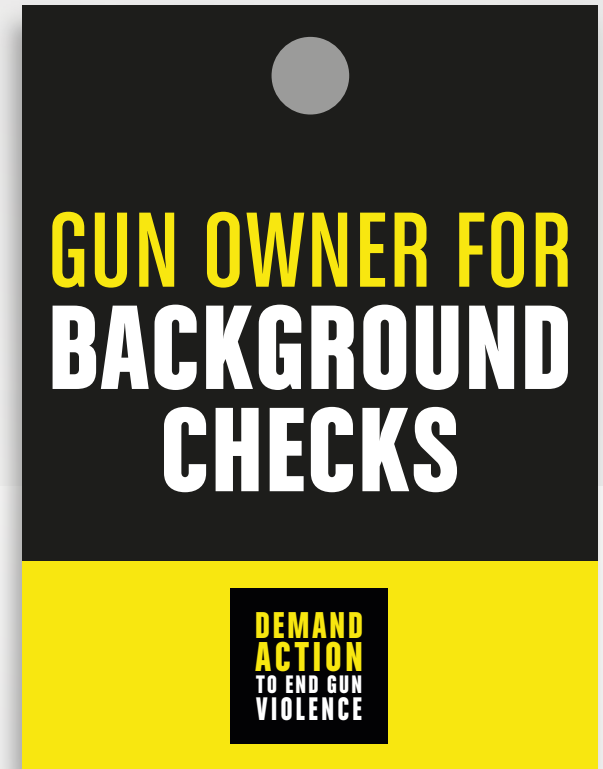
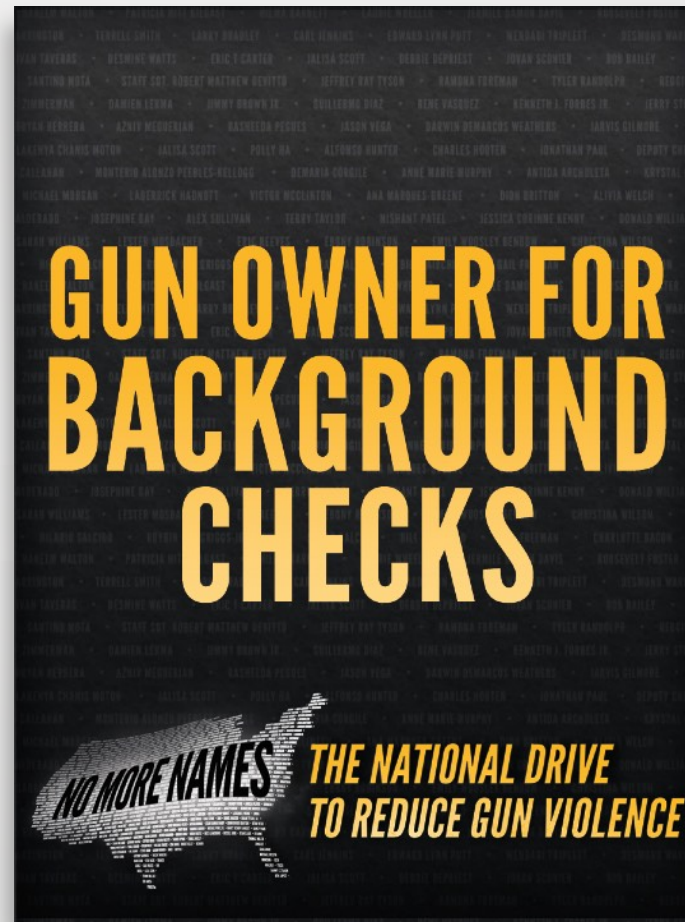
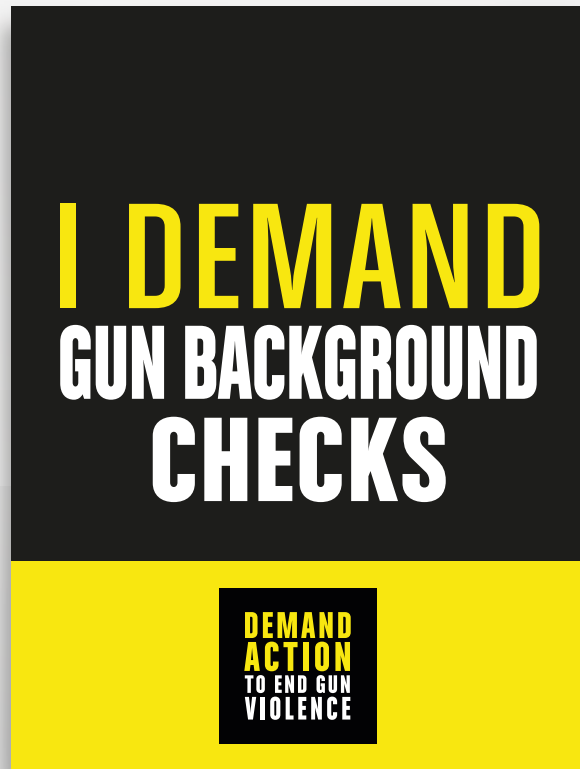
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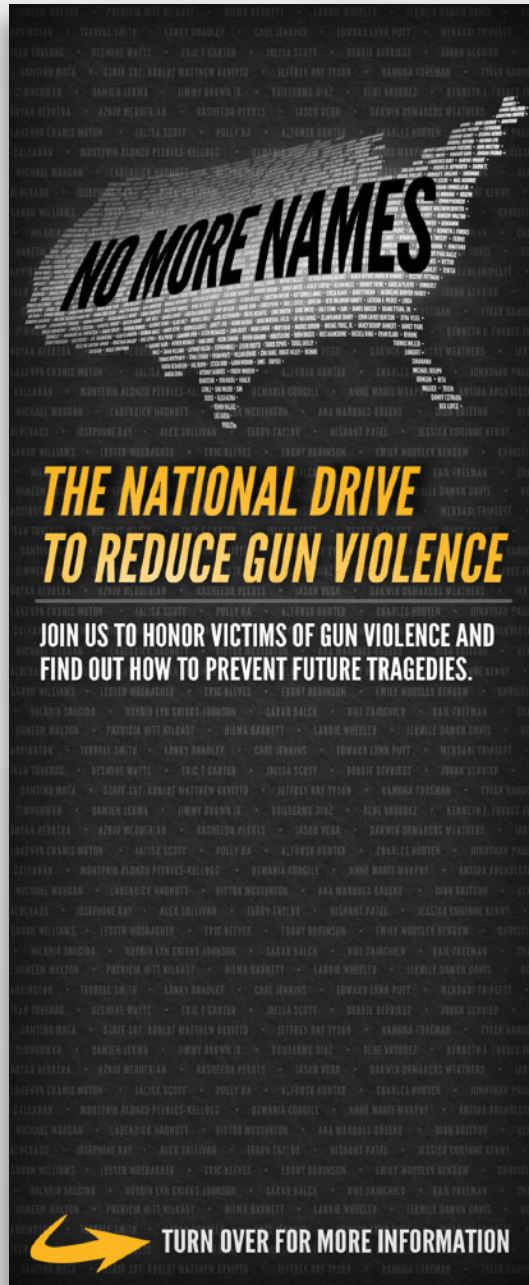
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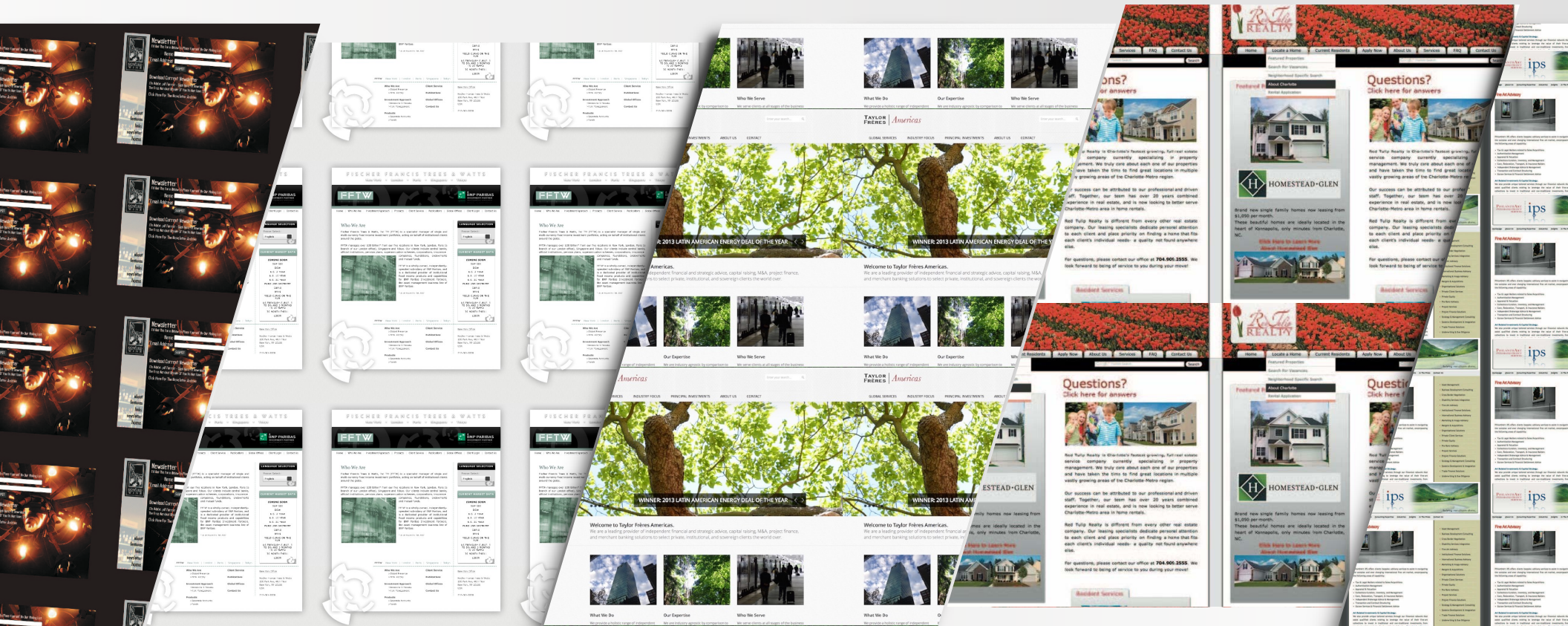
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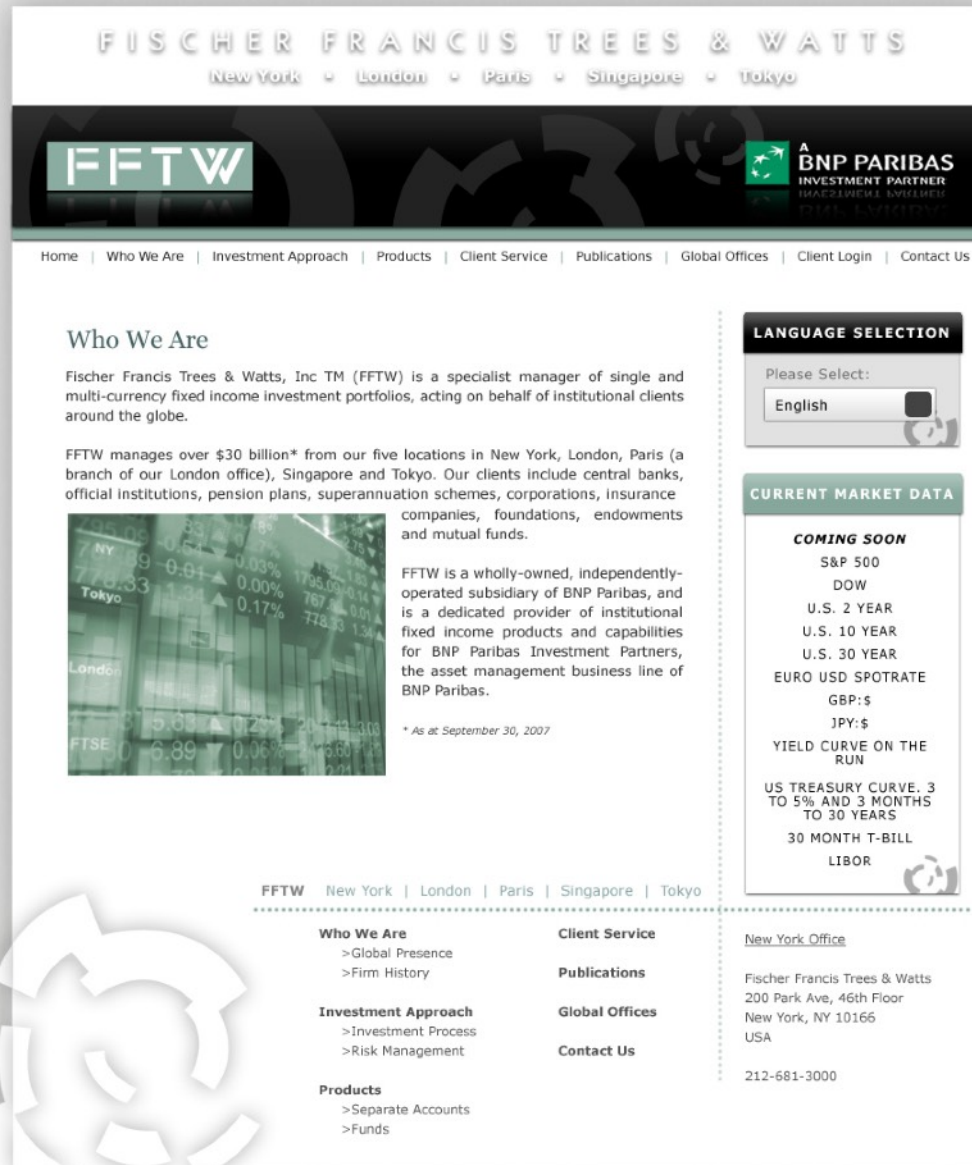
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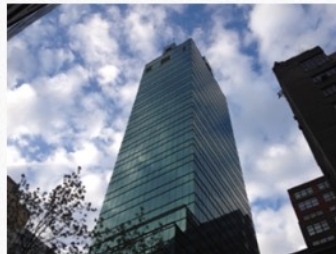
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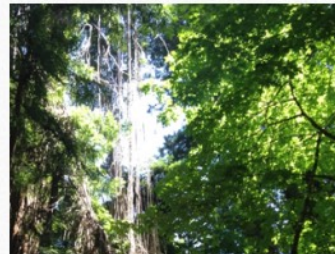
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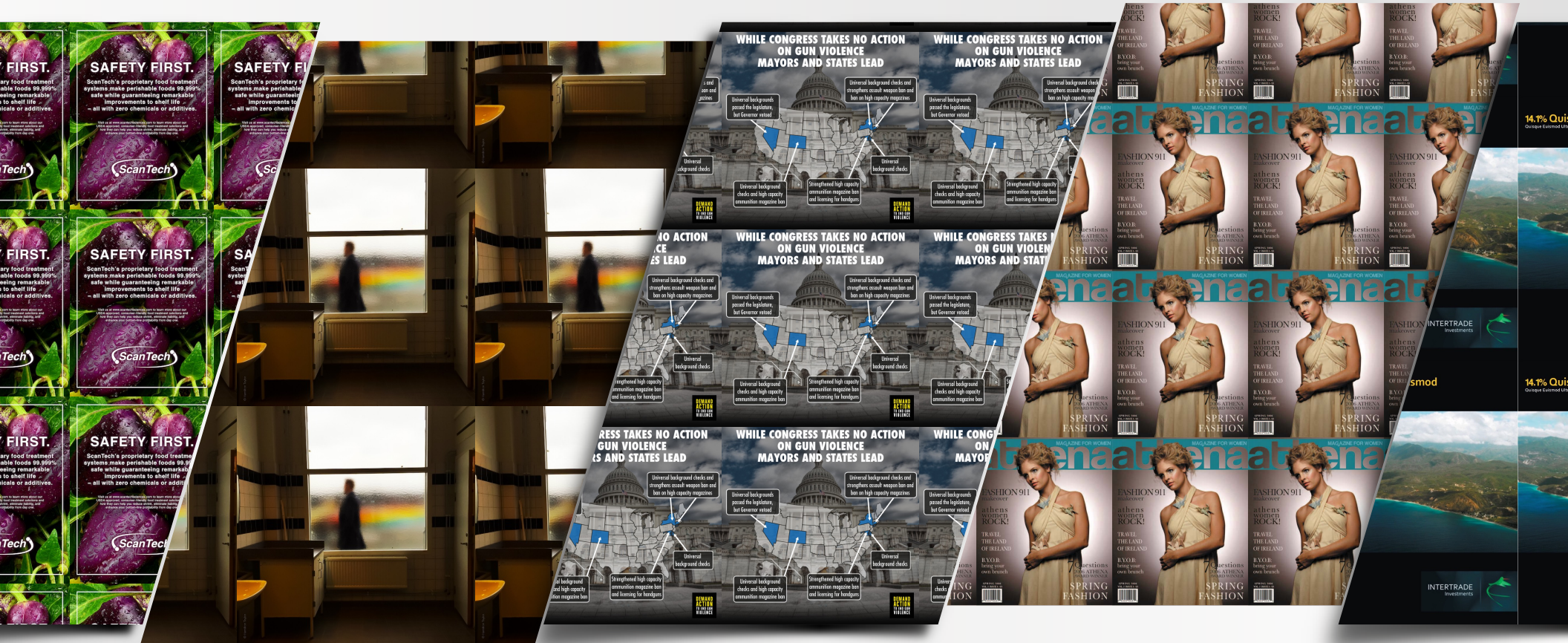
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