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# Quarterly Economic Briefing Q4 2020

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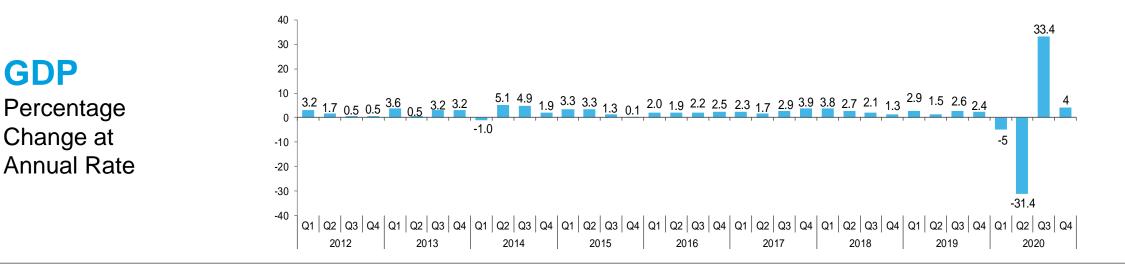
# Agenda

- 1. How has the evolving policy environment shifted our economic outlook (this year, and the near term)?
- 2. Discussion of how drivers of income fundamentals like rents and vacancies fared in the fourth quarter and 2020 as a whole.
- 3. A significant (positive) shift in our outlook on the transaction and pricing side (and why).



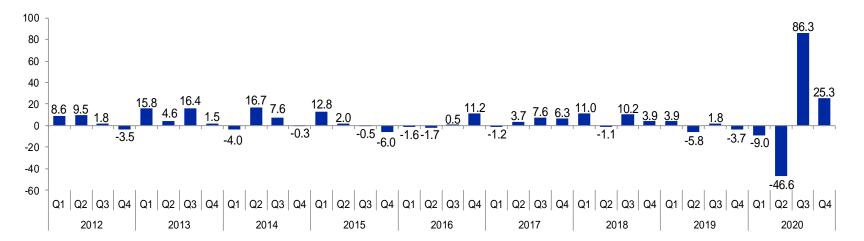
## A Tumultuous Year – With Some End in Sight

### Quarterly GDP Growth & Components





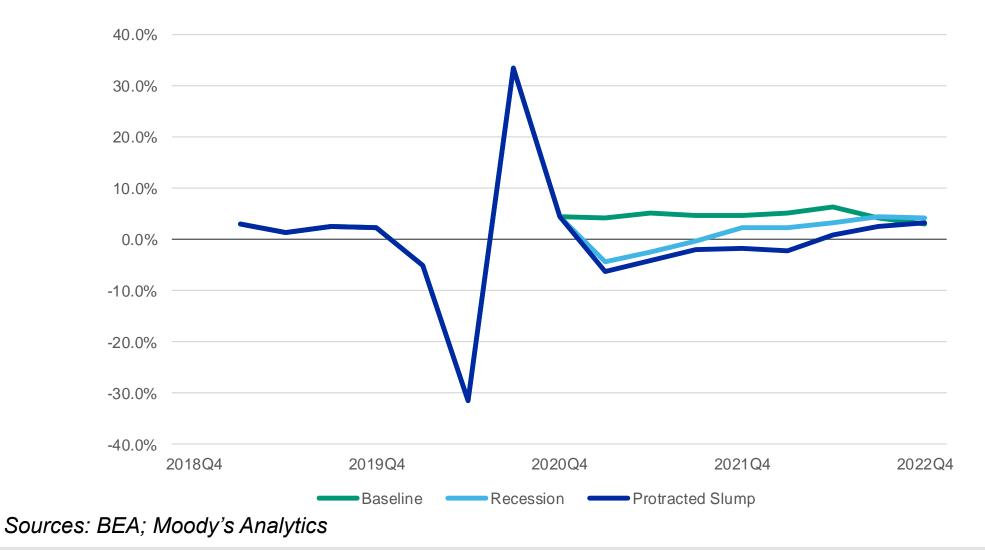
Percentage Change at Annual Rate



Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis

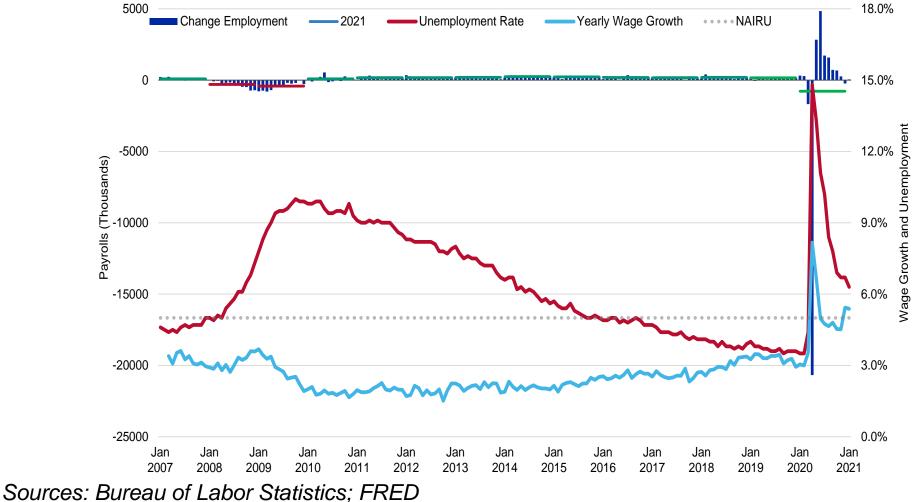
### **Updated GDP Forecasts & Scenarios**

Real GDP, annualized quarter/quarter growth rate



### The Labor Markets Through February 2021

Job Creation and the Unemployment Rate



### The Economic Outlook & Policy Environment Key Takeaways

- » Baseline forecasts of 5% real GDP growth for 2021 and 2022 are a (significant) net positive for our change in outlook.
- » <What does this mean for CRE performance metrics?>
- » Solid (positive) shift in sentiment for CRE industry participants.
- » Uncertainties remain: COVID variants; the realities of vaccine rollouts (and efficacy); how will this all affect actual economic activity throughout the year?
- » Continue to plan for downsides but cannot rule out significant increase in economic activity from suppressed demand.



### **National Market Updates**

# National Apartment Market

### Quarterly & Annual Market Conditions

- » Vacancy rates ended the year at 5.2%, just breaching long-term average levels.
- The sector is taking hits on the asking and effective rent side, with record declines for both annual and quarterly periods registered in 2020.

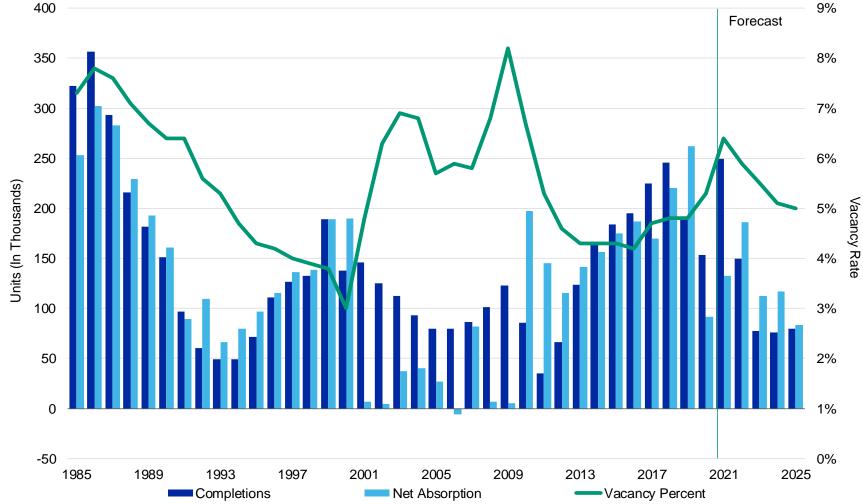
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	Ieal	QU	Rent	Change	Rent	Change	Rate
	2013	4	\$1,146	0.9%	\$1,100	1.0%	4.4%
	2014	1	\$1,155	0.8%	\$1,110	0.9%	4.3%
	2014	2	\$1,169	1.2%	\$1,123	1.2%	4.3%
	2014	3	\$1,183	1.3%	\$1,137	1.3%	4.4%
	2014	4	\$1,193	0.8%	\$1,147	0.8%	4.4%
	2015	1	\$1,205	1.0%	\$1,159	1.1%	4.3%
	2015	2	\$1,226	1.8%	\$1,179	1.7%	4.2%
	2015	3	\$1,248	1.8%	\$1,200	1.8%	4.2%
	2015	4	\$1,262	1.1%	\$1,213	1.1%	4.3%
	2016	1	\$1,274	0.9%	\$1,224	0.9%	4.3%
	2016	2	\$1,291	1.4%	\$1,240	1.3%	4.2%
	2016	3	\$1,308	1.3%	\$1,255	1.2%	4.1%
	2016	4	\$1,313	0.4%	\$1,260	0.4%	4.2%
	2017	1	\$1,325	0.9%	\$1,268	0.6%	4.4%
	2017	2	\$1,345	1.6%	\$1,285	1.3%	4.4%
	2017	3	\$1,364	1.4%	\$1,301	1.3%	4.5%
	2017	4	\$1,373	0.7%	\$1,310	0.6%	4.6%
	2018	1	\$1,389	1.2%	\$1,324	1.1%	4.7%
	2018	2	\$1,411	1.5%	\$1,344	1.5%	4.7%
	2018	3	\$1,432	1.5%	\$1,363	1.4%	4.7%
	2018	4	\$1,446	1.0%	\$1,376	1.0%	4.8%
	2019	1	\$1,455	0.6%	\$1,384	0.6%	4.7%
	2019	2	\$1,475	1.4%	\$1,404	1.5%	4.6%
	2019	3	\$1,490	1.0%	\$1,419	1.1%	4.6%
	2019	4	\$1,498	0.5%	\$1,426	0.5%	4.7%
	2020	1	\$1,505	0.4%	\$1,433	0.5%	4.8%
	2020	2	\$1,499	-0.4%	\$1,428	-0.3%	4.9%
	2020	3	\$1,473	-1.8%	\$1,403	-1.8%	5.1%
/	2020	4	\$1,453	-1.4%	\$1,383	-1.4%	5.2%

	Year	Asking	Percent	Effective	Percent	Vacancy
	Tear	Rent	Change	Rent	Change	Rate
	2011	\$1,070	2.4%	\$1,019	2.7%	5.3%
	2012	\$1,107	3.5%	\$1,061	4.2%	4.7%
	2013	\$1,146	3.5%	\$1,100	3.7%	4.4%
	2014	\$1,193	4.1%	\$1,147	4.2%	4.4%
	2015	\$1,262	5.8%	\$1,213	5.8%	4.3%
	2016	\$1,313	4.0%	\$1,260	3.9%	4.2%
	2017	\$1,373	4.6%	\$1,310	3.9%	4.6%
	2018	\$1,446	5.3%	\$1,376	5.1%	4.8%
	2019	\$1,498	3.6%	\$1,426	3.7%	4.7%
	2020	\$1,453	-3.0%	\$1,383	-3.0%	5.2%
ua	2021	\$1,431	-1.5%	\$1,358	-1.8%	6.3%
2	2022	\$1,454	1.6%	\$1,382	1.7%	5.8%
	2023	\$1,488	2.4%	\$1,415	2.4%	5.5%
Ann	2024	\$1,529	2.7%	\$1,456	2.9%	5.0%
$\triangleleft$	2025	\$1,573	2.9%	\$1,500	3.0%	5.0%

Source: Moody's Analytics REIS; 79 of 275 Apartment Markets

### National Apartment Market

Supply & Demand Trends



Source: Moody's Analytics REIS; Top 50 Primary Apartment Markets

# National Office Market

### **Quarterly & Annual Market Conditions**

- » Office vacancies rose by 90 basis points in 2020, ending the fourth quarter at 17.7%.
- Despite strengthening GDP growth projections, still a lot of uncertainty regarding the future of office space post-COVID. Expect rent declines in 2021 and a continued slide in occupancy for the next couple of years.

	Year	Qtr	Net	Asking	Percent	Effective	Percent	Vacancy
	Tear	GU	Absorption	Rent	Change	Rent	Change	Rate
	2013	4	6.4	\$29.32	0.7%	\$23.69	0.8%	17.0%
	2014	1	10.1	\$29.54	0.8%	\$23.87	0.8%	17.0%
	2014	2	1.9	\$29.77	0.8%	\$24.06	0.8%	17.1%
	2014	3	7.3	\$29.92	0.5%	\$24.18	0.5%	17.0%
	2014	4	9.9	\$30.24	1.1%	\$24.45	1.1%	16.9%
	2015	1	4.8	\$30.54	1.0%	\$24.70	1.0%	16.8%
	2015	2	8.3	\$30.78	0.8%	\$24.90	0.8%	16.7%
	2015	3	12.2	\$31.01	0.7%	\$25.10	0.8%	16.6%
	2015	4	12.7	\$31.28	0.9%	\$25.32	0.9%	16.5%
	2016	1	8.2	\$31.57	0.9%	\$25.58	1.0%	16.4%
	2016	2	5.1	\$31.76	0.6%	\$25.74	0.6%	16.4%
	2016	3	2.9	\$31.89	0.4%	\$25.85	0.4%	16.4%
	2016	4	12.9	\$32.00	0.3%	\$25.95	0.4%	16.3%
	2017	1	5.7	\$32.16	0.5%	\$26.08	0.5%	16.3%
	2017	2	4.9	\$32.26	0.3%	\$26.16	0.3%	16.4%
	2017	3	5.6	\$32.38	0.4%	\$26.25	0.3%	16.4%
	2017	4	7.7	\$32.57	0.6%	\$26.42	0.6%	16.4%
	2018	1	6.2	\$32.84	0.8%	\$26.65	0.9%	16.5%
	2018	2	2.4	\$33.08	0.7%	\$26.84	0.7%	16.6%
	2018	3	5.1	\$33.22	0.4%	\$26.95	0.4%	16.7%
	2018	4	9.6	\$33.45	0.7%	\$27.14	0.7%	16.7%
	2019	1	8.4	\$33.59	0.4%	\$27.27	0.5%	16.7%
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5	2019	3	10.1	\$34.13	0.8%	\$27.71	0.8%	16.8%
	2019	4	15.0	\$34.33	0.6%	\$27.89	0.6%	16.8%
	2020	1	-0.1	\$34.48	0.4%	\$28.01	0.4%	17.0%
5	2020	2	2.6	\$34.47	0.0%	\$27.91	-0.4%	17.1%
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/	2020	4	-9.8	\$34.47	-0.2%	\$27.70	-0.6%	17.7%

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	2012	15.5	\$28.60	2.1%	\$23.09	2.3%	17.2%
	2013	25.1	\$29.32	2.5%	\$23.69	2.6%	17.0%
	2014	29.2	\$30.24	3.1%	\$24.45	3.2%	16.9%
	2015	38.0	\$31.28	3.4%	\$25.32	3.6%	16.5%
	2016	29.1	\$32.00	2.3%	\$25.95	2.5%	16.3%
	2017	23.9	\$32.57	1.8%	\$26.42	1.8%	16.4%
	2018	23.3	\$33.45	2.7%	\$27.14	2.7%	16.7%
	2019	37.9	\$34.33	2.6%	\$27.89	2.8%	16.8%
	2020	-12.3	\$34.47	0.4%	\$27.70	-0.7%	17.7%
Ø	2021	-26.6	\$32.77	-4.9%	\$25.62	-7.5%	19.4%
D	2022	23.7	\$32.85	0.2%	\$25.72	0.4%	19.5%
uu	2023	17.2	\$33.38	1.6%	\$26.24	2.0%	19.6%
	2024	46.7	\$33.96	1.7%	\$26.89	2.5%	19.0%
4	2025	44.6	\$34.59	1.9%	\$27.58	2.6%	18.5%

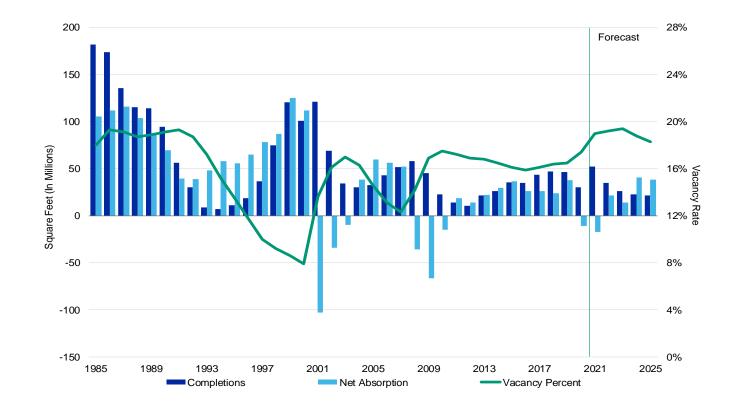
Source: Moody's Analytics REIS; 79 of 190 Office Markets

Net absorption figures are in millions of square feet.

### National Office Market

### Supply & Demand Trends

- » Office vacancies expected to approach record highs in late 2021 or 2022, depending on the geographic market.
- » As some offices reopen, future demand for office space remains decidedly uncertain. Others are realizing that working from home does not work for their situation; some employers are evaluating their overall space needs to reduce costs. As of yet, however, there is little evidence that firms are investing in completely restructuring their office spaces as a response to COVID-19.



Source: Moody's Analytics REIS; Top 50 Primary Office Markets; CompStak

### **National Retail Market**

### **Quarterly & Annual Market Conditions**

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2015	2	2.5	\$19.90	0.5%	\$17.36	0.5%	10.1%	
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2016	3	1.1	\$20.39	0.4%	\$17.81	0.5%	9.9%	
2016	4	4.5	\$20.48	0.4%	\$17.90	0.5%	9.9%	
2017	1	3.0	\$20.56	0.4%	\$17.98	0.4%	9.9%	
2017	2	1.2	\$20.66	0.5%	\$18.06	0.4%	10.0%	
2017	3	2.2	\$20.76	0.5%	\$18.16	0.6%	10.0%	
2017	4	3.3	\$20.88	0.6%	\$18.27	0.6%	10.0%	
2018	1	1.0	\$20.97	0.4%	\$18.36	0.5%	10.0%	
2018	2	-4.0	\$21.03	0.3%	\$18.41	0.3%	10.2%	
2018	3	2.7	\$21.13	0.5%	\$18.49	0.4%	10.2%	
2018	4	1.5	\$21.22	0.4%	\$18.58	0.5%	10.2%	
2019	1	17.1	\$21.34	0.6%	\$18.69	0.6%	10.2%	
2019	2	2.6	\$21.42	0.4%	\$18.76	0.4%	10.2%	
2019	3	2.3	\$21.49	0.3%	\$18.82	0.3%	10.2%	
2019	4	0.6	\$21.50	0.0%	\$18.84	0.1%	10.2%	
2020	1	1.4	\$21.54	0.2%	\$18.88	0.2%	10.2%	
2020	2	-0.7	\$21.44	-0.5%	\$18.75	-0.7%	10.2%	
2020	3	-2.5	\$21.40	-0.2%	\$18.69	-0.3%	10.4%	
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2012	11.3	\$19.08	0.5%	\$16.59	0.5%	10.7%
2013	12.7	\$19.35	1.4%	\$16.83	1.4%	10.4%
2014	13.5	\$19.70	1.8%	\$17.17	2.0%	10.2%
2015	12.3	\$20.11	2.1%	\$17.55	2.2%	10.0%
2016	12.7	\$20.48	1.8%	\$17.90	2.0%	9.9%
2017	9.7	\$20.88	2.0%	\$18.27	2.1%	10.0%
2018	1.1	\$21.22	1.6%	\$18.58	1.7%	10.2%
2019	22.6	\$21.50	1.3%	\$18.84	1.4%	10.2%
2020	-3.9	\$21.34	-0.7%	\$18.61	-1.2%	10.5%
2021	-41.8	\$20.04	-6.1%	\$17.16	-7.8%	12.7%
2022	11.4	\$19.85	-0.9%	\$17.16	0.0%	12.4%
2023	8.9	\$20.01	0.8%	\$17.48	1.9%	12.2%
2024	21.3	\$20.30	1.4%	\$17.79	1.8%	11.5%
2025	17.5	\$20.64	1.7%	\$18.10	1.7%	10.9%

	Year	Quarter	Asking	Percent	Vacancy
			Rent	Change	Rate
	2010	Y	\$38.79	-0.6%	8.7%
	2011	Y	\$38.92	0.3%	9.2%
	2012	Y	\$39.31	1.0%	8.6%
	2013	Y	\$39.95	1.6%	7.9%
	2014	Y	\$40.66	1.8%	8.0%
	2015	Y	\$41.54	2.2%	7.8%
ğ	2016	Y	\$42.38	2.0%	7.8%
2	2017	Y	\$43.00	1.5%	8.3%
	2018	Y	\$43.35	0.8%	9.0%
2	2019	Y	\$43.84	1.1%	9.7%
	2020	4	\$43.05	-0.8%	10.5%

# Regional/Super Regional Malls

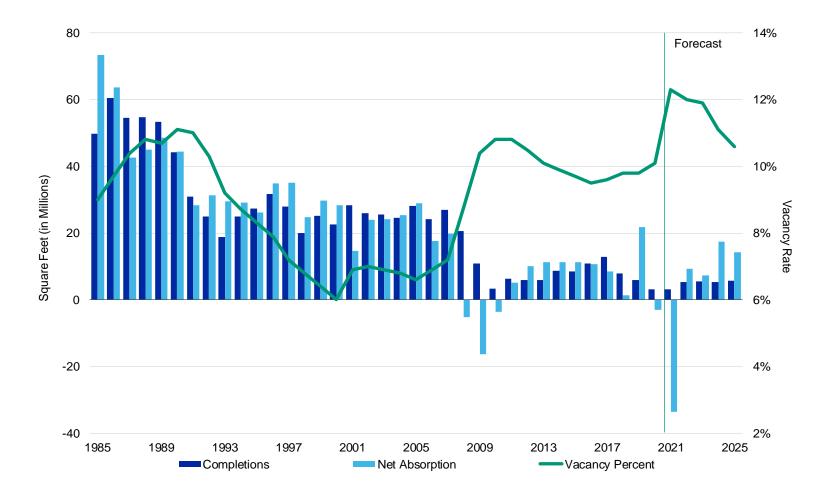
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# National Retail Market

### Supply & Demand Trends

- » Retail vacancies expected to break historic highs – up to 12.7% by 2021, and remain elevated through 2022 before declining somewhat.
- » Rent forecasts are expected to be almost double the magnitude of declines in '08-'09 – but more of the brunt is expected this year.
- There are some proactive measures being enacted to repurpose fallow retail space into mass vaccination centers – but definitive answers about what will bring customers back to physical stores post-COVID have yet to be formulated.

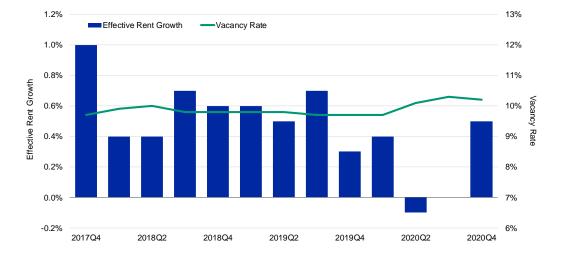
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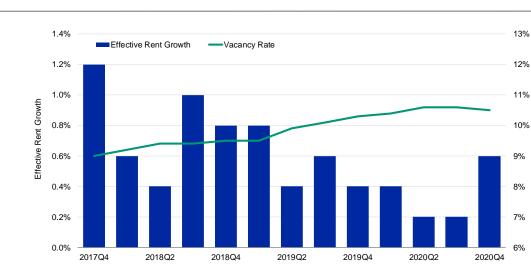
### Industrial: Holding Steady in the Fourth Quarter

- » Flex/R&D vacancies down by 10 basis points in the fourth quarter to 10.2%.
- » Effective rents rose by 0.5% in the fourth quarter.



Warehouse/distribution vacancies down by 10 basis points in the fourth quarter to 10.5% - despite close to 140 million SF of new space delivered in 2020.

» Effective rents rose by 0.6% in the quarter.



Effective Rent Growth

Vacancy Rate

Source: Moody's Analytics REIS

Flex/R&D

Warehouse,

Distribution

Rate

## National Hotel Market

### **Quarterly Market Conditions**

- Outsized effect of pandemic on hotel performance metrics – unsurprising, given the effect of COVID-19 on travel and economic activity.
- Occupancies continue to recover, and ended the year at 35.7% - still significantly below the 66% level as of end-2019.
- ADR and RevPar posted increases in the latter half of 2020 but are still anywhere from a quarter to just over half of pre-COVID levels.

Year	Qtr	ADR	Percent Change	Occupancy Rate	Percent Change	RevPAR	Percent Change
2016	1	\$120	0.8%	64.3%	-0.5%	\$77	0.1%
2016	2	\$120	0.0%	65.0%	0.7%	\$78	1.1%
2016	3	\$122	1.7%	65.8%	0.8%	\$80	3.0%
2016	4	\$122	0.0%	64.8%	-1.0%	\$79	-1.5%
2017	1	\$122	0.0%	66.0%	1.2%	\$81	1.8%
2017	2	\$123	0.8%	65.3%	-0.7%	\$80	-0.3%
2017	3	\$124	0.8%	66.7%	1.4%	\$83	3.0%
2017	4	\$125	0.8%	65.4%	-1.3%	\$82	-1.1%
2018	1	\$127	1.6%	65.6%	0.1%	\$83	1.8%
2018	2	\$127	0.0%	65.7%	0.1%	\$83	0.2%
2018	3	\$127	0.0%	64.0%	-1.7%	\$81	-2.6%
2018	4	\$127	0.0%	65.5%	1.5%	\$83	2.4%
2019	1	\$127	0.0%	65.2%	-0.3%	\$83	-0.4%
2019	2	\$128	0.8%	65.3%	0.0%	\$84	0.8%
2019	3	\$127	-0.8%	65.1%	-0.2%	\$83	-1.1%
2019	4	\$128	0.8%	66.0%	0.9%	\$84	2.2%
2020	1	\$106	-17.2%	42.5%	-23.5%	\$45	-46.7%
2020	2	\$88	-17.0%	38.4%	-4.1%	\$34	-25.0%
2020	3	\$94	6.8%	43.2%	4.8%	\$41	20.3%
2020	4	\$107	13.8%	35.7%	-7.5%	\$38	-6.0%
2021	1	\$111	3.7%	38.3%	2.6%	\$43	11.4%
2021	2	\$114	2.7%	41.1%	2.8%	\$47	10.2%
2021	3	\$117	2.6%	43.9%	2.8%	\$51	9.6%
2021	4	\$119	1.7%	46.6%	2.7%	\$56	8.1%

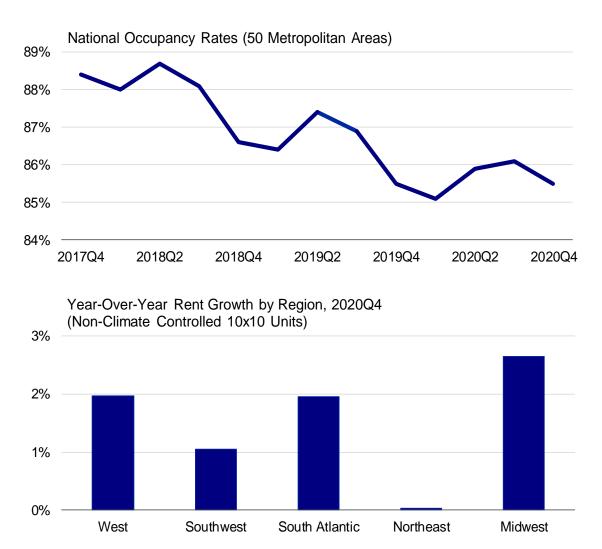
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### **Specialty Sector Updates**

### Self Storage in the Fourth Quarter

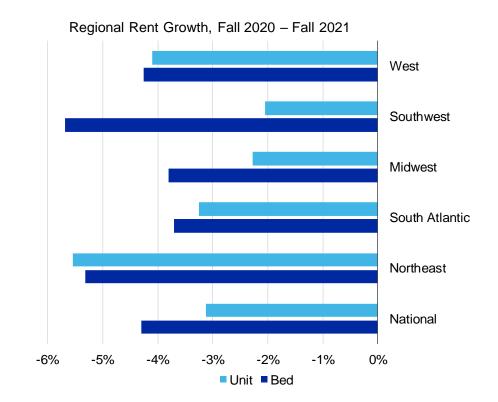
- » Occupancies essentially remained stable and flat throughout 2020, notwithstanding seasonality: we are at 85.5% at the fourth quarter of 2020 – the same level relative to the fourth quarter of 2019.
- » CC 10x10 rent growth was at 1.8% and NCC 10x10 rent growth was at 1.7% for all of 2020.



Source: Moody's Analytics REIS

### Student Housing in the Fourth Quarter

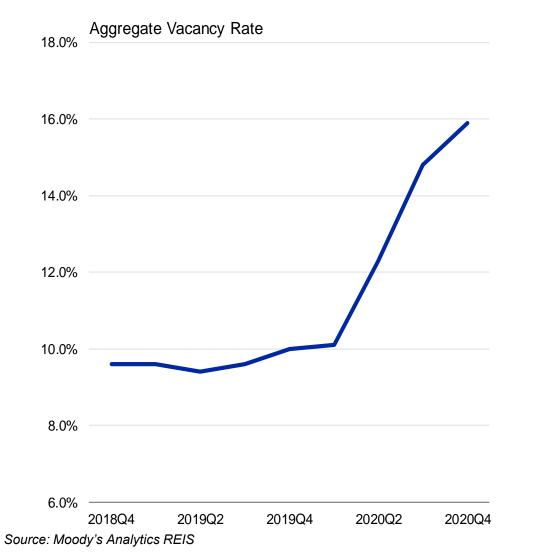
- Tables present Fall 2020 to Fall 2021 forecasted changes in vacancies and rents across subtypes.
- Siven continuing uncertainty about how higher education as a service is to be delivered, expect vacancy increases and negative rent growth in Student Housing markets – more pronounced for properties that rent by the Bed.
- Also more pronounced distress in geographies with relative oversupply and higher rent levels.



	National Student Housing Market, Fall 2020 – Fall 2021								
	Vacancy Rate	Vacancy Chg, BPS	Rent Growth	Inventory Growth					
Bed	8.8%	90	-4.3%	2.9%					
Unit	3.6%	10	-3.1%	1.7%					

Source: Moody's Analytics REIS

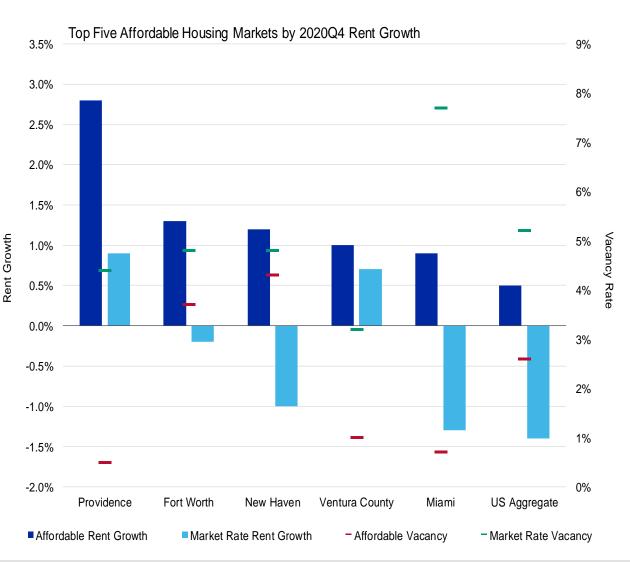
### Senior Housing in the Fourth Quarter



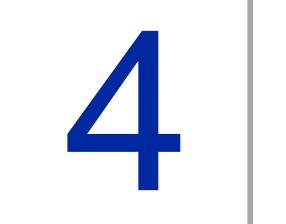
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### LIHTC in the Fourth Quarter

- » Vacancies ended 2020 at a very tight 2.6% - and all this despite inventory growing by a relatively robust 2.5% for the year.
- » National level asking rents rose by 1.8% for the year, underscoring continued demand for affordable units.
- » Most LIHTC markets registered a consistently positive rise in rents every quarter in 2020.



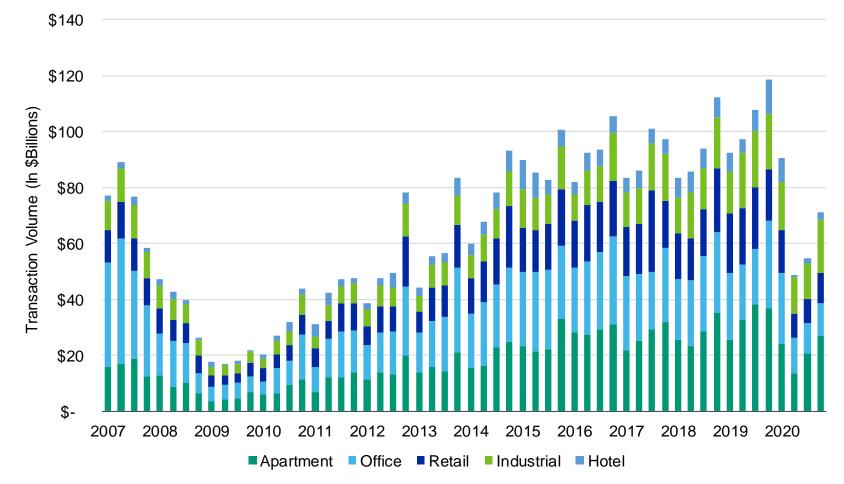
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# **CRE Capital Markets**

### **Transaction Activity Throughout 2020**

Compare and contrast this with 2008-2009

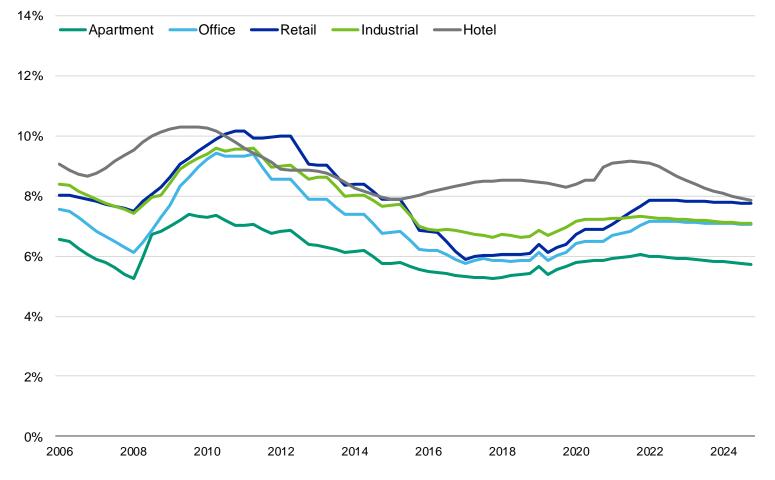


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### Cap Rate Forecasts

Implied Peak-to-Trough Declines Significantly Lower

- Cap rate increases are still forecasted for 2021 through 2022, but at a trajectory much less steeper than before. Price declines are therefore expected to be much less severe.
- Peak-to-trough declines for industrial (5%) and multifamily (6.4%) still reflect relative resilience versus office (12.6%) and retail (16.5%) – the latter two being subject to medium- to long-term evolutionary risk.



Source: Moody's Analytics REIS



## Questions from Participants and Closing Remarks

### **Questions from Participants**

- » "You didn't change much of what you were projecting for income drivers like rents and vacancies given predicted distress and long-term change – but you've revised your price decline forecasts towards a significantly more positive outlook. Why the divergence?"
- » "Earlier, you mentioned some policy-related risk related to higher taxes and more regulations. What was that about?"
- » "You sound almost optimistic about your projections for 2021. Am I hearing you right, or did I misinterpret the views you're expressing in this call?"

### Summary & Parting Thoughts

- » Fourth quarter GDP figures and job market signals suggest the need for continued fiscal and monetary support – which appears to be forthcoming.
- » 2020 was a tough year: record declines in rents posted for some property types; vacancies rising at a relatively fast clip for office and malls. Other property types like industrial and even Self Storage have held steady and proven relatively resilient.
- » Expect continuing distress on the income side of performance metrics, but less distressed sales given how the industry entered the downturn with less overreach.
- » Uncertainties remain, so let's continue the conversation to ensure that we can anticipate and plan for what's around the corner.

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