Emerging Trends in Canadian Real Estate 2020

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- Predictive Industry publication now in its 41st year
- 13th year for Canadian Outlook
- Sponsored jointly by ULI and PwC
- Input from over 2,200 industry leaders with over 400 covering Canada
Market Sentiment; Still positive, but are we seeing some diversity in opinion?
2020 Expected Profitability

Is this what an extended expansion looks like?

• An uptick in the percentage of respondents who are less than positive about 2020

• The fair, or consistent outlook is also down from 2019

• Good to excellent still strong
Any change of heart from last year?

- The majority of respondents, 54%, have not changed their expectations for 2020 from 2019

- The same percentage of respondents, 23%, have lowered and raised their expectations from 2019 to 2020
What is behind the change of heart?

Reasons given for change in expectations from 2019

23% Expectations are lower
1. Economy – 36%
2. Fundamentals – 29%
3. Government – 14%
4. Capital markets – 11%
5. Strategy shift – 5%

23% Expectations are higher
1. Strategy shift – 28%
2. Fundamentals – 28%
3. Internal changes – 22%
4. Economy – 16%
5. Capital markets – 6%
“The common theme in office, retail, and residential is that it is no longer about space. It’s about the services you offer.”
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Laying the Foundation for a Customer-Driven Future

Putting customers at the heart of reimagined spaces
- Real estate as a service
- Blurring the lines between property types

Powering digital transformation through Proptech
- Proptech practices and possibilities
- A growing appetite for data and analytics

Navigating policy and geopolitical uncertainty
- Black swans and “Legislation by Twitter”
- What is the path forward

Tackling emerging business issues
- Securing skills and talent
- The urgent issue of cyber security
While cash flows, cap rates, and NPV calculations are always important in real estate, focusing on the customer experience has become a significant priority.
1960’s interpretation of the open office concept

1980’s interpretation of a private office concept

Today’s interpretation of collaboration space

Remember when it was just work space?
It is all about work process

One work space does not fit all work

Tenants want space to address different goals
- Collaboration in formal and informal settings
- Quiet space for individualized work
- Available space for hotelling workers
- Flexible space that can be utilized to house staff on a temporary basis
- Space where employees can relax, eat, socialize
Blurring the lines between property types

- **Retail**
  - Ecommerce is replacing existing retail space, but retail space is also becoming a new form of distribution/fulfillment space.

- **Residential**
  - Technology is making it possible for everyone to become a hotel by simply renting out a room or their home to short-term tenants.

- **Retail to Hotel**
  - Where office work is conducted is changing. Hotels are providing co-working space and unused retail can be utilized as an office suite or co-working location.

- **Distribution**

- **Hotel**

- **Office**
The ultimate goal of implementing technology is to make the whole equal more than the sum of the parts.
We continue to generate more data every year!
Investment in real estate technology continues to rise

**Total dollar amount invested projected to rise again in 2019**

- Includes only PropTech, does not include Fintech deals
- While number of deals may be down, investment dollars per deal is up from $11.3 million in 2018 to a projected $16.5 million in 2019
- Interest in the sector continues due to size of the real estate industry and continued adaption and implementation by major market participants

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**Real Estate Technology Global Financing**

- Amount of funding (US$ billions)
- Number of deals

*projected*
How technology is being used today

Visualization • Seeing how things are going to happen
Facilitation • Making life easier for tenants
Collaboration • Bringing people and processes together
Efficiency • Improve operational processes
Decisions • Using data to enhance decision making
Will 5G allow current and existing technologies to have a real impact?

5G will enhance speed and reliability

The increased speed and latency provided by 5G will make a number of technologies viable

- Increased broadband access
- Autonomous vehicles/smart infrastructure
- Control of remote devices
- Quiet space for individualized work
- Machine learning and enhanced IOT (internet of things)
How does the public sector partner with the private sector to create social impact?

Navigating policy and geopolitical uncertainty
Interesting times and unintended consequences

**Financial Post**

The mortgage ‘stress test’ has started harming Canadians more than it helps.
A recurring question: How to improve housing affordability?

- Multiple solutions need to focus on both sides of the equation
- Unintended consequences can make the problem worse
- Populist sentiment makes it likely we could experience more market regulation
- Real estate industry will need to take a position of leadership
Black Swans and “Legislation through Twitter”
If your not the learner you’re the lesson

Tackling emerging business issues
Major issues for 2020

Economic/financial
- Job and income growth
- Regulations
- Qualified labor availability

Social/political
- Housing costs and availability
- Political landscape
- Immigration

Real estate/development
- Construction costs
- Land costs
- Construction material costs
A lot to think about for 2020

Top Markets
- Vancouver
- Toronto
- Ottawa
- Halifax
- Montreal

Top Property Types
- Industrial
- For rent residential
- Senior Housing
- Office

Best Bets
- Warehousing/Fulfillment
- Senior housing
- Affordable apartments
- Transit oriented development
Thank you