# Emerging Trends in Real Estate 2023

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Taking the long view – Near term concerns offset by long term optimism





# Market Sentiment Reflects Concern

## The wall of worry



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# Market sentiment for 2023

Percent of survey respondents who feel their business will be good to excellent in the coming year compared to the current year

- Outlook has been volatile since 2019
- Sentiment dropped significantly during the pandemic, then rebounded with the reopening of the economy
- Outlook for 2023 reflects current uncertainty about the economy





### A familiar recipe with some new ingredients Normalizing, but we should face it some things have changed -- It could get a little messy

What is transitioning to a new normal

Inflation – Where does it go from a 40-year high?

Rising interest rates – How high? How long?

### Real estate returns – Down from record levels?



New normal will also include how we have changed

Changes adopted over the last 3 years look like they will stick around

In-Store vs. Online Shopping

-- Shoppers go back to the store

-- Online holds on to gains

Business Travel vs. Virtual

- -- Value of face-to-face rediscovered
- -- Hard to overlook cost savings and convenience of virtual

Work-From-Home vs. Return to the Office

- -- Employees like flexibility
- -- Employers want collaboration

Notable

Changes

# Property type outlook remains consistent

Despite evolving "normal" outlook by property type is little changed from last year



### Rewards – and growing pains – in the Sun Belt Individual markets move to their own new normal

- The ongoing migration to Sun Belt communities
  accelerated during the pandemic
- These same markets remain attractive, but growing pains are becoming more evident
  - Home prices outpacing local incomes
  - Inadequate infrastructure
  - Burden on municipal services
- Markets remain popular with investors
  - "You want to be where the people are"
  - Seen as a transition phase
  - Long term success will be based on how new challenges are met





### Capital moves to the sidelines Wait and see attitude and not a full retreat



Capital May be harder to find in 2023



# Quality and niche still popular

Market bifurcation may become more prominent

- Winners are those property types exhibiting continued strong fundamentals
  - Industrial
  - Multifamily
- Best in class properties in more challenged sectors
  - Retail
  - Office
- Niche sectors continue to garner more acceptance
  - Life Science
  - Data Center
  - Self Storage





# Finding a higher purpose

Less traditional demand may increase opportunities for adaptive reuse

#### **Opportunities**

- Reduced demand due to changing behavior may lead to rising obsolescence
- Reuse seen as a potential solution to multiple challenges
  - Affordable and subsidized housing
  - Last mile distribution
  - Meeting net zero carbon goals
- Possible adaptive reuse targets
  - Office to Residential
  - Hotel to Residential
  - Retail to Distribution

#### Challenges

- No cookie cutter plan to utilize
- Identifying the appropriate targets
- Every building will need a new approach
- Making the economics work



# Emerging developments of ongoing trends

# Too much for too many

Persistent attainable housing problem – Could get worse as affordability falls as a result of rising mortgage rates





## If these trends sound familiar

They are, but that is because they remain important

Smarter, fairer cities through infrastructure spending Infrastructure no longer just roads and bridges

Climate change's growing impact

Climate risks will require a proactive approach

#### Action through regulation?

Regulation can bring clarity, but also unintended consequences

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The next couple of years may be bumpy, but we likely come out on the other side in an environment where the best operators differentiate themselves



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Brickline connects us more than ever before **21c Museum Hotel** brings the art **City Stadium** unveils its pitch **Pillars of the Valley** inspires along Market Stadium hotels catalyzed next door **Zoo expansion** sends animals to North County **Expo** delivers major TOD to DeBaliviere The **Riverfront** gets the redevelopment attention it deserves! Kathrine Ward Burg Garden seeds a new urban park **AT&T** at long last? Target on Grand a shot in the arm for SLU **Economic Justice Action Plan** demands innovation **City Foundry** grows our first mass timber building The Armory STL serves up all the games Sumner High School reinvents I with arts and public-private partnership MLK Cultural Boulevard imagines a revitalized corridor Chesterfield downtown comes to life The Hub connects community to housing, jobs, and wellness Sado leads a restaurant resurgence Jefferson Connector actually does just that

Midwest Climate Collaborative raises awareness Brentwood Bound remakes a flood zone with resilient public space **Clinton-Peabody** reinvestment commences Home Repair Network fixes more homes faster New public sector leadership cleans the slate County calls for equitable and sustainable plan **NGA** inches closer to completion WU Med Center keeps building...and building **Riverpointe** activates the western suburbs **Top Golf! SLSO expands** its first-class operation **RUNG** doubles down to help women climb the ladder **Nee Kee Nee** uncovers indigenous genius in Tower Grove Park UMSL's North STL County Business & Workforce District is huge **Clayton hotels** – first new hotels in decades **Doorways** opens its new doors **IISTL** welcomes more new neighbors **Veterans Community Project** moves our Vets off the street **SLU Hospital**/outpatient clinic shines a beacon of health **Delmar DivINe** connects community to stretch non-profit impact



#### WHERE THE FUTURE IS BUILT

