# Emerging Trends in Real Estate 2022

# ULI Nashville: Real Estate Outlook 2022

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The industry feels better about the future compared to last year, and justifiably so. So good in fact, that maybe we should be nervous?

2022 Sentiment

## 2022 Outlook Exceeds the Pre-Pandemic Rate

#### Real confidence or post-pandemic bounce?

- Expectation rate above 2019 and highest since 2016
- Confidence in continuing economic recovery
- Despite limited downturn, exhibiting true "V" recovery shape
- Would a look under the hood reveal more bifurcation?



**Nashville Respondents** 



# Flexibility and Convenience Drive the Next Decade Top markets to watch reflect current trends 1. Nashville 2. Triangle 3. Phoenix 4. Austin 5. Tampa/St. Petersburg 6. Charlotte 7. Dallas/Ft. Worth 8. Atlanta 9. Seattle 10.Boston

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### 2022 Areas of Concern

### Despite rising optimism, still some issues to watch



#### **Considerable Concern for 2022**

#### **Moderate Concern for 2022**





# "Temporary" Adjustments Become Permanent

Q: Changes implemented as a result of COVID-19 will revert to pre-pandemic activity in 2022



Change From Last Year

60%

41%

Disagree



# We may have made it through the pandemic in better shape than anticipated, so far.

# New Age of Uncertainty

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### We Feel Like We Know More

Confidence is volatile in this market

"I am 100% more confident today than I was a year ago. But I'm only 50% more confident than I was six months ago."

#### I am confident making long-term strategic decisions % response 72% 69% 44% 20% 31% 25% 8% 21% 12% Disagree Not sure Agree 2021 2022

**Nashville Responses** 



# Trends That Reflect the New Uncertainty

Unknown creates opportunities and challenges



Changing the Way Real Estate Gets Done





## **One Pandemic: Divergent Outlooks**

### Employment Change Outlook

 All markets move toward recovery, but pace varies due to severity of the downturn and local industry mix

 Nashville employment recovery is ahead of the national pace. This trend is projected to continue over the next several years



Source: IHS Markit

# **One Pandemic: Divergent Outlooks**

### 2022 Property Type Outlook

More favorable outlook



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# Changing the Way Real Estate Gets Done

#### The rise of property tech: More data, less friction

COVID-19 transformed daily life from a high-touch to virtually no-touch. And that has catapulted the innovations of the property technology (proptech) industry to center stage.

And there's plenty of room for proptech to grow. The goal is for companies to combine people and the right technologies, apply an innovative mindset to help drive the right business outcomes, and use data, automation and analytics to design space better and ensure greater safety.

Data analytics, Space use and design, and Health/wellness ranked among the top 3 focus areas of proptech adoption.

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### Companies with recent <u>extensive</u> adoption in new technology, by business area



### Everybody Wants In

### Property Sales Index Since the Pandemic



Source: CoStar

 National transaction volume is returning to pre-pandemic levels

 Nashville transaction volume well above prepandemic level

## Everybody Wants In

### Interest in Alternative Property Types on the Rise

**Investment Market Bounces Back** 

- Investment cash, domestic and foreign, is surging into US real estate. Several factors are driving this demand, including low interest rates and attractive returns relative to risk.
- Buyers are snapping up industrial assets and housing, both single and multifamily. And we're seeing a scramble for alternative properties like data centers, self-storage facilities and studio space to produce streaming content and student housing.
- Is a bubble coming? Only if investors lose their discipline.

Alternative sectors share of all CRE investment\* two-quarter moving average



\* Includes medical office, manufactured housing, seniors housing, student housing, R&D, self-storage, and data centers. Source: Real Capital Analytics; compiled by Nelson Economics



# It doesn't feel like an either-or question. Employees seem to really just want the flexibility that allows them to succeed.

# Flexibility



Work Anywhere – The Office Reset





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Nationally, 56% of respondents feel that office space needs will decrease over the next 3 years, but there is a component that feels space needs will increase

If demand is less, what will tenants be looking for?



### Work Anywhere -- Live Anywhere

#### Boomerang

- Already underway
- Return location may be different

#### Labor Force

- Slower labor force growth
- Attracting workers critical

#### Flexibility as Recruiting Tool

- Benefits of a global labor pool
- · How committed will work force be to flexibility?



### Work Anywhere – Live Anywhere



Source: US Census Bureau, IHS Markit

### Annual mean salary by occupation

Top Emerging Trends Markets to Watch							
	Market Research Analyst		Accountants		Software Developers		
U.S.	\$	73,970	\$	81,660	\$	114,270	
Nashville	\$	65,520	\$	72,080	\$	94,960	
Triangle, NC	\$	73,530	\$	75,330	\$	113,330	
Phoenix	\$	64,660	\$	75,480	\$	105,270	
Austin	\$	77,760	\$	77,540	\$	109,130	
Tampa-St. Petersburg	\$	60,730	\$	77,550	\$	101,130	
Charlotte	\$	72,280	\$	88,150	\$	104,750	
Dallas-Fort Worth	\$	84,320	\$	83,850	\$	111,180	
Atlanta	\$	71,440	\$	87,730	\$	105,050	
Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue	\$	97,720	\$	87,790	\$	140,930	
Boston	\$	75,550	\$	90,690	\$	119,940	

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Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics



# The pandemic didn't cause a lot of these issues, but it did give us a different perspective

# Recognition



### 2022 Outlook Exceeds the Pre-Pandemic Rate



scapes	<ul> <li>Pandemic changes become permanent</li> </ul>
g Citys	<ul> <li>Suburbanization of the urban core</li> </ul>
ofittin	<ul> <li>Infrastructure spending impact</li> </ul>
Retr	<ul> <li>Rise in regionalization</li> </ul>

Climate Change is On Us • Pandemic increased the focus • ESG influence Realization that this isn't a next generation problem Moving from talk to action



## In Migration Puts Pressure on Housing Attainability



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# \$1.2 Trillion in Infrastructure Spending

### Retrofitting Cityscapes



% of 2022 Emerging Trends Survey Respondents



### Climate Change Hits the Property Sector

### It's time to stop talking and start taking concrete steps to battle climate change.

Climate change can seem to be an intractable problem, too big to solve. But the property sector is ideally positioned to help reduce impacts and increase resilience to environmental risks.

The goal is not simply to tick a regulatory box, but to create sustainable advantage and value. One way to encourage that is to set performancebased standards in ESG and zoning codes and then let developers and other stakeholders work out the specifics.

In this year's survey, 82% of respondents consider ESG when making operational investment decisions, and yet only 48% of those same respondents are doing it to meet tenant and investor requirements.



# What I will and won't do Post-Pandemic

5. Won't accept invitations to gatherings I don't really want to attend

- 4. Will wear a mask when I'm sick
- 3. Won't blow out birthday candles
- 2. Will stay home from work when I'm sick
- **1. Won't wear pants...** That aren't **athletic** wear!!

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