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# Emerging Trends in Real Estate 2024

New York

January 2024







# 2024: Emerging Trends in Real Estate

- Provides one of the real estate industry's most predictive outlook
- The longest, continually published forecast: 45<sup>th</sup> edition
- Based on an extensive survey and numerous confidential interviews with industry leaders
  - 1,200+ survey participants
  - 600+ interviews
- Emerging Trends global with Europe, Asia Pacific, and Canada coverage
- Published by PwC in conjunction with Urban Land Institute

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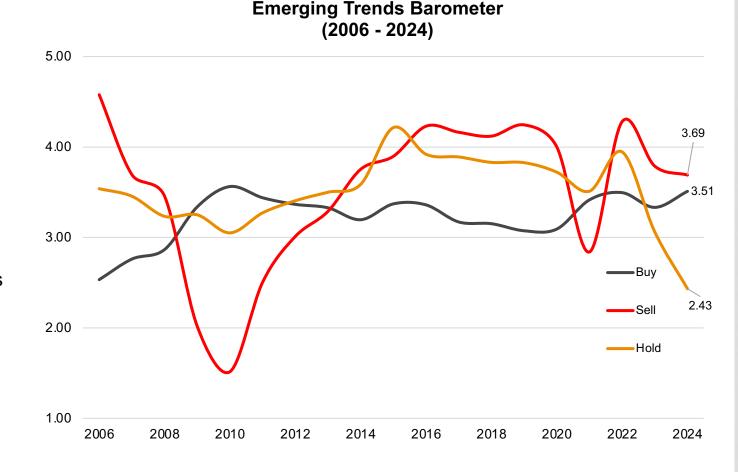
Unbuckle your seatbelts because it's probably going to be a slow, careful ride. **Disruption** won't happen like a roller coaster. It's gonna be slow going, and you're just gonna have to do your **homework** when it comes to specific details and specific places and specific property types."



### 2024: A New Era Comes to Focus

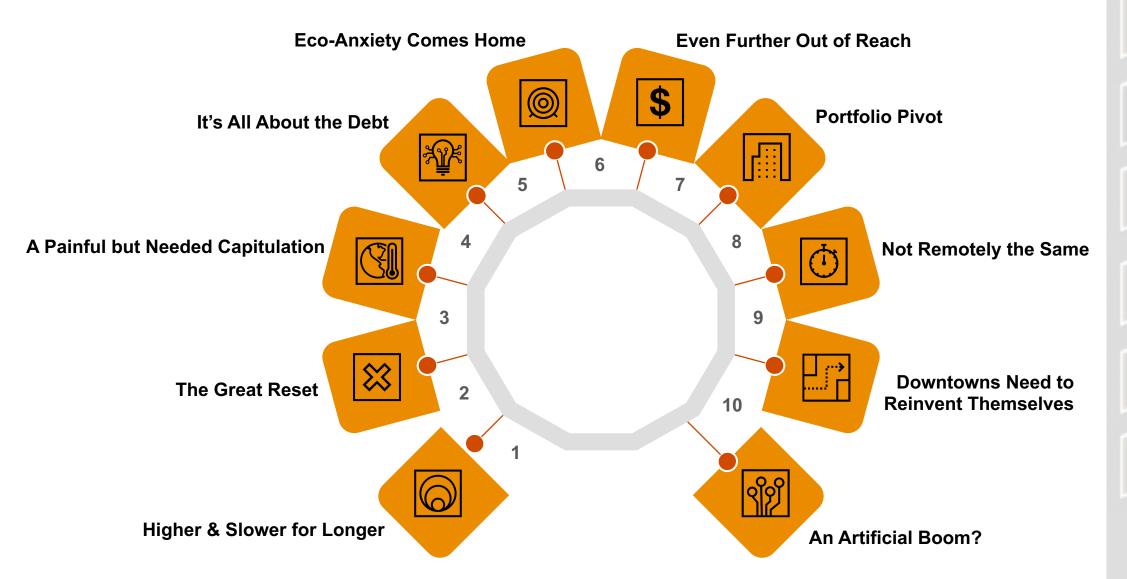
### The great reset in the economy and commercial real estate

- Persistent "higher for longer" interest rates impacting investment strategies
- Itching to buy: investor attitudes
- Challenges in pricing and transactions and wide bid-ask spreads
- Navigating through varied investor outlooks; guarded optimism





# 2024: Emerging Trends in Real Estate



# 2024 Trend: Higher & Slower for Longer



### **Highlights:**

- Growing consensus of "soft landing"
- "Slower for longer" may avoid a recession, but does not bode well for CRE
- Rates are likely to remain high, demand for space may decline
- Cost of capital impacts investment strategies

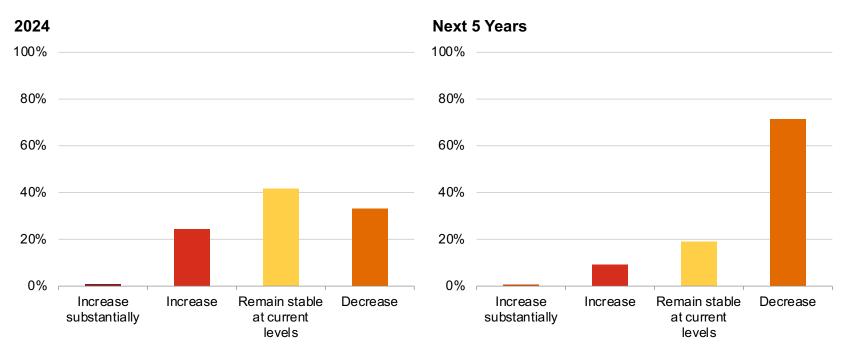
Source: Moody's Analytics | Orange line represents long-term average from 1962 to Oct-2023

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# 2024 Trend: The Great Reset

"I think this realignment period is less dramatic, less emotional than the realignment after the Great Financial Crisis or even the pause during the early moments of the pandemic."

### **Investor Return Expectations**



### **Highlights:**

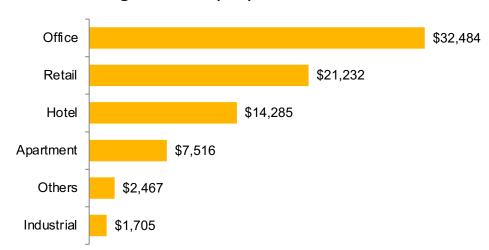
- Higher interest rates w/ slower growth
- Market activity approx.
   25% below the 2015 2019 average
- Decline in property values paves way for next investment wave
- Not all sectors negatively impacted – office strongly influencing perception

Source: PwC Analysis; Emerging Trends in Real Estate; US Respondents Only

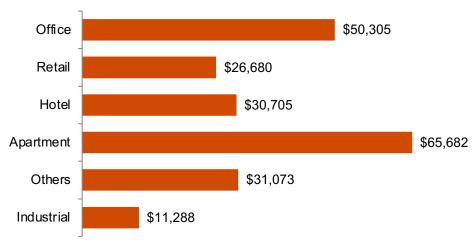


# 2024 Trend: A Painful but Needed Capitulation

### **Outstanding Distress (\$m)**



### **Potential Distress (\$m)**



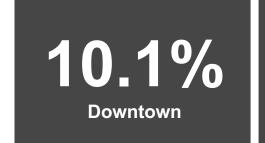
Source: PwC Analysis; Real Capital Analytics October 2023; Colliers International

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**Direct Class A Office Vacancy** 

4Q 2019

2Q 2023



18.3%
Downtown

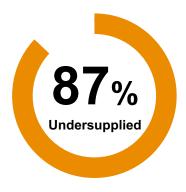


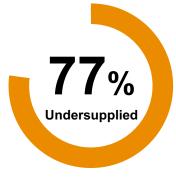
19.3% Suburban

- "Haves vs have nots"
- Class B building owners facing decision dilemma
- Successful conversions dependent on location & quality

# 2024 Trend: It's All About the Debt





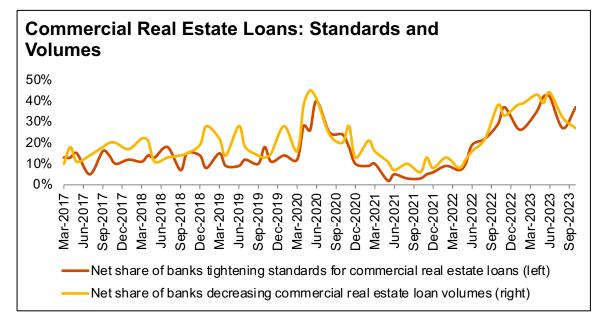


**Development** 

Refinancing

### **Highlights:**

- Banks sitting on the sidelines
- "Extend and pretend" changing
- Significant amount of mortgage debt expiring during 2024 and into 2025
- Current market dynamics have given rise to the adage "Survive until '25"

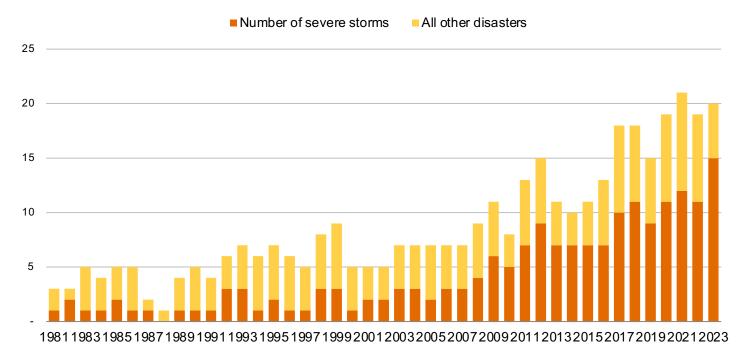


Source: PwC Analysis; Emerging Trends in Real Estate; Nelson Economics Analysis of Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas Banking Conditions Survey

# 2024 Trend: Eco Anxiety Comes Home

### **Annual Number of Billion-Dollar Climate Events**

Two-Year Moving Average, CPI-Adjusted



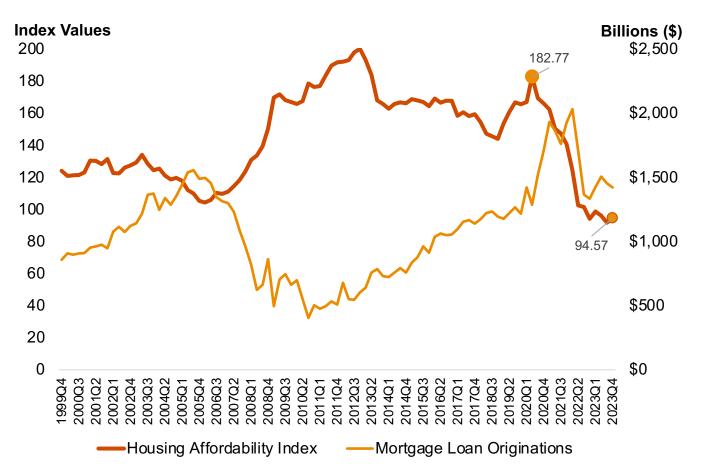
### **Highlights:**

- Climate risk impacting real estate valuations
- 2023 among hottest years on record
- Financial performance increasingly tied to sustainability
- Insurance challenges dwindling availability in high risk markets like CA and FL
- Asset managers juggling ESG mandates and pushback from activists and return expectations

Source: PwC Analysis; NOAA National Centers for Environmental Information (NCEI) "U.S. Billion Dollar Weather and Climate Disasters" (2023) \*2023 figure projected based on actual figures through October 10



### 2024 Trend: Even Further Out of Reach



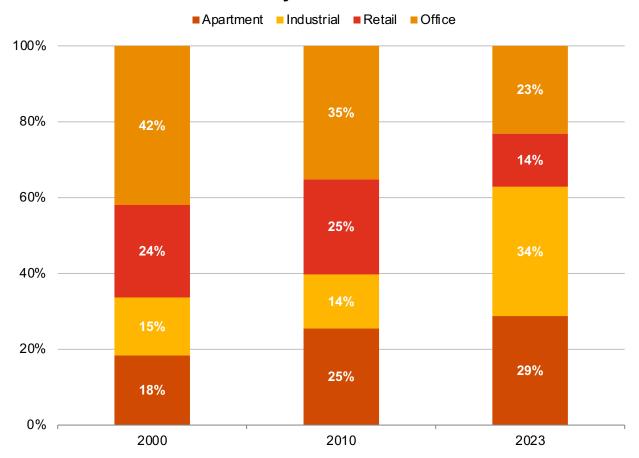




- Affordability at near 40-year low
- 30-year fixed rate rise from 3.0% to 7.7% post pandemic
- Rent growth peaked at 15% in 2022

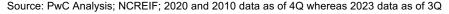
# 2024 Trend: Portfolio Pivot

### **NPI: % of Total Market Value by Sector**



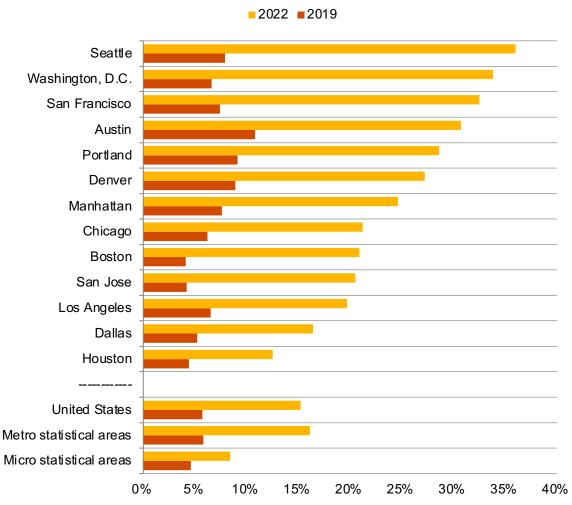
"The definition of core industrial is expanding to include cold storage and self-storage, while core MF includes student housing and SFR."

- Portfolio managers facing number of challenges
- Decisions on disposing devalued assets and market re-entry
- Evolving risk profiles "core" vs "value-added" vs "opportunistic"



# 2024 Trend: Not Remotely the Same

### **Share of Residents Working from Home**



Source: PwC Analysis; U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey

"After the pandemic, people started to ask questions like, does everyone need to be in every day? Can we then get more efficient and hotel and maybe go to two, three days?"

- Introduces optionality specifically for relocation or extending commutes
- Adverse impact to office sector but positive impacts on the housing sector or other metros and suburban communities

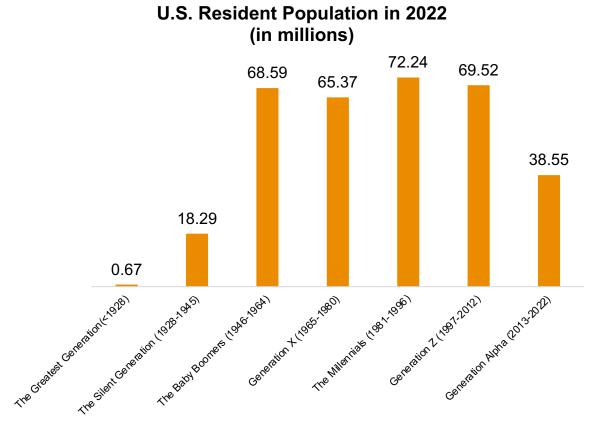
# 2024 Trend: The Downtown Reinvention... Again!

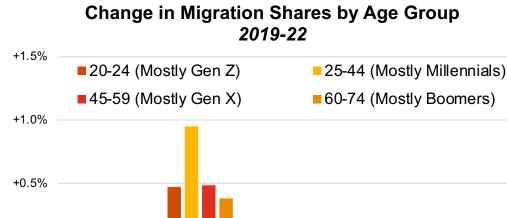
"The nature of work is changing, and some cities are better positioned than others for the new changing work styles. Bigger cities are better positioned because if you can offer a live/work/play environment, commutes can be shorter -- it's about live-work integration."

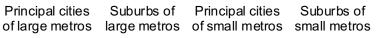
+0.0%

-0.5%

-1.0%







Not in metro area

Source: PwC Analysis; Remote Work & City Structure, Georgetown University, University of Chicago



### 2024 Trend: An Artificial Boom

### **Artificial Intelligence**

The simulation of human intelligence processes by machines, especially computer systems.

### **Machine Learning**

A subfield of Al focused on the use of data and algorithms in machines to imitate the way humans learn, gradually improving its performance.

### **Deep Learning**

A machine learning technique that imitates the way humans gain certain times of knowledges; uses statistics and predictive modeling to process data and make decisions.

### **Generative Al**

Algorithms (such as ChatGPT, Dall-E, Codex) that use prompts or existing data to create new content:

- Written: text, code
- Visual: images, videos
- · Auditory: audio









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There's a huge lack of understanding that might slow the adoption ... People are skeptical but excited at the potential."

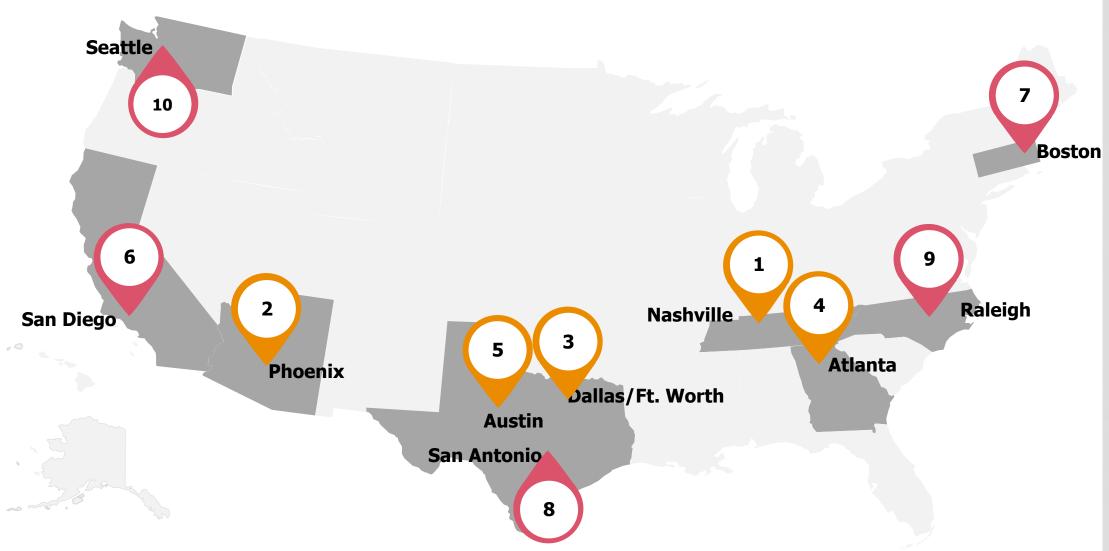
"As an industry, we've

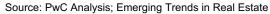
got a long way to go.

Source: PwC Analysis; Emerging Trends in Real Estate



# 2024: U.S. Markets To Watch





# 2024: Investment Property Sectors To Watch



Source: PwC Analysis; Emerging Trends in Real Estate



# 2024: New York City Insights

### Trends and insights to highlight:

- "Haves vs have nots" in office sector (i.e., One Vanderbilt, Hudson Yards, etc)
  - Increased workplace flexibility keeping lid on demand for office space
  - Increase in vacancies roughly twice that of the nation
  - Uncertainty surrounding future rents, leasing activity, and office utilization
  - Valuations continue to decline as delinquency rates around 6% at the start of Q4 2023
- Municipal changes (affordable housing, ESG, etc)
- Return of hotels and travel

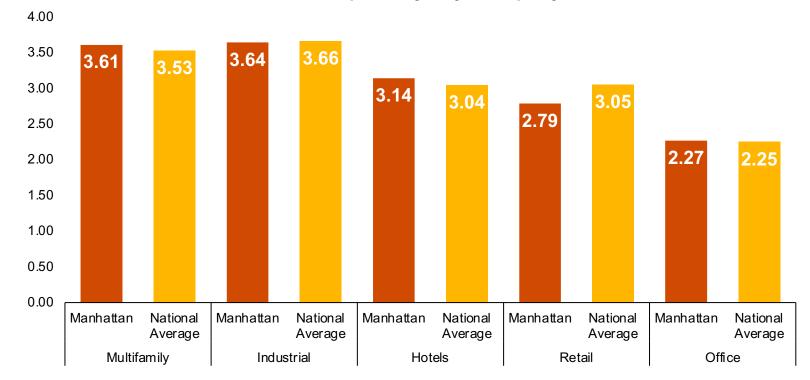


# 2024: Manhattan Market Insights



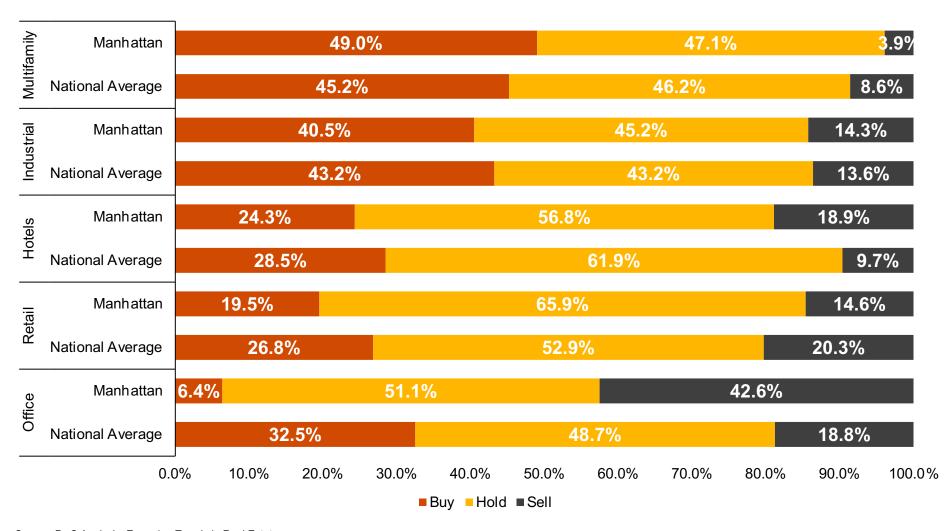


### **Investment Prospects by Major Property Sector**





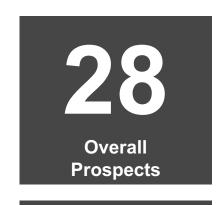
# 2024: Manhattan Buy / Hold / Sell





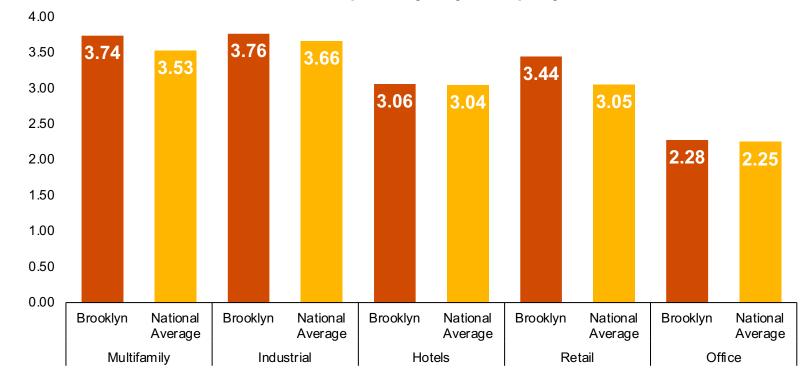


# 2024: Brooklyn Market Insights



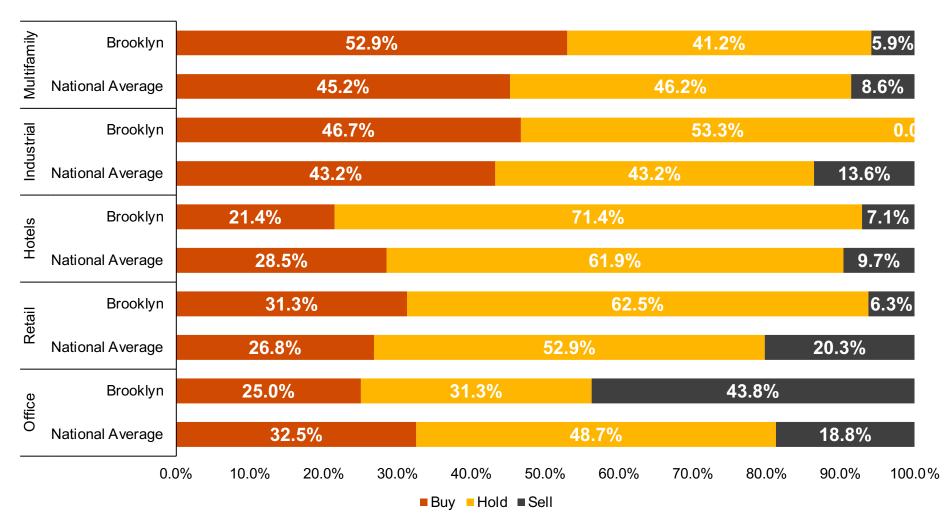


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# 2024: Brooklyn Buy / Hold / Sell







# 2024: NYC Other Boroughs Market Insights



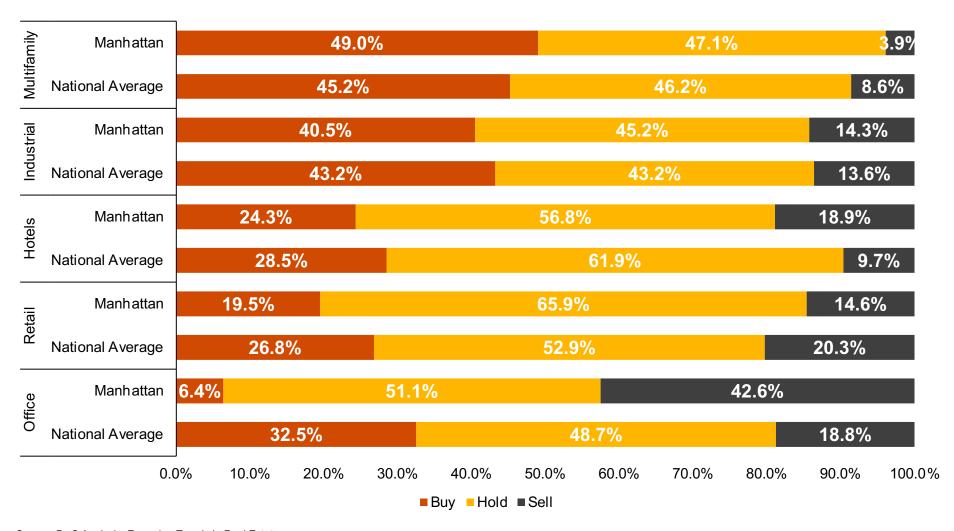


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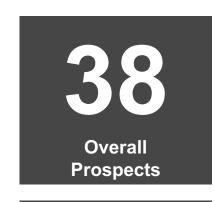
# 2024: NYC Other Boroughs Buy / Hold / Sell



Source: PwC Analysis; Emerging Trends in Real Estate

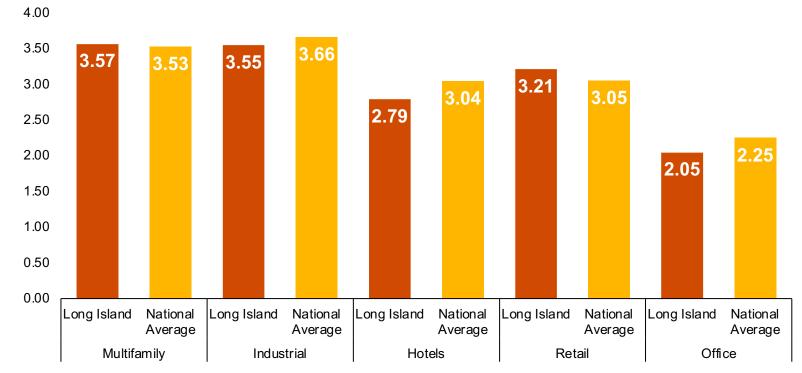


# 2024: Long Island Market Insights



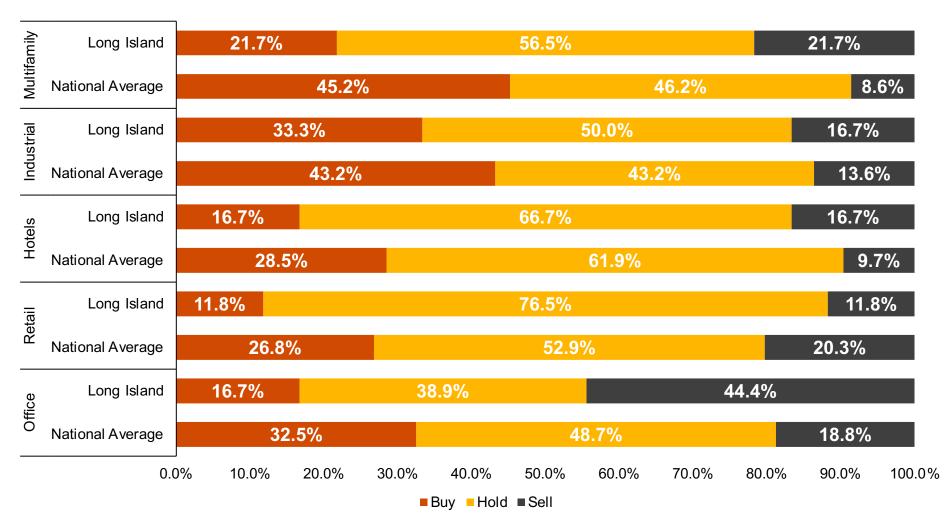
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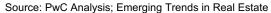
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# 2024: Long Island Buy / Hold / Sell



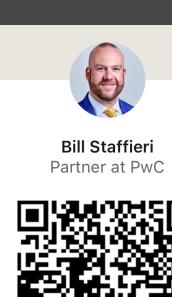




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