# **KEY REAL ESTATE TRENDS** CANADA URBAN INSTITUTE – MARCH 4, 2021



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## **CENTRIPETAL OR CENTRIFUGAL?**

#### 1890 TO 1950 – CENTRIPETAL FORCES DOMINATE

- Manufacturing tends to cluster
- Wages are low families need cheap high-density housing retail centralized
- Transport costs are high commuting expensive

### 1950 TO 1990 – CENTRIFUGAL FORCES DOMINATE

- Manufacturing disperses
- Wages rise families want more space retail disperses
- Transport costs fall commuting less expensive

#### 1990 TO 2020 - CENTRIPETAL FORCES DOMINATE

- Services grow and cluster
- Wages rise families need less space, but more time retail reinvented
- Transport costs rise commuting more expensive

### • 2020 TO WHEN – CENTRIFUGAL FORCES......

- Services jobs disperse Zoom
- Wages rise families want more space retail decentralizes
- Transport costs fall commuting less expensive

84% OF BUSINESSES PLAN TO ACCELERATE THE DIGITALIZATION OF WORK PROCESSES (E.G. USE OF DIGITAL TOOLS, VIDEO CONFERENCING)

-Future of Jobs Survey 2020, World Economic Forum.



## **OFFICE – SECULAR SHIFT IN WORK PATTERNS**

32% Fall in Days in the Office, 9% Drop in Demand for Space

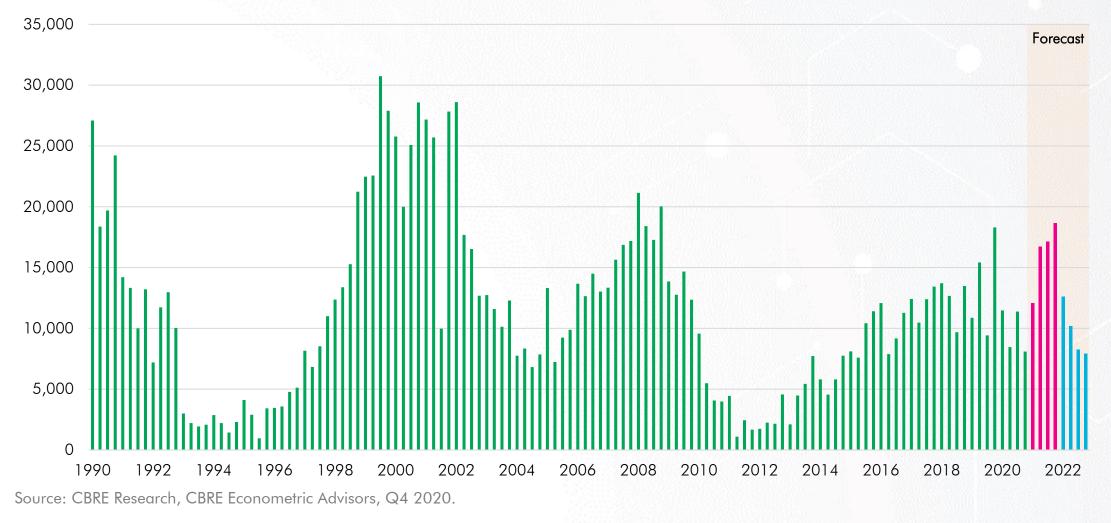
#### Example: Firm with 10,000 SF lease

#1 Average Days Per Week In the Office	
2019	4.29
Future	3.25
Impact (= 3.25/4.29)	0.76
Footprint	7,600 SF
#2 Efficiency Factor	0.55
Net Effect of changing working patterns = (1.00) – [(1.00 - 0.76) * (0.55)]	0.87
Footprint	8,700 SF
#3 De-Densification Effect	0.05
Overall Net Impact = (0.87) * (1.05)	0.91
Overall Net Impact: Footprint	9,100 SF

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## **OFFICE – CYCLICAL PEAK IN COMPLETIONS – NOT SO BAD**

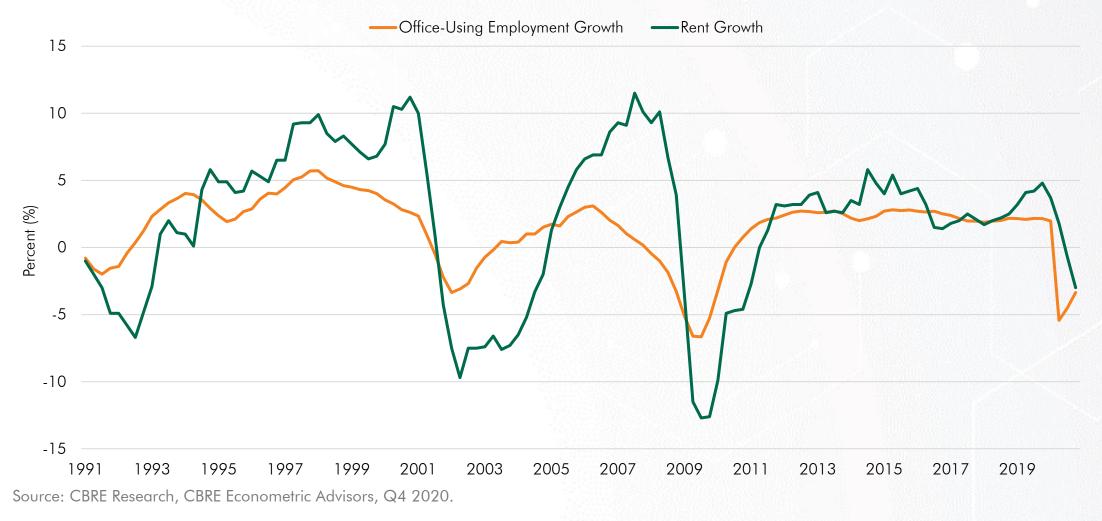
U.S. Office Completions (Thousands of SF)





## **OFFICE – CYCLICAL DOWNTURN IN DEMAND NOT SO BAD**

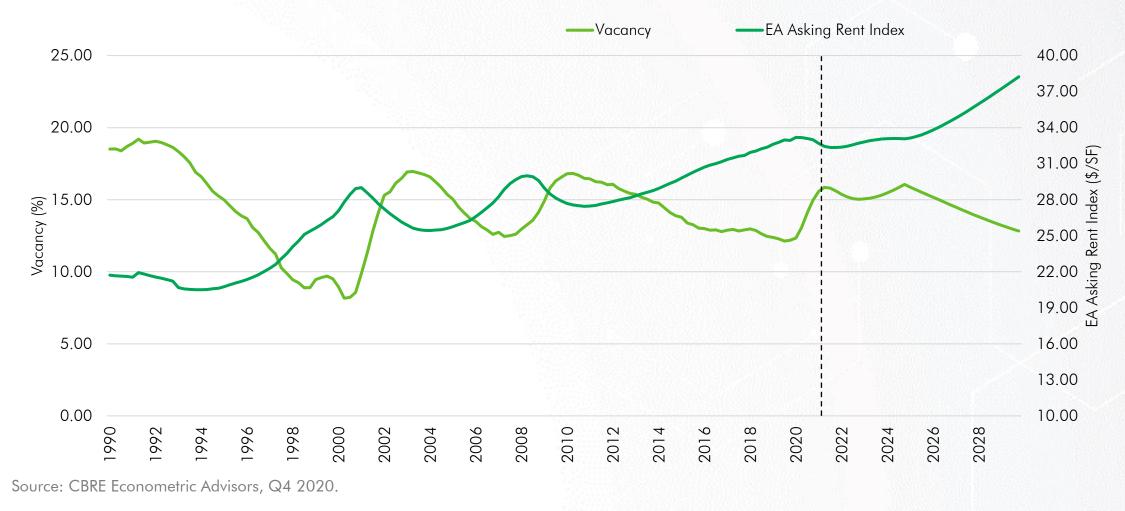
U.S. Office Rent vs. Office Employment Growth





### **RENTS STAGNANT FOR 3 TO 4 YEARS – VACANCY ELEVATED**

U.S. Office Baseline Forecast for Vacancy Rate and Rents



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## **INDUSTRIAL & LOGISTICS CONTINUES TO FLY**

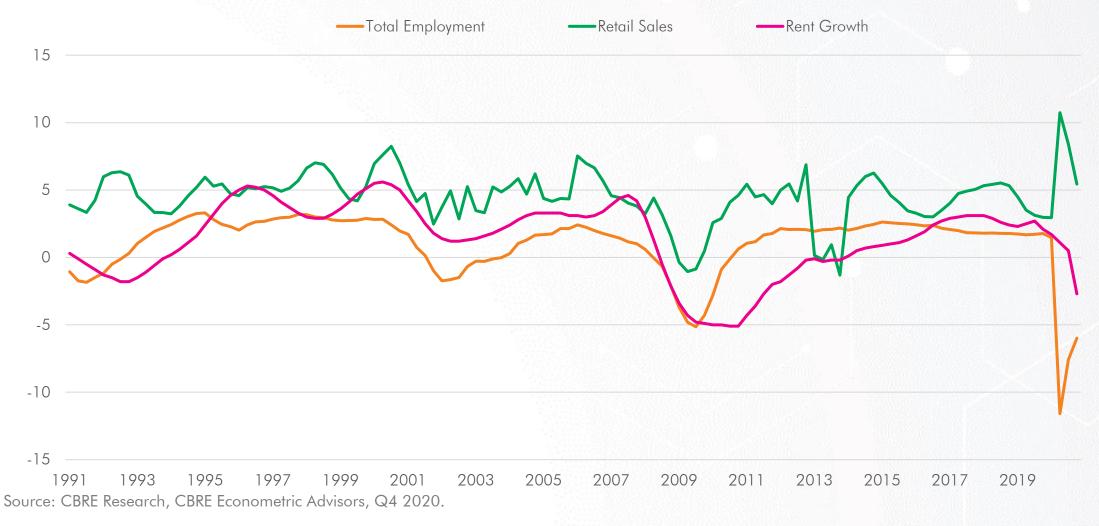
U.S. Industrial Rent vs. Total Employment Growth





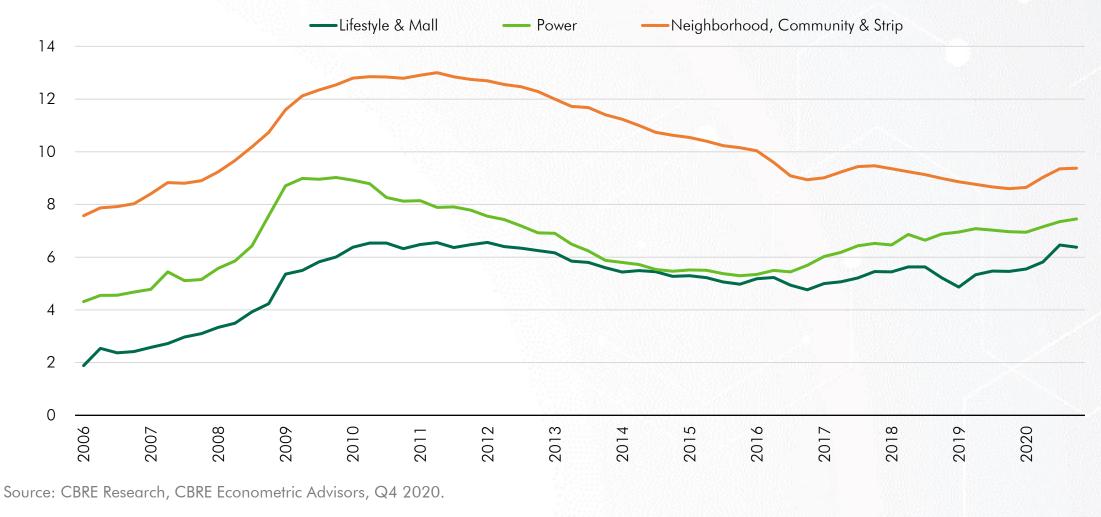
## PHYSICAL RETAIL TAKES ANOTHER BLOW

U.S. Retail Rent vs. Total Employment Growth and Retail Sales



## **POWER MALLS HAVE BEEN AFFECTED**

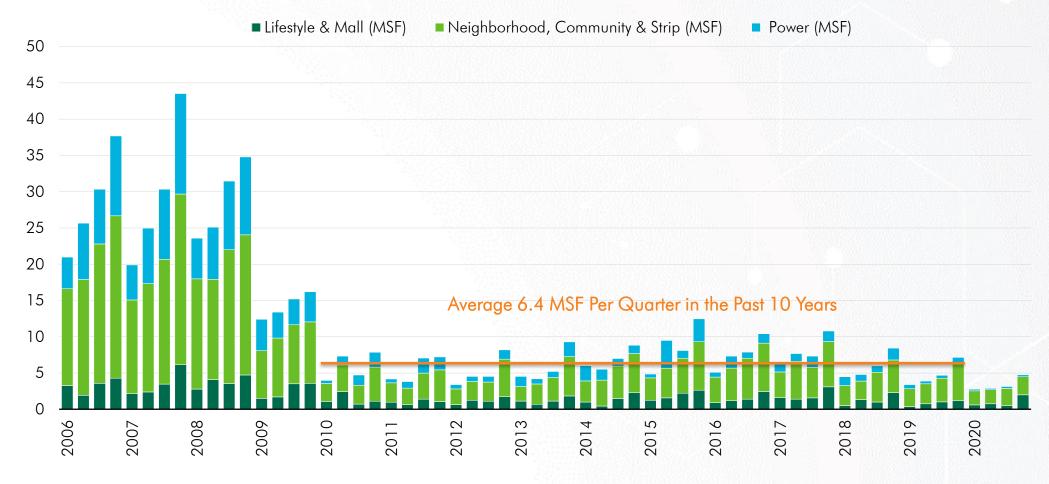
U.S. Retail Availability Rate by Retail Type





## **NO NEW RETAIL SUPPLY**

U.S. Retail Completions by Retail Type



Source: CBRE Research, CBRE Econometric Advisors, Q4 2020.



## **RETAIL BANKRUPTCIES ELEVATED IN 2020**

U.S. Retail - National & large regional bankruptcies (excl. small business)



Source: CBRE Research, Creditntell, as of January 2021.

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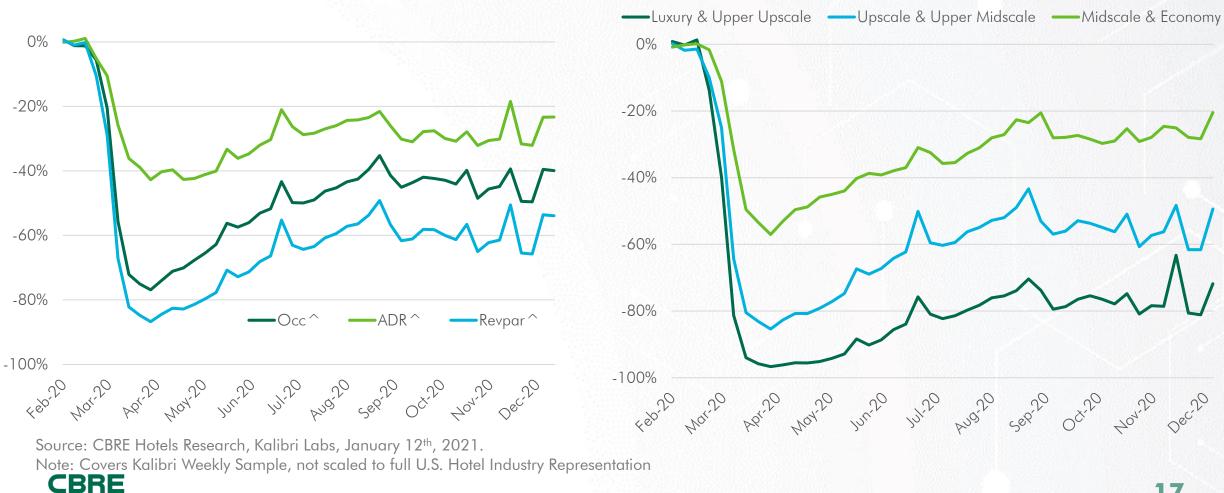


## **HOTELS IMPROVED BUT GOING SIDEWAYS**

U.S. Hotel Occupancy, ADR, and RevPAR (YoY Change)

Y-o-Y Change in Occupancy, ADR and RevPAR

Y-o-Y Change in RevPAR





## **APARTMENT – CYCLICAL HEADWIND, SECULAR TAILWIND**

U.S. Apartment Rent vs. Total Employment Growth



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### **APARTMENT VACANCY HAS REMAINED RELATIVELY LOW**

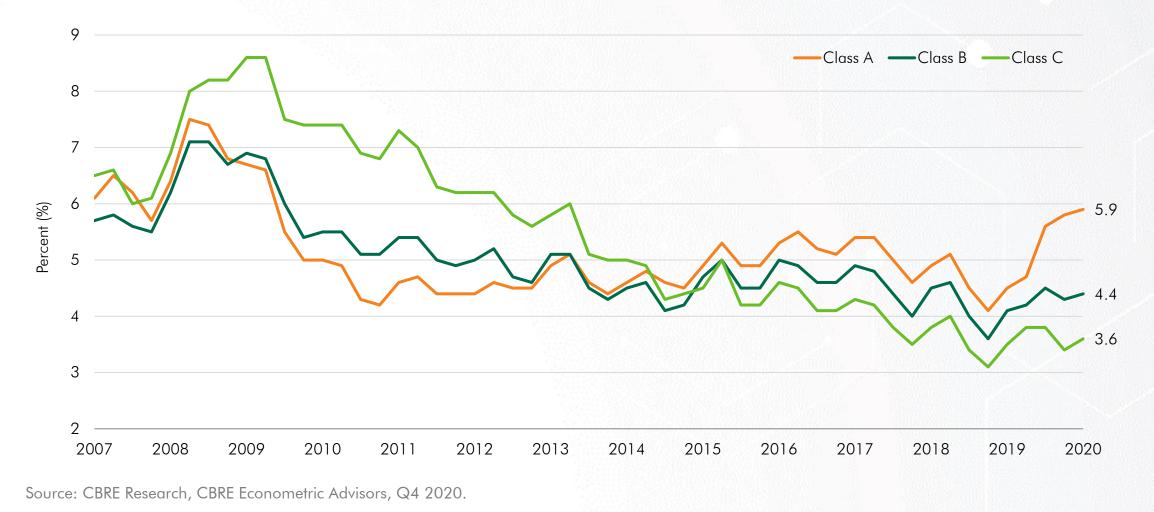
U.S. Apartment Historical Vacancy - Annual Averages





### **CLASS A VACANCY HAS RISEN BUT NOT BY MUCH**

U.S. Apartment Historical Vacancy by Class



### **HIGH-RISE MOST AFFECTED**

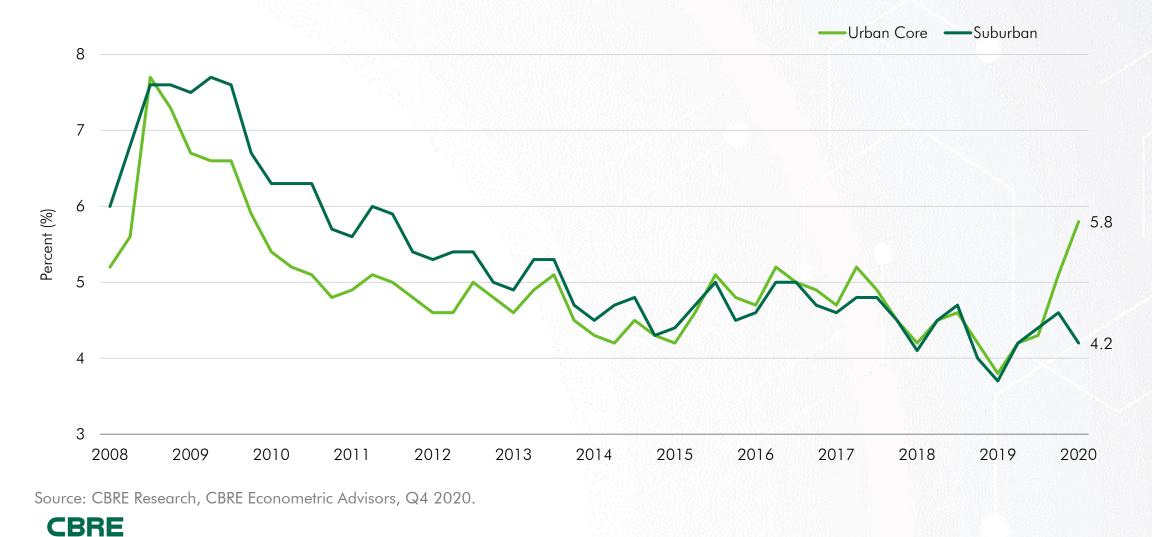
U.S. Apartment Vacancy by Community Type: High-Rise vs. Garden



Source: CBRE Research, CBRE Econometric Advisors, Q4 2020. Mid-rise is a separate category not included in these statistics. Garden = 1-2 stories, mid-rise = 3-5 stories, high-rise = 6+.

### **BIG CITY CORES THE WEAKEST**

U.S. Apartment Urban Core vs. Suburban Submarkets – Vacancy



## **CENTRIPETAL OR CENTRIFUGAL?**

#### • 2020 TO 2025 – CENTRIFUGAL FORCES MILDLY INCREASE

- Services jobs disperse Zoom (long term)
- Wages rise families want more space (short term) retail decentralizes (long term)
- Transport costs fall commuting less expensive (long term)

### • 2020 TO 2025 - CENTRAL AREAS NEED A SHOT IN THE ARM

- Focus on mass transit
- Temporary cuts to property taxes
- Events, festivals, arts, leisure and sport



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