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# LONGEST CYCLE EVER?

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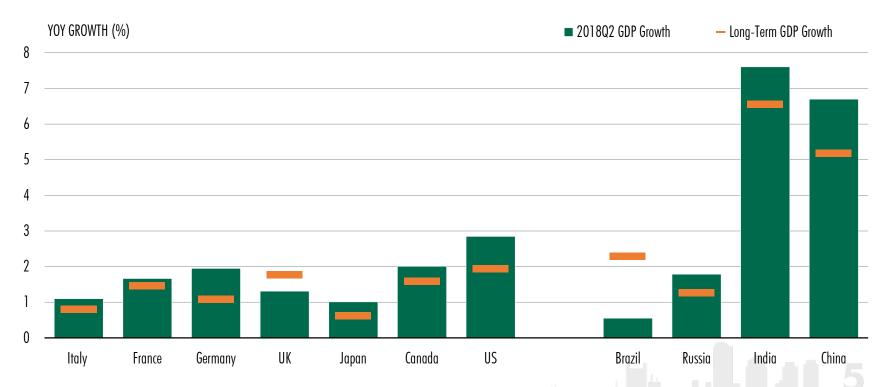


## Will this be the longest cycle ever?

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#### GLOBAL GDP GROWTH REMAINS VERY ROBUST



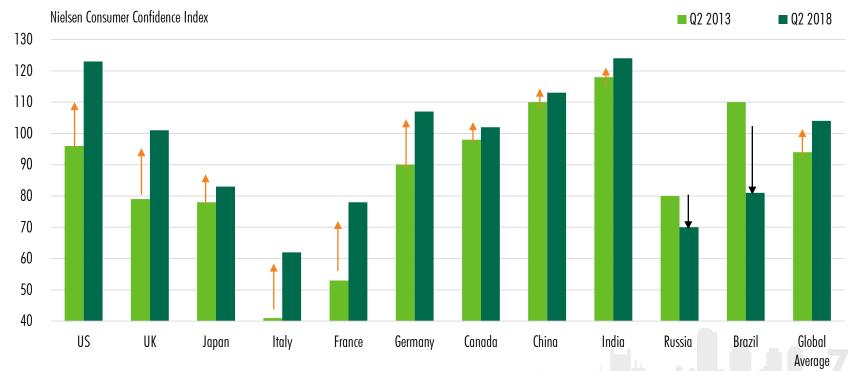
Source: Oxford Economics and CBRE EA, Q2 2018.

#### WITH STRONG EMPLOYMENT GAINS...

	Employment Gains (000s) — 12 months
EU	3,140
US	2,309
Japan	1,420
Total	6,896

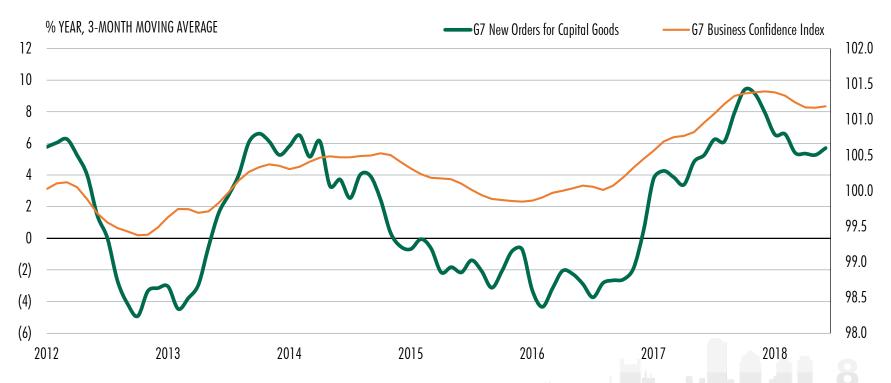
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#### ...AND BUOYANT CONSUMERS



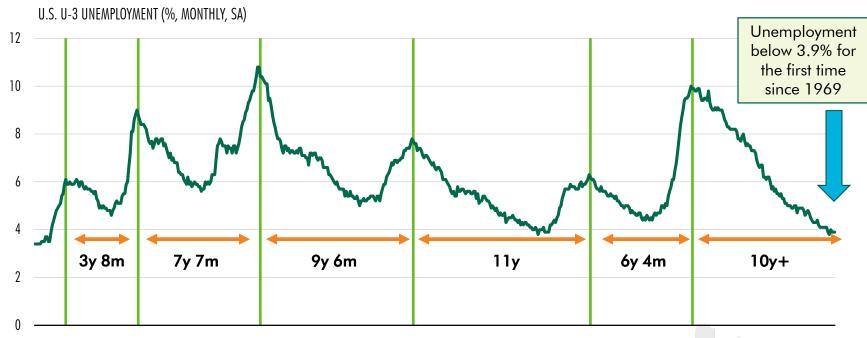
Source: Nielson, CBRE EA, Q2 2018.

#### **BUSINESS SENTIMENT IS ALSO STRONG**



Source: Oxford Economics, Macrobond, OECD and CBRE EA, Q2 2018.

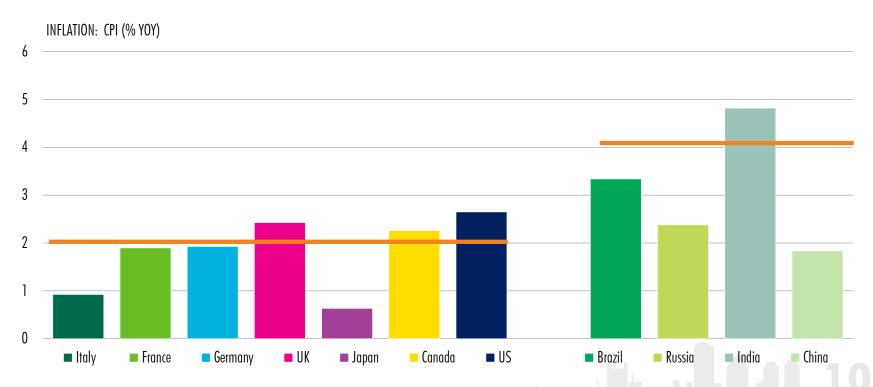
#### 10 YEARS INTO EXPANSION, END OF CYCLE FEARS ARE GROWING



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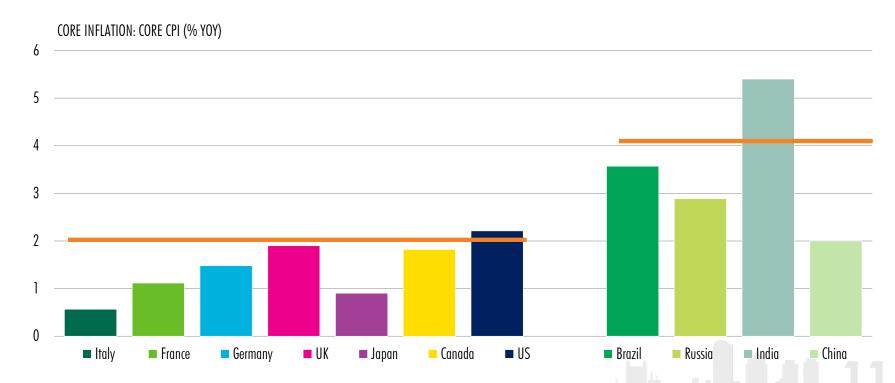
Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics & CBRE Research, Q2 2018.

#### HEADLINE INFLATION IS NOT AN ISSUE



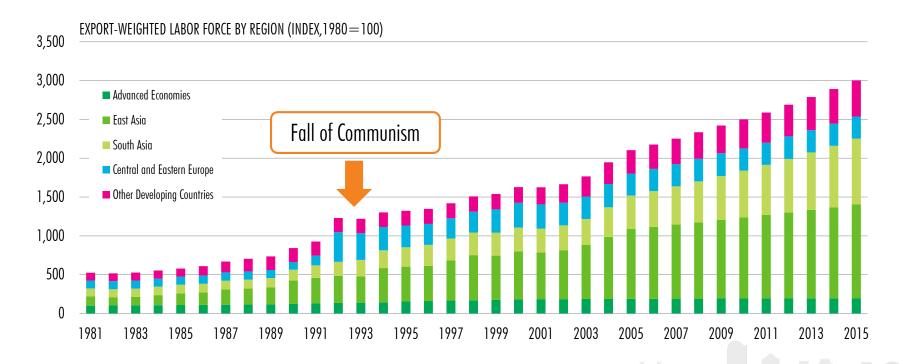
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#### CORE INFLATION IS REMARKABLY SUBDUED



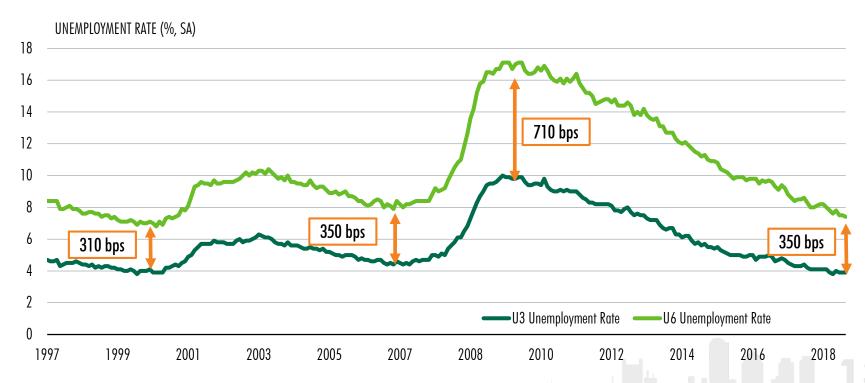
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#### WORLD REMAINS IN THE GRIP OF A MASSIVE LABOR SUPPLY SHOCK



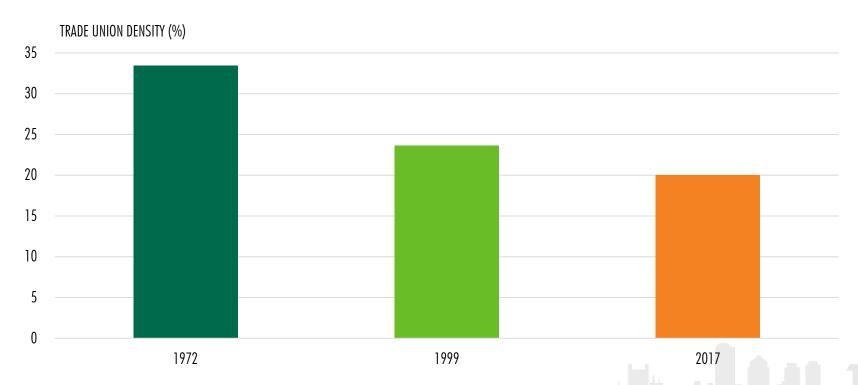
Source: IMF World Economic Outlook, CBRE Econometric Advisors.

#### THE U.S. STILL HAS A DEGREE OF HIDDEN UNEMPLOYMENT



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics & CBRE Research, Q2 2018.

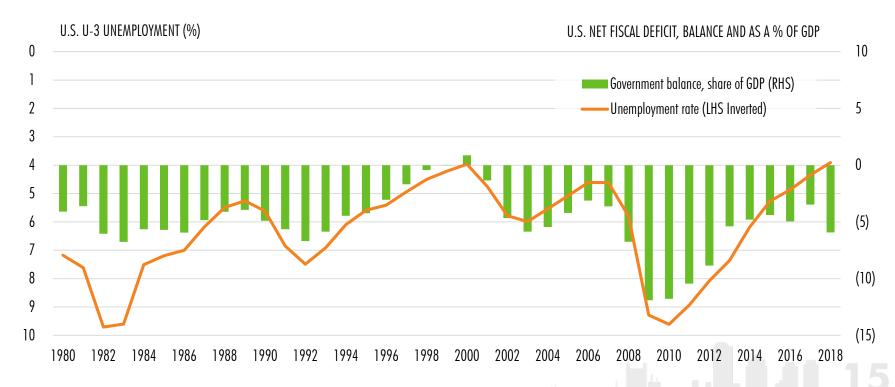
#### DECLINE IN LABOR POWER ALSO A FACTOR



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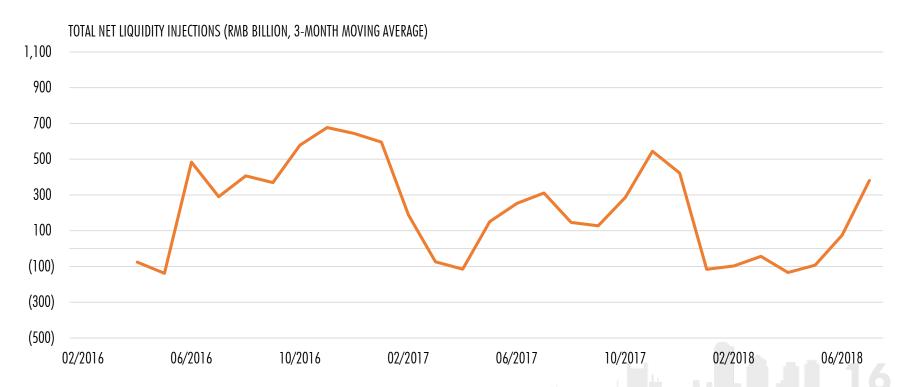
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#### SO, PLENTY OF ROOM FOR STIMULUS



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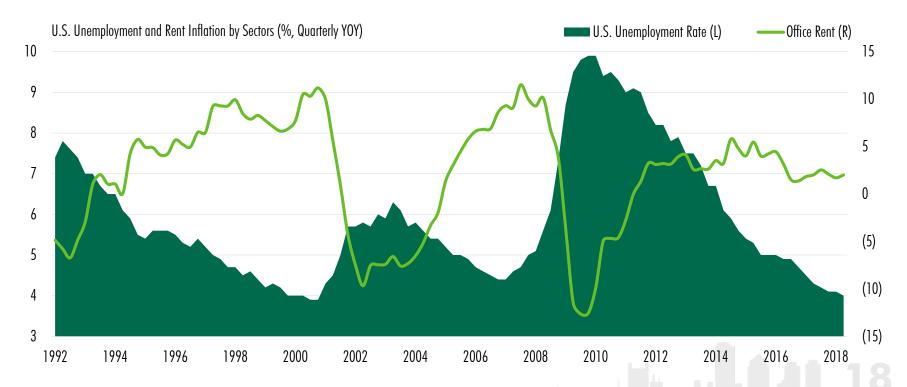
#### **ALSO IN CHINA**



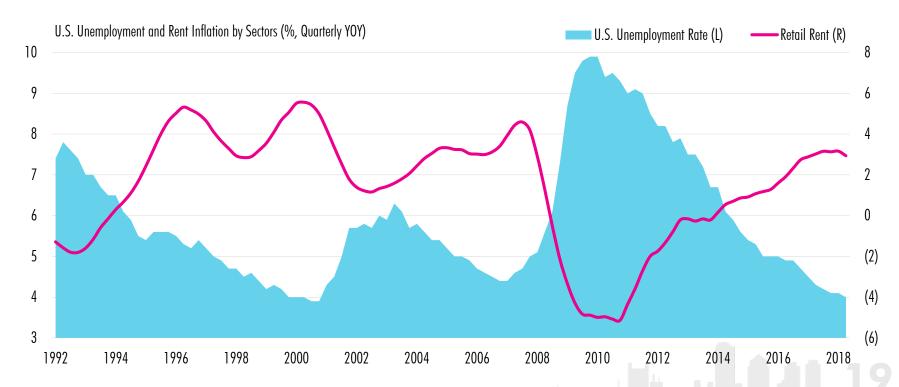
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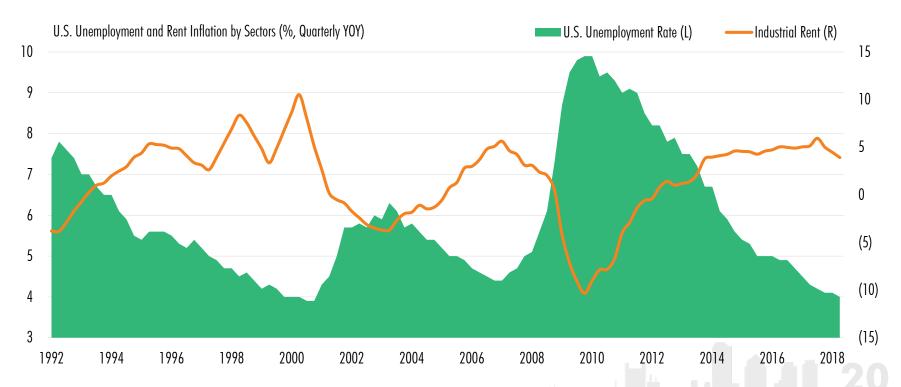
#### OFFICE—A MUTED CYCLE



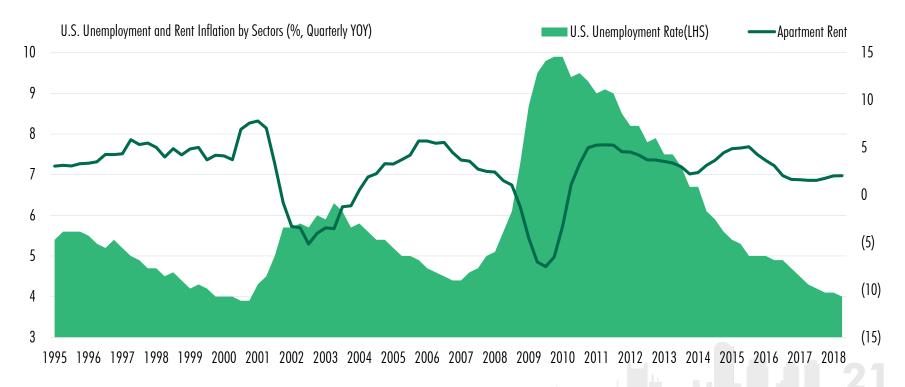
#### **RETAIL—SLOW OUT OF THE TRAPS**



#### INDUSTRIAL—STRONG AND SUSTAINED GROWTH



#### MULTIFAMILY—HUGE STRUCTURAL BOOST

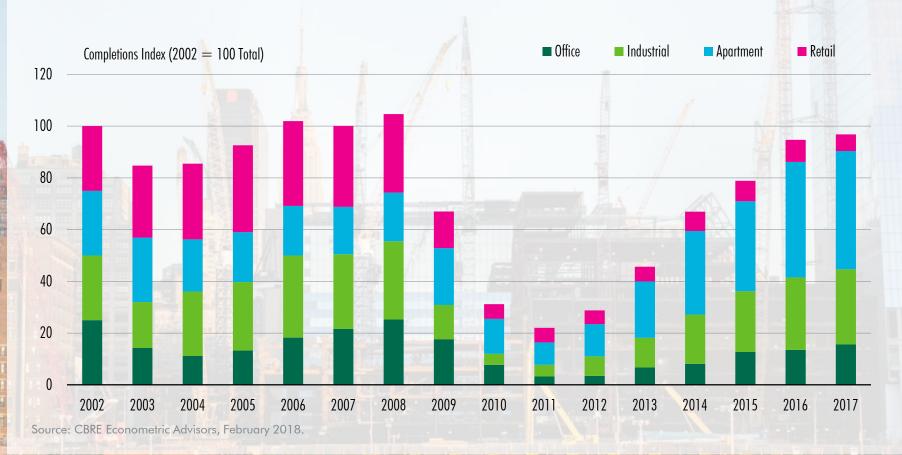




### **REAL ESTATE LOOKS IN GOOD SHAPE BUT...**



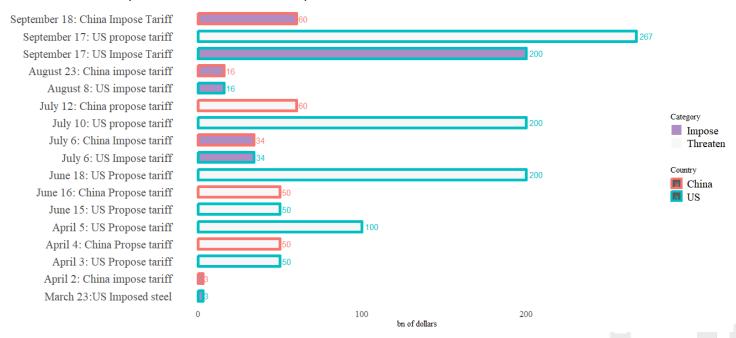
#### **NEW SUPPLY IS RAMPING UP**





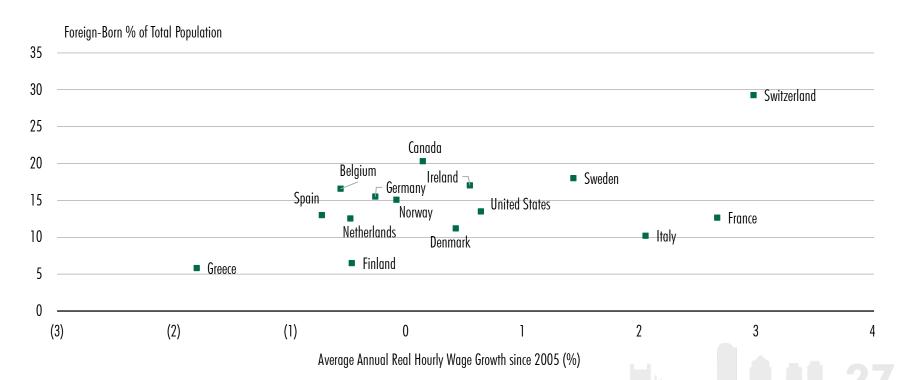
#### WHAT COULD POSSIBLY GO WRONG?

#### Trade War Timeline (amounts in billions of dollars)



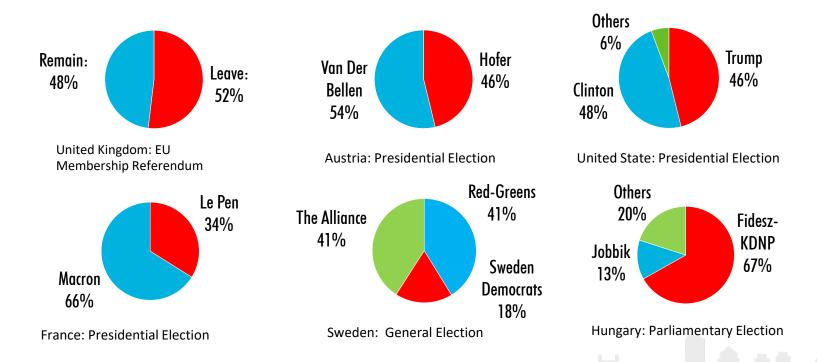
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#### FOREIGN-BORN AND REAL WAGE GROWTH—A TOXIC MIX



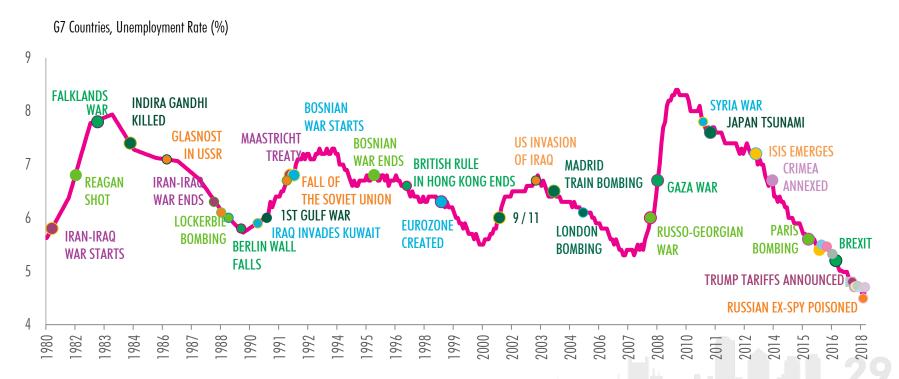
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#### POPULISM ON THE RISE



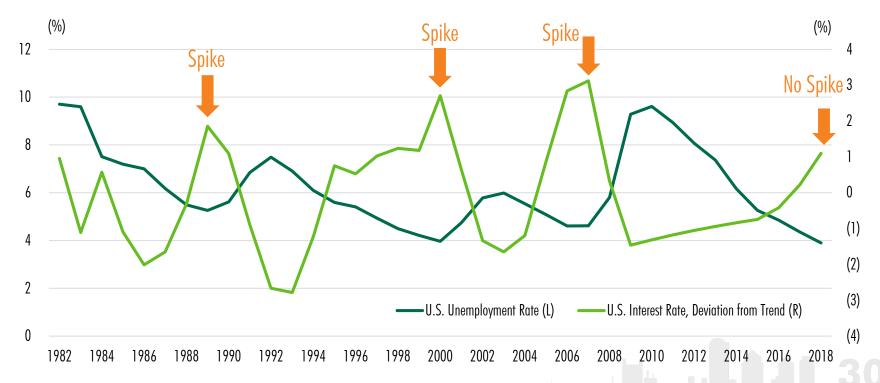
Source: Wikipedia, BBC, Financial Times and CBRE EA, Q2 2018.

#### IT PROBABLY WON'T BE GEOPOLITICS



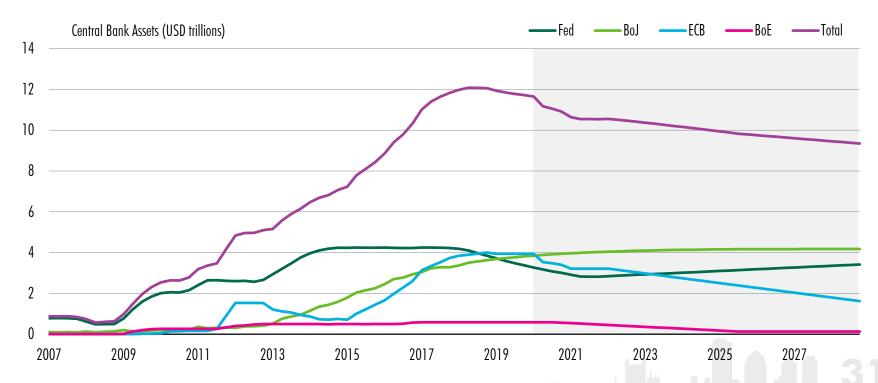
Source: OECD, Stratfor and CBRE Research, August 2018.

#### IT IS RELATIVE INTEREST RATES THAT MATTER



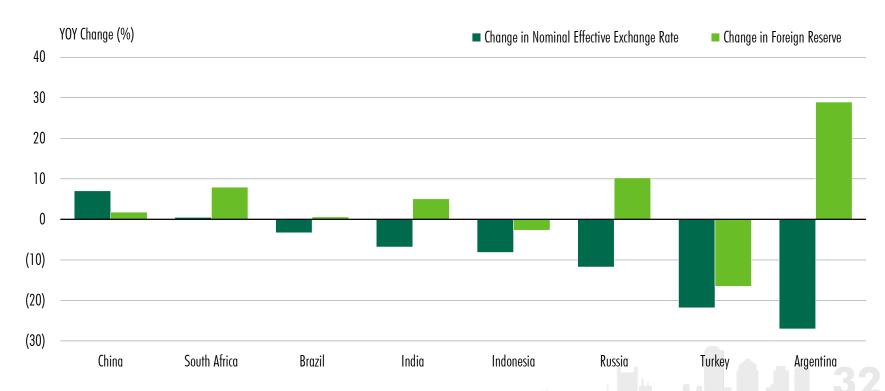
Source: Macrobond, Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis and CBRE EA, Q2 2018.

#### WITH QUANTITATIVE TIGHTENING ALSO A FACTOR



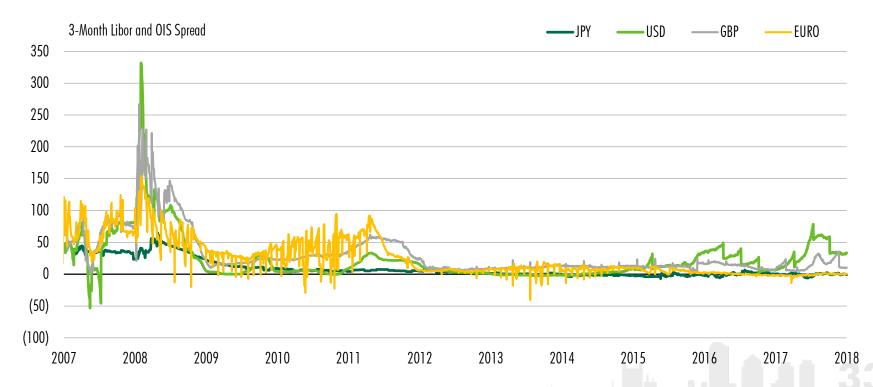
Source: Oxford Economics and CBRE EA, Q2 2018.

#### RISING RATES ARE ALREADY HITTING EMERGING MARKETS



Source: Oxford Economics and CBRE EA, Q2 2018.

#### SOME EVIDENCE OF AN OFFSHORE DOLLAR SHORTAGE



Source: Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis, Macrobond and CBRE EA, Q2 2018.

#### CONCLUSIONS

- This economic cycle has legs, and could be the longest ever....
- ....as globalization continues to suppress inflation;
- We could be at a turning point for globalization...
- ....but that will play out over the next 10 years;
- For now, rising interest rates will bring this cycle to an end...
- ...but not for about two years;
- For now, positive economics and innovation...
- ....Trump late-cycle property markets.



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Forecasting in an extended cycle: What's different this time?

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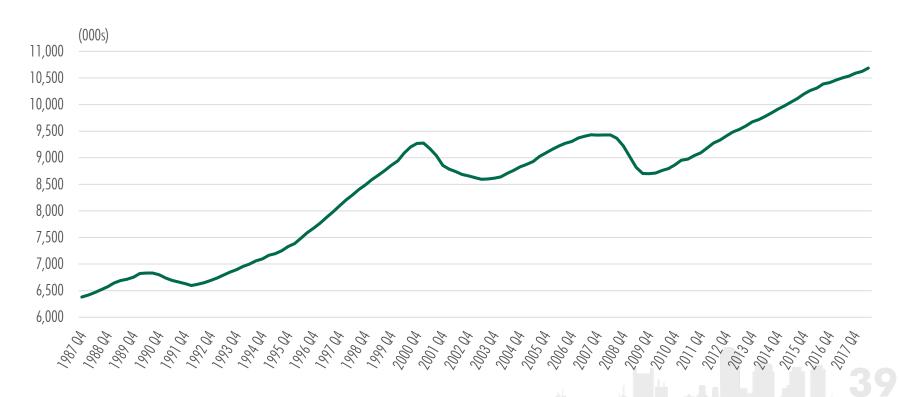
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#### **OVERVIEW**

"In the 10 years since 2008, most economies have fully recovered, and some are roaring ahead. This is also true for many city economies. Meanwhile, the real estate sector within these economies has done okay, but its recovery has been quite tame. Unlike in other economic recoveries, there have been building booms and rent/price spikes in only a few select markets and property types."

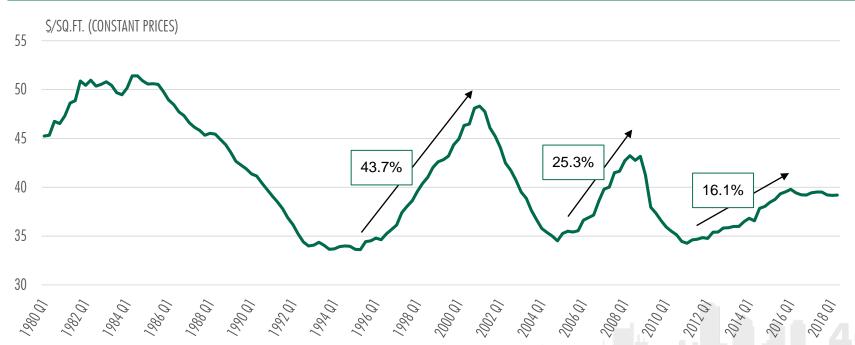
WHY IS IT DIFFERENT THIS TIME?
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#### OFFICE-USING EMPLOYMENT (TOP 16 U.S. CITIES)



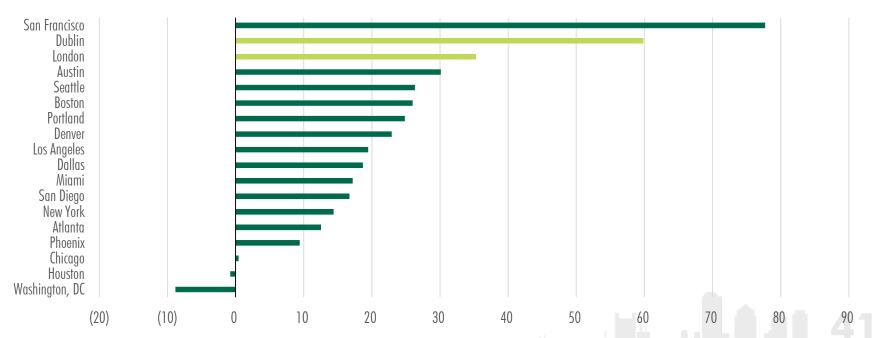
### ...BUT IT'S STILL NOT BEEN MUCH OF AN UPSWING FOR OFFICE RENTS

### REAL OFFICE RENT, TOP 16 U.S. CITIES



### THOUGH THE CYCLE HAS VARIED BY CITY

### PERCENTAGE CHANGE IN REAL RENTS, Q2 2011 - Q2 2018



Source: CBRE Econometric Advisors, MSCI.

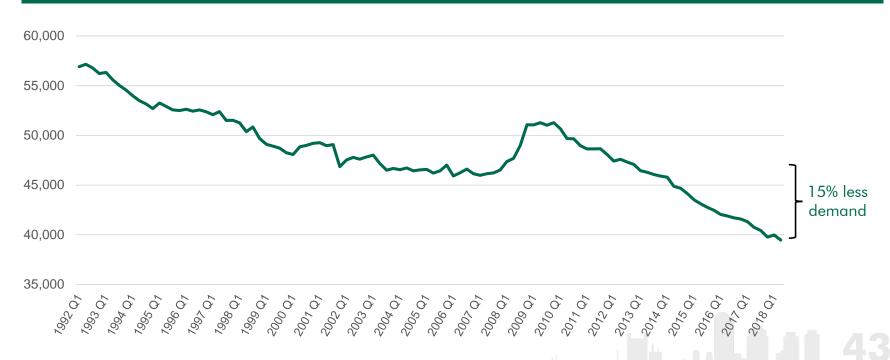
# THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN OFFICE OCCUPANCY AND EMPLOYMENT LOOKS MORE CYCLICAL THAN TRENDED

#### OCCUPIED STOCK/OFFICE-USING EMPLOYMENT: TOP 16 U.S. CITIES

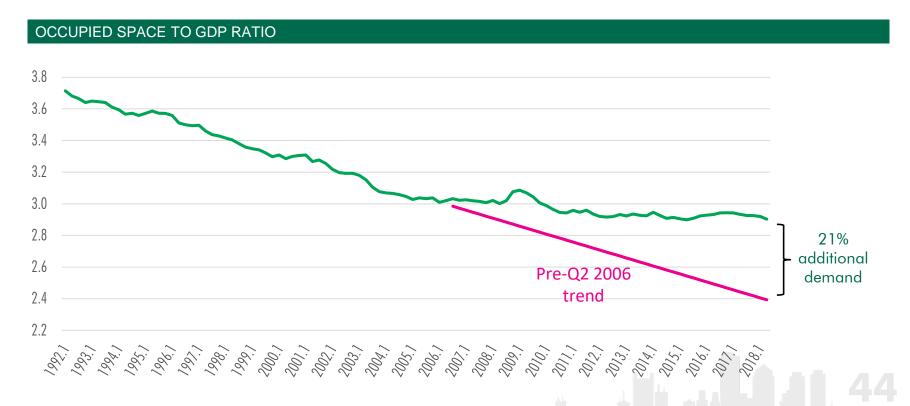


### LESS SURPRISING FOR RETAIL

### OCCUPIED STOCK (T16) / RETAIL SALES (NATIONAL)

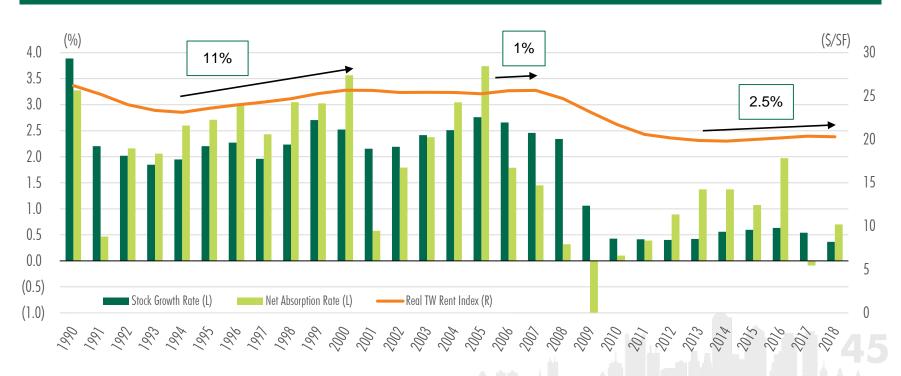


### A CHANGE IN TREND FOR INDUSTRIAL



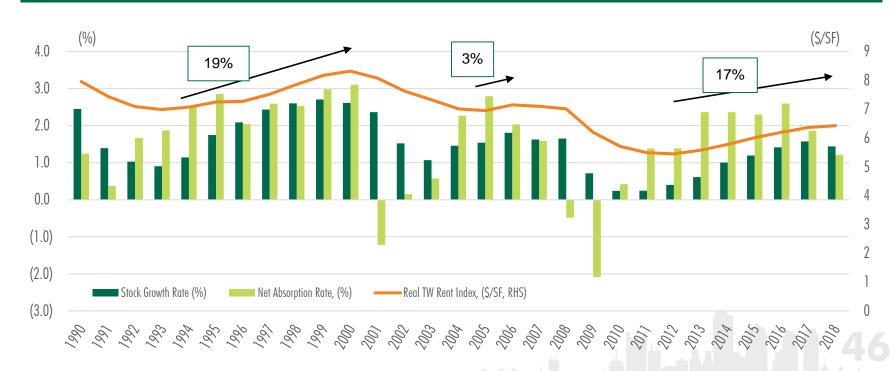
### U.S. RETAIL

### U.S. RETAIL SUM OF MARKETS



### U.S. INDUSTRIAL

### U.S. INDUSTRIAL SUM OF MARKETS



### **RECAP**

- Economic upswing comparable to the 1990s
- ...But rental growth (and development) much weaker
- For office, some evidence of a change in the economy-demand relationship
- For retail and industrial (and apartment), massive evidence of a change in the economydemand relationship



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Forecasting in an extended cycle: What's different this time? Secular factors.

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# TECHNOLOGY AND REAL ESTATE: RESHAPING PROPERTY DEMAND RELATIVE TO PAST ECONOMIC RECOVERIES

### **RETAIL**

Internet choice-with-delivery platform replacing store choice and consumer travel

### **INDUSTRIAL & WAREHOUSE**

Definitely benefiting from retail misery, but robots and automation are a drag

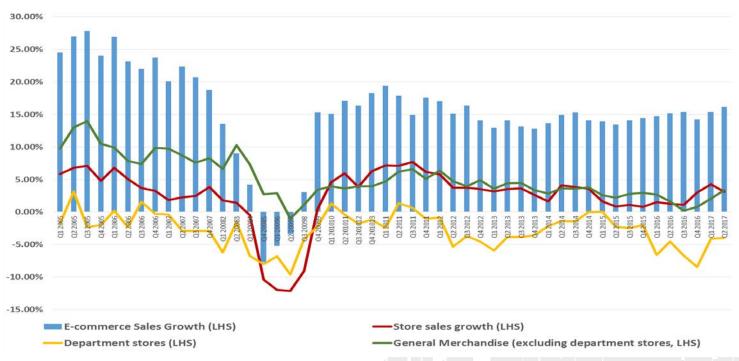
### **OFFICE**

Sharing/flexible space expanding offsite remote working

THREE RESEARCH INITIATIVES AT CBRE HELP US UNDERSTAND
THE SECULAR FORCES AT WORK IN THIS RECOVERY

### HOW AND WHERE PEOPLE SHOP IS CHANGING: DEPARTMENT LOSING TO BIG BOX, EVERYONE MOVING TO E-COMMERCE

YOY GROWTH: E-COMMERCE, 15% | ALL STORES, 3.4% | BIG BOX, 3.6% | DEPARTMENT STORES, -2.8%



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# SALES METRICS FOR GOODS DELIVERED BY FIRMS USING INTERNET VERSUS TRADITIONAL DISTRIBUTION CHANNELS

Store	GP/worker(US) <sup>1</sup>	GP/sqft <sup>2</sup>	Internet Revenue %3
Amazon (US)	\$121,000	\$298	91%
Walmart (US)	\$62,000	\$226	4%
Macy's	\$75,000	\$72	21%
Publix	\$48,000	\$157	0%
Best Buy	\$79,000	\$192	18%
Land's End	\$119,000	\$503	89%

- 1. Gross Profit = Revenue COG, annual 10k. U.S. operations only.
- 2. Annual 10k. U.S. operations, store + distribution space.
- 3. Share of gross profits earned from internet sales, 10k, 2016.

### **EVENTUAL SPACE TRANSITIONS**

### MOVE \$1M IN SALES FROM MACY'S OVER TO AMAZON AND...

Store space demand drops by 14,000 sq. ft., and warehouse space demand rises by 3,400 sq. ft.

## MORE GENERALLY: MOVE \$1M OF SALES FROM A BROAD RANGE OF STORES OVER TO AN INTERNET PLATFORM AND...

Store space demand drops by 2,000 sq. ft., and warehouse space demand rises by 1,300 sq. ft. (regression model, 122 firms).

WHEN WE MOVE FROM A WORLD OF ACTUAL STORES WHERE PEOPLE SHOP IN PERSON, TO ONE OF VIRTUAL STORES WHOSE GOODS ARE DELIVERED, AGGREGATE SPACE DEMAND SHRINKS.

### INDUSTRIAL AUTOMATION

- Robots are made by a number of companies internationally
- IFR tracks when and where each robot is sold and installed since 1990
- Industrial robots concentrated in selected areas/industries: auto, electronics, chemicals, plastics
- With IFR data can estimate the growth in robots per worker in each U.S. MSA since 1990 through 2007



### STATISTICAL ANALYSIS:

### HOW ROBOT "ADOPTION" IMPACTS A LOCAL INDUSTRIAL SPACE MARKET

### REGRESSION MODEL RESULTS ACROSS 44 MSAs:

An increase of 2 robots per worker over 1990-2007...

- 1. Reduces cumulative growth in occupied space by 18% over the period—from 33% to 15%.
- 2. Decreases cumulative growth in constant-dollar industrial rents by 23% over the period—from -4% to -27%.

AUTOMATION IS AS BAD FOR INDUSTRIAL SPACE DEMAND
AS IT IS FOR LABOR DEMAND!

### WORKING FROM HOME IS INCREASINGLY COMMON

## CAN FLEXIBLE, REMOTE COWORKING SPACE PROVIDE A COMMERCIAL ALTERNATIVE THAT WILL FURTHER REDUCE OFFICE SPACE PER WORKER?

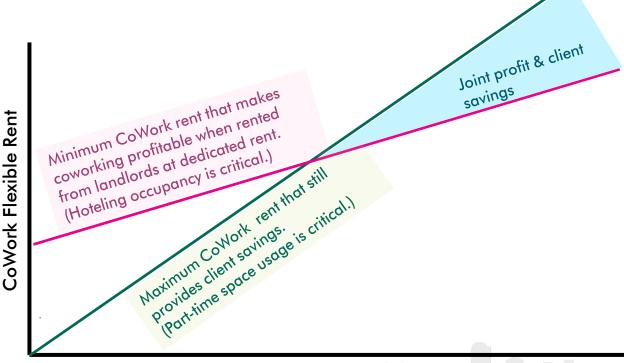
	1991	1997	2004	2015
Work some or all at home	19,967	21,478	26,265	33,970
Paid	7,432	10,116	11,958	NA
35 hours or more	1,070	1,791	1,852	NA
Full-time, not self-employed	94	583	611	NA
At home / total employed	18.50	17.40	19.80	23.80

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics.

### COWORKING PRICING MODEL: FLEXIBLE RENT VS. TRADITIONAL

### PART-TIME CO-WORKING SPACE RENT MUST PROVIDE:

- Client savings with equal worker productivity
- High enough hotel-type occupancy for profitability



**Traditional Dedicated Space Rent** 

So the jury is still out...

Where do we go from here?



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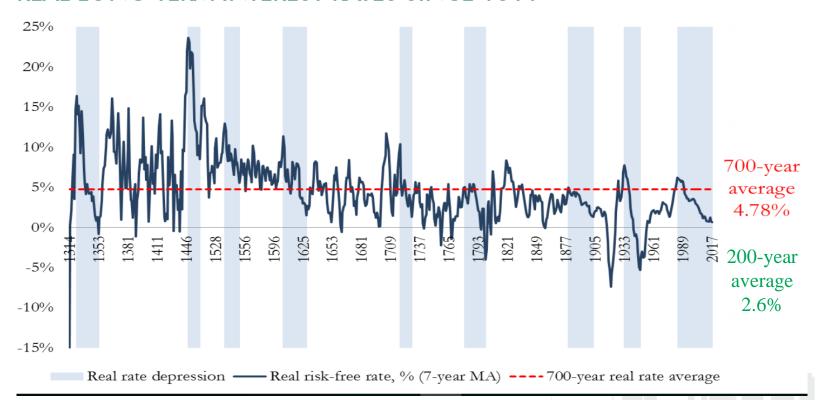


### Interest rates in the ultra-long run

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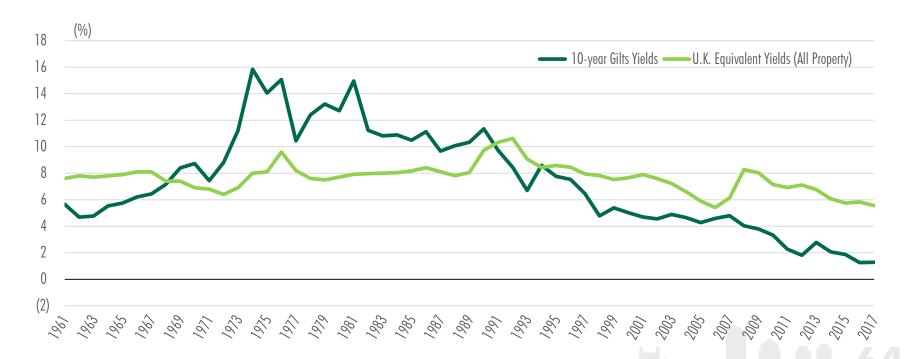
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### **REAL LONG-TERM INTEREST RATES SINCE 1311**



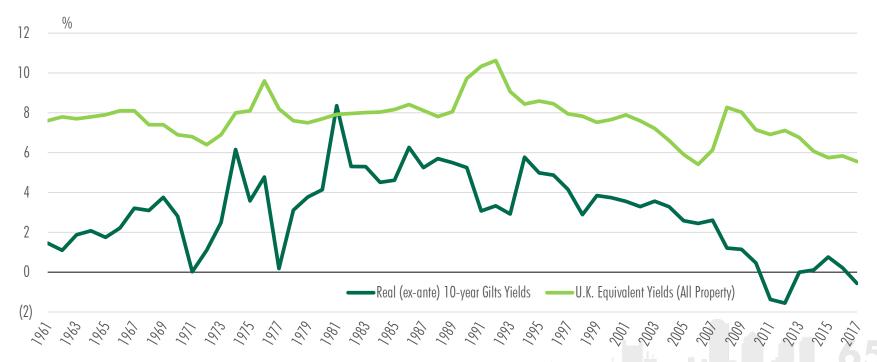
Source: Schmelzing, 2017.

### UK OFFICE YIELDS AND NOMINAL LONG-TERM INTEREST RATES



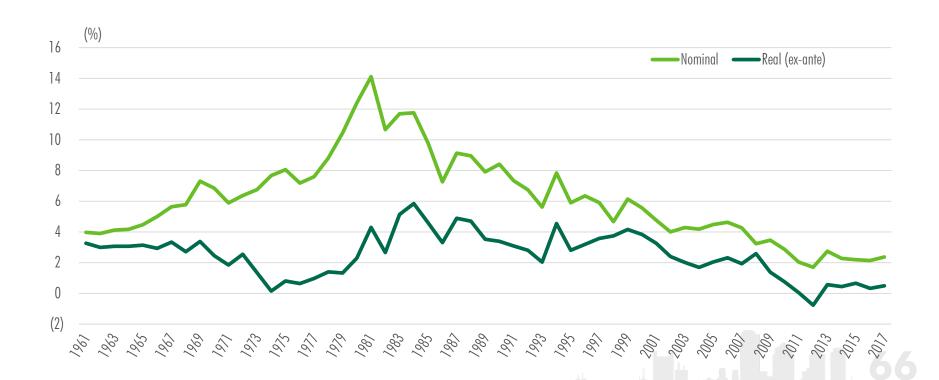
Source: CBRE/Macrobond, MSCI/IPD, August 2018

### UK OFFICE YIELDS AND REAL LONG-TERM INTEREST RATES



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### REAL AND NOMINAL YIELDS ON 10-YEAR U.S. TREASURY BONDS

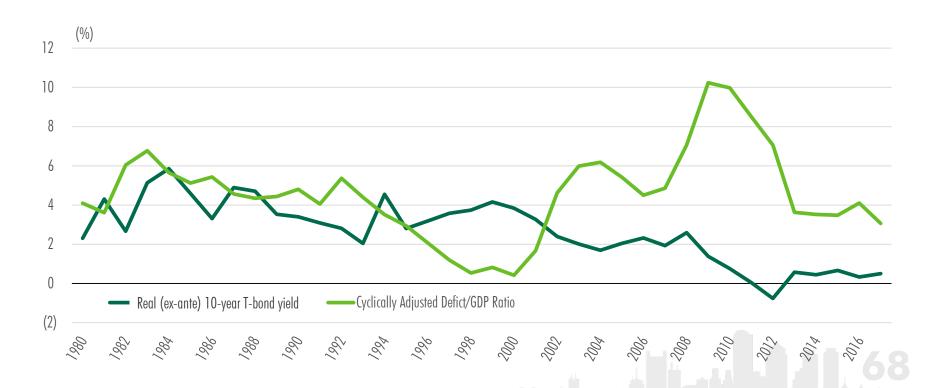


### **APPROACH**

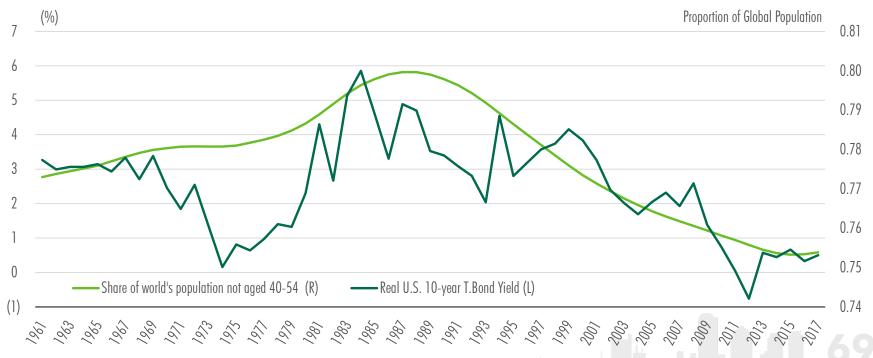
### LOOK AT:

- INFLATION (ADAPTIVE EXPECTATIONS)
- GDP GROWTH
- DEMOGRAPHICS
- QUANTITATIVE EASING
- RISE OF CHINA
- INCREASE IN HIGH NET WORTH INDIVIDUALS
- FALLING PRICE OF INVESTMENT GOODS
- GOVERNMENT DEFICITS

### U.S.: REAL INTEREST RATES VS. THE BUDGET DEFICIT

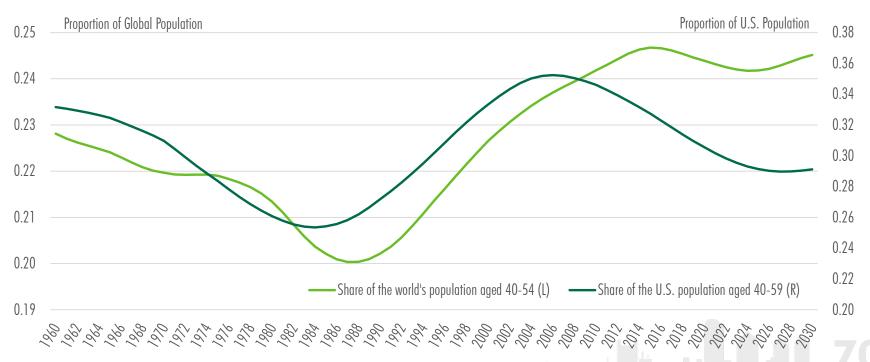


### REAL 10-YEAR U.S. TREASURY BOND YIELDS AND DEMOGRAPHICS



Source: CBRE/Macrobond, UN, 2017.

### COMPARATIVE DEMOGRAPHIC SHARES



Source: U.N., 2017.

### **REAL LONG-TERM INTEREST RATES**

	U.S.	U.K.	Germany
end-2017	0.5	-0.5	-0.8
2028			
CBRE analysis	0.9	0.5	0.2
"Consensus"	1.6	1.4	1.0
Full Normalization*	2.4	3.1	2.7

### assumes a 50% reversal of QE from end-2017

Source: CBRE, August 2018; Consensus Economics, April 2018.

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### NOMINAL LONG-TERM INTEREST RATES

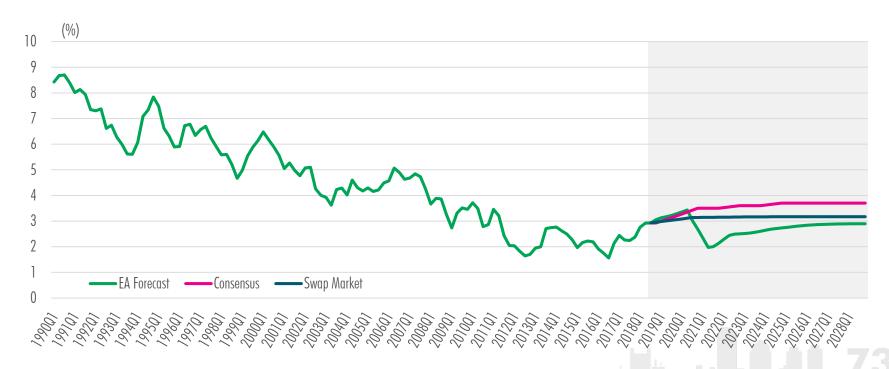
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### YIELD ON 10-YEAR T-BILLS – THE TEN YEAR FORECAST



Source: CBRE EA; Consensus Economics, April 2018; Macrobond.

### **SUMMARY**

 It's all about demographics and the savings-investment balance.

### But

 That doesn't mean we've seen the end of the cycle in long-term interest rates.



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### Where do cap rates go from here? A new approach

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### WHERE DO CAP RATES GO FROM HERE?

Cap rates are affected by both macroeconomic and microeconomic factors.

### **Macroeconomic**

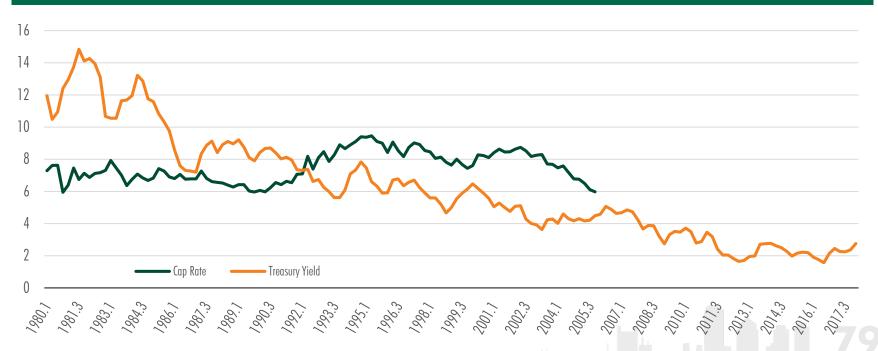
- Bond yields and inflation, among others
- International capital flows

### **Microeconomic**

- Economics of super-agglomeration, such as in San Francisco and other tech markets
- Individual market models

#### HOW INFORMATIVE ARE NOMINAL U.S. TREASURYS?

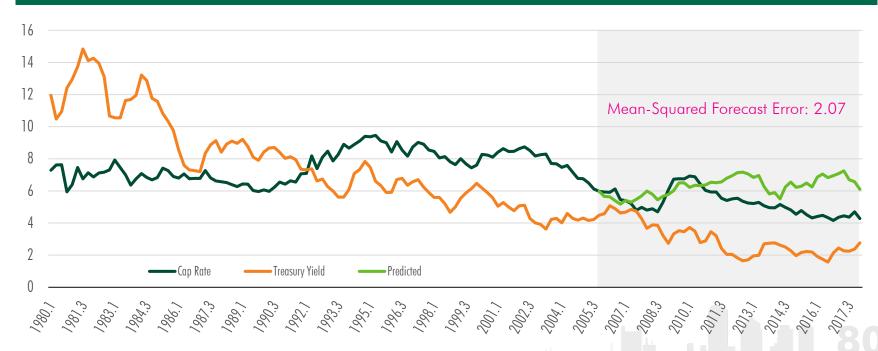
#### OFFICE CAP RATES AND NOMINAL 10-YEAR TREASURY YIELDS



Source: NCREIF, FRED.

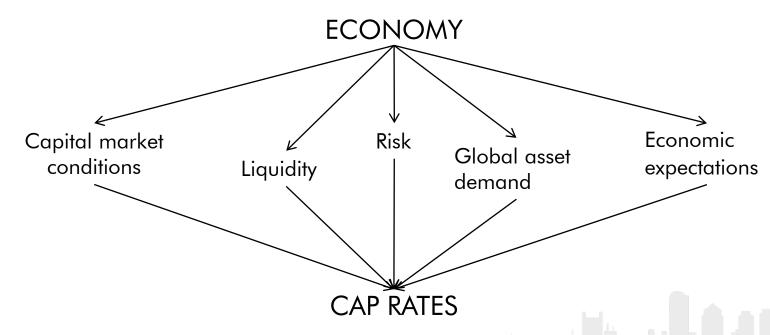
#### **LIMITED**

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# CHANNELS OF INFLUENCE



Factor Group	Model Variable	Theory	Coefficients*	P value
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	Inflation			

Source: CBRE Econometric Advisors.

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<sup>\*</sup> Estimated coefficients represent the long-term relationship between each macro variable and the cap rate.

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Liquidity	Debt Growth			

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National Economic Expectation Unemployment Rate Change

Local Economic Expectation Local RE, Real Rent

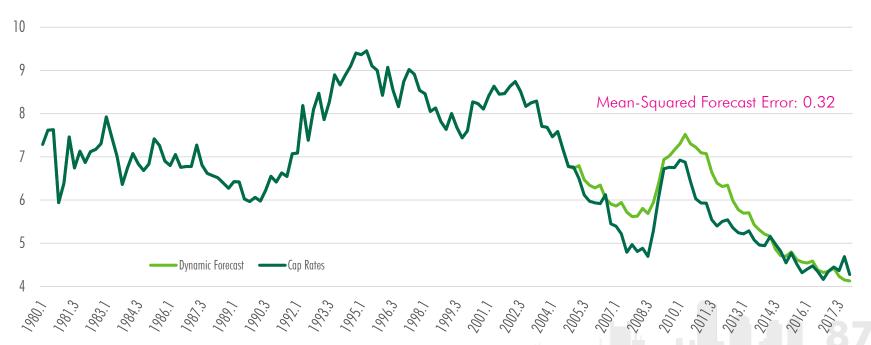
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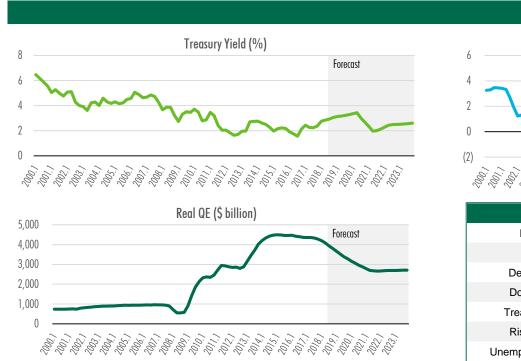
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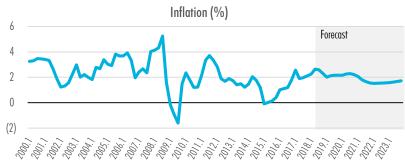
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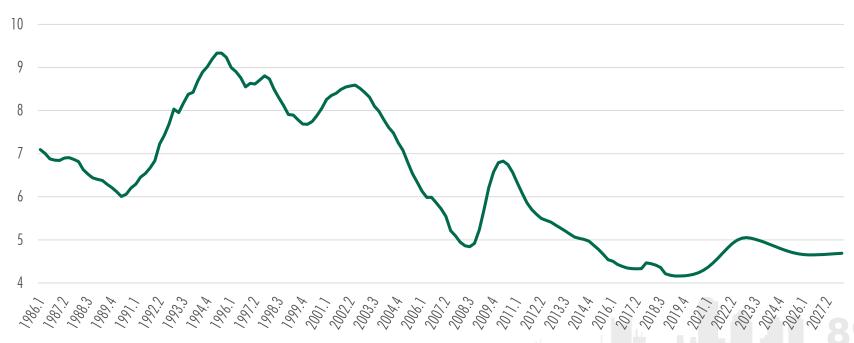




Factor	2-Year Forecast	Projected impact
Inflation	Lower Inflation	•
QE	Lower QE	•
Debt Growth	Higher Debt Growth	•
Dollar Value	Higher Dollar Value	•
Treasury Yield	Higher Yield	•
Risk Spread	Higher Risk	•
Unemployment Rate	Lower Unemployment	•

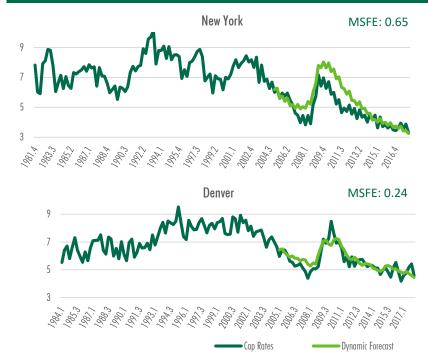
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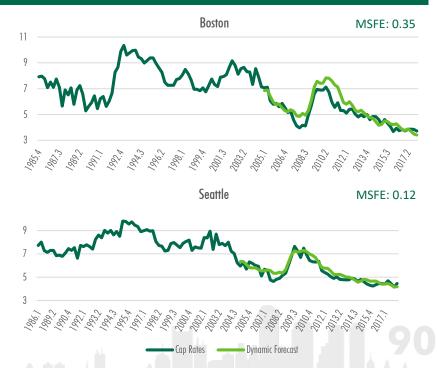
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#### IMPROVED ACCURACY AT THE MARKET LEVEL AS WELL

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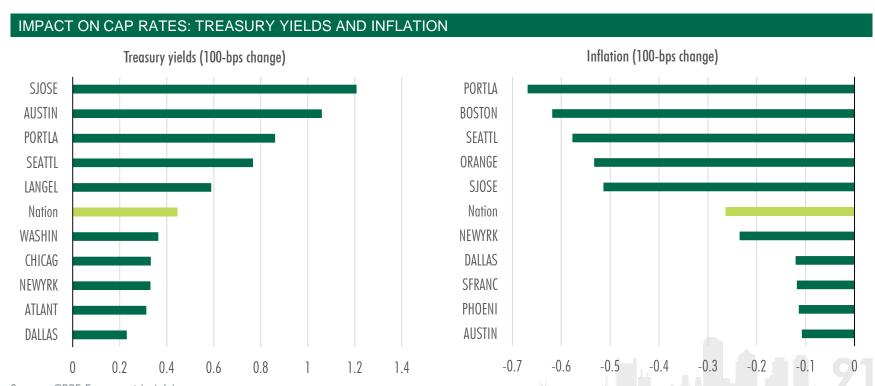




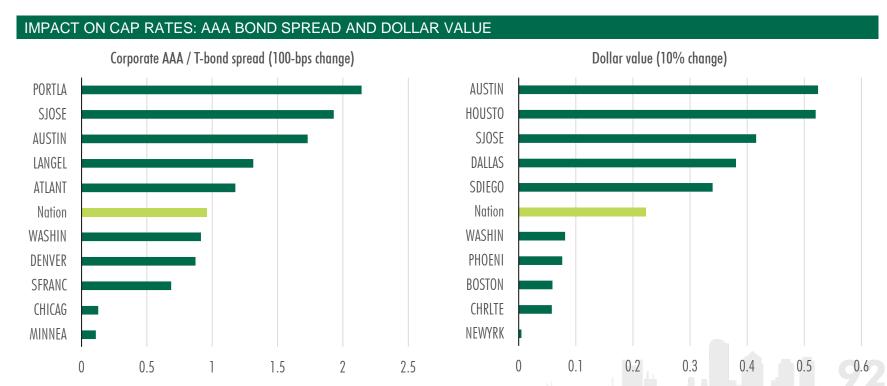
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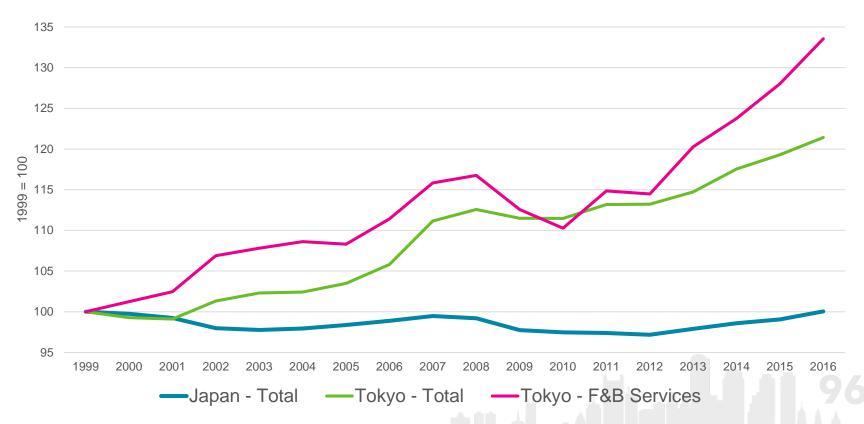


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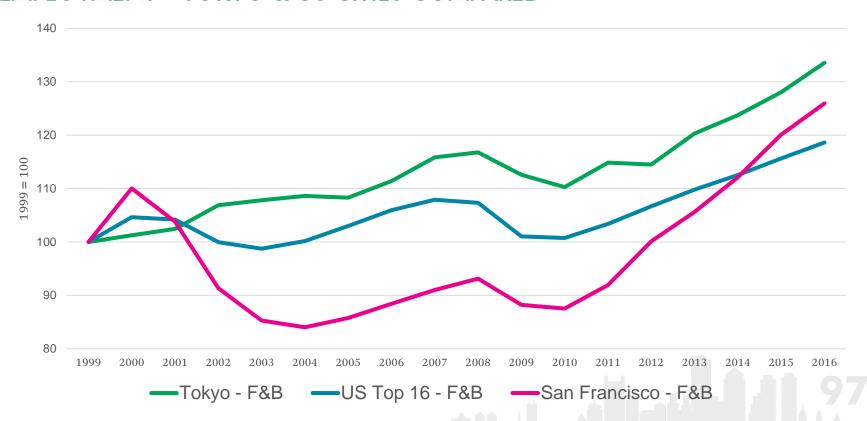
#### WHAT HAPPENS WHEN EMPLOYMENT STOPS GROWING?

- DEMOGRAPHIC PRESSURES; STAGNATING US EMPLOYMENT
- EMPLOYMENT IN OFFICE USING SECTORS WILL LEVEL OFF TOO
- DEMAND FOR OFFICE SPACE LEVELS OFF AT BEST
- NO NEW NET COMPLETIONS?
  - But....
- THE US IS NOT A SINGLE OFFICE MARKET
- SOME CITIES WILL STILL GROW
- BUT PROBLEMATIC FOR STATIC/DECLINING CITIES
  - Look for examples elsewhere

#### **EMPLOYMENT IN JAPAN**



#### **EMPLOYMENT – TOKYO & US CITIES COMPARED**



#### **SUMMARY**

- TECHNOLOGY
  - Especially for retail & industrials
- DEMOGRAPHICS
  - All about cities?
  - And who uses offices
  - And change of use

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