MARKETBEAT INDUSTRIAL SNAPSHOT

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ECONOMIC OVERVIEW

With an improving national economic and employment picture slowly lifting all boats, the Arizona and Tucson unemployment rates followed suit; statewide employment was up 2.1% over a year ago. Residential inventory continued to stabilize and median sale prices

gained 6.2% over prior year. Shared Services Center's expansion announcement netting 200 new jobs made a positive statement about Tucson as a location to service western states.

LEASE MARKET

After several years void of significant prospects, three large users were active in the market, including two local expansions and one new employer. In addition, heavily improved R&D space began to move. Several well-capitalized medical marijuana grow houses with requirements between 18,000 and 40,000 sf were active in the market, thanks to softened local regulations allowing Tucson to compete for sales tax dollars with sites in Maricopa County.

Positive net absorption of 172,000 square feet (sf) marketwide erased the two previous negative quarters, bringing year-to-date absorption to a nominal, yet positive 49,000 sf. Accordingly, the vacancy rate improved from 11.6% mid-year to 11.0%, with positive absorption enjoyed across nearly all submarkets. Rents remained stable.

Continued slight improvement was led by active call center and back office requirements, the most notable, Shared Services Center, leased 60,405 sf in the Airport area, backfilling space previously vacated by Raytheon and announcing 200 net new jobs for the Tucson region.

SALE MARKET

With 1031 exchange activity up, sellers were buyers and trading activity increased, with inbound capital investment largely from southern California. All offerings with reasonable cap rates and credit found interest. The largest investment closing was 3434 E Kleindale, 37,490 sf at \$26.62 per sf; on the user side, 4670 S Palo Verde sold at \$94.16 per sf. The low end market remained active as the investor profile became more diversified.

OUTLOOK

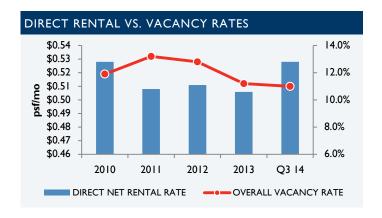
Two buildings are under construction, FedEx Ground's 210,000 sf facility and Freightliner's 49,751 sf building. While only in two facilities, the construction footprint exceeds activity seen since 2009.

With the October opening of the expanded Port of Entry at Tucson's neighboring U. S./Mexico border, wait times to enter the U. S. for trade and commerce have been shortened measurably.

Downtown Tucson's vibe cannot be overstated, a harbinger for positive momentum community wide. The renaissance is in full swing, kick started by the opening of the Modern Streetcar posting higher than projected ridership and a rise in business openings.

Sources: CoStar, EDP&Co, Eller College, Tucson Assoc. of Realtors

STATS ON THE GO				
	Q3 2013	Q3 2014	Y-O-Y Change	12 MONTH FORECAST
Overall Vacancy	10.8%	11.0%	.2рр	•
Direct Asking Rents (psf/yr)	\$0.53	\$0.53	0.0%	
YTD Leasing Activity (sf)	1,340,769	1,332,891	-0.06%	



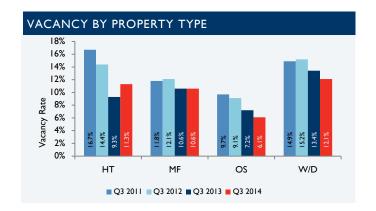


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	SUBMARKET	INVENTORY	OVERALL VACANCY RATE	YTD LEASING ACTIVITY	UNDER CONSTRUCTION	YTD CONSTRUCTION COMPLETIONS	YTD OVERALL NET ABSORPTION	DIRECT WEIGHTED AVERAGE NET RENTAL RATE
Downtown		4,081,168	5.1%	70,689	0	0	2,596	\$0.47
Eastside		2,519,282	11.0%	122,379	0	0	76,660	\$0.52
Northwest/Oro Valley		9,397,097	5.6%	325,501	0	10,000	81,313	\$0.60
Palo Verde		6,427,014	10.9%	240,209	0	0	70,821	\$0.40
Park/Ajo		3,684,966	8.0%	101,295	0	0	21,620	\$0.56
South/Green Valley		72,049	1.7%	1,000	0	0	1,000	\$0.00
Southeast		5,782,441	14.3%	99,145	0	0	(124,012)	\$0.95
Southwest/Airport		7,587,007	19.9%	243,868	259,751	0	(80,877)	\$0.53
TOTALS		39,551,024	11.0%	1,204,086	259,751	10,000	49,121	\$0.53

^{*} RENTAL RATES REFLECT ASKING \$PSF/MO





HT= HIGH TECH MF = MANUFACTURING OS = OFFICE SERVICE W/D = WAREHOUSE/DISTRIBUTION

MARKET HIGHLIGHTS				
SIGNIFICANT Q3 LEASE TRANSACTIONS	SUBMARKET	TENANT/BUYER	PROPERTY TYPE	SQUARE FEET
6161 S Palo Verde*	Airport	Amcor Pet Packaging	Warehouse	83,140
6223 S Palo Verde	Airport	Shared Service Center	High Tech	60,405
6978 E Century Park Rd	Southeast	Chamberlain Group	Warehouse	60,000
SIGNIFICANT Q3 SALE TRANSACTIONS	SUBMARKET	BUYER	PURCHASE PRICE	SQUARE FEET
3434 E Kleindale	Central	Kris & Stephanie Kirby	\$998,000	37,490
4670 S Palo Verde	Palo Verde	Corsair Management LP	\$2,650,000	28,145
2520 N Jackrabbit	Northwest	Bakehouse Bread Company	\$1,350,000	22,550
SIGNIFICANT LAND SALES	SUBMARKET	BUYER	PURCHASE PRICE	ACRES
7001 S Country Club	Airport	Westmoreland Company	\$1,392,603	15.5
NW Palo Verde & Corona Rd	Airport	Westmoreland Company	\$1,182,218	11.0
SIGNIFICANT Q3 CONSTRUCTION COMPLETIONS	SUBMARKET	MAJOR TENANT	COMPLETION DATE	SQUARE FEET
N/A	Northwest	N/A	August 2014	10,000
SIGNIFICANT PROJECTS UNDER CONSTRUCTION	SUBMARKET	MAJOR TENANT	COMPLETION DATE	SQUARE FEET
7050 S Palo Verde Rd	Airport	FedEx Ground	June 2015	210,000
5650 E Travel Plaza Way	Airport	Freightliner	October 2014	49,751
RENEWAL – NOT INCLUDED IN LEASING ACTIVITY STATIS	TICS			Source: CoStar Group