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## Q4 2024 Property Market Outlook

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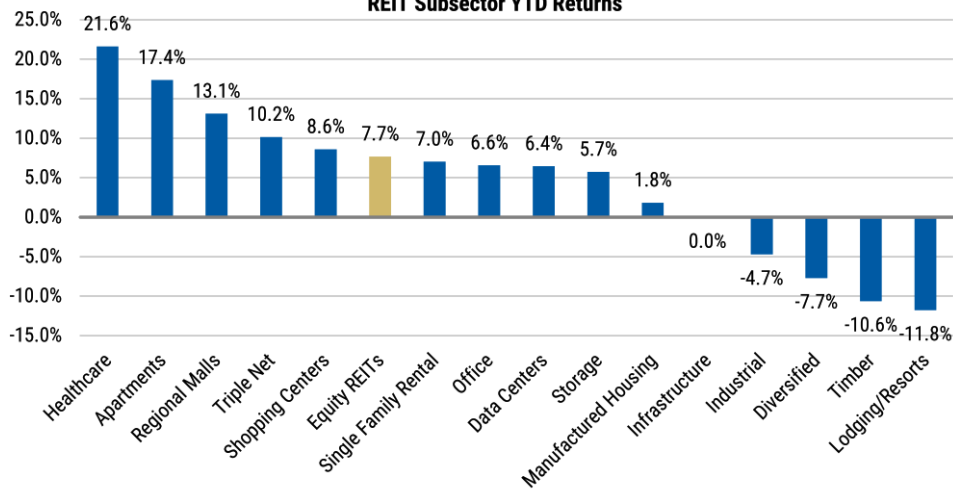
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## REITS Pricing Indication

- **REIT up for the year**
  - YTD +7.7% and 2023 +6.3% have erased the -13.5% decline in 2022
- **All major sector other than industrial are up**
  - Industrial has had strong performance and the slowing, but still strong fundamentals have weakened
  - Fundamentals remain positive in most sectors

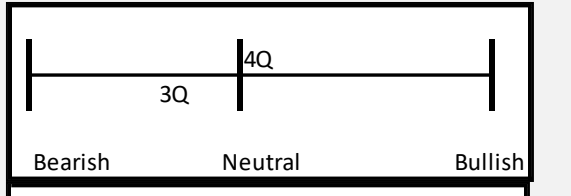
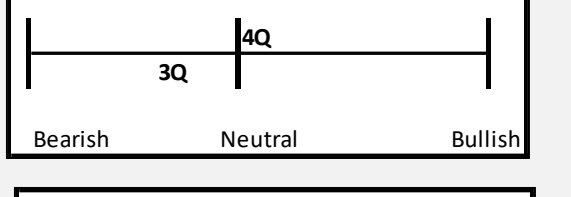
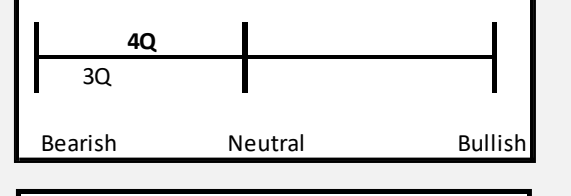
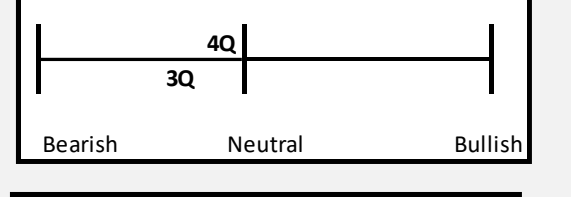
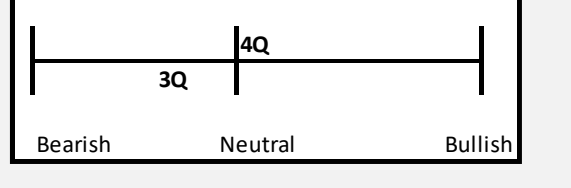
Exhibit 12: REIT subsector return dispersion

REIT Subsector YTD Returns



Source: Bloomberg, Morgan Stanley Research

# Property – Factors Driving Outlook Summary

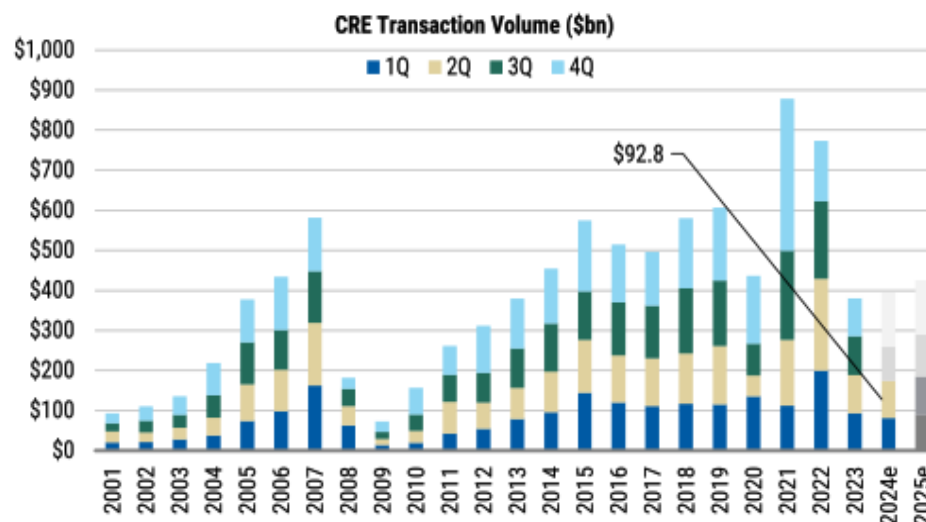
Factors	Comments	Historical Range
<b>Valuations</b>	Interest rates stabilizing albeit at a higher level Transactions improving NOI growth positive in most sectors	
<b>Fundamentals</b>	New supply stopped - supporting rental growth Demand remains strong in most sectors Stress appears contained to office	
<b>Technical</b>	Non-RE debt capital will fill equity gap Transactions still low but improving - FOMO? Banks have not dealt with issue	
<b>Macro Impact</b>	Supply stop and NOI growth steady Increase in layoffs impact use of real estate Unsure of impact of election on economy -	
	<b>9-12 month view</b>	

## Outlook

## Not Many Changes Since Last Quarter

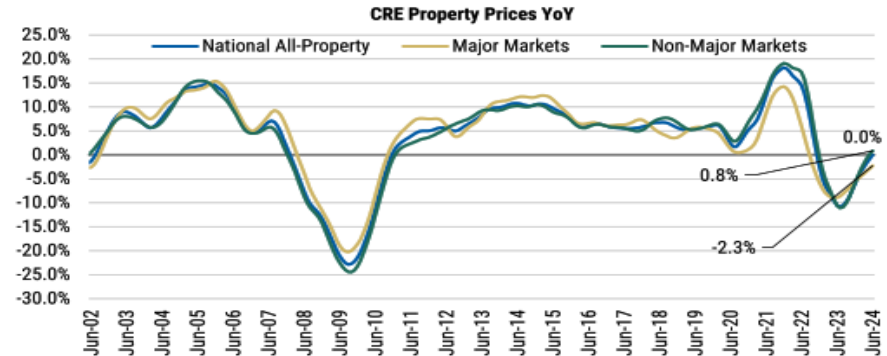
- Transaction volumes
  - Still at historic lows – industrial and apartments trading (66% of volume)
  - Values on transactions down 10% but on appraisals down 19%
- Fundamentals healthy but moderating
  - NOI growth still positive but well off 2021 underwriting
  - Vacancy rates starting creep up
- Lending remains down
  - Flat 1Q24 after being down 29% and 49% Y/Y in 4Q23 and 3Q23
  - CMBS picking up volumes as banks and agencies remain on sidelines
- Starting to see change
  - Managers indicating that the market is starting to open

**Exhibit 29:** Transaction Volume - All Property Types Down -2.0% YoY in 2Q24



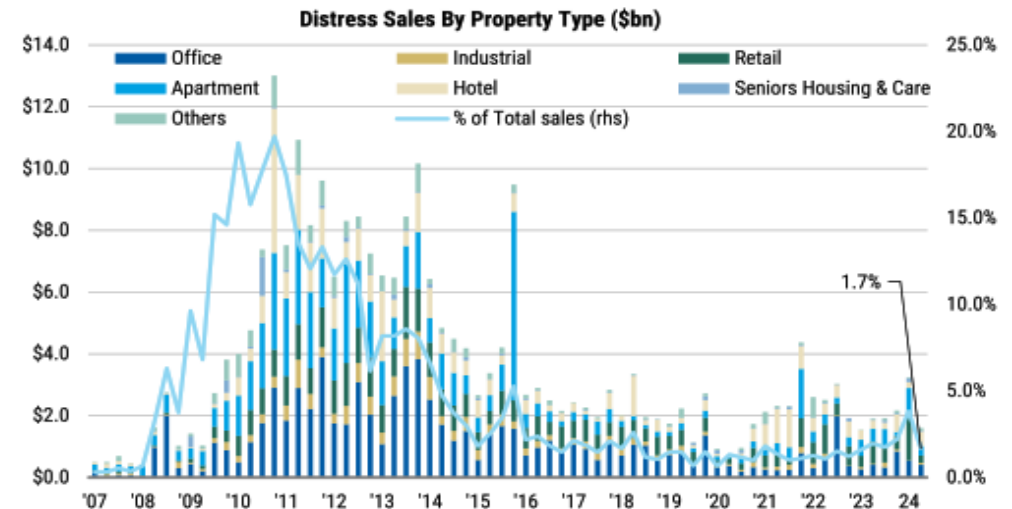
# Distress not what is expected based on past cycles

**Exhibit 20:** CRE Property Prices YoY Change



Source: Real Capital Analytics, Morgan Stanley Research; Note: The 6 Major Metros (6MM) are Boston, Chicago, Los Angeles, New York, San Francisco and Washington DC. Non-Major Metros (NMM) refers to

- Low transaction volume – no real price discovery
  - Values on transactions down 10% but on appraisals down 19% indicating only best assets trading
- Debt markets opening up slowly
  - Not for all properties and LTV’s low on new values and rates still well above historical
- Lending remains down
  - Flat 1Q24 after being down 29% and 49% Y/Y in 4Q23 and 3Q23
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Source: RCA, Morgan Stanley Research

## Summary

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- Market has accepted a higher for longer environment
  - Properties beginning to trade but only the best
- Debt maturities the most significant issue
  - Expect that pressure will build on bank to address issue
  - Capital is forming to provide liquidity to owners and capitalize on distress
- Impact of higher rates on tenants
  - Should not be a major issue unless there is a recession
- Offices still be most troubled sector but starting to settle
  - Leasing velocity returning but absorption dominated by new buildings
  - Lack of new supply should support rates in new and renovated buildings
- Continued growth in alternatives
  - AI driving data center demand should drive rental growth in existing assets
- Sustainability continues to impact sector
  - European energy standards will force owners to invest in their assets

## 5 Factors Driving Outlook for Property

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- **Continued Positive Macro Environment/Trends**
  - Urban environment still attractive?
  - Residential demand continues for students and seniors
  - Technology impact spread beyond industrial and retail – AI on office?
  
- **Valuations – Have declines stopped?**
  - Transaction market has not returned, value declines based mostly on appraisals
  
- **Fundamentals – Slowing but still positive**
  - Low levels of new supply keeping rents/NOI strong
  - What will be the impact of recession and layoffs
  
- **Interest rates**
  - Impact of rising rates on economic activity
  - Rate stability and expectation of cuts positive - new normal still painful
  - Will investors leave sector as better returns can be earned in fixed income
  
- **Level of distress – How will investor react to losses**
  - Impact on managers and ability to retain talent



## Outlook for Respective Premia

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- **Investors looking for more opportunistic and distress**
  - Demand remains strong for supporting managers that can borrow and deliver new or repositioned assets
- **Continued need for modern assets**
  - Demand for new, better located and more efficient product continues across all sectors
- **Supply and demand across most sectors remain in check**
  - Inflation and stricter lending standards stopping marginal projects
  - Need to understand the impact of layoffs and any recession
- **Managers will be on damage control for 2015-2020 vintage funds**
  - Importance of lender relationships
  - How much dry powder will be used for paydowns

## Need to Change Inputs to Outlook Based on Drivers & Catalysts

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- **Recession**
  - Impact on demand
  
- **Less rate reduction than expected**
  - Impacting refinancing of short-term debt requiring equity paydowns
  - Investors leaving the sector as fixed income returns increase
  
- **Repricing based on transactions vs appraisals**
  - Is there sufficient capital to support current appraised values or will lack of competition drive values lower?
  - Dry powder providing floor maybe tested, and exits for value-add deals to core buyers will be tested
  
- **Catalyst for a Change in Outlook**
  - Valuation declines once transactions return
  - Weakening NOI due to recessionary pressures

## Catalysts That Could Change Your View

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- Continued high Inflation
- Banks forced to act on bad loans
- How severe are price declines in an active transaction market
- Health of underlying tenants

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