No Place But Up

Interest Rates Rents, Prices **Real Estate** and the **Economy**

But Not Oil

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Mega Themes

- More Jobs Than Ever in History
- Retail Boom Just Starting
- Residential Renting vs. Owning
- Entry Level Homebuyers Returning
- Inflation Potential
- Overweight in Real Estate
- Terrorism is Here to Stay



U.S. Property Returns

Q2 2015 - TTM

Droporty	12-Month	
Property	Return	
All	12.38%	
Hotel	13.30%	
Apartment	11.13%	
Retail	12.93%	
Industrial	14.04%	
Office	12.28%	

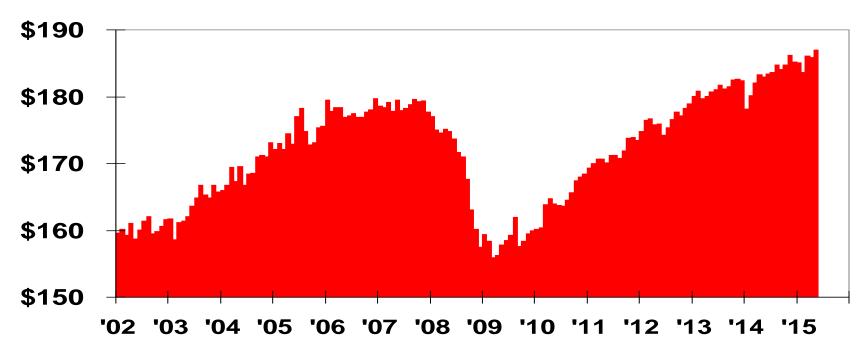
- Tax-Exempt Investments
- All Cash Purchase
- Cash Flow + Value Change
- Only Pay Property Taxes
- \$443 Billion of Properties
- 6,971 Properties

Source: NCREIF



U.S. Real Retail & Food Service Sales

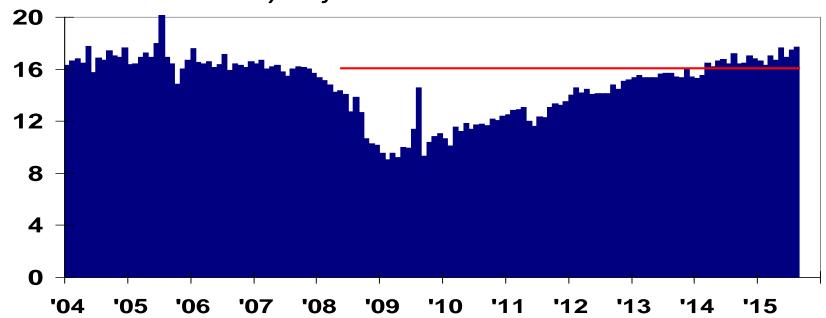
\$ Billions – Seasonally Adjusted





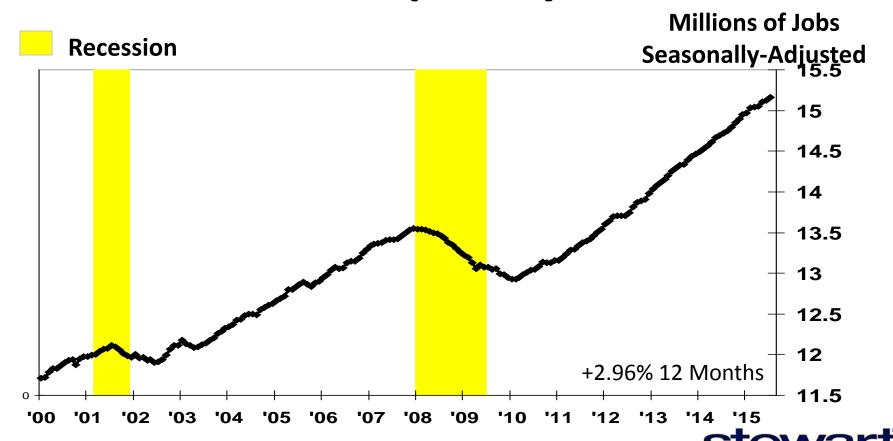
Light Weight Vehicle Sales

Millions – Seasonally Adjusted Annual Rate





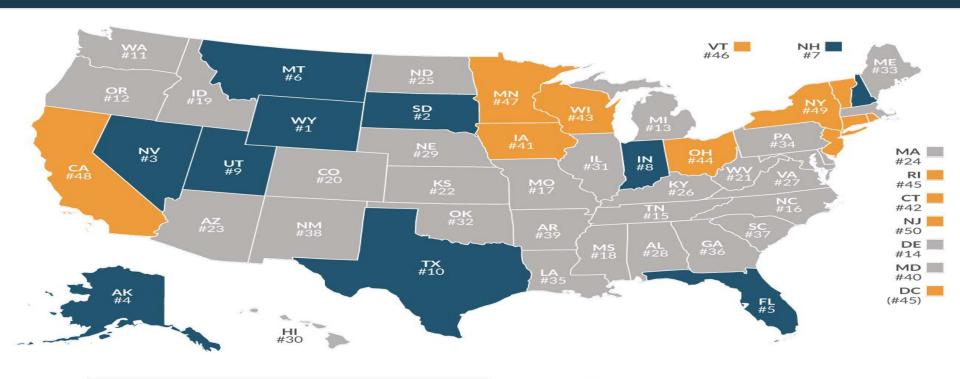
U.S. Leisure & Hospitality Jobs



2015 State Business Tax Climate Index

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Which states have the most competitive business tax systems?



Note: Published October 28, 2014.

Source: State Business Tax Climate Index.

10 Best Business Tax Climates

10 Worst Business Tax Climates

Liquidity Has Returned to Commercial Real Estate

- * 30 to 35 Percent Equity
- * 125 Percent Debt Coverage Ratio
- * Quality Tenant(s)
- * Longer-Term Lease



Dichotomization of Commercial Real Estate Properties

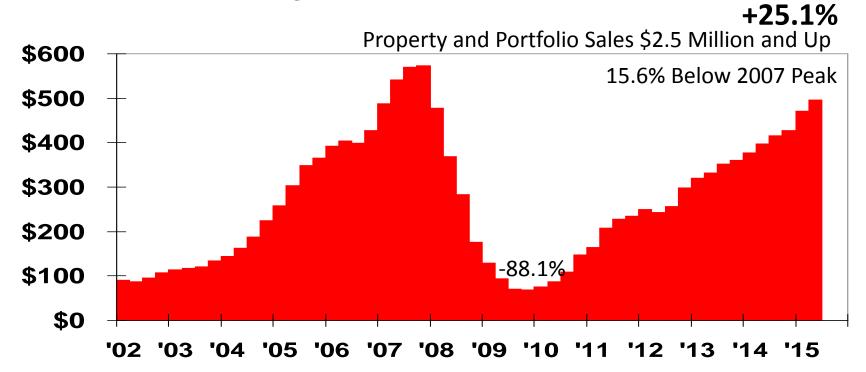
* Those That Qualify

* The Rest are Considered Distressed Real Estate



U.S. Commercial Real Estate Sales Volume

\$ Billions – *Trailing 12 Months*

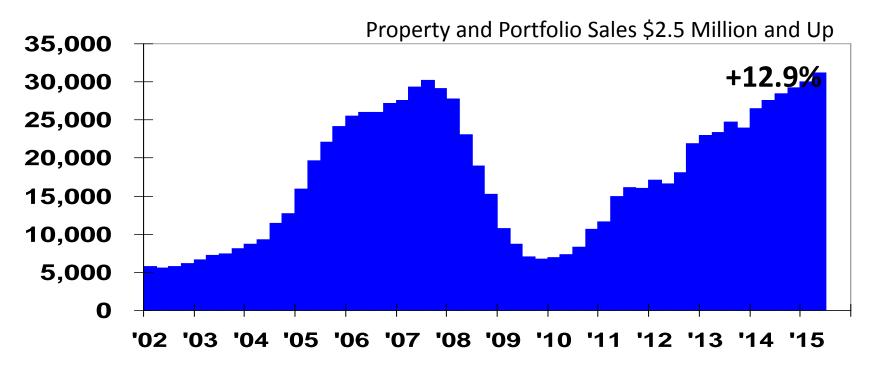






U.S. Commercial Real Estate Sales Volume

Number of Transactions – *Trailing 12 Months*

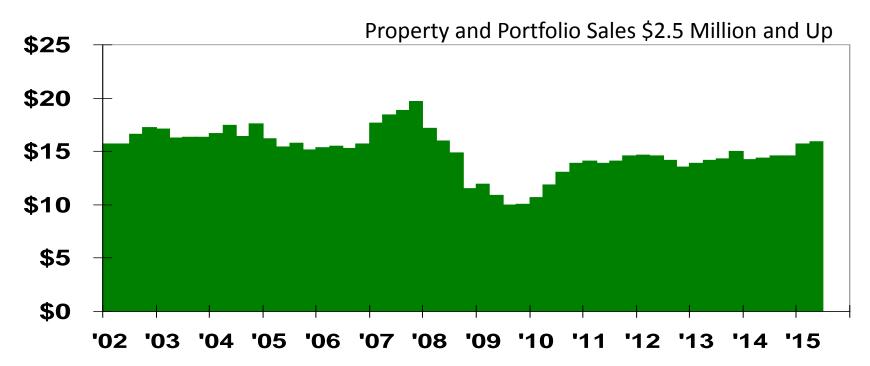






U.S. Commercial Real Estate Sales Volume

Average Per Transaction – \$ Millions TTM

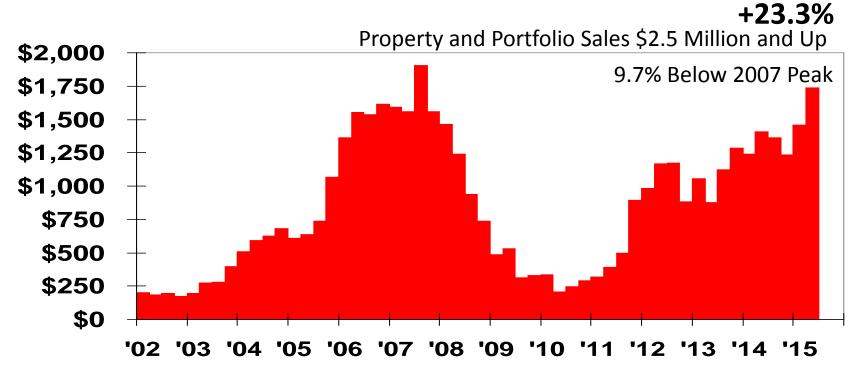






Kansas Commercial Real Estate Sales Volume

\$ Millions – *Trailing 12 Months*

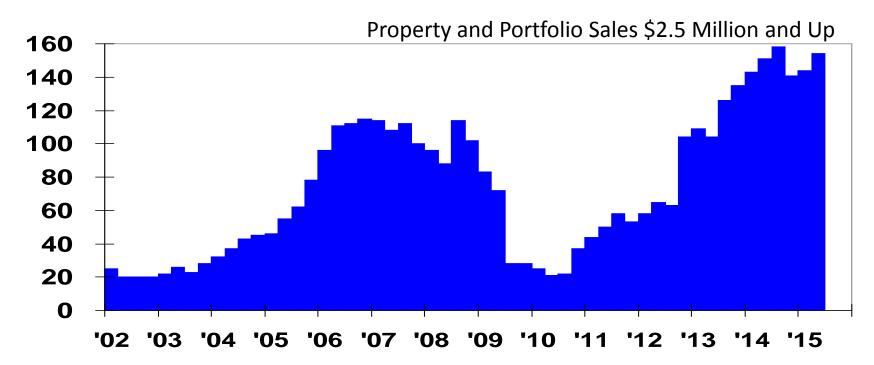






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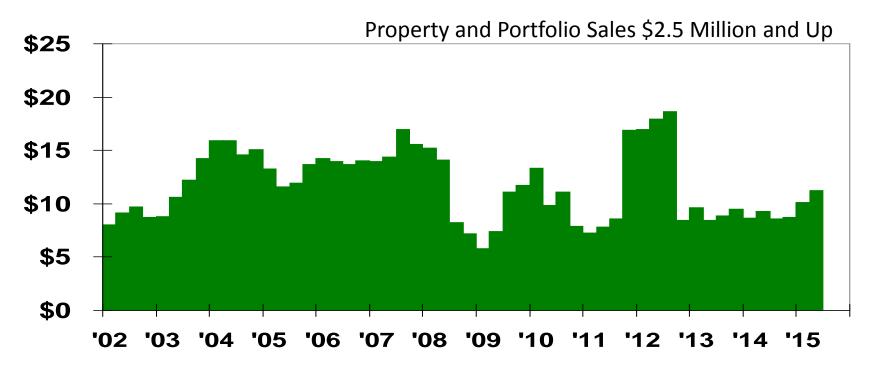






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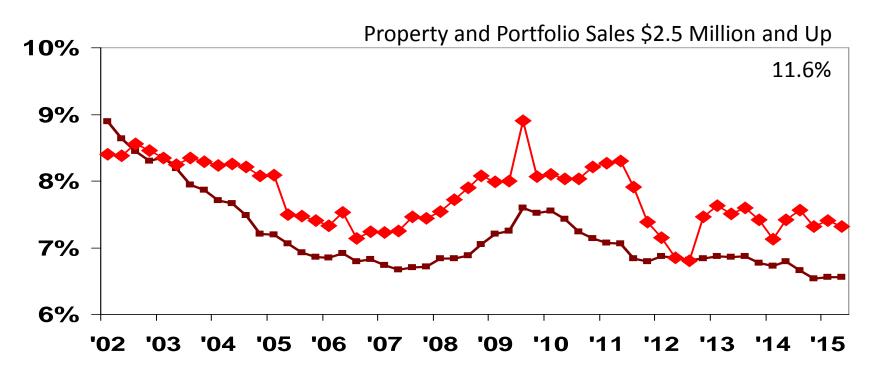






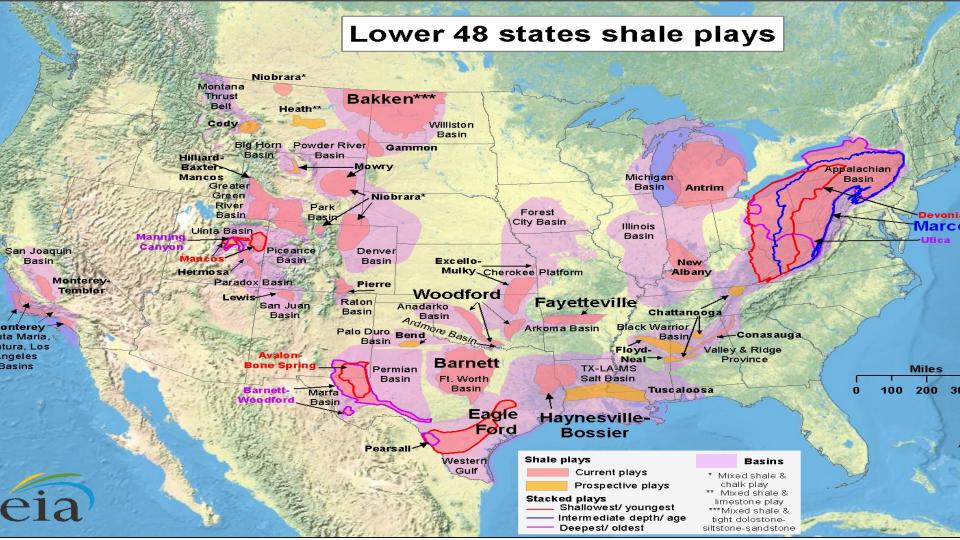
U.S. & Kansas Commercial Real Estate Cap Rates

Percent – All Property Types

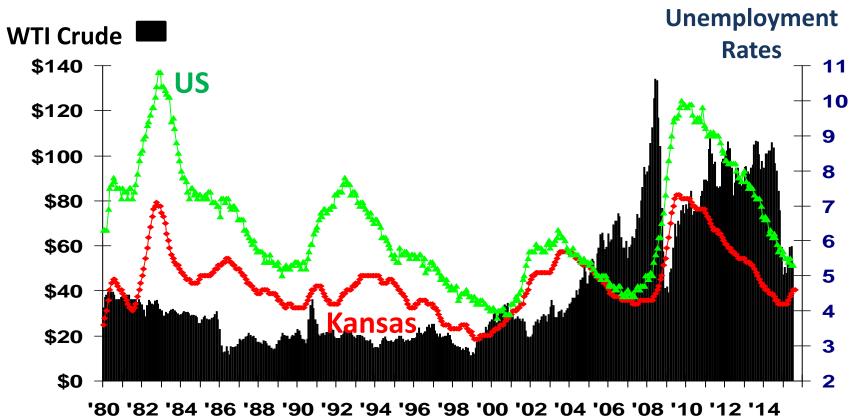






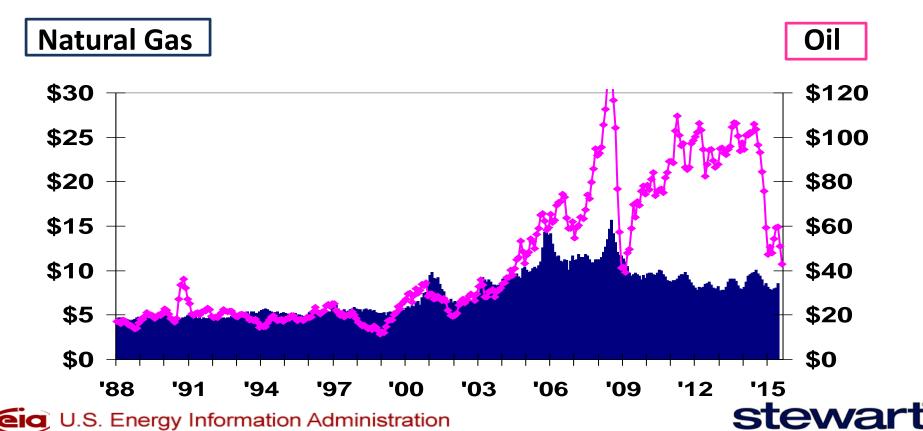


Oil Prices & Unemployment Rates



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Natural Gas Price Delivered to Commercial Customers vs. WTI Crude Oil -- Gas Per 1,000 Cubic Feet, Oil Per Barrel



U.S. China Trade

U.S. Dollars - Millions

Month	Exports	Imports	Balance
Jan-15	9,552.0	38,158.4	-28,606.4
Feb-15	8,699.8	31,240.1	-22,540.3
Mar-15	9,887.2	41,121.9	-31,234.7
Apr-15	9,316.8	35,795.1	-26,478.3
May-15	8,758.8	39,211.2	-30,452.4
Jun-15	9,687.8	41,145.1	-31,457.3
TOTAL 2015	55,902.5	226,671.8	-170,769.3
Annualized	\$ 111,805	\$ 453,344 \$	(341,539)

Source: U.S. Census Bureau



China Impact on U.S. Economy

U.S. 2015 GDP \$17.84 Trillion (Q2 2015 Annualized Rate)

Purchases by China of U.S. Goods \$111.8 Billion (2015 est)

Impact = 6/10ths of 1 Percent of U.S. GPD stewart

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