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Building Surge Keeps Rent Growth Tepid

San Antonio's multifamily market has been somewhat of a steady tortoise in a race against the more agile Texas hares of Austin, Dallas and Houston. Despite the robust pipeline, the Alamo City manages to keep demand relatively healthy, attracting Millennials and Baby Boomers with its strong economy and creating the need for new stock, especially workforce housing. The building surge pushed down the occupancy rate in stabilized assets a mere 10 basis points in the 12 months ending in September, to 93.3%. Meanwhile, rent growth decelerated to 0.5% year-over-year.

Two sectors hold the first spot in job creation—mining, logging and construction, and education and health services—adding 6,200 jobs each. The multifamily pipeline's more than 30,000 units and the many commercial projects around the metro, including the \$200 million Hemisfair and CPS Energy's new headquarters, will likely maintain this trend. Coworking is expanding, too—WeWork has leased five floors in the Kress Building near the Geekdom tech incubator, where it will house more than 1,000 members.

Transaction activity has dwindled since last year, but values remain high: Some \$925 million in apartments traded this year through September. With more than 9,000 units underway, we expect rent growth to remain tepid for the foreseeable future.

Recent San Antonio Transactions

The Flats at Big Tex



City: San Antonio Buyer: The Accend Cos. Purchase Price: \$69 MM Price per Unit: \$205,667

Landmark Grandview



City: San Antonio Buyer: B & M Management Purchase Price: \$51 MM Price per Unit: \$142,322

Ridgeline at Rogers Ranch



City: San Antonio Buyer: Benimax Investment Group Purchase Price: \$53 MM Price per Unit: \$176,419

Republic Woodlake



City: San Antonio Buyer: Triago Ventures Purchase Price: \$33 MM Price per Unit: \$115,741