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Downtown Braces for Record Deliveries

Boosted by the ongoing revival of the urban core and by steady rent gains in workforce housing, Cleveland's multifamily market remained relatively stable going into 2019, offering predictability to value-add investors, as well as to developers looking to convert and reposition downtown assets. Rents were up 2.4% year-over-year through May, just 10 basis points below the U.S. figure and relatively on par with other Midwestern metros—many of which recorded gains in the 2.0% to 3.5% range.

Anchored by education and health services, and boosted by job gains in the construction sector, Cleveland's economy generated 16,200 jobs for an 80-basis-point expansion, just half the national rate. Even so, the metro still has its share of large-scale projects, including Stark Enterprises' nuCLEus, a \$350 million mixed-use development inching closer to breaking ground.

The metro had 3,013 units underway as of May, with a small section of downtown accounting for more than half of the pipeline. Meanwhile, the occupancy rate in stabilized assets remained flat over 12 months, at 94.9% as of April. Nonetheless, the 1,577 apartments slated to come online in the second half of the year are set to bring another development cycle peak, putting additional pressure on occupancy rates. Overall, we expect the average Cleveland rent to advance 2.0% in 2019.

Recent Cleveland Transactions

The Hamptons Luxury



City: Beachwood, Ohio Buyer: GoldOller Investments Purchase Price: \$45 MM Price per Unit: \$69,547

Willogrove



City: Willoughby, Ohio Buyer: The Snavely Group Purchase Price: \$29 MM Price per Unit: \$74,444

Butternut Ridge



City: North Olmsted, Ohio Buyer: KC Venture Group Purchase Price: \$33 MM Price per Unit: \$126,278

Triumph Tower



City: Euclid, Ohio Buyer: Wolfe Investments Purchase Price: \$4 MM Price per Unit: \$31,975