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Revitalization Drives New Activity

Kansas City might not be the first metro that comes to mind when the topic of urban living comes up, but revitalization projects are luring residents and developers downtown and breathing life into a slow-moving Midwestern market. Millennials and empty nesters are choosing to rent in the metro's center. The city is paving the way, with a downtown streetcar transit system and approval of redevelopment projects to help create a live-work-play lifestyle and boost demand for apartments. The trend is set to continue, since more than 6,300 units are currently under construction and another 16,000 are on the drawing board.

Though the metro is trailing the nation in job growth, it is a regional center for business services, trade and health care. The local economy is expected to improve further, as large employers such as Cerner Corp. and United Parcel Service have announced significant expansion plans.

Transaction volume rose last year, with investors attracted by steady fundamentals and the potential for higher yields. Last year, volume increased by more than 50% to a record high of \$800 million. We expect demand to remain healthy, which, along with steady job creation and increasing supply, will generate a moderate rent growth of 3.1%.

Recent Kansas City Transactions

Willow Creek



City: Kansas City Buyer: Landmark Realty Purchase Price: \$79 MM Price per Unit: \$97,621

Lodge of Overland Park



City: Overland Park, Kan. Buyer: Mandel Corp. Purchase Price: \$49 MM Price per Unit: \$88,504

Village West



City: Kansas City Buyer: JVM Realty Purchase Price: \$48 MM Price per Unit: \$156,863

Haven at Prairie Trace



City: Overland Park, Kan. Buyer: MAA Purchase Price: \$45 MM Price per Unit: \$159,107