

# Industrial Real Estate: A Primer For Modern Investors

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We believe industrial real estate is a cornerstone of the global economy and a nuanced asset class that may offer certain investors a variety of benefits.

Throughout our lives, we have driven past large industrial buildings with little thought as to what takes place within these prominent facilities. The growth and evolution of this asset class follows in lock-step with the emergence of globalization and the increasing interdependency between the world's most important economies. Industrial real estate encompasses the entirety of land and buildings tailored to support various industrial activities such as production, manufacturing, assembly, warehousing, research, storage and distribution. That makes these assets critically important nodes in a sophisticated supply chain that connect people and businesses to the global marketplace.

Industrial properties may be segmented into three categories, each with their own sub-categories:



## Storage and Distribution

This is the largest category of industrial properties and, as the name implies, is where goods are stored and shipped. Common properties include general purpose warehouses, cold storage, lastmile distribution and truck terminals, to name a few.



# Manufacturing

The second largest category of industrial space, this is typically where goods are produced and assembled. Two popular sub-categories include heavy manufacturing and light industrial.



A hybrid between office space and a warehouse, flex space allows for numerous activities and is often popular with tech start-ups. Data centers, research and development (R&D) properties and showrooms would fall into this category.

# Industrial in Demand

In the second guarter of 2023, industrial volume totaled \$22.3 billion, an 11% increase compared to the first guarter of 2023 and ahead of the 2015-2019 quarterly average. National rents increased 7.5% year-over-year, as of July 2023, with a national vacancy rate of only 4.4%.<sup>2</sup> Overall, we believe industrial performance will remain strong in the coming years, and returns will outperform other asset classes for the foreseeable future.

### Total Return Expectations<sup>3</sup> (Including income, 2022-2026 per year)



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We believe this demand for industrial real estate is being driven by several factors, some of which may include:



# E-Commerce

Consumers continue to turn to online retailers, and these retailers must now compete for speed of delivery. In response, retailers require more warehouses and fulfillment centers.



## Nearshoring

The COVID-19 pandemic and recent political events have shown that firms who are able to supply manufacturing operations within the U.S. may have significant advantages.



# Technology

With the growth of artificial intelligence and other automation technologies, companies now need modern and sophisticated properties to house their systems.

# The Advantages of Industrial Real Estate

We believe industrial properties may offer a host of potential advantages for investors.

### **Diversification Potential**

There are many different property types under the industrial umbrella, and industrial properties themselves may often be adapted for a variety of uses.

### Investment Stability

While not immune, industrial properties are generally less susceptible to market fluctuations and can appreciate in value over time, providing potential return on investment.

#### Tax Benefits

As with other forms of real estate, industrial real estate may offer favorable tax advantages, including deductions for depreciation and operating expenses.

### Secure Lease Agreements

Compared to other property types, industrial properties generally feature tenants with strong credit, along with longer lease periods, often ranging from three to fifteen years, with annual rent escalation.

## Minimized Landlord Obligations

In many cases, tenants may sign a triple net lease, moving maintenance, insurance and property tax payments to the tenant. This, in turn, may contribute to lower operating costs.

Individuals should always do their own research to ensure that the property or portfolio strategy aligns with their investment goals.

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