

# LEXERD CAPITAL MANAGEMENT

#### A MULTIFAMILY REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT FIRM

# RESEARCH REPORT

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#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**



Recent Developments and Trends

# The US Economy

- Strong GDP growth at 6.7%
- Inflation rate at 5.4%
- Tremendous global liquidity
- Funds rate at 0.25% with \$120Bn monthly bond-buying
- Unemployment at 4.8%
- Low participation rate with 5 million people missing from the labor force
- Wage increases across all sectors
- Supply Chain issues create pressure on prices

# The Housing Market

- Sound Household balance sheets with strong consumer spending
- Dramatic price increases in real estate across all asset classes
- Housing shortage intensified by limited inventory
- Affordability issues in the entry single-family segment
- Declining Consumer Confidence

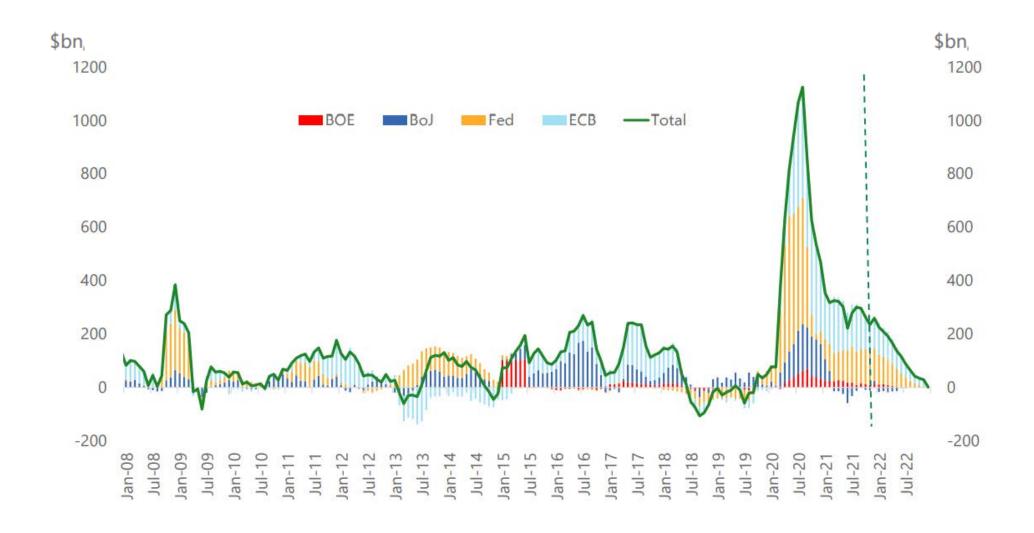
# The Multifamily Sector

- Contained supply in new units with limited inventory
- Improved vacancies and delinquency rates in post-covid
- Slow construction due to permitting and shortages
- Higher rents due to higher demand and wage growth
- Post-pandemic improved vacancy and delinquency rates
- Class B properties are the winners in this cycle as Class A properties experienced higher vacancy rates and offered more concessions
- The millennial generation is a strong tail wind for the MF sector

# GLOBAL CENTRAL BANK LIQUIDITY IS EXTRAORDINARY



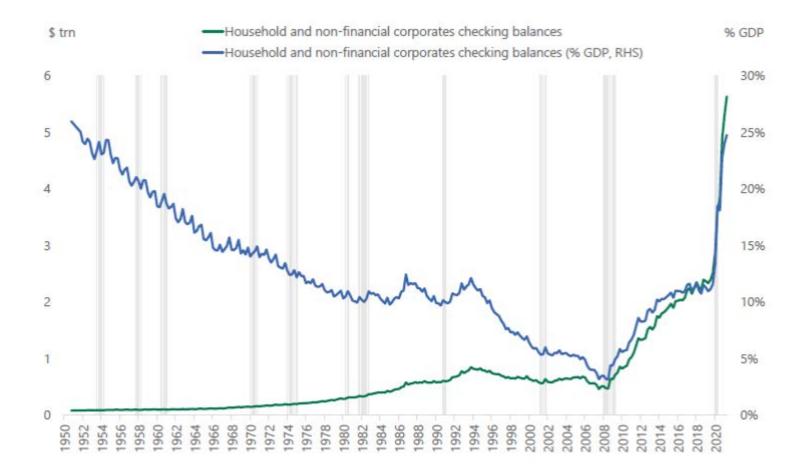
Global bank asset repurchase programs provided massive liquidity



# DRAMATIC INCREASES IN HOUSEHOLD/CORPORATE LIQUIDITY LEXER



The private sector's increase in cash is bullish for consumer spending and capex spending With the economy already operating in full employment, any additional acceleration in growth from excess savings will create more inflation

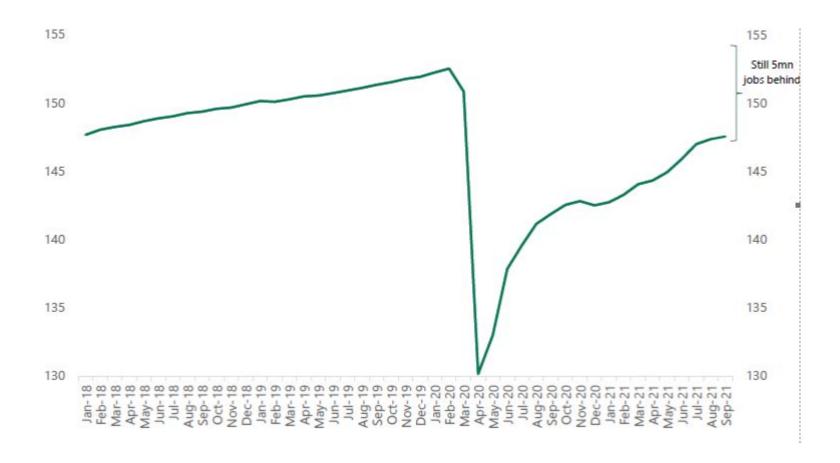


Source: Federal Reserve Bank and Bureau of Economic Analysis 2021

#### **EMPLOYMENT IS LESS THAN 5 MILLION JOBS**



Total US employment is 5 million jobs lower than in Feb 2020 while wages continue to increase. Participation rates are lower, and immigration will not fill the gap soon



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Bloomberg Sept 2021

#### LIMITED LABOR TO FILL JOBS



Record-high share of businesses have few or no qualified applicants for job openings

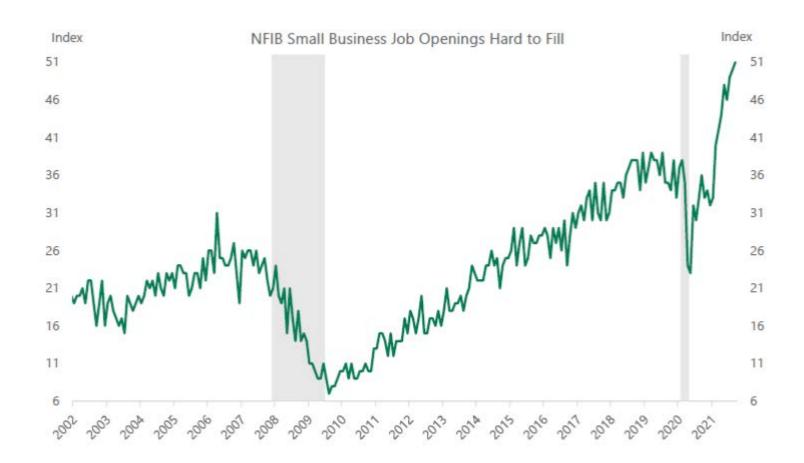


Source: NFIB and Bloomberg

#### LABOR IS FULLY EMPLOYED



Very difficult for businesses to find workers. With the economy operating in full employment, labor costs will continue to rise which means more inflation

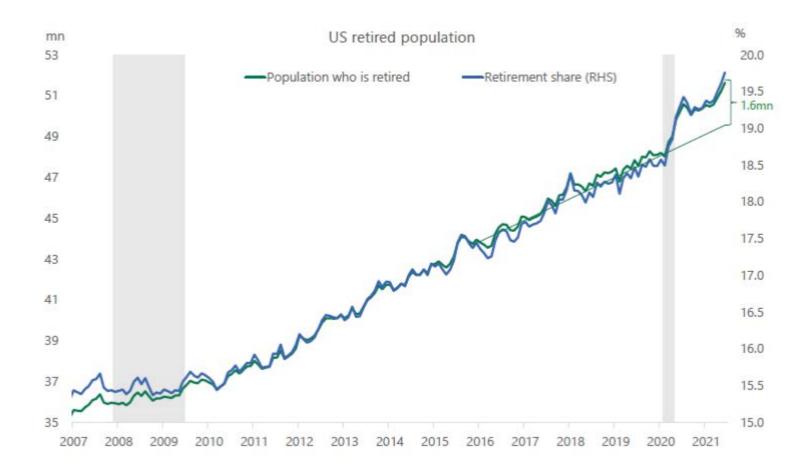


Source: NFIB and Bloomberg. Index of job openings

#### **EMPLOYMENT GAP IS NOT EXPLAINED BY RETIREES**



The number of retired people in the US is 1.6 million above pre-pandemic trend after accounting for the increasing numbers of babyboomers reaching retirement

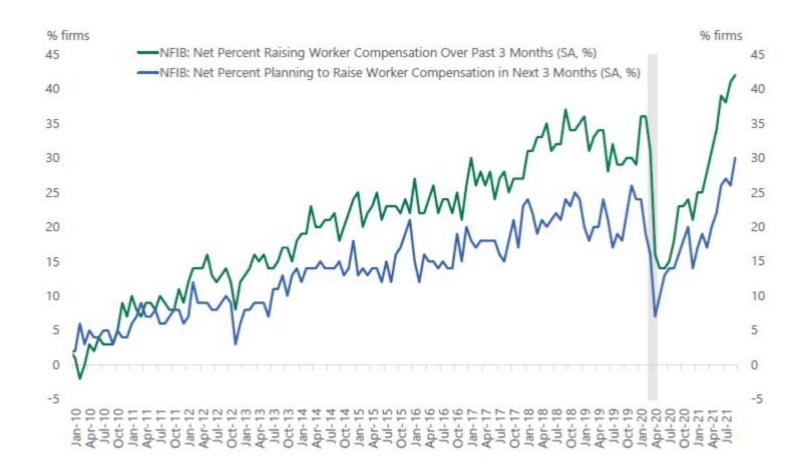


Source: Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas, Census Bureau Sept 2021

#### RAISING WAGES ACROSS ALL BUSINESSES



A record-high share of businesses are raising WAGES and planning to increase them further

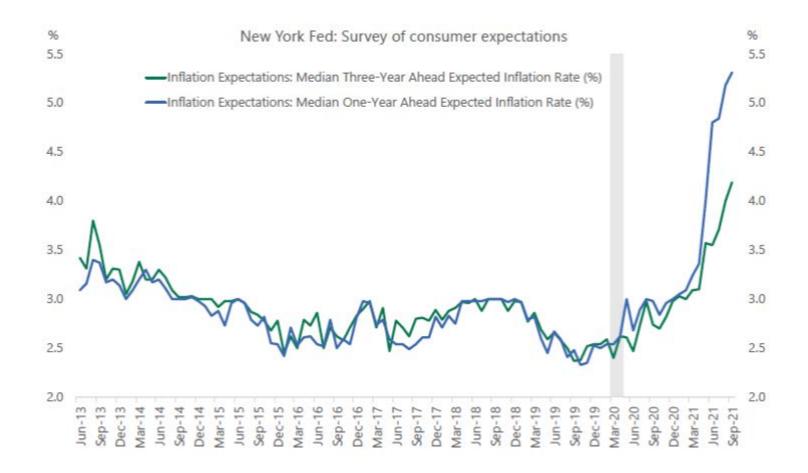


Source: National Federations of Independent Businesses 2021

### **INFLATION EXPECTATIONS HAVE NOT BEEN STABILIZED**



Higher inflation expectations and significant upward pressure on cost of production lead to higher inflation and lower margins

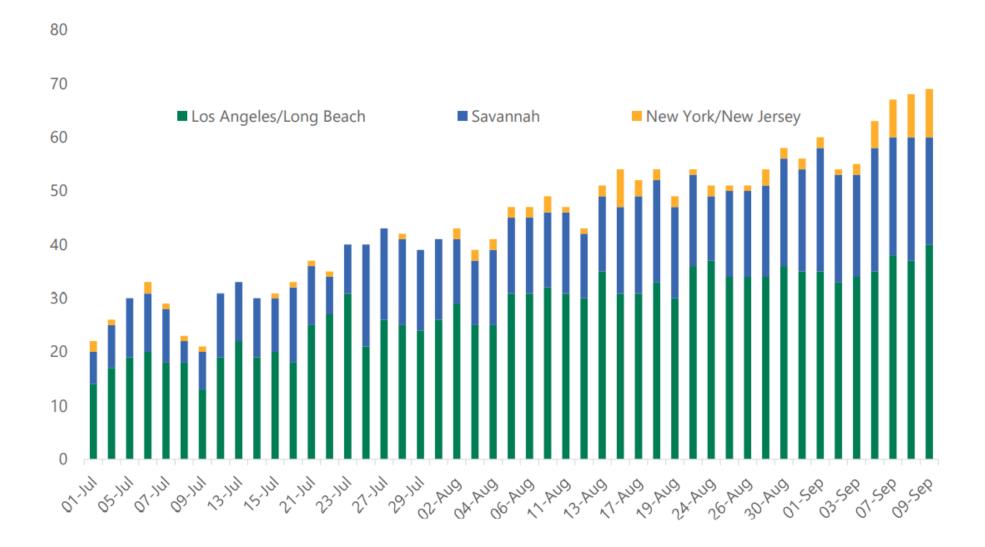


Source: Federal Reserve Bank of New York

#### **SUPPLY CHAIN DELAYS REMAIN A PROBLEM**



Number of containerships waiting at top 3 ports in the US

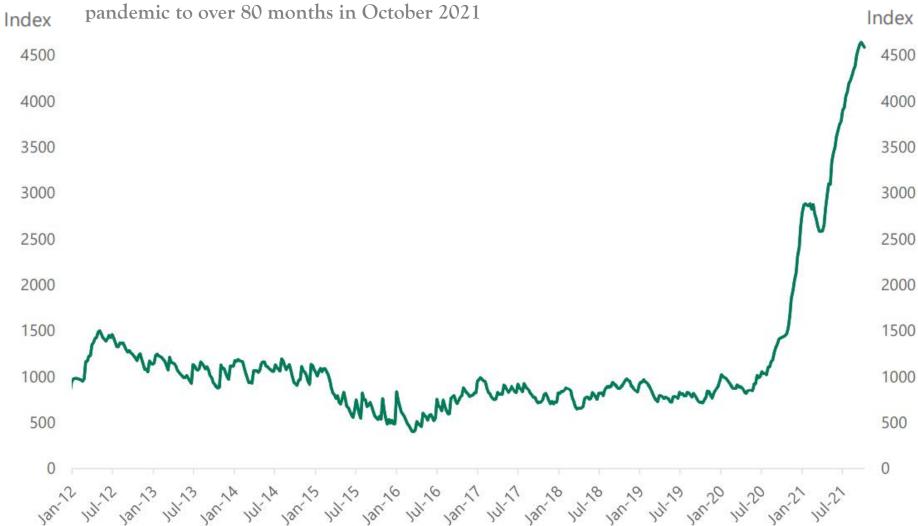


Source: Bloomberg

## COST OF TRANSPORTATION AT RECORD HIGH LEVELS



Shanghai Shipping Exchange Containerized Freight Index is elevated. The average transit time (end-to-end) between China and US has increased from 44 months prepandemic to over 80 months in October 2021



Source: Bloomberg

#### HOUSING MARKET HIGHLIGHTS



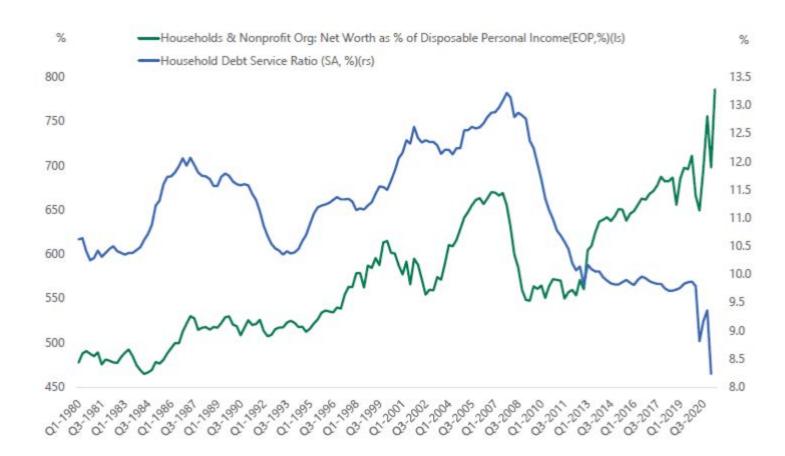
#### Trends and Structural Issues

- Healthy spending and solid household balance sheets have fueled dramatic increases in housing prices creating in turn declines in consumer confidence
- Home ownership decreased from 65.4% in 2021Q2 to 65.6% in 2021Q1.
- Home sales jumped 7% in Sept 2021 reducing home inventory.
- The S&P CorelOgic Case-Shiller 20-city home price index increased to the record of 20% year-on-year in July 2021
- Median existing-home price was \$352,800 up 13.3% from Sept 2020
- Housing affordability is an issues in the entry level of single-family housing
- Prices in the high-end housing market experience greater increases than prices in the middle-level
- Year-on-year house prices surged 19.2% in July 2021
- The supply is very tight. Housing starts fell by 1.6% to annual rate of 1.55 million units in September 2021. Costs of materials, labor shortages and permitting are the key factors for the decline
- Permits dropped 7.7% to an annual rate of 1.58 million unios in September 2021 the lowest level in a year and well below expectations. Supply chain disruptions, labor shortages and permitting have been the key issues

#### **SOLID US HOUSEHOLD BALANCE SHEETS**



US households have record-high net worth and record low debt service payments. Strong household sector balance sheets and robust job growth provide for solid growth in consumer spending ahead

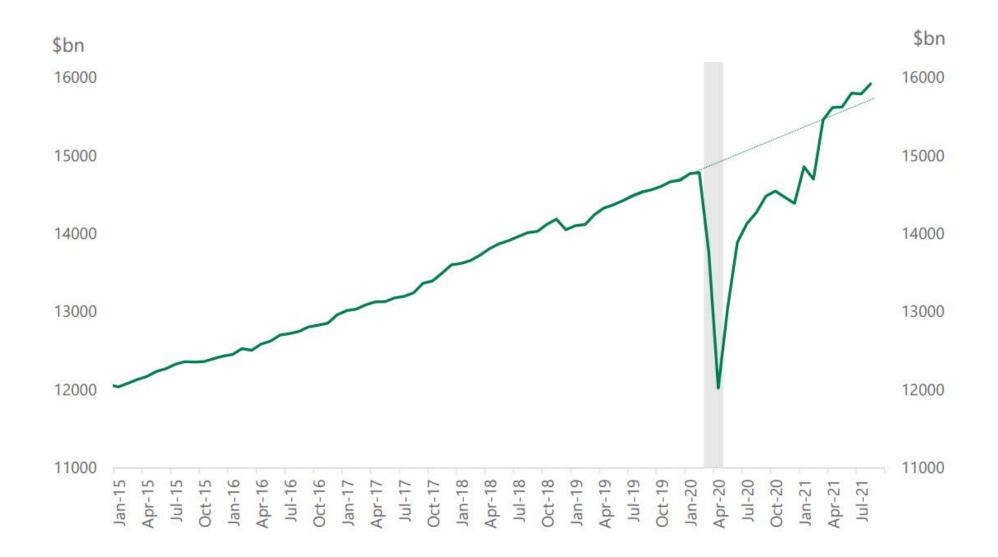


Source: Federal Funds Reports, Haver Analytics

#### TRENDS IN CONSUMER SPENDING



Consumer spending back at pre-pandemic trend

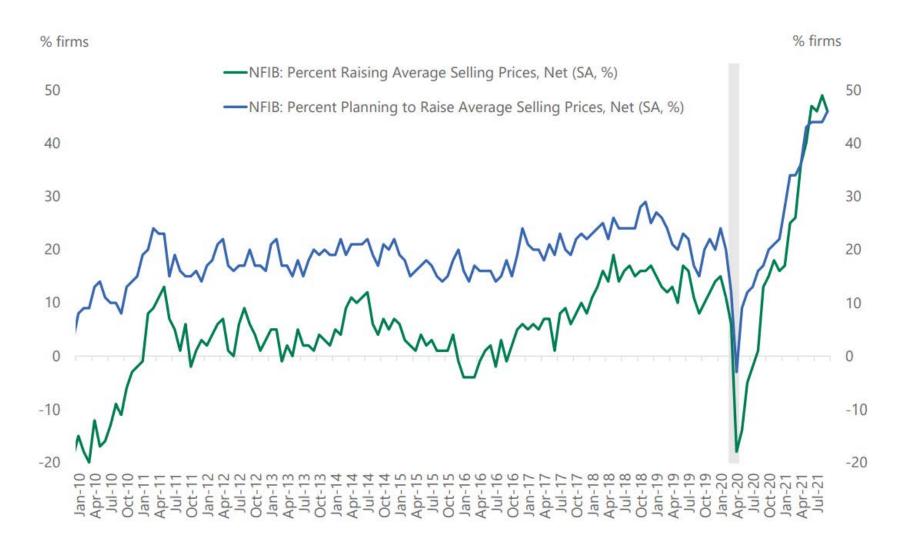


Source: Haver Analytics, Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA)

#### **BUSINESSES ARE RAISING PRICES**



Inflation has arrived as a record-high share of businesses are raising prices and planning to increase prices further

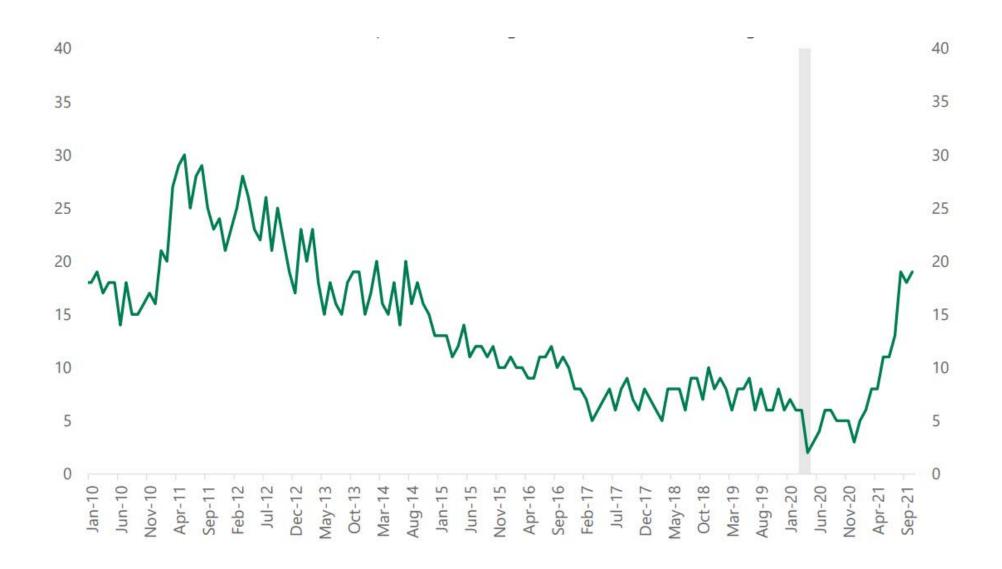


Source: National Federations of Independent Businesses 2021

# INFLATION'S NEGATIVE IMPACT ON PERSONAL FINANCES



Personal Finances Compared to a Year Ago: Worse Because of Higher Prices (%)

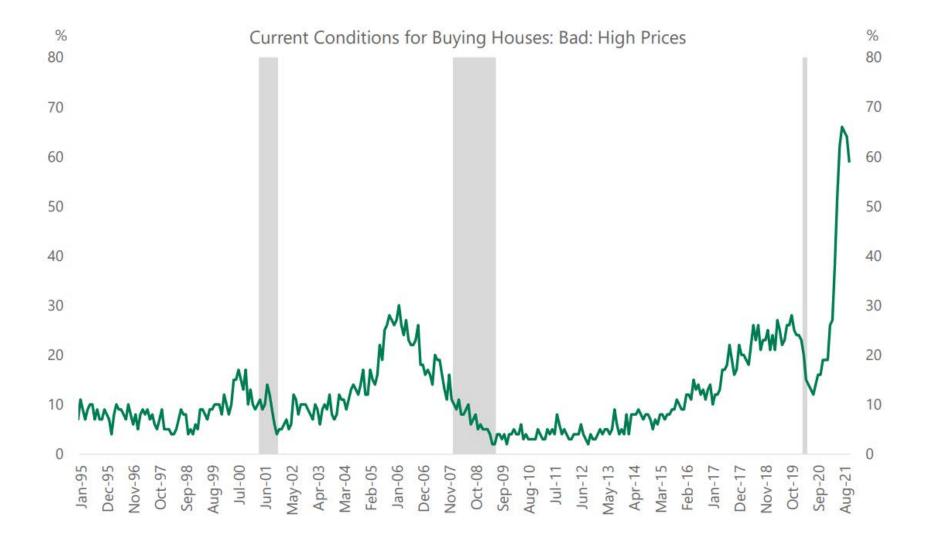


Sources: Haver Analytics, University of Michigan Consumer Confidence Survey

#### HIGH HOME PRICES IS CONSUMERS' KEY CONCERN



Almost 60% of consumers believe high home prices is a problem

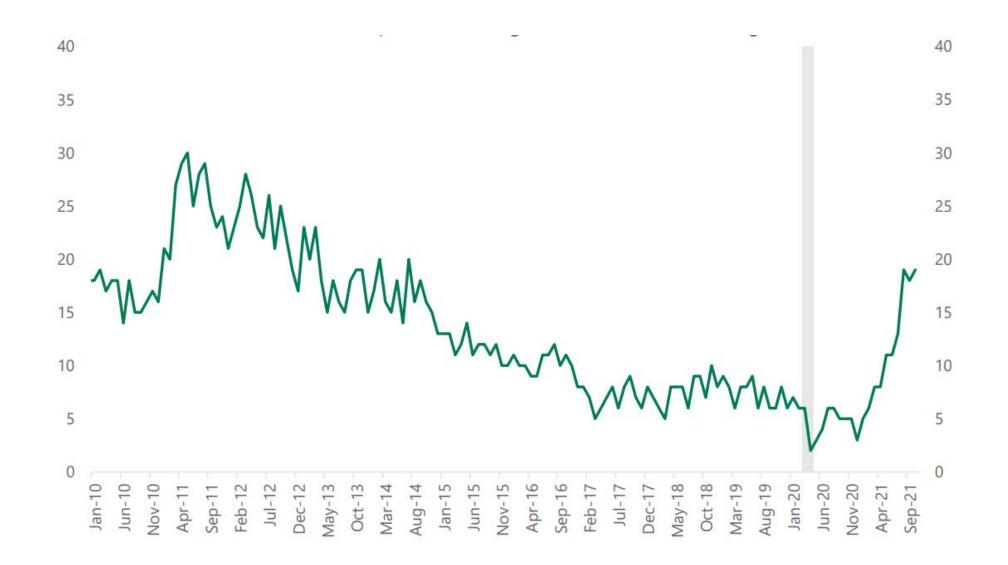


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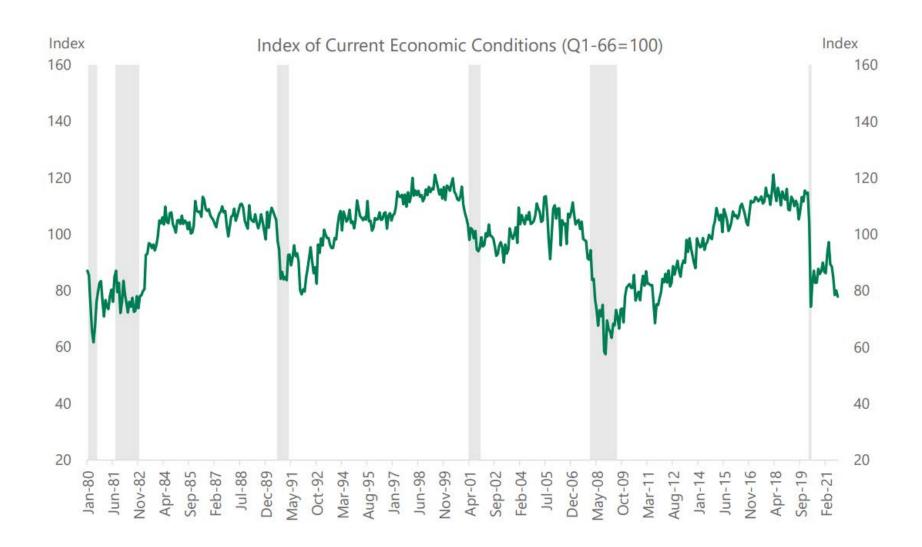


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#### **DECLINING CONSUMER CONFIDENCE**



With the virus subsiding and the economy improving consumer confidence has declined



Source: Haver Analytics, University of Michigan CCSurvey

#### WHY MULTIFAMILY STANDS TO GAIN IN THE 2020'S



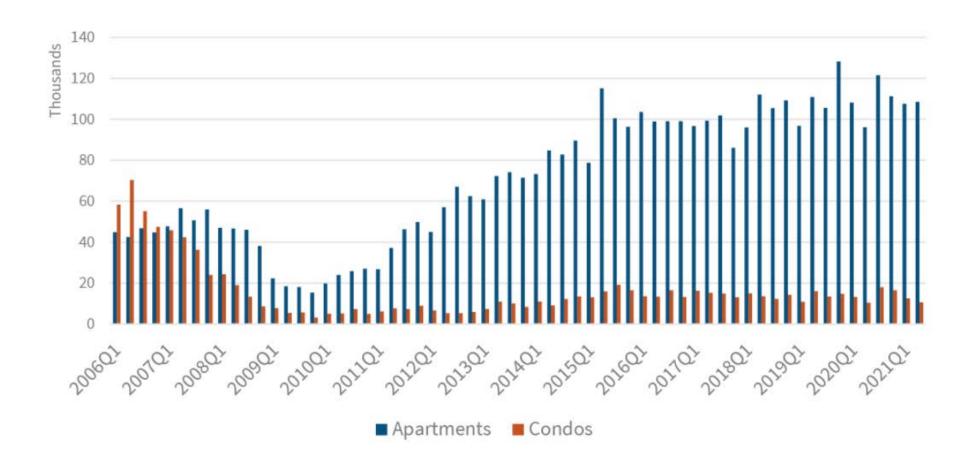
Strong Underlying Market and Economic Fundamentals

- Lack of housing in general. The housing shortage is expected to reach **6.5 million units** by 2022. The shortage is attributed to favorable demographics and the need for housing of sole-person households, a fast-growing segment of the population.
- Strengthening post-covid labor markets with very low levels of unemployment
- Strong wage growth but not in in alignment with rapidly appreciation of single-family housing
- Post-pandemic homeownership rates remain low at 63.5% despite low interest rates
- Single family home prices continue to increase due to limited supply and lack of inventory
- Demand for apartments will remain elevated due to lack of affordability of entry-level single-family housing
- A large influx of the younger "millennial" generation is entering the rental market in conjunction with baby boomers choosing to downsize in retirement creating more demand for multifamily units
- Pre-pandemic construction has been focused on upscale apartments (Class A) located in high-density urban markets creating unaffordable rental rates compared to the garden-style properties in suburban areas suitable for work-from-home
- With rent increases MF investing is a great hedge for upcoming inflation

#### STARTS FOR APARTMENT AND CONDO UNITS



Contained productions with unbalanced geographic distribution



Source: Dodge Data and Analytics 2021

# **COMPLETIONS UNDERWAY FOR APARTMENT/CONDO**



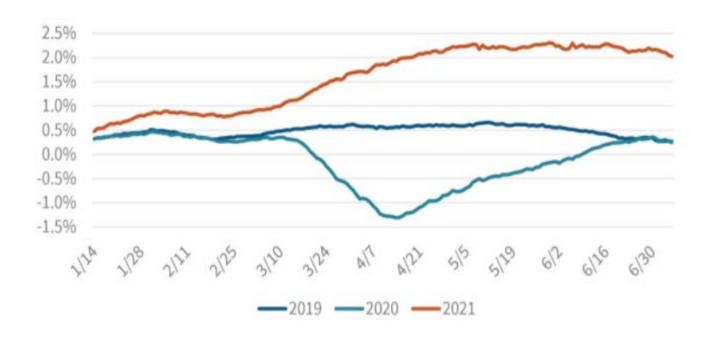
Construction Pipeline experiences shortages based on 2022 projections



#### **MULTIFAMILY 28-DAY RENT INCREASES**



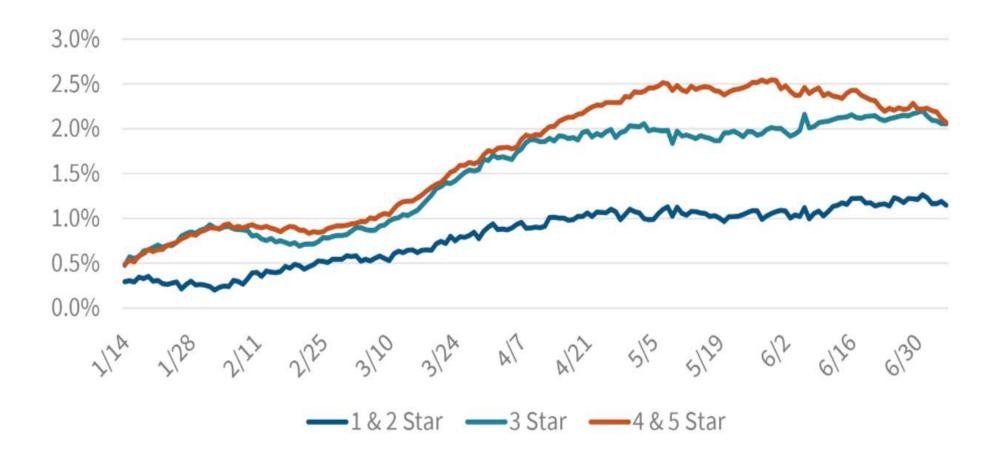
Measured from January 2021 to July 2021



# **MULTIFAMILY 28-DAY RENT INCREASES BY CLASS IN 2021**



Classification by CoStar. Consistent rent increases are steady for middle quality properties



Source: CoStar Advisory Services

#### **MULTIFAMILY TRENDS**



Absorptions, Completions, Vacancy rates and Effective Rent Growth

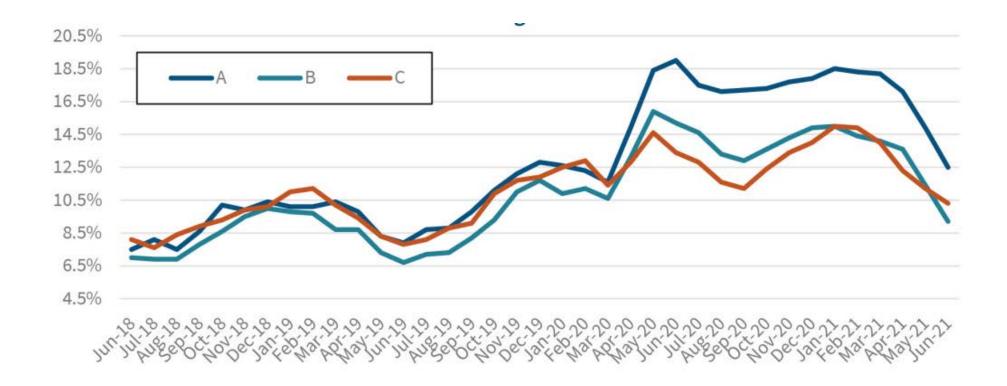


Source: Moody's Reis

#### **CONCESSION RATES BY CLASS**



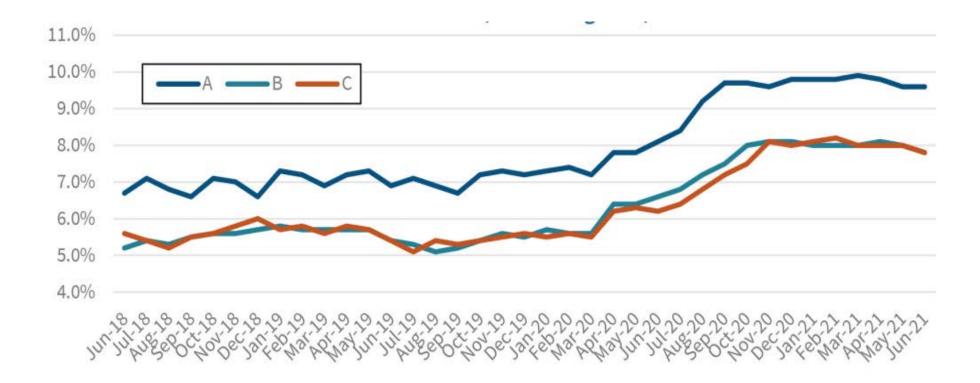
Percentage (%) of Units offering Concession by Class. Concessions are more pronounced for A class properties



#### **CONCESSION VALUE**



Class A properties offer larger concession value discounting a higher percentage (%) of Asking Rent



#### **GROWTH IN MULTIFAMILY LEASE SIGNINGS**



New Leases and Renewals

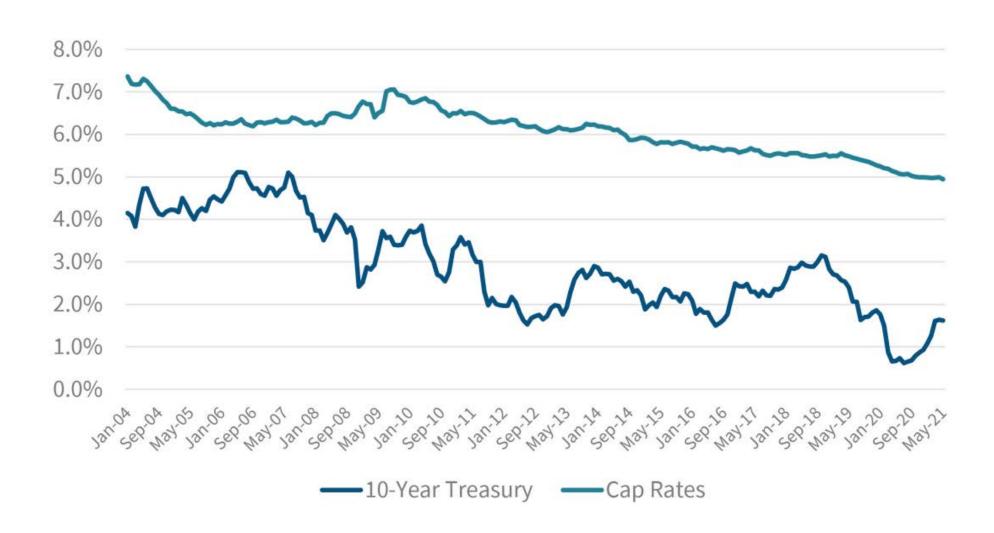


Source: RealPage, Inc

#### TRENDS IN MULTIFAMILY CAPITALIZATION RATES



10-Year Treasury vs. MF Capitalization Rates



Source: Real Capital Analytics and Federal Reserve