# INVESTMENT FORECAST

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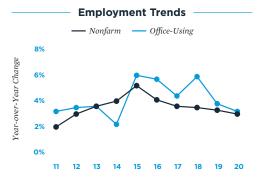
#### Available Space Sparse; Expanding Development Pipeline Contains More Speculative Projects

**Robust economic and employment gains bolster office demand.** Orlando's vacancy rate rests at the cyclical low and is among the tightest in the nation as companies moving to and expanding in the market are depleting available office space. Inventory additions in 2020 will reach the highest level in 10 years and include more speculative space. The increase should benefit prospective tenants who have found it challenging to locate large floor plates. Two of the biggest projects underway, KPMG's Training and Development Facility in Lake Nona and the SunTrust Plaza at Church Street Station in downtown Orlando, were originally expected in 2019, but deliveries were delayed into 2020. SunTrust's 28-story tower will debut in the second quarter with nearly all of the 220,000 square feet pre-leased. In addition, a sizable portion of the space being vacated by the financial firm in the SunTrust Center is already being backfilled. Demand is not only heightened for Class A inventory, but throughout the metro, new residential development is generating the need for small offices for professionals who service the growing population. Increased leasing has reduced Class B/C vacancy into the single digits in most submarkets and is pushing rent higher.

**Vibrant demand drivers capture investor attention.** Orlando's economy is firing on all cylinders as job and population growth are among the strongest in the nation and tourism rates are setting records. These healthy conditions are attracting a wider range of buyers to the metro, including a larger institutional presence. Investors are also coming from larger Florida markets, lured by lower entry costs and the potential for higher yields. Cap rates averaging in mid-7 percent bracket are at least 80 basis points above these metros. The added competition for a limited supply of listings has constrained deal flow and contributed to the average price rising to a new high. Buyers remain most active near large employment hubs along Interstate 4, particularly Maitland Center.

### 2020 Market Forecast

Employment Orlando remains one of the nation's top job creators as 40,000 workers are added to payrolls in 2020. During this time, office-using employment will jump up 2.9% 3.1 percent. Deliveries more than triple last year's 450,000 square feet as the construction Construction 1 1.5 million sq. ft. pipeline continues to expand. This year's total includes roughly 135,000 square feet of medical office space. Vacancy Strong leasing moves net absorption above new inventory, dropping vacancy to 9.3 percent in 2020, the lowest level of the cycle. down 60 bps Rent Matching last year's 3.0 percent advance, the average asking rent ends 2020 at up 3.0% \$23.66 per square foot. Investment Demand for office space near the SunRail rail line is increasing, boosting • development around stations and attracting investors to properties along the







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