PROPERTY INVESTMENT FACTSHEET - SEPTEMBER 2019

Unlisted Funds

UNLISTED PROPERTY VS. EQUITIES RETURNS PERIODS TO SEPTEMBER 2019

Despite weak economic data, the 12 months to 30 September 2019 ended strongly for Australian equity markets (13.0%), and A-REITs (15.7%) as the RBA slashed the cash rate to 0.75%. While aggregate A-REIT Price-to-Book ratios have remained lower than their 2016 highs, this conceals material dispersion at the individual stock level. Australian unlisted property funds continued to perform strongly, with a total return of 12.3%. The low cash rate environment continues to underpin momentum for capital seeking assets with attractive yield spreads. While any further reductions in interest rates are expected to provide support to capital values in FY20, growth in effective rents is likely to be the key driver of capital growth in the longer term.

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UNLISTED PROPERTY VS. EQUITIES RETURNS PERIODS TO SEPTEMBER 2019

DATE (12 MONTHS TO)

UNLISTED PROPERTY VS. EQUITIES RETURNS PERIODS TO SEPTEMBER 2019

PERIODS TO SEPTEMBER 2019

LISTED PROPERTY: PRICE TO BOOK VALUE SEPTEMBER 2015 TO SEPTEMBER 2019

FIXED INCOME, UNLISTED & LISTED PROPERTY SEPTEMBER 2015 TO SEPTEMBER 2019

DETAILED INVESTMENT TYPE COMPARISON

DATE (12 MONTHS TO)

Data sources: MSCI, RBA, Barclays Capital (see other side for more information)
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Direct Property

DIRECT PROPERTY INVESTMENT RETURNS
SEPT 1987 TO SEPT 2019

INCOME & CAPITAL RETURN FOR DIRECT PROPERTY
12 MONTHS TO SEPT 2018 AND SEPT 2019

DIRECT PROPERTY CAP RATES PER SECTOR
SEPT 1996 TO SEPT 2019

COMMENTARY

Australian direct property markets continue to perform strongly, delivering a total return of 7.8% for the 12 months to 30 September 2019. Yield spreads continue to be attractive, with income returns of 5.2% for the period. The ability of real estate to generate low volatility income continues to attract capital in a low yield environment where spreads remain attractive. However, investor demand continues to compress yields to record lows. Increased globalisation of capital flows continues to make cross border transactions an increasingly important driver of markets in the current property cycle.

COMMENTARY

While capital growth remains broadly positive, momentum across sectors continues to slow and results continue to be mixed. Office markets continue to benefit from strong rental growth in key markets (albeit slowing) while growth in e-commerce continues to drive up demand for modern logistics facilities. Retail outside strong destination centres continues to face headwinds from the threat of nimble international retailers, competition from online retailers, high rental costs and slowing economic data. Reversions in capital growth for retail continue in 2019, increasing to -2.2% compared to -1.4% the previous quarter.

COMMENTARY

Investment demand continues to drive capitalisation rates to historic lows. Spreads between the official cash rate and property yields remain elevated, albeit the strength of cap rate compression has been slowing since December 2015. Capitalisation rates for industrial again experienced the most compression over the last 12 months (-0.54%). Strong investment demand, coupled with the limited supply of stock have translated to robust capital appreciation, particularly for logistics assets. Key office markets in Sydney and Melbourne also continue to perform strongly in the face of low vacancies and strong growth in face rents.

DATA SOURCES

-All results shown are accumulation indexes-

UNLISTED PROPERTY The Property Council of Australia/MSCI Australia Unlisted Retail Quarterly Property Fund Index, Core funds, Pre-fee total return
AUSTRALIAN EQUITIES MSCI Australia 200 Index, Gross total return
GLOBAL EQUITIES MSCI World ex-Australia Index, Investible Market Index, Gross total return
LISTED PROPERTY MSCI Australia Core REIT Index, Investible Market Index, Gross total return & Price-to-book-value ratio
FIXED INCOME J.P. Morgan, Government Bond Index Australia, Unhedged, 7-10 Years, AUD, Total return
CASH Reserve Bank of Australia, Retail deposit and investment rates, Banks' term deposits ($10000), Average rate (all terms)
DIRECT PROPERTY The Property Council/MSCI Australian All Property Index, Total income and capital return & Valuer capitalisation rate

COMMENTARY

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