

Market Monitor

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Prepared for Challenges, Focused on Opportunity

by Ben Vestal

he last decade was a remarkable one for all investors. Stock markets soared and the global economy, though threatened, remained resilient while one incredibly volatile investment stood out from all the rest as the best of the 2010s. Want to guess what it was? Bitcoin. According to a recent report by Bank of America Securities, if you invested \$1 in bitcoin at the start of the decade, it would now be worth more than \$90,000. As we move into the next decade, investors face a new set of obstacles—from trade wars, to elections, to recession concerns. How will the investment market perform? And more importantly, how will the self-storage industry perform over the next decade?

Self-storage has done a lot of growing in the last decade and even though it has not seen the valuation multiple of Bitcoin, I think we would all agree that we like the stability of the cash flow and overall it has been a good investment. Today the holidays are upon us and cautious optimism is certainly more present in today's self-storage market than over the last ten years. The REITS are showing signs of operational headwinds and the development boom is slowly starting to taper off, but new supply will continue to affect operational performance across the board. The upcoming rock and roll of the presidential election will certainly have a psychological effect on investor sentiment in 2020. This, along with recession concerns, will momentarily cause the investment market to pause in 2020 as many investors and financial institutions, both big and small, will pull in the reins and exercise discipline as they wait and see how 2020 will shape up.

Now is time to look in to the crystal ball and position yourself for success in 2020. After exhibiting an incredible pace of growth over the last ten years, self-storage will come back down to reality in 2020 and provide investors a return that is more in line with other real estate assets. The operational concerns in the market will continue and keep a lid on pricing in the coming year, with markets that have experienced large amounts of new supply seeing more disappointment in valuation and performance than others. Self-storage owners continue to sell primarily because of life events with few owners making a decision to sell in order to capitalize on market valuations. We will see the first

meaningful round of disappointed owners/investors who decide to sell in 2020. These will largely be owners/investors who entered the self-storage space during the last 3-5 years and are not hitting their investment goals. This real estate cycle continues to run its course as the longest in history and 2020 will present buyers and sellers with opportunity to capitalize on market uncertainty. The ability of investors to be decisive and have a clear investment horizon/goal will lead to their success in 2020.

Below I have outlined 10 market predictions for 2020. These predictions are general in nature and I am hopeful they will allow you to identify new opportunities and spark new ideas as you position your self-storage investments, but as we all know, there will always be exceptions to the rule.

- 1. Real estate taxes and new supply will be the tipping point to a new reality!
- 2. Self-Storage NOI growth will be flat or a very moderate
- 3. New development will continue to slow and will actually stop much faster than most anticipate
- 4. Interest rates will remain low but construction loans will continue to tighten
- 5. Transaction velocity will remain steady in 2020
- 6. Physical occupancies will remain flat or down slightly
- 7. Rental rates will soften and some markets will see concessions expand
- 8. Self-storage returns will come down to be in line with the major real estate classes
- 9. Secondary and tertiary markets will continue to outperform the major markets
- 10. The 2020 presidential election will keep the real estate wave going!

Despite these challenges, we expect 2020 to be a year of growth for the self-storage investment market. All of us at Argus wish you and your loved ones a safe and happy holiday season, and we look forward to serving your self-storage investment advisory needs in the coming year and beyond! MM

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NEW!

Property Showcase

NEW!

Brady, TX

- 43 Units
- 8,965 RSF
- 0,905 KS
- 0.43 Acre
- Two parcel facility
- Priced below replacement cost
- Only two competitors within a 1-mile radius
- Unit sizes larger than competitors

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Winnemucca, NV

- 412 Units
- 55,690 RSF
- 2.84 Acres
- Value add opportunity
- Located at a signalized intersection
- On-site office and residence available
- Strong household incomes
- Includes 11,200 SF of RV storage

Jeff Gorden, CCIM 702-643-1000

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\$1,580,000

Bridgeport, TX

- 140 Units
- 18,000 RSF
- 2.5 Acres
- Upside opportunity
- Rates have not been increased in over two years

NEW!

- Residential property can be purchased for owner/operator or manager's residence
- · Expandable land

Chad Snyder 817-980-7276

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\$700,000



Portage, IN

- 55 Units
- 6,811 RSF
- 1.78 AcresLocated along the Indiana Toll
- Road at the Oasis exit and visible from I-90 and I-80

NEW!

- · Tremendous upside!
- Owner does not utilize management software or a website
- Significant opportunity to raise rental rates

Bruce Bahrmasel 312-518-3550

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\$250,000



Lawrence, KS

- 2-Property Portfolio
- 406 Total Units
- 51,220 Total RSF
- 5.01 Total Acres
- Two established sites in Lawrence, home of the University of Kansas
- One location offers additional land for development
- Entitled for expansion in areas with high barriers to entry

Larry Goldman, CCIM 913-707-9030

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\$3,900,000



Alexandria, MN

- 265 Units
- 45,870 RSF
- 22.19 Acres
- Two facility portfolio
- Ample land for expansion
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- Growing market with strong demographics
- Significant opportunity for operational improvement
- · Below market rents

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\$2,200,000





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