# **Clarion Calls:**

# Industrial Warehouse: Positioning For The Future

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## U.S. Warehouses Remain One Of The Most Attractive Real Estate Investments

# What You Need to Know

- Industrial is the best performing real estate sector over the past 15-years.
- Modernization of global economy continues to bolster the need for new U.S. Industrial Warehouse space.
- Clarion believes the current environment provides a compelling entry point for new investment.

### **Demand Drivers**

#### Direct-to-Consumer Expansion Continues

- E-commerce market projected to grow by \$337B by 2028.
- \$1B new e-commerce sales = 1million sq.ft. additional warehouse space needed.

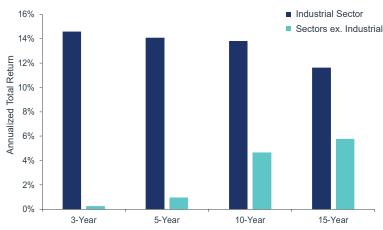
#### > Shifting Globalization Generates Opportunities

- Mexico is now the largest importer to the U.S., creating new opportunity along the southern border.
- Onshoring/Nearshoring leads to supply chain diversification across markets.

### > Preference for Modern Class A Buildings

 Class A is only 18% of the total U.S. warehouse supply. However, it accounts for 65% of leasing since 2018.

#### Industrial vs. Other Sectors (since 2009)



NCREIF, Clarion Partners Investment Research, Q2 2024

## **Supply Constraints**

#### > Decline in New Construction Starts

- Industrial warehouse construction starts have dropped by 60% since 3Q22.
- As a result, new supply deliveries in 2025 are projected to drop 54% from peak.

#### Accelerating Obsolescence

- Nearly 70% of the current U.S. industrial warehouse stock was built before 2000.
- Tenants prefer well-located sites and modern facilities to maximize efficiency.

### More Limited Capital Availability

 While certain investors are constrained by access to debt & equity, those with available capital are well positioned to execute on attractive deals.

# **Current Opportunity**

Continued ability to increase rents likely enabled by Historically Low Vacancy. Land prices have substantially corrected for higher interest rate environment. Timely Cyclical Entry Point: Projected 10-year low in new supply deliveries in 2025.

Based on Expanded NPI data, which includes all NPI properties and all qualified alternative assets. As of Q2 2024.

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