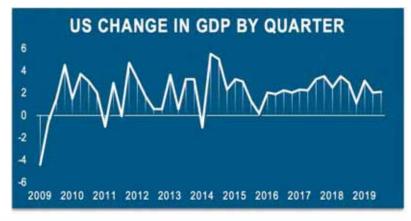
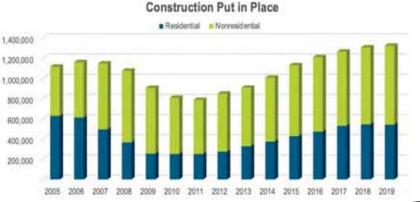


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## WHERE WE HAVE BEEN – LET THE GOOD TIMES ROLL



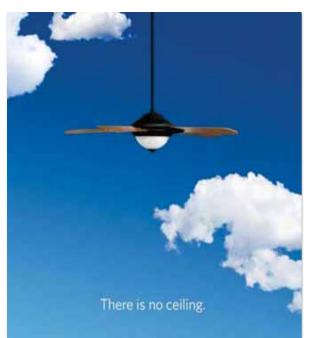


- The US Economy is in the midst of its longest expansion in history (127 months). The previous longest expansion was 120 months in the 1990s.
- Unemployment peaked in 2009 at 10%, fell below 5% in 2016, and is currently at a cycle low of 3.5%.
- Nonresidential construction has grown every year since 2011. The bottom in 2011 was 25% below the 2007 peak. Since then it has grown by 46% to be 10% above its previous peak in 2007. Through November 2019 non-res was up 3% on the year.
- Residential has grown since 2010 where it bottomed down 60% from peak. Since then it has increased by 116% though it is still 13% below its 2005 peak.

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## FORECAST: WE WILL SLOW DOWN - WHEN?

- We are currently in the longest economic expansion in US History. 127 months with average growth of 2.3% and employment growth of 1.1%. 2019 saw GDP growth of 2.3% below 2018's 2.9%.
- The fed forecast growth at 2.0% in 2020, 1.9% in 2021 and 1.8% in 2022.
- Economic forecasters feel the risk of a national economic recession have diminished.
- Positives for the economy include:
  - Favorable interest rates with low inflation
  - o Strengthening housing market
  - Strong job creation late in the business cycle
  - o Trade Agreements with Mexico-Canada and China
- Risk to the economy include:
  - o Weakening manufacturing
  - o Declining business investment levels
  - International tensions
  - Election year



Cover of the annual report of a publicly traded home builder prior to the great recession – fact check, there was a ceiling.



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Education	3.9	3.3
Religious	-1.9	-1.9
Public Safety	7.2	2.6
Amusement and Recreation	-1.8	-1.6

- Overall forecasters believe the growth of nonresidential construction will slow in 2020 and further slow in 2021. For reference, nonresidential construction grew 3.7% in 2018 and should grow around 2.5% in 2019.
- From a segment perspective, poorly performing segments such as retail and religious will continue to underperform.
- Hotel and Amusement/Recreation have performed well over the last five years but have slowed in 2019. These segments are forecast to slow further over the next two years.



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- Of the eight contributors to the consensus forecast, six are relatively consistent with the consensus forecast. Differences include:
  - Moody's is significantly more optimistic calling for 3.4% growth in 2020 and 5.4% growth in 2021 with all sectors growing in 2021. Note that Well Fargo is also bullish calling for 2.8% growth in 2020 and 3.6% growth in 2021.
  - Dodge is more pessimistic calling for 1.1% growth in 2020 with a decline of 5.9% in 2021 and all sectors declining in 2021.
  - Three of the eight forecasters are forecasting a drop in nonresidential construction in 2021 Dodge -5.9%, FMI -0.2% and ABC -0.9%.
- The AIA billings and design contract index flipped between positive and negative for the first 3 quarters of 2019 indicating potential for a slowing market. The last quarter of 2019 saw both billings and design contracts turn consistently positive for October, November and December. This indicates risk of a broad downturn in 2020 is significantly reduced.



## **EAST HISTORICAL PERFORMANCE**

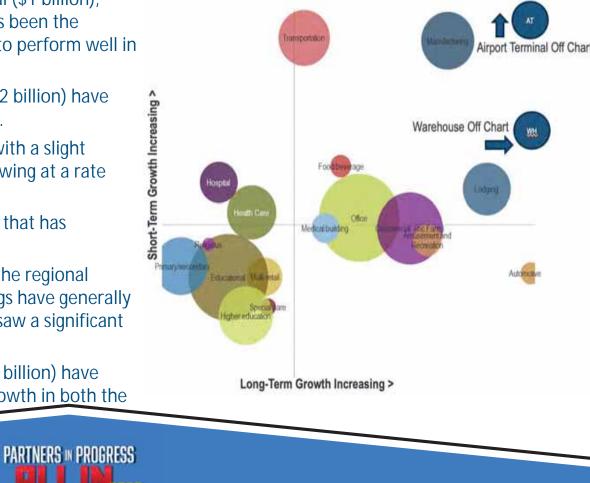
• Over the last five years total nonresidential construction put in place grew by 29%, near the national figure of 27%. Spending was up 10% in 2018, well above the national gain of 5%.





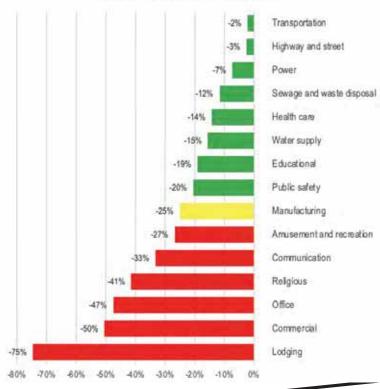
### **GROWTH TRENDS BY SEGMENT – NORTHEAST REGION**

- Warehouse (\$5 billion annual market), Airport Terminal (\$1 billion), Lodging (\$10 billion) and Manufacturing (\$8 billion) has been the regions growth leader in the long-term and continues to perform well in the short-term.
- Automotive (\$1 billion) and Amusement/Recreation (\$2 billion) have seen strong long-term but have slowed in the last year.
- Office (\$20 billion) has seen strong long-term growth with a slight slowing of the growth rate in the last year. It is still growing at a rate above the overall region.
- Food and Beverage (\$1 billion) has seen strong growth that has accelerated over the last year.
- Healthcare (\$7 billion) has grown at a rate well below the regional average over the last five years. Medical Office Buildings have generally led this sector in growth. In 2018, Hospital (\$4 billion) saw a significant jump in growth.
- The Education market (\$19 billion) and Multi-retail (\$4 billion) have consistently underperformed the region in terms of growth in both the long and short-term.



#### **LESSONS FROM THE LAST DOWNTURN:** HOW ARE WE POSITIONED FOR THE NEXT?

% Decline During Last Recession



- Lodging, Office, Automotive and Amusement and Recreation have all been very strong markets in the east over the last five years that may do poorly during the next downturn.
- Warehouse has been strong and would typically decline during a downturn but may hold up better during a future recession due to ongoing e-commerce trends.
- Manufacturing growth in the east has outperformed other regions it would likely decline during a downturn, but this decline may not be as severe as the growth leading markets such as Office and Lodging.
- Education has experienced poor performance over the long-term in the east. It may not offer much safety during a future downturn as it has in the past.
- Healthcare has seen slow but improving growth over the last five years. This market may be the best option during a future downturn.

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### DISCUSSION

• What are the opportunities in the Market? What are we missing out on?

• What are the challenges in the market? What keeps you up at night?



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