

News Brief

Residential Sector

1 **Mortgages Move Up for Homeseekers**

A handful of important mortgage rates climbed higher. Here's what experts say is next for the housing market this year.

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2 **Chart of the Week: Climate, Sustainability, and Real Estate Finance**

There are two central issues related to climate change and real estate finance: how a changing climate is affecting real estate, and how real estate is affecting the climate.

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3 **March new home sales beats expectations despite weak inventory**

Surprising, but not unexpected, March new home sales we best since last September.

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Commercial Sector

1 **Commercial Real Estate Debt is Back with 170% Jump in Sales**

Commercial real estate was one of the scariest assets in the US last year. This year, investors are warming to it once again.

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2 **A Decade Of Demolition Without Substantial Development Has Reset Retail**

A great recalibration of the country's retail footprint has been underway for years, as bankruptcies have roiled some of the most beloved stores and restaurant chains. Now, as other sectors of CRE stumble and slow, retail has stabilized as a result.

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3 **These office buildings are outperforming the broader market. They have one thing in common**

The U.S. office vacancy rate reached 19.8% in Q1, a new record by Moody Analytics Inc. standards. Some properties are bucking the larger trend, and there's a big common thread.

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