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REAL ESTATE HIGHLIGHTS



FARM CHARM- Investors Seeking Inflation Hedge Snap Up US Farmland

Investors are buying more US farmland in search of a hedge against inflation as commodity shortfalls caused by Russia's invasion of Ukraine drive world food prices to record highs. [Read more.](#)



GEN Y GOES HIGH- High-End Housing Markets See Influx of Millennials

Long on the sidelines, this population cohort is making up for lost time. [Read more.](#)

FUTURE OF CITIES



SIMCITY SIMILAR- How Cities are Using Digital Twins like a SimCity for Policymakers

Digital twins allow cities to create virtual models and run simulations of new policies or infrastructure projects and preview their potential impacts before making a decision in the real world. [Read more.](#)



EV PHONE HOME (212)- Here's How Slowly New York is Moving on Electric

New York has ambitious electrification goals, but it lags behind other major cities in the United States significantly. [Read more.](#)

URBAN PLANNING



MICHEY HOUSE- Disney's Latest Florida Attraction: Affordable Housing

As Orlando rents skyrocket, Disney will hire a developer to build around 1,300 housing units on Walt Disney World's property. Living near the House of Mouse can cost you an arm and a leg. [Read more.](#)



META MEH!- Mark Zuckerberg's Vision for the Metaverse is off to an Abysmal Start

Design is everything in the metaverse—but Mark Zuckerberg set it up to fail. [Read more.](#)

CLIMATE CHANGE



FLORIDA'S FLORA FIASCO- Florida Faces a Triple Threat to its Environment

The environment is Florida's biggest attraction, but also its biggest vulnerability. [Read more.](#)



TIME IT, CLIMATE- Stopping Climate Change is Doable, but Time is Short, U.N. Panel Warns

A major new scientific report offers a road map for how countries can limit global warming, but warns that the margin for error is vanishingly small. [Read more.](#)

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MALL MAULING- Westfield Malls' European Owner Says it is Done with the U.S.

Unibail-Rodamco-Westfield plans to sell off its nearly \$13 billion U.S. portfolio to focus on its European assets. [Read more.](#)



BACK TO BANK- Bank of America Plans to Bring All U.S. Workers Back to Office by June 1

The return, for vaccinated and unvaccinated workers alike, will be staged in waves. [Read more.](#)

RESIDENTIAL



HOW HIGH FOR HOMES– Can Home Prices and Interest Rates Soar at the Same Time?

Rising mortgage rates are supposed to cool house prices. But this time could be different. [Read more.](#)



FIRST BUY TOO HIGH– It's Never Been Harder for First-Time Homebuyers

The housing market is having a moment, with homes routinely selling for well over asking in a matter of days, sometimes with all cash offers. [Read more.](#)

LAST WORD



EAMES BEAMS– What Airbnb's Joe Gabbia Owes to Charles and Ray Eames

The newly formed Eames Institute for Infinite Curiosity is focused on taking objects and methodologies from the Eameses' practice and sharing that knowledge with the world in hopes that it will inspire solutions to thorny problems. [Read more.](#)

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