

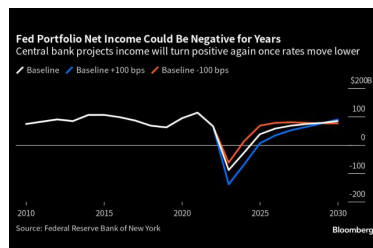
Below you'll find our roundup of the best news and developments across the web, covering everything from real estate highlights to climate change, city developments, and urban planning.

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



### MAY RATE HIKE LIKELY AFTER INFLATION SPIKE - Inflation Report Keeps a May Interest-Rate Increase in Play

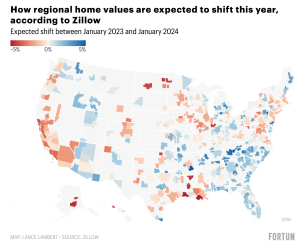
The latest inflation report has kept a May interest rate increase in play, raising concerns about rising inflation and the potential need for the Federal Reserve to take action. [Read more.](#)



### INTEREST COST CAUSES FED LOSS - Fed Operating Losses Seen Growing with Higher Interest Rates

The US Federal Reserve projects increasing operating losses as interest rates rise, according to Bloomberg, prompting concerns about potential impacts on the central bank's balance sheet. [Read more.](#)

## REAL ESTATE HIGHLIGHTS



### FORECASTS CONTRAST - Zillow and Moody's Issue Starkly Different Home Price Forecasts for The Nation's 400 Largest Markets

Housing market analysts are divided on home price forecasts for 2023-2024, with Zillow projecting a slowdown in growth while Moody's Analytics predicts continued acceleration, according to Fortune. [Read more.](#)



### BIG APPLE RENTS FLY SKY HIGH - Manhattan Rents Reach Record High with Busy Season Yet to Come

Manhattan rents have reached a record high ahead of the busy summer season, with the median rent for a one-bedroom apartment hitting \$3,300. [Read more.](#)

## URBAN PLANNING



### TWO MILLION FLEE BIG CITIES - Two Million People Fled America's Big Cities From 2020 To 2022

Two million people left the largest US cities between 2020 and 2022, according to The Hill, citing data from the US Postal Service, as the pandemic and remote work fuel migration away from urban centers. [Read more.](#)



### OUR WAY OR THE HIGHWAY? - Why Is It So Hard to Kill This Freeway?

The proposed expansion of a controversial highway through New Orleans is sparking debate among residents, activists, and government officials about the future of the city's transportation infrastructure. [Read more.](#)

## CRE



### **COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE DEBATE - Commercial Real Estate Prices – How Strong Is the Sector?**

Commercial real estate prices have shown remarkable strength amidst the pandemic, with investors remaining bullish on the sector's future prospects. However, the rise in interest rates and potential supply chain disruptions may pose challenges for the industry. [Read more.](#)



### **STRONG DEMAND FOR HOSPITALITY BRANDS - High Demand for Upscale Hospitality Real Estate Despite Inflation**

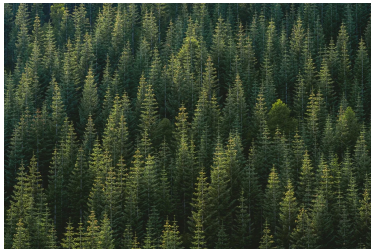
Despite rising inflation, there is still high demand for upscale hospitality real estate as investors seek out stable and profitable assets in a volatile market. [Read more.](#)

## **CLIMATE CHANGE**



### **WORLD BANK TO FRISK RICH ON CLIMATE RISK - Climate Change and Poverty Pose Challenge to World Bank**

The World Bank is facing mounting pressure to address the interlinked challenges of climate change and poverty, which threaten to undermine development progress and exacerbate global inequalities. [Read more.](#)



### **A TRILLION TREES IS A CLIMATE TEASE - The Illusion of Saving the Planet with a Trillion Trees**

"One trillion trees" campaign gains traction as the world comes together to fight climate change, with governments and businesses taking bold steps towards a greener future. [Read more.](#)

## ALTERNATIVE INVESTMENTS



### **BANK CONTENDERS ARE PRIVATE LENDERS - Shadow Lenders to Bridge Real Estate Void Left by Banks, Bonds**

As banks tighten lending standards for real estate, shadow lenders are stepping in to fill the void, providing bridge loans and other forms of financing to property investors and developers. [Read more.](#)



### **BOLD CALL FOR DIGITAL GOLD - Bitcoin Deserves Some Space in Your Portfolio**

As the world becomes increasingly digital, Bitcoin is emerging as a legitimate investment option for individuals looking to diversify their portfolios and capitalize on the potential of the decentralized digital currency. [Read more.](#)



## LAST WORD



### BIOPHILIC IS IDYLIC - 4 Ways to Bring Biophilia Into the Urban Workspace

Biophilic design is becoming increasingly popular in the world of architecture and interior design, with its emphasis on incorporating nature into built environments. Here are four ways to bring biophilia into the urban workspace, creating healthier, more productive, and happier work environments. [Read more.](#)

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