

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



WITH INFLATION SURGE BANKS DIVERGE - Global Central Banks Set to Diverge on Rates as Stubborn Inflation Stalks Fed, ECB

Central banks around the world, including the Federal Reserve and the European Central Bank, face the challenging task of managing diverging monetary policies amid an enduring battle with rising inflation.

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INFLATION RATE WON'T ABATE - Inflation's Return Changes The World

Is this an enduring shift in the monetary environment or a temporary one? At the moment, we do not know. Read more.

REAL ESTATE HIGHLIGHTS





NO SIGN OF BIG DECLINE - What's Next For The Housing Market, As Told By Fannie Mae's Latest Forecast

As the housing market continues to experience robust demand and limited supply, Fannie Mae's latest forecast predicts a further surge in home prices throughout 2023 and 2024, intensifying affordability challenges for prospective buyers. Read more.

SOME CITIES RISE TO HIGHS - 5 US Cities With Biggest Home-Price Gains, 5 in Most Decline

The U.S. housing market displays a tale of two cities as some urban areas witness remarkable spikes in home prices, while others face notable declines, according to a recent report by Redfin, highlighting the divergent trends shaping the real estate landscape. Read more.

URBAN PLANNING



SHADE AID - 9 Ways to Stay Shaded on a Sweltering Day in New York City

With scorching heatwaves becoming more frequent, New York City residents are increasingly seeking refuge from the summer sun in shade-giving trees and innovative urban designs that provide relief and combat the urban heat island effect. Read more.



BOGOTANS HAVE BEST TRANSPORT PLANS - Is Bogotá a Better Model for Transportation Reform than the Green Capitals of Europe?

Challenging the perception that European cities are the epitome of transportation reform, Bogota emerges as a compelling model with its progressive urban planning and innovative mobility strategies that prioritize cycling, public transit, and pedestrian-friendly infrastructure. Read more.

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DEVELOPERS FLIRT WITH OFFICE CONVERTS - What It Takes to Convert a Multi-Million Dollar Office Into Housing

As the remote work trend reshapes the commercial real estate landscape, developers are grappling with the complexities of converting multi-million dollar office spaces into residential units, requiring significant renovations and



CRE THRIVES AT UNIVERSITY -Commercial Real Estate Finds a Rare Bright Spot by Campuses

Despite the rise in mortgage rates last year, sales of student housing property reached a record high of \$22.9 billion in 2022. While college enrollment declined 1.1% last year, it increased for universities in the highest earning athletic conferences. Read more.

CLIMATE CHANGE



HEAT WAVES SEND MORE TO THEIR GRAVES - Extreme Heat Is Deadlier Than Hurricanes, Floods and Tornadoes Combined

Highlighting the lethal impact of extreme heat, a Scientific American report reveals that heatwaves claim more lives than hurricanes, floods, and tornadoes combined, underscoring the urgent need for effective climate adaptation and mitigation strategies. Read more.



GLOBAL WARMING BILL EXCEEDS \$200 TRILL' - \$200 Trillion Is Needed to Stop Global Warming. That's a Bargain.

Despite the staggering price tag of \$200 trillion required to effectively combat global warming, Bloomberg Opinion argues that this investment represents a bargain when considering the enormous economic and humanitarian costs of unchecked climate change. Read more.

ALTERNATIVE INVESTMENTS



PRIVATE LENDERS DISCERN
HISTORIC RETURNS - Why This Is the 'Golden Era of Credit'

Describing the current era as a "golden era of credit," Institutional Investor highlights the favorable conditions and abundant opportunities in the credit market, driven by accommodative central bank policies and investor appetite for yield. Read more.



BLOCKCHAIN: WALL STREET'S NEW DOMAIN - Wall Street Spots Blockchain Opportunities as Crypto Stumbles

Make no mistake: Wall Street is not getting into the business of hawking meme coins. Instead, firms are focusing on how real-world assets can be converted into digital tokens to create trading efficiencies, improve accessibility, and develop new opportunities that blockchains and smart contracts allow. Read more.



DANES STRIVE TO BE ZERO HEROES - Meet The Architects Trying To Make Denmark Carbon-Neutral

A group of visionary architects in Denmark are spearheading ambitious efforts to achieve carbon neutrality in the country, implementing innovative designs and sustainable practices to tackle the pressing challenges of climate change. Read more.

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