## MARKETBEAT

# PALM BEACH

Industrial Q3 2023

YoY 12-Mo. Forecast

4.1%
Vacancy Rate

126K YTD Net Absorption, SF



Overall, Net Asking Rent

### ECONOMIC INDICATORS Q3 2023

681K

Palm Beach Employment

2.7% Palm Beach Unemployment Rate



Source: BLS



YoY



12-Mo.

Forecast

### **ECONOMY**

The unemployment rate in Palm Beach County was 2.7% in the third quarter, on par with rates from one year ago and 100 basis points (bps) lower than the national rate. Nonagricultural employment increased 1.4% year-over-year (YOY) with 9,300 jobs added. Industrial-using employment which included construction, manufacturing, trade, transportation & utilities had a combined increase of 3,500 jobs YOY.

### SUPPLY

Palm Beach County's overall vacancy finished the quarter at 4.1%, up 20 bps from the previous quarter and 190 bps YOY. Warehouse/distribution (W/D) vacancy finished the quarter at 4.9%, up 250 bps YOY. For the first time, vacancy rates surpassed the five-year high recorded in Q4 2021. The rise in vacancy can be attributed to 833,946 square feet (sf) of construction deliveries in 2023, with much of this product remaining available for lease. New supply in the market has helped alleviate record low vacancy from early last year, when W/D rates sat at 2.2%. Expected completions in Q4 and early next year will continue to offer new high-quality space in the market.

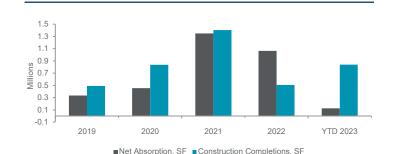
### DEMAND

New leasing activity within Palm Beach County measured 822,581 sf year-to-date (YTD). Deal volume was down 47.3% from last year's historic activity, as market demand began to normalize. Despite a slow in YTD leasing activity, demand outweighed supply, with overall absorption remaining positive at 126,335 sf YTD. The largest tenant occupancies for the quarter included NeoG and Florida Pneumatic occupying a combined 59,440 sf at one of the newly delivered Silver Beach buildings and Southwest Surplus occupying 30,000 sf in the West Palm Beach submarket.

#### MARKET PRICING

Palm Beach County asking rental rates continued to rise, ending the quarter at \$14.98 per square foot (psf) triple net (NNN), up 4.6% YOY. W/D rates finished the quarter at \$15.11 psf, up 10.8% from a year ago. Palm Beach County continued a trend of increased rental rates dating back to the market's post-pandemic industrial boom. Despite economic uncertainty, the delivery of new high-quality space will continue to push rents upwards in a market where demand outweighs supply.

### SPACE DEMAND / DELIVERIES



### **OVERALL VACANCY & ASKING RENT**



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### **MARKET STATISTICS**

| SUBMARKET         | INVENTORY<br>(SF) | OVERALL<br>VACANT (SF) | OVERALL<br>VACANCY RATE | QTR OVERALL<br>NET<br>ABSORPTION<br>(SF) | YTD OVERALL<br>NET<br>ABSORPTION<br>(SF) | UNDER<br>CONSTRUCTION<br>(SF) | YTD CONSTR<br>COMPLETIONS<br>(SF) | OVERALL<br>WEIGHTED AVG<br>NET RENT (MF) | OVERALL<br>WEIGHTED AVG<br>NET RENT (OS) | OVERALL<br>WEIGHTED AVG<br>NET RENT (W/D) |
|-------------------|-------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|--|--|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|--|---|
| Boca Raton        | 6,962,392         | 320,129                | 4.6%                    | 7,138                                    | 13,453                                   | 0                             | 119,117                           | \$16.50                                  | \$17.25                                  | \$15.82                                   |
| Boynton Beach     | 3,254,576         | 45,932                 | 1.4%                    | 0  | 13,570                                   | 0                             | 0                                 | N/A                                      | \$13.95                                  | \$12.82                                   |
| Delray Beach      | 1,823,390         | 50,469                 | 2.8%                    | -610                                     | -27,947                                  | 0                             | 0                                 | N/A                                      | \$14.50                                  | \$17.99                                   |
| Jupiter           | 4,590,228         | 13,520                 | 0.3%                    | 1,400                                    | -9,350                                   | 1,105,327                     | 0                                 | N/A                                      | \$20.87                                  | N/A                                       |
| Lake Worth        | 1,565,111         | 0                      | 0                       | 0  | 1,000                                    | 75,000                        | 0                                 | N/A                                      | N/A                                      | N/A                                       |
| Riviera Beach     | 8,552,449         | 554,780                | 6.5%                    | 66,845                                   | 79,910                                   | 0                             | 556,829                           | N/A                                      | N/A                                      | \$16.78                                   |
| West Palm Beach   | 14,340,700        | 716,958                | 5.0%                    | -8,650                                   | 55,699                                   | 758,115                       | 163,000                           | \$8.50                                   | \$15.08                                  | \$14.08                                   |
| PALM BEACH TOTALS | 41,088,846        | 1,701,788              | 4.1%                    | 66,123                                   | 126,335                                  | 1,938,442                     | 838,946                           | \$10.49                                  | \$16.69                                  | \$15.11                                   |

<sup>\*</sup>Rental rates reflect weighted net asking \$psf/year

MF = Manufacturing OS = Office Service/Flex W/D = Warehouse/Distribution

### **MARKET STATISTICS BY ASSET TYPE**

| PRODUCT TYPE           | INVENTORY<br>(SF) | OVERALL<br>VACANT (SF) | OVERALL<br>VACANCY RATE | QTR OVERALL NET<br>ABSORPTION (SF) | YTD OVERALL NET<br>ABSORPTION (SF) | YTD LEASING<br>ACTIVITY (SF) | UNDER<br>CONSTRUCTION (SF) | YTD CONSTR<br>COMPLETIONS (SF) | OVERALL WEIGHTED<br>AVG NET RENT |
|------------------------|-------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Manufacturing          | 6,624,215         | 75,757                 | 1.1%                    | 30,000                             | -47,016                            | 102,561                      | 0                          | 0                              | \$10.49                          |
| Office Service         | 4,965,976         | 186,891                | 3.8%                    | -6,850                             | -35,611                            | 108,569                      | 0                          | 0                              | \$16.69                          |
| Warehouse/Distribution | 29,498,655        | 1,439,140              | 4.9%                    | 42,973                             | 208,962                            | 611,451                      | 1,938,442                  | 838,946                        | \$15.11                          |
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### **KEY LEASE TRANSACTIONS Q3 2023**

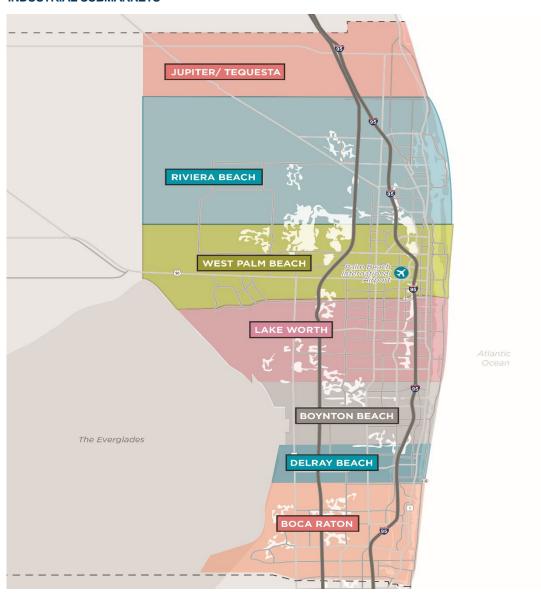
| PROPERTY                  | SUBMARKET       | TENANT                        | SF     | TYPE      |
|---------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|--------|-----------|
| 1939 7th Avenue North     | Lake Worth      | Foundation Building Materials | 50,283 | New Lease |
| 951 Clint Moore Rd        | Boca Raton      | Woodfield Distribution        | 48,097 | Renewal   |
| 1620 Silver Beach Rd      | Riviera Beach   | Latricrete International      | 47,673 | New Lease |
| 1131 North State Road 7   | West Palm Beach | Novo Aero Services LLC        | 24,373 | New Lease |
| 401 N Cleary Rd           | West Palm Beach | Reso Inc                      | 23,292 | New Lease |
| 1701-1743 Okeechobee Road | West Palm Beach | Rexel USA, Inc                | 22,202 | Renewal   |

<sup>\*</sup>Renewals not included in leasing statistics

### **KEY SALES TRANSACTIONS Q3 2023**

| PROPERTY                   | SUBMARKET     | SELLER / BUYER                           | RSF    | PRICE/\$ PSF    |
|----------------------------|---------------|--|--------|-----------------|
| 6461 Garden Road           | Riviera Beach | Planned Land Dev Corp   FP Riviera, LLC  | 38,979 | \$5.9M   \$152  |
| 1155 South Congress Avenue | Delray Beach  | Eckols 77 LTD   Trammel Crow Residential | 29,888 | \$12.7M   \$424 |

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