

NEWSLETTER

FOCUS OF THE MONTH: INVESTOR INSIGHTS | APRIL 2023

1031 Exchange Trends for 2023 We Are Anticipating:

In the coming year, the 1031 exchange industry is poised for growth and innovation as investors seek out new opportunities to maximize their wealth and minimize their tax liabilities. According to a recent article by IPX1031, several key trends are likely to shape the industry in 2023.

One of the most notable trends is the growing popularity of Delaware Statutory Trusts (DSTs) as a replacement property option. DSTs offer investors the chance to own fractional shares of institutional-grade properties, such as office buildings, shopping centers, and multifamily apartments, without the responsibilities of active management. This allows for greater diversification of investment portfolios, mitigating the risk of concentrating assets in a single property or location. As such, the demand for DSTs is expected to continue to rise in 2023.

Another important trend in the 1031 exchange industry is the increasing use of technology to streamline the exchange process. Many exchange companies are adopting online platforms to facilitate property searches, document signing, and funds transfers. This not only saves time and money for investors, but also enhances transparency and security throughout the transaction process. With digital tools now widely available, the 1031 exchange industry is set to become even more accessible and efficient in 2023.

Although the new law limits the use of 1031 exchanges to real property, it remains a powerful tool for investors looking to defer taxes and maximize their financial gains. We advise investors to consult with tax and legal professionals to ensure they are taking full advantage of the benefits offered by the 1031 exchange in the post-tax reform era.

MESSAGE OF THE MARKET

- "The median single-family home sale price on the Eastside was down 21% year over year in February, according to data the Northwest Multiple Listing Service (MLS) released Monday. Prices were down elsewhere in King County, ranging from 4.7% North King to 11.3% in Southeast King. Seattle's annual decline was 10.8%. The median price fell 6.7% across King, Snohomish and Kitsap counties saw declines of 7.4% and 4.8%, respectively, while Pierce County logged a 1% decrease." -**Puget Sound Business Journal**
- "At its first meeting of 2023 in February, the Fed raised its benchmark lending rate by another 25 basis points, its eighth increase in less than a year. That pushed the central bank's key rate to a range of 4.5% to 4.75%, its highest level in 15 years. Many economists expect at least three more increases before the end of the year." Matt Ott, The Associated Press
- "Washington state mortgage holders saw their home equity fall by an average of \$18,900 last quarter from the year prior... The loss was the second highest in the country behind Idaho." - CoreLogic
- "48 percent of mortgaged residential properties in the United States were considered equity-rich in the fourth quarter, meaning that the combined estimated amount of loan balances secured by those properties was no more than 50 percent of their estimated market values." ATTOM

Monthly Homeownership Tip: Here Comes The Sun

As the weather warms up, use the opportunity to continue sprucing up your outdoor space and preparing for the warmer months. Here are a few recommendations.

- Plant a Garden: April is the perfect time to start planting your garden. Whether you're planting vegetables, herbs, or flowers, gardening is a great way to beautify your home and improve your health by spending time outdoors.
- Review Your Insurance: Take some time to review your homeowner's insurance policy to make sure you have adequate coverage. Consider any changes in your home or property that may require additional coverage or adjustments to your policy.

By following these tips, you can help keep your home in top shape and enjoy the spring season to its fullest.



Tip On One of Our Tools: Trustee Sales Report

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