## **1H23 NYC Industrial Market Report** Outer-Boroughs



Sales volume of industrial properties in the outer-boroughs during the first half of 2023 rose 4% from the same period in 2022. A higher interest rate environment did impact dollar volume though, as the total dollar amount of industrial properties sold in 1H23 decreased 49% from 1H22. In a sign that the industrial asset class is bifurcating further, there were notable shifts in the types of property sold as well as the profile of the typical buyer. Notably industrial land, a/k/a IOS, deals accounted for 26% of overall deal volume, up from 15% in 2H22. Also noteworthy – 59% of industrial transactions were acquired by owner-users, nearly three times the historical norm.

Queens accounted for the highest number of transactions, with 26. Brooklyn notched 18 deals and the Bronx recorded the fewest number of deals, with 10. Brooklyn properties had the longest average seller hold period, at 31 years, while the Bronx and Queens had averages of 27 and 24 years, respectively. These numbers suggest that while investors have been active, the market share of industrial ownership in NYC is still dominated by generational operators.

Market conditions during and prior to 1H23 likely contributed to the uptick in owner-user acquisitions. Owner-users acquired 24 industrial properties in 1H23, totaling over \$220 million in dollar volume. Typically associated with paying premiums for buildings, owner-users flexed their purchasing power over 1H23, paying an average of \$411/SF, compared to the \$412/SF average paid by all other buyers. Furthermore, owner-users acquired higher quality properties, averaging nearly the same ceiling heights, number of loading positions, proximity to highways, and lot coverage ratios as other buyers' deals. The owner-user sector utilized a combination of creative financing deals. The owner-user sector utilized a combination of creative financing options, such as non-bank SBA loans, seller-financing, funding from parent companies, and cash to differentiate themselves from other bidders.

Functionality continued to be the largest value driver of industrial assets in 1H23. Properties with ceiling heights of 18' or higher traded for \$451/SF on average, 20% higher than the average price of \$377/SF for properties with ceiling heights lower than 18'. Properties with multiple loading positions traded for an average of \$423/SF, 11% higher than the average price of \$382/SF for properties with a single loading position. We believe this trend was further fueled by growth in the transport and construction industries.

On that note, we noticed a clear shift in the industrial buyer profile, perhaps reflecting broader macroeconomic trends. Over 1H23, industrial buyers included a growing list of aviation service providers, contractors, and fleet operators, to name a few. There was also a resurgence in heavy industrial uses, as indicated by an influx of deals to concrete contractors, fuel storage uses, as indicated by an influx of deals to concrete contractors, tue storage or renewable energy providers, and recycling businesses. Congress' 2021 Infrastructure Deal may be largely responsible here – with significant federal spending going towards building roads and bridges, upgrading airports and railways, and making investments in clean energy.

These same groups, along with investors, also showed a growing demand for another type of asset. Sales of IOS sites spiked from 2H22, when we began tracking these transactions. From 2H22 to 1H23, the number of IOS transactions doubled to 14, total dollar volume of these transactions increased 150%, and the amount of land square footage sold nearly doubled to over 700K. Industrial land sold for an average of \$289/lot SF in 1H23.

Looking ahead, if interest rates continue a slow uptick and investor sentiment remains concerned about a possible recession, owner-users as well as opportunistic investors should be able to extend their run through at least the end of the year.

**Outer-Borough Totals** 716 Million Total No. of Total Dollar **Transactions Amount 4% increase** -49% decrease from 1H22 from 1H22

**Bronx** 

10 \$129,662,500 **\$341** 

27

No. of **Transactions** 

Total **Dollar Amount**  Average \$/SF

Average Hold Period (Years)

Brooklyn

18

\$140,800,000

\$396

31

No. of Transactions

Total **Dollar Amount**  Average \$/SF

Average Hold Period (Years)

Queens

26

\$445,381,675

\$454

24

No. of Transactions

Total Dollar Amount Average \$/SF

Average Hold Period (Years)

## Owner-User Warehouse Acquisitions

24

\$220,814,855

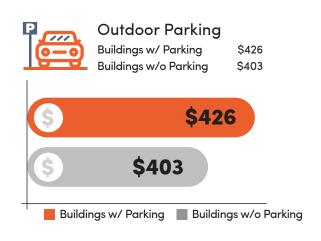
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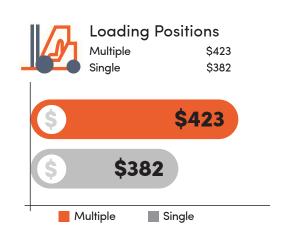




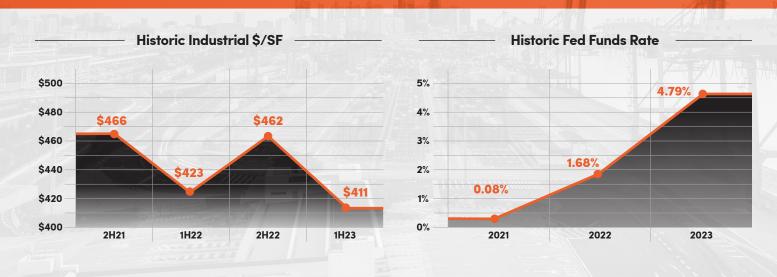








## **HISTORIC METRICS**



# 1H23 NYC Industrial Market Report Industrial Land & Development





## **Redevelopment Sales**



### **12 EXISTING INDUSTRIAL PROPERTIES**

sold with plans to be redeveloped into other asset classes, representing a loss of 223,963 EXISTING INDUSTRIAL SF

## **Average Sales Price Achieved**



#### INDUSTRIAL PROPERTIES

sold for

86% OF THEIR ASKING PRICES, ON AVERAGE

## Methodology

- Self-storage deals are not included in this report
- Highway Proximity is calculated by using the shortest, viable traffic route to/from the property

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