

"Elections belong to the people. It's their decision. If they decide to turn their back on the fire and burn their behinds, then they will just have to sit on their blisters."

—Abraham Lincoln

## This Presidential Cycle is a Real Doozy

This cycle is a doozy. Watching Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton lob zingers at each other Monday night during the first presidential election debate, I couldn't help but wonder which candidate Honest Abraham Lincoln would be supporting this cycle? Indeed, there are no easy answers this time around with the world facing an increasing array of political and financial challenges, violent extremist hot-spots, and growing political unrest due to income inequality and a litany of other social justice

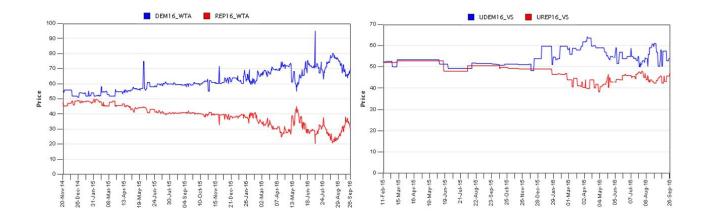
issues.

It's still bad out there, but it is getting better! While thinking about the state of the World today can be a bit of a #Downer, its important to remember that, globally, more people's basic needs (food, water, housing) are being met than ever before, more people are getting an education than ever before, and the shining light of cell phone video cameras are upping the standards of what is considered 'acceptable behavior' in different countries and societies that may not have been so exposed in the past (with Social Media playing an ever-expanding role here). While some progress has been made elevating Peoples' personal and living standards around the glob, clearly much more work remains to be done in the years ahead.

**People still have to live somewhere.** It is also important to remember that no matter what happens in the World, people will always need a place to call home. Whether Home is a rental, owned, or even temporary quarters while away on business or leisure, providing an outstanding *Customer Experience* matters, and will continue to matter for decades to come. Fulfilling this need has been our primary focus in recent years, and it has been personally fulfilling to us on many levels.

**IEM Markets still have Hillary in the Lead, with a roughly 68% chance she will win the election.** The IEM is a political 'Futures' market where people can place small bets of \$5-\$500 on various candidates and outcomes. Since its inception in 1988, this market has had a decent track record of predicting the likely outcome of a presidential election at any point in time. The IEM tool still shows Hillary in the lead, with a 68% probability that she will be elected our next Commander-in-Chief (left graph), but clearly the race has tightened meaningfully since late-August. The IEM also shows a roughly 52% to 48% popular vote count advantage for Clinton at the moment (right graph). While nobody yet knows the outcome of this cycle, it is important to remember that *the Winner will likely not be determined by which candidate receives the most votes, but rather will be determined by those who count the votes* (see Florida 2000 for more here).

Probability of Winning Election Expected Share of Popular Vote



## We are Actively Buying MFU Apartments; Cash Flow Opportunities are Still Strong

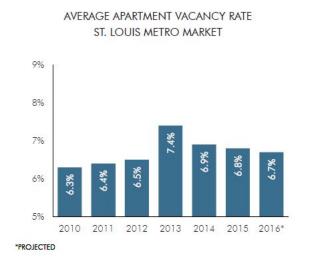
Apartment Prices are up, but so are Rents; Cash flowing properties still available. As mentioned, we are actively buying MFU Apartment properties, and are looking at various attractive markets around the country. While it is certainly true that MFU Apartment prices have gone up solidly on a per-door basis, it is also true that Rents are increasing at a similar clip. We have had recent success finding attractive, high cash-flowing B- and C-class apartments in secondary and tertiary cities like St Louis, Columbus, Cincinnati, Greensboro, Jacksonville, Atlanta, Fort Worth and more. We are interested in owning some of these assets, and indeed we have bid on three MFU properties in the past week alone. We are finding opportunities to bring amenities to these communities, to renovate unit interiors and property exteriors, while driving increasing returns for Investors. In some instances, Landlords just have not been aggressive about keeping pace with market rental rate increases. In other cases, the Landlords just do not want to spend the time, effort, and money it takes to fully update a property. Our team at Agile Realty Capital is willing to do the hard work to optimize these properties from both an improvement and operations perspective.

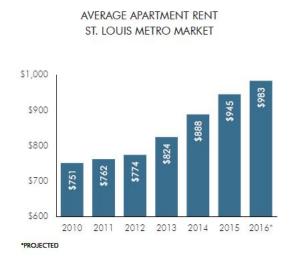
## Market in Focus: St Louis, MO

We are buying more property in St Louis, MO. We like this St. Louis, a Show-Me town. In addition to being Craig's original home town, and where his Family resides, the cash flow yields here are very attractive. We already own a 95-unit apartment building here that produced greater than 10% cash-on-cash returns in year one, and

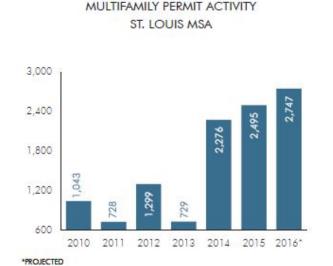
we have recently put in a bid on a 203-unit property that should deliver even stronger returns and with more scale than our first property here. The property we are bidding on will be priced at roughly \$25K per door or better, with \$500 monthly rents, and we just cannot find this level of value elsewhere. Let's look at a couple interesting trends happening in St. Louis, MO:

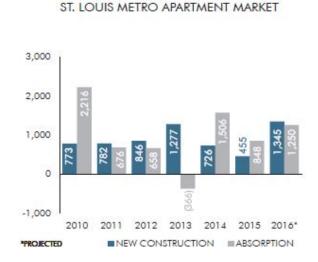
Rental Rates are growing and Vacancy Rates are falling. Here we see that St Louis has experienced robust Rental Rate growth in the past five years, and that apartment Vacancy Rates are at reasonable levels, and falling. This is encouraging relative to the somewhat modest growth in MFU per-door pricing we have seen in the market. This data is sourced from Berkadia.





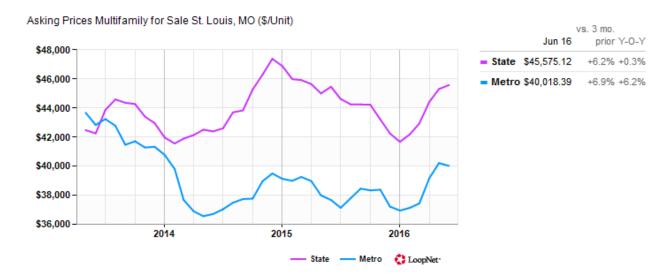
Supply growth is low and full absorption is being achieved. Here we see that St. Louis is experiencing only modest MFU Apartment Supply growth, and has seen nearly full Absorption levels in the past three years. This suggests that supply/demand should stay relatively balanced in coming years, all else being equal. This is a plus for the St. Louis market as compared to other markets where significant supply is coming on. This data is sourced from Berkadia.





NEW CONSTRUCTION VS. ABSORPTION

MFU Apartment Sale Prices (per-door) have only increased modestly. Here we see that St Louis MFU Apartment sales prices, on a per-door basis, have only increased modestly in recent years. While this data may be not too strong, we would guess that Rental Rate increases are at least keeping pace with growth in MFU Sales Prices on a per-door basis, with limited supply growth and strong cash flows already in place, a positive scenario in our view. This data is sourced from Loopnet.



Ramping Crowdfunding Effort via Meetup.com Platform. Recently, Agile Realty Capital began to build out it's Crowdfunding Platform. While this effort is in its early and formative days, we intend to Crowdsource deals, analysis, and capital to pursue the most attractive MFU Apartment and Hotel opportunities in the market. Join our Commercial Realty Investment Club if you would like to participate in analyzing and investing in sizable commercial realty projects. If you have a deal you would like to pursue as the Project Sponsor, reach out to us with deal specifics here.

Thank you for your time and have a great rest of the week

-- Craig and Dave