

# BofA Leading Industrial Real Estate Indicator

# IndRel: upward momentum continues signaling positive outlook for '24 demand

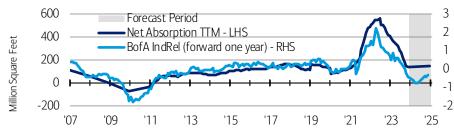
Industry Overview

### IndRel's upward momentum is a positive demand signal

Our previous update (see report) highlighted an inflection point in our proprietary one-year leading indicator that began in late spring 2023. We noted this is a positive for demand starting in late spring 2024. Datapoints through December have continued to improve which supports our thesis that positive momentum will continue through 2024 and into 2025. See Exhibit 12 for complete list of IndRel components & Page 7 for methodology.

### Exhibit 2: BofA IndRel vs U.S. Net Absorption (0.89 correlation)

IndRel suggests improving demand starting in late Spring '24, REIS data is tracking with our indicator



Source: BofA Global Research, BofA Data Analytics, REIS.

Note: The grey shaded area represents the forecast period. Direction of REIS forecast data is not available throughout the year.

### Higher sea imports & construction biggest Y/Y increases

The biggest pressure points have been on trade / supply chain activity decelerating (trends outlook improving into 2H24) and lower warehouse & storage jobs. Positively sea imports have picked up as consumer spending has remained resilient with online benefitting and total construction spending continues to expand the most through November. We expect December data will reflect a good holiday season.

### Persistent demand + improving supply = pricing power

Deliveries are expected to fall at least 35% Y/Y in 2024 with the decline primarily hitting in 2H24. As a result, REITs expect stronger pricing power in 2H24 than 2H23 if demand holds up. We believe this creates an attractive setup for 2H24 and into 2025. Market rent growth expectations are low to mid-single digits in 2024 and even stronger beyond.

### Key drivers: evolving supply chains & e-commerce growth

We are still in the early innings of CHIPS and IRA funding. Our Industrials analyst forecasts US manufacturing capex will grow +11% Y/Y in 2024 (which is already +7% above inflation adjusted 2019 levels). BofA Internet analyst forecasts +9% Y/Y US ecommerce sales in 2024 with online penetration of retail sales expanding +120bp Y/Y. Prolonged disruptions in shipping routes into the East Coast reinforces the importance of having a diversified supply chain and may benefit West Coast ports. In our view, these outlooks have positive readthroughs to demand for Industrial real estate.

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## **Exhibit 1: Companies Mentioned**

Summary of our industrial coverage

Ticker	PO	Rating	QRQ	Price
EGP	195.00	В	B-1-7	\$179.32
LXP	8.00	U/P	B-3-7	\$9.61
PLD	148.00	В	B-1-7	\$130.56
REXR	68.00	В	B-1-7	\$55.47
STAG	34.00	U/P	B-3-7	\$38.51

Source: BofA Global Research, prices as of 1/5/2024. B = Buy, U/P = Underperform

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See Exhibit 12 for a complete list of components and See Page 7 for Methodology, Risks and Disclaimers

See Page 9 for list of Key Terms and full company names

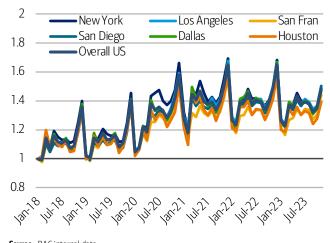
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# **Regional trends**

### IndRel indicator components: Macro drivers

# Exhibit 3: BAC aggregated card data: goods spending by MSA (Indexed to July 2018)

Goods spending follows consistent elevated trends across all markets

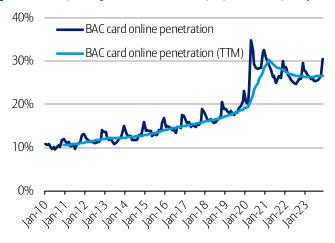


Source: BAC internal data

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# Exhibit 4: BAC aggregated card data: online spending (card not present)

TTM online spending remains elevated from pre-pandemic trajectory



Note: Card not present is largely online but includes purchases made over the phone **Source**: BAC internal data, BofA Global Research, BofA Data Analytics

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Please see the latest <u>BofA on USA</u> report for methodology, limitations, disclaimers and additional commentary on broader retail trends from the BofA Global Research US Economics team.

#### Exhibit 5: Warehousing and storage job growth (Y/Y)

Relative to other markets, LA and California saw the strongest growth for warehousing and storage jobs in 2023

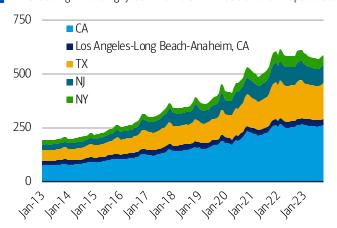


Source: BofA Global Research; BofA Data Analytics; Bureau of Labor Statistics

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#### Exhibit 6: Warehousing and storage job growth

Warehousing and storage jobs have more than doubled over the past decade

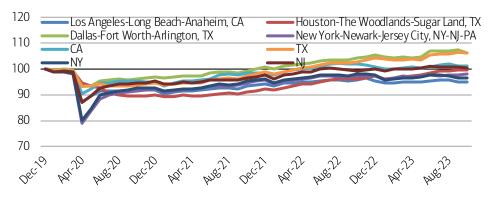


Source: BofA Global Research; BofA Data Analytics; Bureau of Labor Statistics



#### Exhibit 7: Manufacturing jobs (Indexed to Dec 2019)

California and Texas manufacturing jobs grew relative to pre-pandemic whereas East Coast is still below

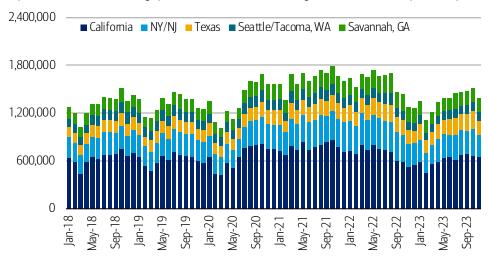


Source: BofA Global Research, BofA Data Analytics, Bureau of Labor Statistics

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#### Exhibit 8: Monthly sea import levels by shipment destination

Import levels have been trending upwards since March 2023 in all regions but remain below pandemic peaks

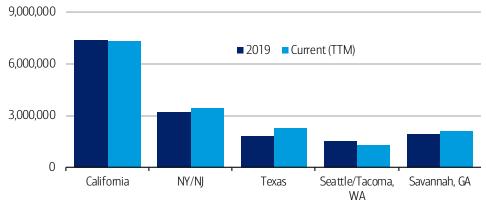


**Source:** BofA Global Research, BofA Data Analytics, Sea imports (TEU) data from Panjiva

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#### Exhibit 9: TEU Volume: Current (TTM) vs 2019

East Coast and Texas ports volumes have increased vs 2019 while West Coast volumes have slightly declined



**Source:** BofA Global Research, BofA Data Analytics, Sea imports (TEU) data from Panjiva



# **BofA IndRel Indicator Components**

### Where does demand go from here?

With concern over the health of the consumer and economic outlook, demand is expected to continue moderating over the next 6 months. Analyzing monthly data, we worked with our Data Analytics team on a comprehensive list of macroeconomic and market variables that we considered were relevant in gauging changes to US industrial real estate demand. Our leading indicator is derived from our analysis of more than 30 data series.

#### Consumption, trade, construction & jobs are leading demand indicators

We have identified 10 variables that show a 12-month leading relationship with the demand cycles of industrial real estate, with inputs across the four key categories - (1) Consumption, (2) Trade / Supply Chains, (3) Construction and (4) Jobs.

### Exhibit 10: BofA IndRel vs U.S. Net Absorption (0.89 correlation)

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#### Exhibit 11: IndRel vs U.S. Rent Growth (0.76 correlation)

Directional trend suggests low to mid single digit rent growth over next year



Source: BofA Global Research, BofA Data Analytics, REIS.

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Each variable is equally weighted within each category so that the four categories make up a quarter of the total weighting of our indicator. See the Appendix II for additional disclosures on the methodologies and risks.

#### Exhibit 12: BofA Leading Industrial Real Estate Indicator: Key Inputs

Summary of key variables

Component	Source	Weight	Relevancy
·		_	We believe this indicator is broad enough to reflect the diverse economic activity most correlated with
BofA Leading Industrial Re	eal		Industrial real estate demand over the past 15 years and helps deepen the understanding of REIT's SS
Estate (IndRel) Indicator	BofA Global Research	100%	NOI relationship with U.S. macro factors.
Consumption		25%	
BAC card goods spending	BAC internal data	12.5%	
BAC card online retail			Consistent with previously published correlation analysis, the most meaningful driver of demand for warehouse
penetration (card not preser	nt) BAC internal data	12.5%	space is consumer spending, particularly e-commerce driven spending.
Trade / Supply Chain		25%	
Sea imports (TEU)	Panjiva	6.3%	Our analysis finds while warehouse demand has benefited from inventory storage and the flow of goods in the
ISM backlog	Institute of Supply Management	6.3%	manufacturing / distribution process, trade / supply chain variables weren't a significant leading determinant for
ISM new orders	Institute of Supply Management	6.3%	net absorption or net effective rent growth until recent supply chain disruptions caused by the pandemic. We
ISM supplier deliveries			expect these variables to continue to grow in importance with the rising need for industrial buildings to
ioivi supplier deliveries	Institute of Supply Management	6.3%	accommodate onshoring activities to build supply chain resilience.
Construction		25%	
Residential	US Census Bureau	12.5%	Construction can drive industrial real estate demand as increased residential and non-residential development
Non-Residential	US Census Bureau	12.5%	can lead to increased space needs for retailers servicing higher population densities or manufacturing activities.
Jobs		25%	
Warehousing and storage	Bureau of Labor Statistics	12.5%	Warehousing and storage jobs have been one of the most meaningful drivers of demand for warehouse space.
Manufacturing			We expect U.S. manufacturing jobs to grow in importance as reshoring is one of the main drivers behind it
Manufacturing	Bureau of Labor Statistics	12.5%	being above prior peaks following a recession (first time since 1970s).
Source: BofA Global Research, B	ofA Data Analytics		
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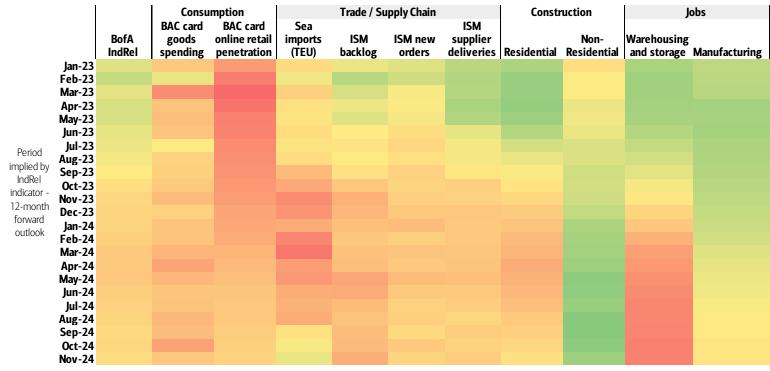
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#### Exhibit 13: BofA IndRel heat map of recent performance relative to historical levels

Relative to historical levels, warehousing/storage jobs screen weakest while non-residential construction, sea imports and manufacturing jobs screen healthiest



**Source:** BofA Global Research, BofA Data Analytics

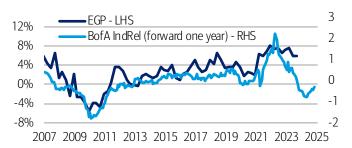


# **BofA IndRel Indicator vs SS NOI growth**

The BofA Leading Industrial Real Estate Indicator has a strong historical correlation with GAAP SS NOI growth for EGP and PLD. Our indicator could be a helpful guide for analyzing the core operating performance trajectory of the sector but is primarily meant to be a tool for the overall industry.

#### Exhibit 14: BofA IndRel Indicator vs. EGP historical SS NOI

Indicator directionally moves in tandem with EGP SS NOI (0.86 correlation)

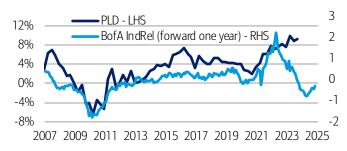


Source: BofA Global Research, BofA Data Analytics, Company filings

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#### Exhibit 15: BofA IndRel Indicator vs. PLD historical SS NOI

Indicator directionally move in tandem with PLDSS NOI (0.85 correlation)



Source: BofA Global Research, BofA Data Analytics, Company filings

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#### Exhibit 16: BofA IndRel Indicator vs. REXR historical SS NOI

IndRel is less applicable to REXR given its concentration in SoCal

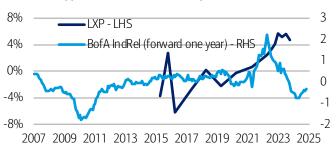


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#### **Exhibit 18: BofA IndRel Indicator vs. LXP historical SS NOI**

IndRel is less applicable to LXP because of its portfolio transformation



Source: BofA Global Research, BofA Data Analytics, Company filings

Note: LXP uses cash SS NOI

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#### Exhibit 17: BofA IndRel Indicator vs. STAG historical SS NOI

Indicator has a 0.34 correlation with STAGSS NOI growth



Source: BofA Global Research, BofA Data Analytics, Company filings



## Methodology, Risks and Disclaimers

#### Selection of variables for our indicator

We analyzed over 30 data series to create a proprietary indicator that we believe is broad enough to reflect the diverse economic activity most correlated with Industrial real estate demand over the past 15 years. We then tested different lag lengths to determine the best fit. We then selected metrics that met key criteria including consistency, promptness of reporting (relative to month end), economic significance, and statistical adequacy. In particular, we focused on data that is available on a monthly basis with a reasonable length of history (at least since 2007 or more than 100+ individual data points).

We believe this indicator helps deepen the understanding of REIT's SS NOI relationship with U.S. macro factors. According to our analysis, our indicator would have recorded over an 85% correlation across the industry with SS NOI growth on a 12-month forward basis since 2007.

#### Weighting of variables

Our 12-month leading indicator is constructed by taking an equal weighting of the year-over-year growth rates of 10 monthly variable data series across four key categories: consumption, trade / supply chains, construction, and jobs (See Exhibit 12). We analyzed all their relationships against net absorption and U.S. net effective rent growth, which are key measures of operating conditions.

#### Risks and limitations to our Indicator

The composition of our indicator will be subject to review every 6-12 months. We will monitor the continued relevance, availability, and timing of each variable and evaluate the inclusion of additional data series. We reserve the right to modify the setup of the, but do not intend to make frequent changes. However, any future modifications will be made to increase the statistical performance of our indicator.

Equal weighting of variables could overlook potential disproportionate impact on demand from certain variables. Changes in these inputs may significantly impact the indicator. Additionally, there could be potential correlations not accounted for among our set of variables, meaning that prediction in warehouse demand changes could be amplified.

The indicator is not intended to be the sole driver of our ratings but it will have an impact on our views of the industrial REIT stocks we cover. It is not intended to be indicative of actual or future performance.

#### **BAC** transaction data disclaimer

Selected Bank of America ("BAC") transaction data are used to inform industry views expressed in this report and should be considered in the context of other economic indicators and publicly available information. In certain instances, the data may provide directional and/or predictive value. The data used are not comprehensive; they are based on aggregated and anonymized selections of BAC data and may reflect a degree of selection bias and limitations on the data available.

#### Methodology of BAC credit/debit card transaction data explained

Readers should be aware that although the BAC datasets utilized in our analysis represent a significant number of data points, they nevertheless present a degree of selection bias, including but not limited to income levels and geographies. In addition, the data is limited to debit and credit cards and does not include other payment methods such as cash or checks.

Data regarding merchants who receive payments are identified and classified by the Merchant Categorization Code (MCC) defined by financial services companies. The data



are mapped using proprietary methods from the MCCs to the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS), which is also used by the Census Bureau, in order to classify spending data by subsector. Spending data may also be classified by other proprietary methods not using MCCs.

BAC data used in this report include spending from active US households (HHs) only. Spending from corporate cards are excluded.

Additional information about the methodology used to aggregate the data is available upon request.



## **Key Terms**

B: Buy

bp: basis points

B/S: balance sheet

EGP: EastGroup Properties FFO: funds from operations

IndRel: Leading Industrial Real Estate Indicator

ISM: Institute for Supply Management

LHS: left hand side LXP: LXP Industrial Trust M/M: month over month MTM: mark to market NER: net effective rent NOI: net operating income

PLD: Prologis Inc

REXR: Rexford Industrial Realty

RHS: right hand side SF: square feet SS: same store STAG: STAG Industrial

TEU: Twenty-Foot Equivalent Unit

TTM: trailing twelve months

U/P: Underperform YTD: year to date Y/Y: year over year

### Price objective basis & risk

#### **EastGroup Properties (EGP)**

Our \$195 price objective for EGP reflects our forward NAV estimate. We believe there is a secular demand tailwind for warehouse space and EGP's strong regional platform. We apply a 4.3% cap rate to our forward nominal cash NOI estimate of \$472M to calculate our NAV. We use this cap rate for EGP based on our view of interest rates over the next year, current private market/transaction comps, and the market exposure of EGP. Downside risks to our price objective are a slower recovery in operating fundamentals and tenant demand, excess supply, and a slowdown in development opportunities. A tightening in credit markets could also weigh on access to capital, borrowing costs, and portfolio real estate values.

#### LXP Industrial Trust (LXP)

Our LXP price objective of \$8.00 applies a -20% discount to our forward 12-month NAV estimate. We apply a 6.1% cap rate to our forward nominal cash NOI estimate of \$283M to calculate our NAV. Upside risks to our PO are operating conditions and investment yields above our expectations, higher-than-forecast dividend growth and lower interest rates. Downside risks to our PO are operating conditions and investment yields below our expectations, and a prolonged period of tight credit market conditions, and rising interest rates.

#### Prologis, Inc. (PLD)

Our \$148 PO for PLD is based on our forward 12-month NAV estimate. The estimate reflects the value of PLD's global platform and balance sheet offset by trade war concerns. We apply a 4.1% cap rate to our forward 12-month NOI forecast of \$6.26B to calculate our NAV. We view a slowdown in global trade and economic growth, operating



conditions below our expectations, and heightened geopolitical tensions as downside risks to our PO. Tightening in credit markets could also weigh on access to capital, borrowing costs, and portfolio real estate values. Upside risks to our PO are better-than-expected operating conditions, an improved global trade outlook, and downward pressure on cap rates around the globe.

#### Rexford Industrial Realty (REXR)

Our \$68 price objective for REXR is our forward NAV estimate. This reflects the value of REXR's unique operating and acquisition platform in its infill Southern California industrial markets. We apply a 4.1% cap rate to our forward nominal cash NOI estimate of \$781M to calculate our NAV. We use this cap rate for REXR based on our view of interest rates over the next year, current private market/transaction comps, and the market exposure of REXR. Downside risks to our price objective are operating conditions below our expectations, a rise in cap rates in REXR's markets above our expectations, and failure by REXR to successfully execute on its investment strategy.

#### STAG Industrial (STAG)

Our STAG price objective of \$34 represents our forward 12-month NAV estimate. Our NAV estimate is based on a blended 6.3% cap rate for the portfolio. Upside risks to our PO are higher-than-forecast dividend growth rates, stronger acquisition volumes and lower interest rates. The downside risks to our PO are that operating conditions in STAG's core markets, STAG's ability to complete acquisitions, or STAG's pricing on acquisitions are below our expectations, as well as rising interest rates.

### **Analyst Certification**

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	Alexandria Real Estate Equities	ARE	ARE US	Joshua Dennerlein
	American Homes 4 Rent	АМН	AMH US	Jeffrey Spector
	Americold Realty Trust	COLD	COLD US	Joshua Dennerlein
	AvalonBay Communities Inc	AVB	AVB US	Joshua Dennerlein
	Boston Properties	BXP	BXP US	Jeffrey Spector
	Brixmor Property Group	BRX	BRX US	Jeffrey Spector
	COPT Defense Properties	CDP	CDP US	Camille Bonnel
	Cousins Properties Inc.	CUZ	CUZ US	Camille Bonnel
	EastGroup Properties	EGP	EGP US	Jeffrey Spector
	Empire State Realty Trust	ESRT	ESRT US	Camille Bonnel
	Equity Residential	EQR	EQR US	Jeffrey Spector
	Essential Properties	EPRT	EPRT US	Joshua Dennerlein
	Federal Realty	FRT	FRT US	Jeffrey Spector
	Invitation Homes Inc	INVH	INVH US	Joshua Dennerlein
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	Medical Properties Trust, Inc.	MPW	MPW US	Joshua Dennerlein
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	NetSTREIT	NTST	NTST US	Joshua Dennerlein
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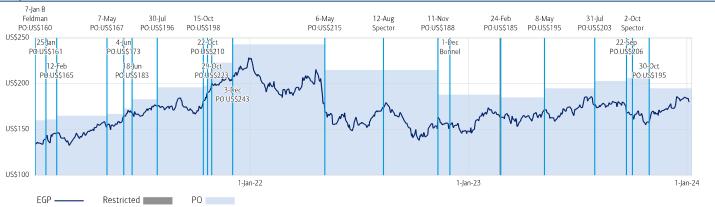
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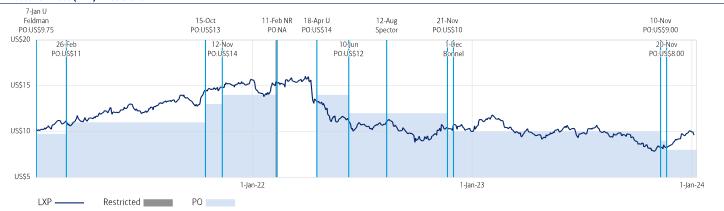
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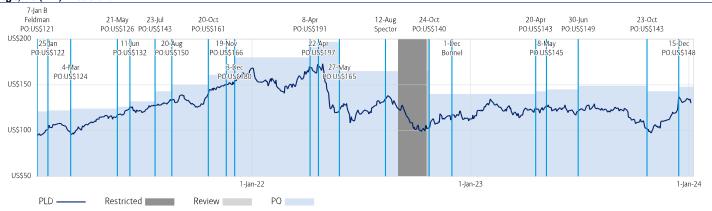


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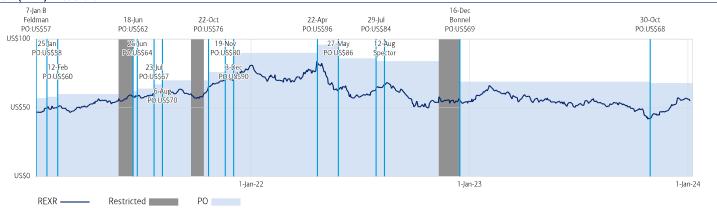
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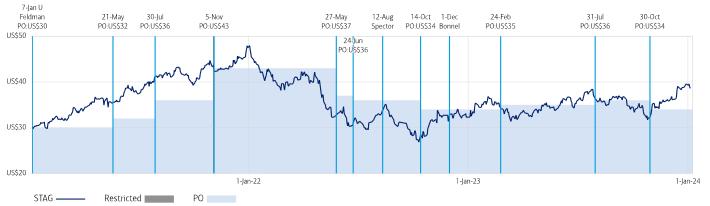
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#### STAG Industrial (STAG) Price Chart



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Coverage Universe	Count	Percent	Inv. Banking Relationships R1	Count	Percent
Buy	40	46.51%	Buy	33	82.50%
Hold	27	31.40%	Hold	21	77.78%
Sell	19	22.09%	Sell	16	84.21%

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