

# Where do cap rates go from here? A new approach

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#### WHERE DO CAP RATES GO FROM HERE?

Cap rates are affected by both macroeconomic and microeconomic factors.

#### **Macroeconomic**

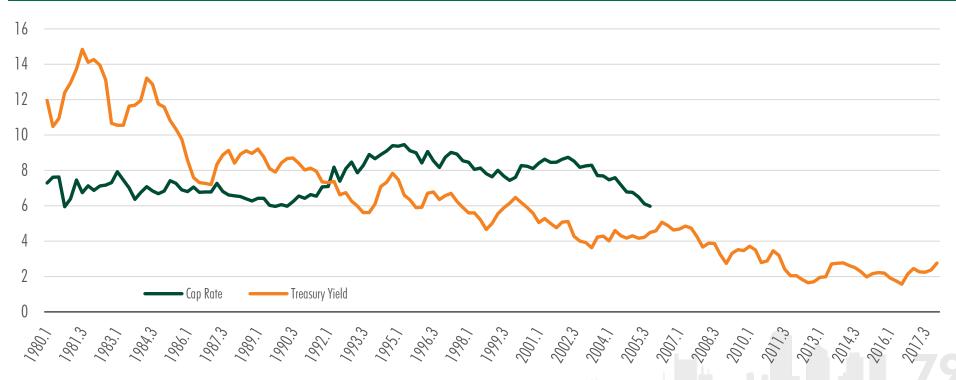
- Bond yields and inflation, among others
- International capital flows

### **Microeconomic**

- Economics of super-agglomeration, such as in San Francisco and other tech markets
- Individual market models

## **HOW INFORMATIVE ARE NOMINAL U.S. TREASURYS?**

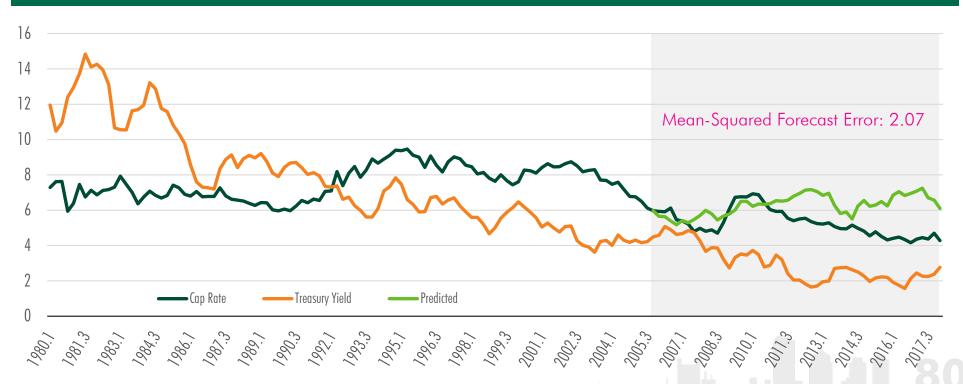
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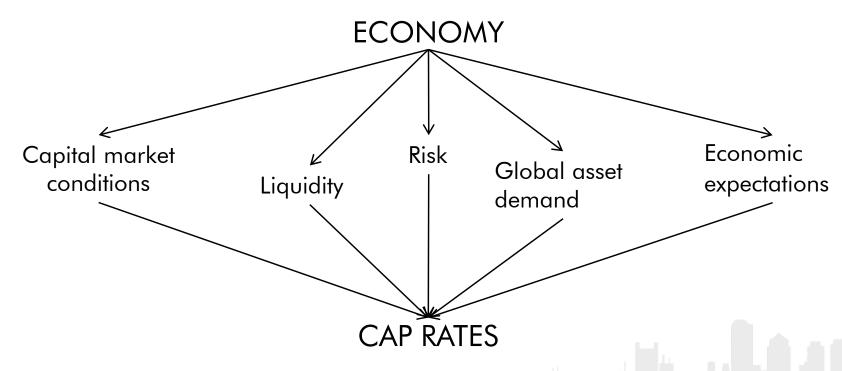
## **LIMITED**

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## **CHANNELS OF INFLUENCE**



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	Inflation			

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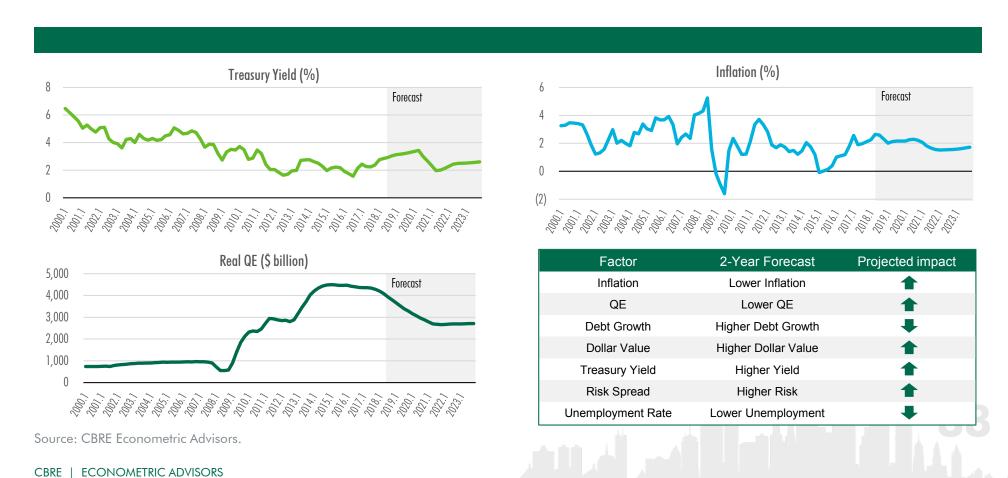
#### ENHANCED MODEL IMPROVES FORECAST ACCURACY

#### NATIONAL OFFICE CAP RATE FORECAST, BACKTEST OF 2005-2018



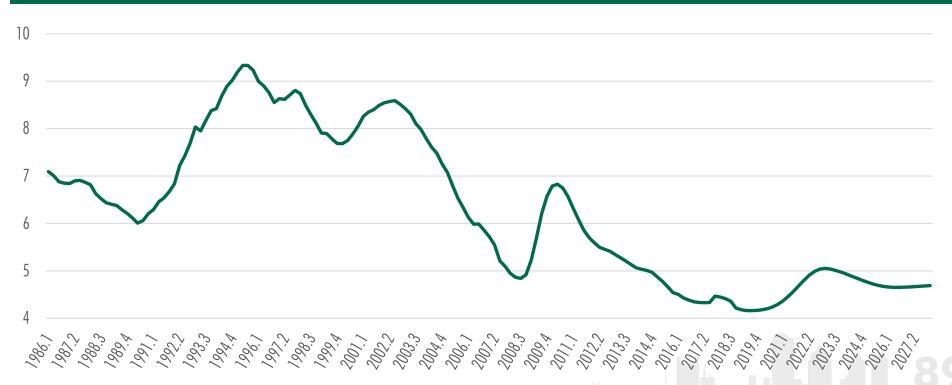
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## INDIVIDUAL IMPACT BASED ON Q3 ASSUMPTIONS



## MODERATE OVERALL RISE UNDER Q3 ASSUMPTIONS

#### ENHANCED MODEL: NATIONAL OFFICE CAP RATE FORECAST

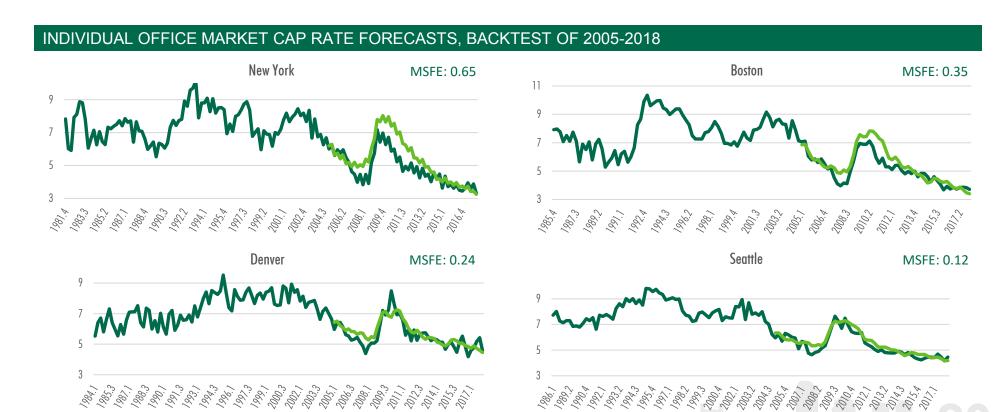


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#### IMPROVED ACCURACY AT THE MARKET LEVEL AS WELL

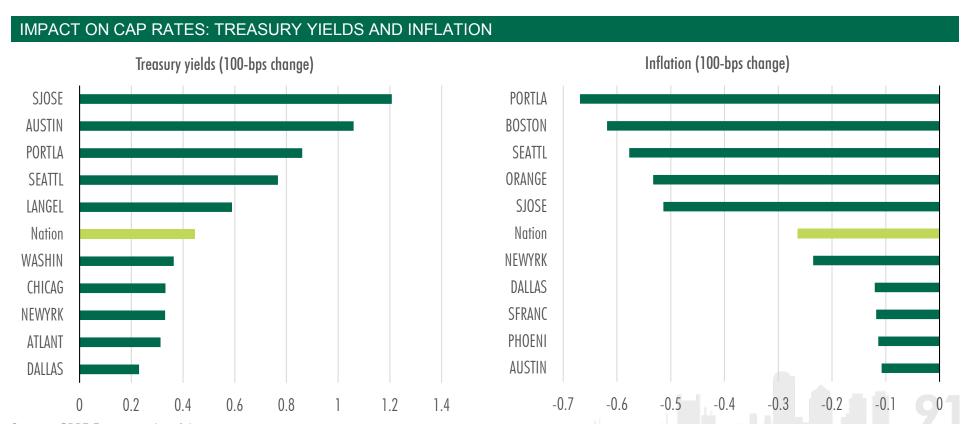
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Dynamic Forecast



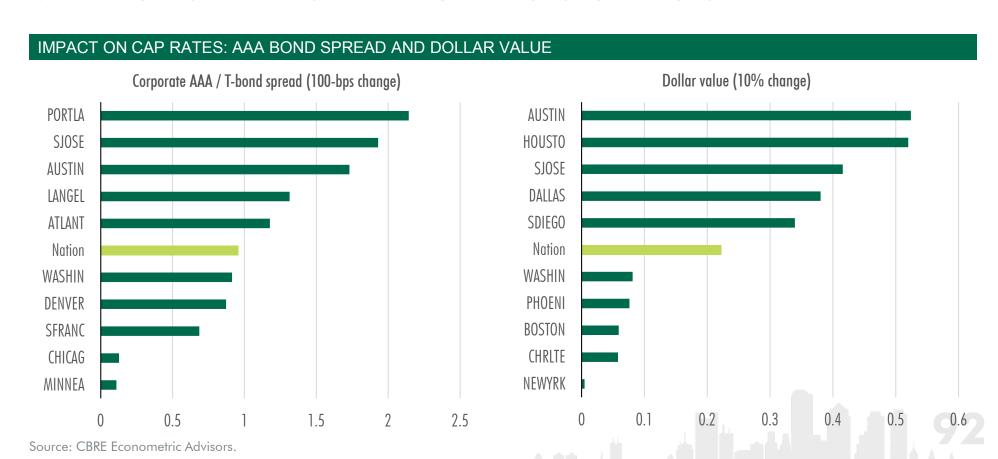
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