

# VALUATION AND ADVISORY

## SUBURBAN MIXED RETAIL MARKET OVERVIEW

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### Key Points

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Changing retail habits are creating opportunities for value-add investors to create mixed retail developments within established residential areas to expand to and enhance existing retail areas.

The premiums paid for these assets can be easily lost should the softening development market be present for an extended period and values revert in line with normalised returns of retail assets.

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This has led to the rise of the value-add investor within the suburban retail market creating greater competition for underdeveloped assets. The cyclical changes within the development site market has seen a shift of capital flow towards investments which show future redevelopment upside.

The direction of capital is focussed towards these retail properties as high density environments are

placing more importance, and consequently value, on the retail component of future mixed-use developments. An analysis of mixed retail investment sales within the last 18 months demonstrates a distinct yield differential in sales which represent stronger redevelopment potential to conventional retail freehold investments.

A selection of notable mixed retail investment sales follows.

### Sales

Address	Sale Price	Sale Date	NLA	CMY	\$/m <sup>2</sup> NLA
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496-498 Anzac Parade, Kingsford	\$5,388,000	March 2019	337m <sup>2</sup>	<b>2.92%</b>	\$15,988/m <sup>2</sup>
31-33 Knox Street, Double Bay	\$12,500,000	Nov 2018	486m <sup>2</sup>	<b>3.47%</b>	\$25,720/m <sup>2</sup>
475-477 Marrickville Road, Dulwich Hill	\$3,735,000	Sept 2018	400m <sup>2</sup>	<b>4.66%</b>	\$9,338/m <sup>2</sup>
123 Midson Road, Epping	\$6,250,000	Aug 2018	781m <sup>2</sup>	<b>4.83%</b>	\$8,003/m <sup>2</sup>
165-171 Oak Road, Kirrawee	\$5,100,000	Jul 2018	Na	<b>4.92%</b>	Na
874 Pittwater Road, Dee Why	\$9,500,000	Jun 2018	741m <sup>2</sup>	<b>4.15%</b>	\$12,821/m <sup>2</sup>
5-13 Clarke Street, Earlwood	\$28,720,000	May 2018	2,675m <sup>2</sup>	<b>4.22%</b>	\$10,736/m <sup>2</sup>
12 Cross Street, Double Bay	\$14,700,000	Mar 2018	313m <sup>2</sup>	<b>2.25%</b>	\$46,965/m <sup>2</sup>
437 & 439 Illawarra Road, Marrickville	\$5,725,000	Mar 2018	500m <sup>2</sup>	<b>3.10%</b>	\$11,450/m <sup>2</sup>
334-338 Sydney Road, Balgowlah	\$5,700,000	Mar 2018	Na	<b>3.56%</b>	Na
193 Parramatta Road, Camperdown	\$7,600,000	Feb 2018	1,254m <sup>2</sup>	<b>4.21%</b>	\$6,061/m <sup>2</sup>
404 Sydney Road, Balgowlah	\$10,500,000	Dec 2017	886m <sup>2</sup>	<b>3.17%</b>	\$11,851/m <sup>2</sup>

Address	Yield Range		Average
Investment	4.08%	6.18%	<b>4.93%</b>
Redevelopment	2.25%	4.92%	<b>3.79%</b>

The above sales indicate that entrepreneurial investors are seeking well-located mixed-use properties which provide a reasonable holding income and are accepting lower returns in favour of future potential upside.

Of the sales noted above, 165-171 Oak Road, Kirrawee includes DA for 4 shops and 18 units, 874 Pittwater Road, Dee Why was purchased by an adjoining owner who submitted a DA for 12 shops and 97 apartments, 437 & 439 Illawarra Road, Marrickville has since had a DA submitted for 2 shops and 18 units and 404 Sydney Road, Balgowlah has since been approved

for ground floor retail and 17 units. The remainder of the sales show significant permissible GFA's above the existing floor areas.

Vendor's have tested the market a number of times as tightly held strips have provided landmark retail properties to the market which include potential upside. These include 31-33 Knox Street & 12 Cross Street, Double Bay, 5-13 Clarke Street, Earlwood to Coles & BWS returning 4.22% at \$28,720,000 with significant development potential as well as 19-27 Cross Street Double Bay which is currently for sale and marketed as Double Bay's best development opportunity.

## Valuation Implications

Increased buyer competition for mixed retail assets with these attributes are inflating prices beyond reasonable returns for the underlying use. The premiums paid for these sales can be easily lost should the softening development market be present for an extended period and values revert in line with normalised returns of retail assets.

Valuers should examine sales with suggested upside to ascertain whether any speculative upside is priced into the sale amount and indicate whether a premium has been paid for the asset. Greater price volatility and downside risk will occur if demand reduces from speculative investors who seek opportunities over the conventional buyer. Cushman & Wakefield Valuations look forward to providing you with other sector updates across 2019, particularly as our Valuation team expands nationally.

In the meantime, should you have any queries in relation to this update, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.



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