The future of the office

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The future of the office is not a binary equation – there are many factors influencing the future of office work.

Current conversation is too simplistic…

- Increase in work-from-home
- Decrease in demand for office space

Future demand impact more complex with a broad mix of factors at play…

- Innovation
- Culture
- Collaboration
- Productivity
- Employee recruitment and retention
- Automation and offshoring
- Return on investment
- Risk management
- Economic growth
- Vaccine development
- De-densification
- Government guidelines
- Housing affordability
- Work-life balance
- Commuting patterns
- Environmental impact

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Companies are generally targeting Q3 2021 for large-scale employee re-entry

Observed and projected U.S. office re-entry timeline

- December 14, 2020: first COVID-19 vaccine administered in the U.S.
- Most organizations are encouraging employees to return to the office near Fourth of July or Labor Day

Metropolitan region | Share of pre-COVID occupancy
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Austin | 43.3%  
Houston | 42.9%  
Dallas | 43.3%  
Philadelphia | 27.2%  
Los Angeles | 24.4%  
Washington, DC | 23.6%  
Chicago | 23.3%  
New York Tri-State | 17.0%  
San Francisco Bay Area | 15.6%  
**U.S. average** | **27.8%**

Note: includes non-desk-using employees, such as janitorial and mail room staff, which reported to the office throughout the pandemic.

Source: JLL Strategic Consulting Group survey of Fortune 500 office users, WSJ, McKinsey & Co., Kastle Systems
JLL occupancy planning survey highlights

51% of companies plan to expand work-from-home policies

94% of employees want the option of returning to the office

#1 diminished culture is cited by employers as the #1 reason to return to the office

Remote work will provide greater optionality for employees but COVID’s disruption of habits will gradually diminish

Source: JLL Workplace Survey
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<td>&quot;Remote work isn’t sustainable – we need colleagues to be office-based&quot; – Jes Staley, CEO</td>
<td>&quot;Our new way of working will empower employees to design their own working week. The pandemic has proven it’s not about where you work, but how you work&quot; – Jon Holt, CEO</td>
<td>&quot;We’re a fully distributed company – all of our employees work remotely and will continue to even after the pandemic&quot; – Steven Galanis, CEO</td>
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<td>&quot;We believe there is value in employees being together in the workplace&quot; – Kathleen Hogan, Chief People Officer</td>
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<td>&quot;Dropbox is becoming a ‘Virtual First’ company... remote work will be the primary experience for all employees and the day-to-day default for individual work&quot; – Drew Houston, CEO</td>
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<td>&quot;I don’t see any positives to working from home&quot; – Reed Hastings, CEO</td>
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<td>&quot;We’ve been investing in our technological capabilities for years to transition quickly to a work-from-home model&quot; – Kirt Walker, CEO</td>
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<td>&quot;Real estate is where our heart is, and we are staunch advocates of the importance of the office&quot; – John Gates, Markets CEO</td>
<td>&quot;Our plan is to return to an office-centric culture... we believe it enables us to invent, collaborate, and learn together most effectively&quot; – Andy Jassy, Incoming CEO</td>
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Executives are defining office culture and real estate requirements on a spectrum

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The pandemic accelerated relocation and expansion decisions
Cost savings and greater talent acquisition are main motivators

Pro-business and low-cost-of-living markets have benefitted from corporate migration

Source: JLL Research

Oracle moving from California to Texas, joins Tesla, Hewlett Packard

From Elon Musk to Oracle — the coronavirus accelerates California exodus

Real estate brokerage CBRE moves headquarters from Los Angeles to Dallas

Hewlett Packard Enterprise is the latest tech company to leave Silicon Valley, and is moving to Houston

Healthpeak Properties confirms its headquarters will move from California to Denver

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Migration shifts are occurring throughout the U.S. Corporate and talent movement to new markets is being driven by several factors:

- Affordability
- Quality of life
- Health & Safety
- Business environment
- Taxes & governance
- Culture & amenities
More households are moving out of California than moving in, but the trend isn’t new

Source: JLL Research, Atlas Van Lines
Apartment rents reflect shifting demand from high-cost urban markets to emerging markets and suburbs

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Remote work will expand, but won’t decimate office demand

What do you expect will be your company’s future office space needs?

- 47% Expect to use about the same amount of space post-COVID
- 23% Expect to significantly reduce the size of their office portfolio
- 11% Expect to expand their office footprint to accommodate growth and provide greater distancing

Workplace strategy will vary by industry, company and job function, with back-office roles more suitable to long-term WFH

Source: JLL Research survey of 98 senior CRE corporate decision makers

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## The essential role of the office

**Business and/or personal need** | **Key considerations**
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**Projecting brand image** | • Office space is essential for services-sector companies like law firms and banks to project a powerful image  
• Consumer brands often use office space to serve as a showcase for their products  
• Meeting spaces in offices are critical for generating and executing business.

**Innovation and culture** | • Studies show that innovation is driven by collaboration and unplanned encounters at the office ("collective brainstorming" and "creative collisions")  
• Bureau of Labor Statistics data shows the number of employees working partly or primarily from home dropped by two percentage points year-over-year, driven in part by high-profile rollbacks of WFH programs by the likes of Aetna, Bank of America and IBM.

**Talent attraction and retention** | • Over 90% of employees want the option of working in a physical office space  
• Office space can help lure "engine room" talent, which may lack a suitable home office; according to studies, young employees are likely to move jobs up to 15 times in their career.

**Protecting intellectual capital** | • 84% of IT professionals say data loss is a significant concern given more people temporarily working from home  
• Lack of physical safeguards and reduced compliance in following IT procedures increase the risk of losing proprietary data.

**Culture and socialization** | • Social events and professional development programs facilitate team-building and career growth  
• Personal bonds help improve employee engagement, teamwork and comraderie.

**Productivity and boundaries** | • Distractions at home may divert attention from work tasks and inhibit productivity  
• Mental health professionals cite the lack of physical separation between the home and office as a source of stress.

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*The physical office serves a profound purpose in meeting personal and business needs*
Aggregate office demand is expected to decline slightly, but with a wide performance spread across the market.

Offsetting forces impacting demand:

-10%Expected shift from 10% to 25% WFH, with potential reversion given likely impairment to productivity and innovation

-10%40-50% of employees could end up in hybrid work mode, spending some time in the office and some at home

+8%50% of tenants are planning permanent space redesign, with de-densification and more collaboration space

+7%5-8% office employment growth from previous peak by 2025

Top quality well positioned assets expected to significantly outperform

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