

First Industrial Realty Trust Investor Presentation

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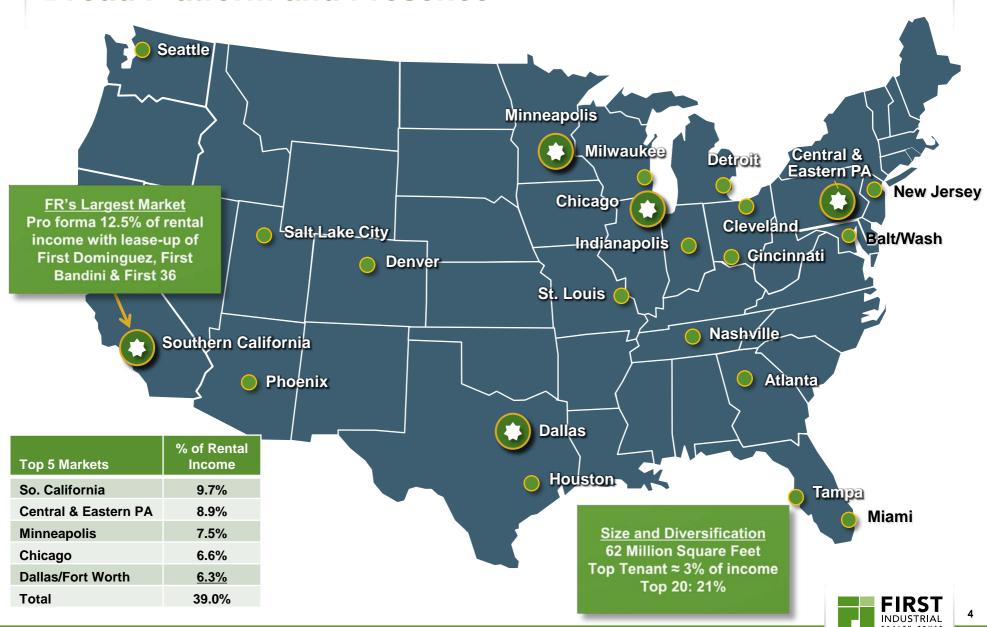


First Industrial Realty Trust: Overview

- NYSE: FR
- Owner, operator and developer of industrial real estate across the U.S.
- Equity Market Capitalization: \$2 billion
- Total Market Capitalization: \$3.4 billion
- Dividend Yield: 2%



Broad Platform and Presence



Where We've Been...

<u>2009 – 2010</u>

- Addressed liquidity and maturities
- Redefined strategy
- Rationalized G&A
- Set the stage for portfolio refinement



Minneapolis, MN (285,000 SF – Acquired 2010)



Where We've Been...

2011 – To-Date

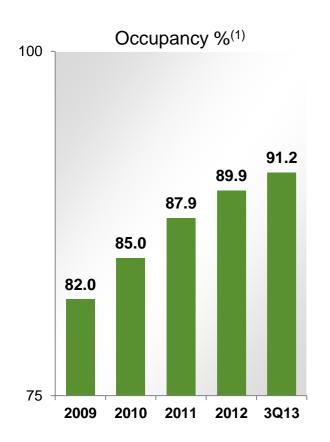
- Drove occupancy and NOI
 Occupancy increased 620 bps since YE 2010
- Strengthened balance sheet
- Implemented "Addition by Subtraction"
- Initiated selective growth
- Re-initiated common dividend

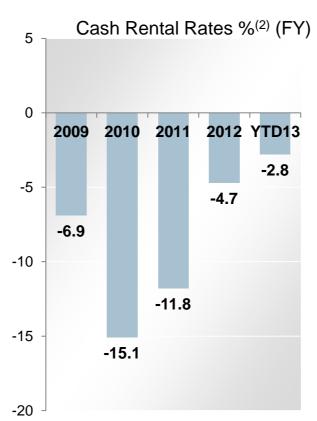
\$0.34/share per annum rate

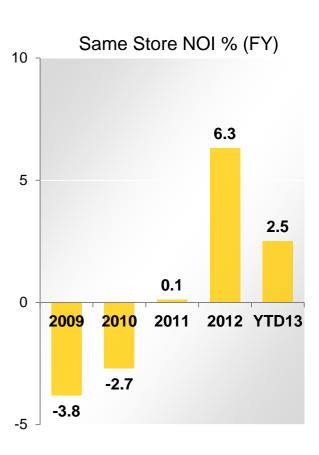


Central PA (390,000 SF - Acquired 2012)

Where We've Been... Key Portfolio Cash Flow Metrics

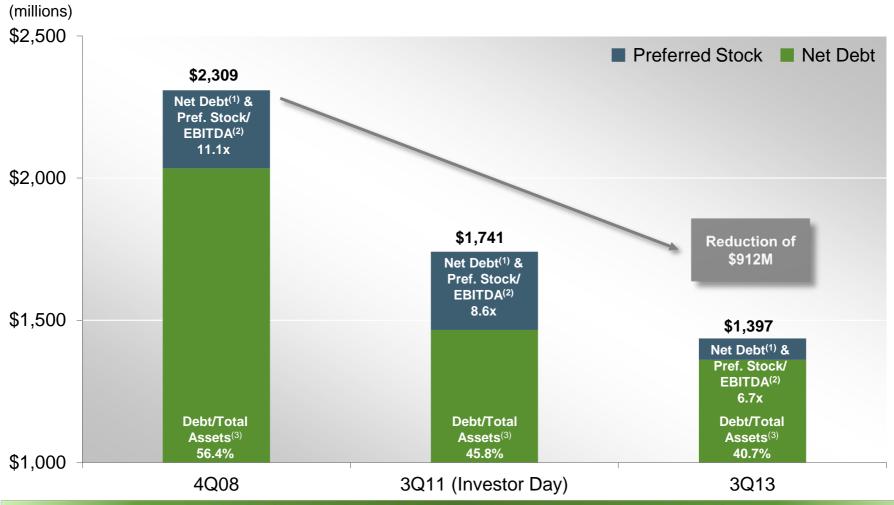




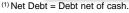


Our key metrics have recovered, but still have room to grow.

Where We've Been... Capital Management Progress



Achieved (Debt + Preferred) to EBITDA ratio target of 6.5x to 7.5x. New target: (Debt + Preferred) to EBITDA ratio of 6x to 7x.



⁽²⁾ EBITDA adjusted for one-time items.



⁽³⁾ Per unsecured note indentures.

Upgrading the Portfolio

FR Portfolio – Assets Book Value \$2.9B (3Q10)

GAAP Yield/ LTM Sales <u>Cap Rate</u>

+ Investments 2010+

 $= $337M^{(1)}$

12% Increase

6.7%

Dispositions 4Q10+

= \$249M

9% Decrease

5.8%

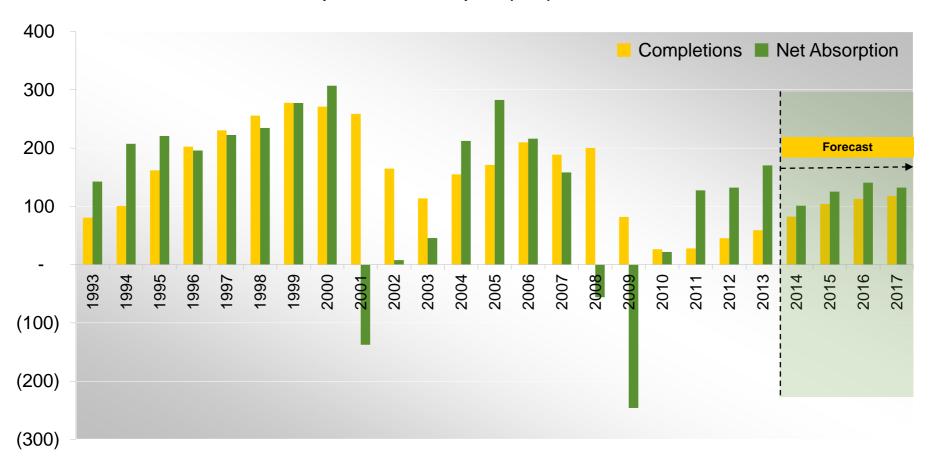
Total Portfolio Change

\$586M

= 21% Net Change

Favorable Industry Fundamentals

U.S. Industrial Real Estate Annual Completions/Net Absorption (MSF)



Positive net absorption continues to outpace new supply and should drive rental rates higher.

Where We're Going... Strategy for Success



Leasing and Operations Management

- Drive to <u>+</u>95% by YE 2015
- Grow Rents
- Normalize TI/LC/CapEx
- Customer Service Focus

Capital Management

- Conservative and Flexible Balance Sheet
- Return to Investment Grade
- Optimize Cost of Capital

Portfolio Management

- Selective Acquisitions
- Targeted Development Opportunities
- Addition by Subtraction

Grow dividend consistent with sustainable cash flow, close the value gap to public peers and replacement cost.



Growing Cash Flow, Delivering Value Recap from Investor Day November 12, 2013

Cumulative Cash Flow Potential 2014 – 2017

	\$M
Balance Sheet	4.0 to 10.0
Small Tenant Opportunity, Bumps, TI/LC/CapEx	29.0 to 36.0
Key Bulk and Additional Opportunities	
East Region	6.0 to 7.0
Central Region	5.0 to 6.0
West Region	8.5 to 9.5
Total	\$52.5 to \$68.5M
\$/share	\$0.46 to \$0.60

Team and strategy in place to realize the value within our portfolio and grow AFFO above current ±\$0.65 per share.

The Balance Sheet Cumulative Cash Flow Opportunities (2014 – 2017)

Year	Debt Amount 3Q13 (\$M) ⁽¹⁾	Average Rate (%)	Potential Saving @ 5.5% (\$	s If Refinanced: M) @ 4.5%
2014	125	6.56	1.3	2.6
2015	23	5.58	0.0	0.2
2016	238	6.15	1.5	3.9
2017	<u>157</u>	<u>6.49</u>	<u>1.6</u>	<u>3.1</u>
Cumulative	\$543M	6.32%	\$4.4M	\$9.8M

\$0.04 to \$0.09 per share of cumulative potential cash flow opportunity by 2017.

Next Steps: 1) Return to Investment grade by end of 2014

2) Continue to recapture refinance opportunities



Portfolio Cash Flow Opportunities by 2017⁽¹⁾

Small Tenant Leasing	\$8 to \$9M

\$14 to \$19M

\$0.25 to \$0.31 per share of cumulative cash flow opportunities by 2017 excluding impact of rental rate growth.



Small Tenant Occupancy and Cash Flow Opportunity⁽¹⁾ The Path to <u>+</u>95%

Property Type	9/30/13 MSF	9/30/13 Occupancy %	Target Occupancy %	Average In-place Net Rent (\$/SF)	Incremental Cash Flow (\$M) ⁽²⁾
Bulk Warehouse	35.4	93.1	96.0		
Regional Warehouse	8.2	92.1	96.0	4.30	1.9
Light Industrial	14.8	88.2	92.0	5.20	3.8
R&D/Flex	<u>3.6</u>	<u>83.3</u>	<u>92.0</u>	7.88	3.0
Overall	62.0 MSF	91.2%	94.8%		\$8.7M

What's the leaseability of the 5.5 MSF of vacancy as of 9/30/13? Occupancy was 75% on 12/31/08.



⁽¹⁾ Assumes no additional sales or acquisitions.

⁽²⁾ Assumes \$1.50/SF in operating expense recovery.

Rental Rate Bumps⁽¹⁾

Historical and Embedded Bumps

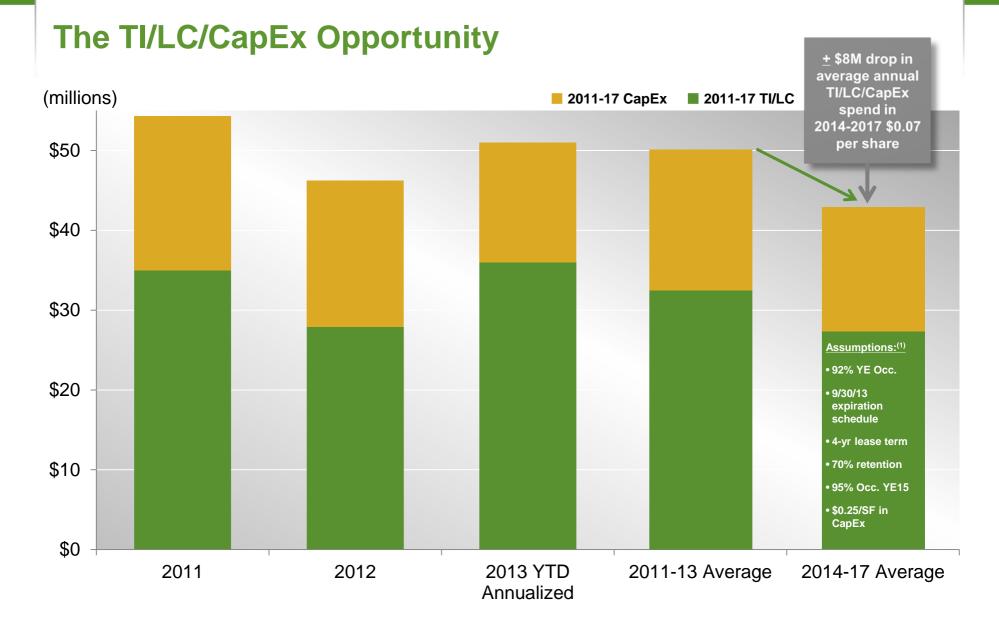
Year	Amount (\$M)
2011	6.4
2012	6.8
2013	5.1
2014	4.8
2015	4.0
2016	3.3
2017	2.0
	= \$14.1M

2013 Trends

- 50% of all leases have bumps averaging 4.2%
- 71% of leases signed (12+ mos.) contained bumps averaging 2.7% annualized

2017 Potential Impact	\$M	Change (\$M)
3Q13 NOI Annualized	230	
2017 Income Impact of Bumps Compounded @:		
1.5%	244	14
2.0%	249	19

≈ \$0.12 – 0.17 per share by 2017



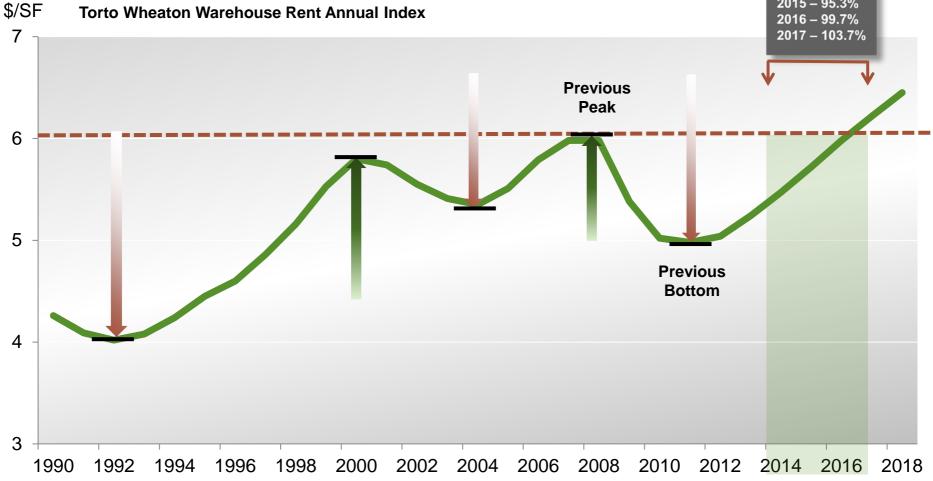
⁽¹⁾ Uses average TI/LC (2006-13YTD annualized) of \$1.23/SF on renewals and \$4.64/SF on new (\$2.33/SF overall). Average CapEx for same period was \$0.19/SF. Assumes no additional sales or acquisitions.



U.S. Market Rent Recovery



TW Rents as



Previous peak rents achieved in 2008, projected to regain that level in 2016.



Key Bulk and Additional Opportunities by 2017(1)

Cumulative Cash Flow Potential 2014 – 2017

	\$M
East Region	6.0 to 7.0
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West Region	8.5 to 9.5
Total	\$19.5 to \$22.5M

Drive to <u>+</u>95%! Ten Key Bulk Opportunities

Market	Property	Vacant SF	Total Potential Annual Cash Flow (\$M)
Los Angeles	First Dominguez Gateway Center	213,544	2.4
Chicago	9501 Nevada	118,670	1.4
Atlanta	596 Bonnie Valentine	212,525	0.7
Central & Eastern PA	18212 Shawley	150,000	0.7
Central & Eastern PA	200 Cascade	127,400	0.7
Central & Eastern PA	301 Railroad	139,960	0.6
Atlanta	3060 South Park	159,193	0.5
Phoenix	9180 Buckeye	98,230	0.5
Miami	6891 Northwest 74 th	72,304	0.5
St. Louis	8921-8957 Frost	80,000	<u>0.3</u>
TOTAL		1,371,826 SF	<u>+</u> \$8.3M

\$8.3M of cash flow opportunity – \$0.07 per share, <u>+</u> 220 bps of occupancy opportunity.



Additional Opportunities – East

Market	Property	SF	Total Potential Annual Cash Flow (\$M)
Central & Eastern PA	First Logistics Center @ I-83	708,000	2.9
Central & Eastern PA	First 33 Commerce Center	584,000	TBD
Central & Eastern PA	Covington Land	502,000	<u>TBD</u>
TOTAL			\$2.9M

New Acquisitions and Additional Opportunities- Central

Market	Property	SF	Total Potential Annual Cash Flow (\$M)
New Acquisitions - L	<u>_eased</u>		
Chicago	I-94 Distribution Center	626,784	1.9
Additional Opportun	<u>ities</u>		
Chicago	4100 Rock Creek	509,216	1.4
Chicago	Rust-Oleum Expansion	250,000	0.6
Houston	First Northwest Commerce Center	350,000	TBD
Dallas	First Pinnacle Logistics Center	598,000	TBD
Nashville	Rockdale Land	1,500,000	<u>TBD</u>
TOTAL			\$3.9M

Additional Opportunities – West

Market	Property	SF	Total Potential Annual Cash Flow (\$M)
Southern California	First Bandini Logistics Center	489,000	3.5
Southern California	First 36 Logistics Center	555,000	2.2
Southern California	First Figueroa Logistics Center	43,000	0.3
Southern California	First Nandina Logistics Center	1,368,000	TBD
Southern California	FILC Potential Expansion	394,000	TBD
Northern California	Stockton Land	1,200,000	<u>TBD</u>
TOTAL			\$6.0M

First Bandini Logistics Center • Southern California





Summary	
Square Feet:	489,000
Estimated Investment:	\$54M
Estimated GAAP Yield:	6.5%
Completion Date:	3Q13
Potential NOI Impact:	\$3.5M



First Logistics Center @ I-83 • Central & Eastern Pennsylvania





Summary	
Square Feet:	708,000
Estimated Investment:	\$34M
Estimated GAAP Yield:	8.4%
Completion Date:	4Q13
Potential NOI Impact:	\$2.9M



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The First Industrial Opportunity Current Valuation

Public Market Valuation Summary(1)

	FR	DCT	EGP
Occupancy	91.2%	92.8%	95.7%
Square Feet (M)	62.0	62.2	32.3
Shares Outstanding (M)	115	335	31
11/29/13 Closing Price	\$17.46	\$7.46	\$60.59
Equity Capitalization (\$B)	2.1	2.6	1.9
Debt + Preferred Stock (\$B)	1.4	1.4	0.9
Total Capitalization (\$B)	3.5	4.0	2.8
3Q Annualized NOI (\$M)	230	215	147
Implied Cap Rate	6.7%	5.5%	5.3%
Implied \$/SF	55	63	85

With our potential cash flow opportunity (and track record), still a significant valuation discount relative to Public Peers and Replacement Cost





Q&A

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