# Raising Your Commercial IQ

How t	o Anal	yze &	Value	Income	<b>Properties</b>
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### **Objectives & Topics**

- To provide a good understanding of the basic financial measures used to value a building with an emphasis on the using the Cap Rate to determine the sale price.
- How to analyze Income statements. How to adjust the income & expenses to more realistically reflect the future financial performance of the building.
- Assess financing potential and potential investment risk.
- How to quickly screen investments and identify poor or risky investments.
- How to determine the value of income properties.
- Create awareness of the importance of professional engineering inspections.
- Analyzing commercial buildings.
- How to read a lease and important leasing terms.
- Measuring space and issues related to space measurement.
- Introduction to long term real estate investment analysis.
- The importance of financial leverage.
- Valuing properties with development potential.
- Introduction to development analysis and valuing land.

#### NOTE: USA versus Canadian calculations

The examples provided in the manual are for the USA where the default mortgage setting for the "Compounding Period" is monthly.

For Canada, the entries are the same, but the default setting for mortgages for the "Compounding Period" is semi-annually.

### **Financial Measures. Overview**

### **Gross Income Multiplier (GIM)**

Also called the **Gross Rent Multiplier (GRM**)

Gross Income Multiplier = Sale Price Gross Income

Sale Price = Gross Income x Gross Income Multiplier (GIM)

Example: Gross Income: \$56,000

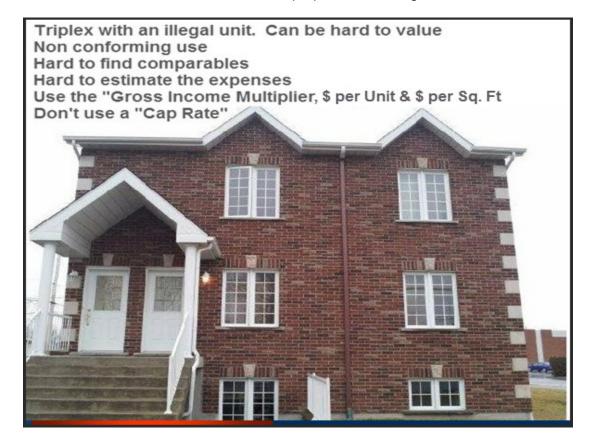
GIM from comparables: 11 (**Note:** The Gross Income Multiplier is a number not a %)

Sale Price =  $11 \times $56,000$ 

= \$616,000

Gross Income Multiplier ignores "Operating Expenses", 'Financing" and "Capital Appreciation

The Gross Income Multiplier is mostly used when the operating expenses are unknown, suspect or hard to determine such as small revenue properties, rooming houses etc.



### Two ways to calculate the Gross Income Multiplier

1. Using Potential Gross Income

(Ignores Vacancy & Bad Debt Allowance)

Called the Potential Gross Income Multiplier (PGIM)

2. Using Effective Gross Income

(Takes into account Vacancy & Bad Debt Allowance)

Called the Effective Gross Income Multiplier (EGIM)

If you are given the GIM you need to ask if the Vacancy & Bad Debt Allowance has been deducted or not.

i.e. Is it the PGIM or EGIM?

#### **Bad Debt Allowance or Credit Loss Allowance**

The unit was rented but the check bounced and the rent was lost for the month.

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### **Capitalization Rate. The Cap Rate**

Purpose:

- 1. To determine the value of a property
- 2. Is this a good investment compared to other investment opportunities?
- 3. Turns an income stream into an investment or capital value

How much would you pay for \$120,000 per year for ever, if you wanted a 10% annual return?

Multiple choice

- **a)** \$12,000
- **b)** \$120,000
- **c)** \$1,200,000
- **d)** \$12,000,000

Answer is \_\_\_\_\_

### **Calculating the Cap Rate from a sale**

Cap Rate =  $\frac{\text{Net Operating Income (NOI)} \times 100}{\text{Sale Price}}$ 

= 8.00%

### Calculating the value of a property using the Cap Rate from comparables

Sale Price = Net Operating Income x 100
Cap Rate

= \$1,500,000

### **Calculating the Net Operating Income (NOI)**

Potential Gross Income (PGI)	\$784,500
Less: Vacancy and Bad Debt Allowance (5%)	<u>39,225</u>
Effective Gross Income_	\$745,275

Less: Operating Expenses <u>335,373</u> (45%)

Net Operating Income (NOI) \$409,902

### **Operating Costs**

All costs involved in the direct operations of the building such as:

- Property taxes
- Insurance
- Maintenance
- Utilities
- Property management
- Resident manager or caretaker
- Bookkeeping
- Supplies

When using Cap Rates exclude the following expenses from the Net Operating Income:

- Interest payments on the mortgages or other forms of financing or working capital loans
- Expenses that provide long term benefits or are non recurring expenses such as:
  - Replacing some or all of the appliances
  - Replacing carpets
  - Major repairs to the roof
  - Painting a portion or all of the building
  - Structural repairs etc.

#### How do you find comparable Cap Rates?

With a great deal of difficulty and hard work. There is little published information on Cap Rates

Cap Rates come from comparable sales but;

It's hard to get the information or know what adjustments were negotiated between the seller and the buyer

Example:

The buyer had a professional engineering inspection done and deducted \$360,000 to allow for the immediate replacement the roof and the boiler

A major tenant was moving out in 9 months

Read newspapers like the Wall Street, USA Today and major local papers. Often a sale is reported together with the sales price, price per sq. ft and sometimes the Cap Rate is quoted

Commercial realtors and appraisers may or may not be helpful

Major commercial firms provide research reports by area and property type, cap rate range etc. Visit their web sites

Your best source for accurate	e, current Cap Rates	
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**Caution:** Because of the current economic situation where property prices are volatile and falling, it is hard to get a fix on Cap Rates.

Sometimes the Sale Price per Sq. Ft is a better comparable than a Cap Rate when the market is volatile.

Other sources of cap rates, lease and vacancy rates, economic trends etc.

#### Real estate research organizations

www.REISreports.com

www.costar.com

Commercial real estate research organizations where you can purchase comprehensive reports on specific types of commercial real estate by geographical area.

#### **News Letters**

Both REIS reports and Costar have excellent free news letters that help you keep up-to-date on the commercial real estate market.

#### National and local new papers

Many newspapers have a weekly commercial real estate page, including the Wall Street Journal which can help you get abreast to the commercial markets, trends etc. Newspapers often report the sales of a building providing details such as the cap rate, price per Sq. Ft, lease rates etc.

**Don't' forget to 'Google"** to look for the information you need.

### **Capitalization Assumptions**

1. The Net Operating Income (NOI) is constant and goes on for ever

Year 1 2 etc.

Net Operating Income \$120,000 \$`120,000 forever

**2.** The property is never sold.

Why would you buy at a 5% Cap Rate and finance with a first mortgage at 7.00%? Called "Negative financial leverage"

Answer:										

### **Don't Trust the Cap Rate**

Are the income and expenses realistic?

Have the expenses been manipulated to justify the Cap Rate and the Sale price?

Expenses may be understated

What has been left out from the expenses? Example: The Resident Manager's salary

### When using Cap Rates make sure the Income and Expense Statement doesn't include;

- Depreciation
- Non recurring expenses such as;
- Minor capital expenditures E.g., Replacing 10% of the carpets for \$12,000

Drop in value = 
$$\frac{$12,000}{8.00\%}$$
 = \$150,000

The Capitalization assumption:

Year 1 \$12,000 is spent on carpets. Year 2 \$12,000 Year 3 \$12,000 forever

- Financing
- Expenses unrelated to the operations of the building

E.g., Travel expenses to the Apartments Owners convention

- Higher than normal owner's compensation
- Maintenance reserves

### Use next year's income & Expense projection

When calculating the sale price use next years Income & Expenses. This is what the buyer, appraiser and lender will do

# **Understanding Cap Rates**

# **Cap Rates and Property Values**

The higher the Cap Rate the	the property value
The lower the Cap Rate the	the property value
If Net Operating Income (NOI) = \$	\$100,000
Sale Price = \$100,000 x 100 5.00% Cap Rate	
= \$	
Sale Price = \$100,000 x 100 10.00% Cap Rate	
= \$	
Buyers want a high Cap Rate which mear	ns a lower purchase price
Sellers want a low Cap Rate because it re	esults in a higher price
Risk	
The higher the risk, the	the Cap Rate
Buyers and Sellers perception of I	long term capital appreciation.
The higher the anticipated capital apprecia	ation the the Cap Rate
Cap Rate and Equity or the Down	Payment
Low Cap Rate Generates a high price and requires a hef Example: 3.5 % Cap. Equity or dov	
High Cap Rate	

Generates a low price and requires a lower down payment or equity

Example: 8.00 % Cap. Equity or down payment might be as low as 25%

# **Cap Rates and House Prices**

Very I	high house prices very		_Cap Rates	
Very	low house prices very		_Cap Rates	
Lowest	Cap Rates			
Generally	prime rental apartment	buildings		
Why	. Vacancy risk is lower t	han office buil	dings, industrial a	nd retail.
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Locations	with very low Cap Rate	es of	%	
• Ve	ery limited supply & stro	ng demand		
• D;	ynamic cities			
• Hi	gh levels of gentrificatio	n		
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### Cap Rates depend on the Property Type

Prime Rental Apartment Building 3.5% to 4.5% Cap Rate



As well as the location, quality of tenant and future cash flows and expenditures

### Location Example

Office buildings above or short distance from a train station have lower vacancies and higher rents that building



### A large influence on the Cap Rate is the economy

Factors like unemployment, growth potential affect the Cap Rates. Some general observations;

- Large cities have lower Cap Rates than small towns
- Large seaport cities generally have lower Cap Rates than large inland cities

# **Sensitivity Analysis**

Sensitivity analysis helps identify which numbers have the largest impact on the sale price?

### **The Cap Rate**

A small change in the Cap Rate creates a large change in value.

If the Cap Rate goes from 8.00% to 9.00%, the value of the property drops by 1/8 or 12.5%

A small increase in the Cap Rate causes a large drop in the property value

#### **Rent levels**

The value of a property is very sensitive to rent levels.

Example: 50 Suite building

Planned rent increase: \$50 per unit per month.

Cap Rate: 8.5%

Increase in value by raising the rents \$50 per unit per month

= Change in the Net Operating
Cap Rate

= <u>50 suites x \$50 x 12\* x 100</u> 8.5

= \$352,941

An indicator that rents can possibly be increased subject to rent controls

# Return on Equity (ROE) or Cash on Cash

Also called the Equity Dividend Rate (EDR) The term used by appraisers

Purpose: What is the return I am getting on the money I invest?

Equity is the down payment

How does this return compare with other investment opportunities?

Takes into account financing

Return on Equity (ROE) =  $(NOI - Debt Service) \times 100$ (Price - Mortgage)

- = Cash Flow before Tax Cash invested
- = Cash on Cash
- $= (\$130,000 93,000) \times 100$ (\$1,625,000 1,252,000)
- = 9.92% Return on Equity

**Note:** Debt Service is the annual payment of "Principle plus Interest"

#### Case Study. Using the Return on Equity to choose between two investments

An investor has been offered two <u>comparable</u> rental apartment investment opportunities offering the following returns;

- 1. Property A . Return on Equity or Cash on Cash is 15%
- 2. Realtor B. Return on Equity or Cash on Cash is 28%

Which is the best investment for the investor from a financial perspective?

Answer			
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#### Property A.

The mortgage has a 15 year amortized period which means a large a annual mortgage payment and low cash on cash return (15.00%)

#### Property b.

The mortgage has a 25 year amortized period which means a lower annual mortgage payment and a higher cash on cash return (28.00%)

### Major difficulties with the Return on Equity

Mostly used by investors who buy smaller apartment buildings

Very volatile measure

Highly sensitive to interest rates, the amortization period and the amount of financing. Very easy to manipulate to create a misleading return on investment

#### Example:

An analysis of a typical apartment building shows the sensitivity of the Return on Equity

- A 10% increase in rents increases the Return on Equity by 40%
- A 10% increase in the mortgage interest rate lowers the Return on Equity by 9%
- Changing from a 30 year to 15 year amortization period drops the ROE by 40%

The Return on Equity (ROE) is useful for looking at a specific property, but not for comparing the return against other properties because of the impact of financing.

#### To compare properties using the Return on Equity you need the same:

Loan to Value Ratio - Interest Rate - Amortization Period

# **Financing Ratios**

#### 1. Loan to Value Ratio

### 2. Debt Coverage Ratio or Debt Service Ratio

Used by lenders to determine loan amounts

#### **Loan to Value Ratio**

determines the maximum loan amount

### **Debt Coverage Ratio**

determines the loan amount based on the Net Operating Income and the Debt Coverage Ratio

Debt Coverage Ratio = Net Operating Income
Debt Service

= \$120,000 Net Operating Income \$80,000 Debt Service

= 1.50

The Debt Coverage Ratio is the Lender's margin of safety.

A Debt Coverage Ratio of 1.50 means that the Net Operating Income could drop by approximately 33% before there is negative cash flow.

The lender calculates the loan amount based on the;

- 1. Loan to Value Ratio
- 2. Debt Coverage Ratio or Debt Service Ratio
- **3.** Then chooses the method that produces the lower loan amount.

The Debt Coverage Ratio and Loan to Value Ratio are helpful in determining whether and when the property can be refinanced.

#### Example:

A Debt Coverage Ratio of 1.50 would suggest that;

1. the property could be refinanced by reducing the Debt Service Ratio to say 1.25 subject to a maximum loan amount based on a 65% Loan to Value Ratio.

Today lenders have lowered the Loan to Value Ratio from 75% to 65% to 60% or lower

On a typical rental apartment building; Operating Expense Ratio: 45.00% Cap Rate 7.00% 65% Loan to Value Ratio

The Debt Service Ratio would be approximately 1.26

# **Operating Expense Ratio (OER)**

Often the financial statements provided by the owner of a rental apartment building are inaccurate and expenses are understated.

The Operating Expense Ratio (OER) is used to check if the expenses are realistic or not.

Operating Expense Ratio (OER) = Operating Expenses x 100
Gross Income

### Typical Operating Expense Ratio. Rental Apartment Buildings.

Operating Expense Ratio (OER): 35% to 45%+ including property management

Another check is the Maintenance Costs per Unit per Year.

Range: \$450 to \$650+ per Unit per Year

Motels: 55% to 65% Operating Expense Ratio

Public Storage: 35% to 45% Operating Expense Ratio

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#### Typical Operating Expense Ratio. Commercial Buildings

Office: 40% to 50%+ Incl. Pty Management Industrial: 30% to 35%+ Incl. Pty Management Retail: 45% to 50%+ Incl. Pty Management

The most common measure for commercial buildings for is "\$ per Sq. Ft per Yr (or Month)"

# **Default Ratio or Breakeven Point**

Measures the degree of risk and is also helpful in determining if additional financing can be added.

Default Ratio = (<u>Operating Expenses + Debt Service</u>) x 100 Effective Gross Income

Example: Operating Expenses: \$60,000

Debt Service: \$100,000

Effective Gross Income: \$196,000

Default Ratio =  $(60,000 + 100,000) \times 100$ 196,000

= 82%

Can the first mortgage be increased?

The magic figure is around 85%

Once the Default Ratio or Breakeven Point is 85% or more, there is little room left to increase the first mortgage.

As an example, a Default Ratio (Breakeven Point) of 60% suggests that the first mortgage can be increased until the default Ratio is around 85%

The Default Ratio is very useful to assess the investment risk and the potential for refinancing the property.

### Other measures used by buyers and sellers

Price per Unit or Door

Price per Sq. Foot

Rent per Sq. Foot per Month is used for checking apartment rents

# Which financial measure should you use to value a building?

Use the financial measure that best predicts the value of the building and represents the approaches used by buyers and sellers to determine value

Example: Valuing a single family home

Cap Rates are not used by home buyers to figure out what they are prepared to offer and therefore are not helpful in determining the value of a home

# **Steps in Analyzing Rental Apartment Building**

- 1. Ignore the Cap Rate
- 2. Are the rents reasonable? If not adjust
- 3. Review the Vacancy Allowance. Is it representative of local conditions?
- **4.** Calculate the Operating Expense Ratio. Is it realistic?
- 5. If the Operating Expense Ratio is incorrect, review and adjust the expenses.

Generally use next year's revenue and expense if you are trying to determine the value of the property

Remember that property taxes may go up after the sale

If possible, verify costs such as insurance, elevator servicing, garbage collection, property taxes etc.

Make sure that minor capital expenditures or nonrecurring expenses such as replacing appliances, carpets etc., are not included in calculating the Net Operating Income

Remove non-operating expenses E.g., Travel expenses

Are any expenses missing? E.g., Property Management, Resident Caretaker

- **6.** Recalculate the operating cost. Is it within an acceptable range?
- 7. Determine the Sale Price to provide the desired Cap Rate
- **8.** Make sure the Cap Rate being used is accurate because small changes in the Cap Rates creates large changes in value.

A good source of Cap Rates is commercial lenders and mortgage brokers

### **Tips for analyzing Income & Expense Statements**

#### **Rental Apartment Buildings**

Revenues: Express as \$ per Unit per month

Laundry: \$9.00 per Unit per Mo Parking: \$30.00 per Space per Month

Expenses: Express as \$ per Unit per Mo or Year

E.g. Maintenance \$5,000 is not very helpful.

If there are 45 units the maintenance cost is \$111 per unit which is too low Range is \$350 to \$650 per Unit per Yr

Expense verification. Certain expenses can be quickly verified by calling the companies providing the services, such as;

- Elevator service contracts
- Garbage collection
- Insurance

Calculate the Operating Expense Ratio 35% to 50%+?

Remove all non recurring expenses like partial painting of the building

#### **Commercial Buildings**

Use \$ per Sq. Ft per year or month

# **Case Study. 79 Unit Rental Apartment Building**

Asking Price \$8,000,000

Cap Rate for comparable properties is 8.00%

6 Studios

58 One Bedroom Units

11Two Bedroom Units

4 Three bedrooms

81 Parking Spaces

Financing

Interest Rate: 7.00% Loan Amount: \$4,300,000

Amortization: 25 years Compounding Frequency. Monthly

**Question.** What is the value of the property if the Cap Rate from comparables is 8.00%?

Project	Financian	Rental Units	Rental Units
Info.	Financing	Income	Expenses

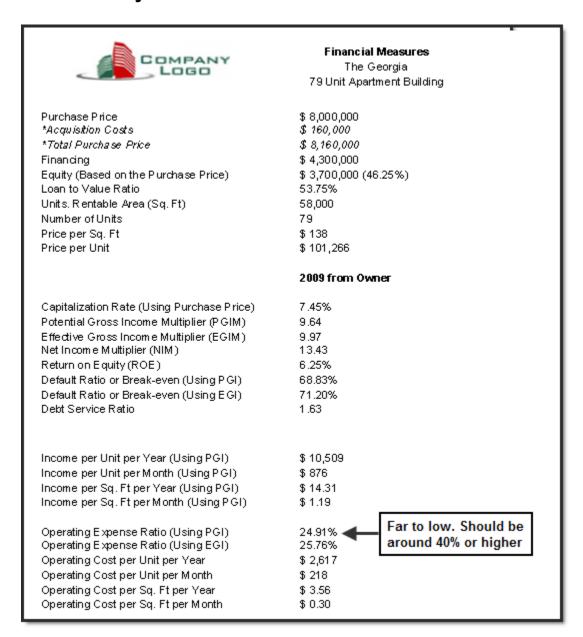
### **Revenue from the Owner**

				2011 from	Owner	2012 Fore	casted
Income Description	Entry Choice		Qty	Income	Vac & Cr. Loss	Income	Vac & Cr. Loss
Studios	\$ per Unit per Mo	₹	6	\$ 650	2.00%	\$ 670	4.00%
One Bedrooms	\$ per Unit per Mo	₹	58	\$ 810	3.50%	\$ 820	4.00%
Two bedrooms	\$ per Unit per Mo	~	11	\$ 975	3.50%	\$1,025	4.00%
Three Bedrooms	\$ per Unit per Mo	¥	4	\$ 1,050	4.00%	\$1,100	4.00%
Laundry	\$ per Unit per Mo	▼	79	\$12	3.70%	\$13	4.00%
Parking	\$ per Parking Space per Mo	+	81	\$ 30.00	0.00%	\$ 33.00	4.00%

#### **Expenses from the Owner**

				Exper	ises
Expenses	Entry Choice		Qty	2011 from Owner	2012 Forecasted
Accounting and Legal	\$ per Yr	<b>-</b>		\$ 2,000	\$
Advertising	\$ per Yr	<b>+</b>		\$ 2,500	\$
Licenses and Permits	\$ per Yr	<b>-</b>		\$ 2,100	\$
Insurance	\$ per Yr	▼		\$ 10,000	\$
Prop. Management	% of Effective Gross Income	<b>-</b>		4.00%	0.00
Salary, Res. Caretaker	\$ per Yr	<b>-</b>		\$ 24,000	9
Property Taxes	\$ per Yr	▼		\$ 21,000	9
Maintenance & Repairs	\$ per Unit x Total No.of Units per Yr	<b>+</b>	79	\$ 210	9
Elevator Service	\$ per Yr	₹		\$ 4,800	9
Utilities	\$ per Unit x Total No.of Units per Yr	<b>-</b>	79	\$ 350	9
Supplies	\$ per Mo	<b>+</b>		\$ 200	9
Garbage Collection	\$ per Unit x Total No.of Units per Yr	<b>+</b>	79	\$ 60	9
Other Expenses	\$ per Unit x Total No.of Units per Mo	-	79	\$ 60	

### **Financial Analysis of the Owner's Statement**



# **Expense Adjustments**

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,	,			Expe	nses
Expenses	Entry Choice		Qty	2011 from Owner	2012 Forecasted
Accounting and Legal	\$ per Yr	_		\$ 2,000	\$ 6,000
Advertising	\$ per Yr	+		\$ 2,500	\$ 7,000
Licenses and Permits	\$ per Yr	+		\$ 2,100	\$ 2,500
Insurance	\$ per Yr	+		\$10,000	\$ 16,000
Prop. Management	% of Effective Gross Income	+		4.00%	5.00%
Salary, Res. Caretaker	\$ per Yr	+		\$ 24,000	\$ 36,000
Property Taxes	\$ per Yr	<b>*</b>		\$ 21,000	\$ 29,000
Maintenance & Repairs	\$ per Unit x Total No.of Units per Yr	<b>*</b>	79	\$ 210	\$ 600
Elevator Service	\$ per Yr	+		\$ 4,800	\$ 10,000
Utilities	\$ per Unit x Total No.of Units per Yr	*	79	\$ 350	\$ 425
Supplies	\$ per Mo	<b>*</b>		\$ 200	\$ 250
Garbage Collection	\$ per Unit x Total No.of Units per Yr	<b>*</b>	79	\$ 60	\$ 90
Other Expenses	\$ per Unit x Total No.of Units per Mo	<b>*</b>	79	\$ 60	\$120

# **Revised Financial Measures Report**

	Financial Measure	ae.
COMPANY		75
Logo	The Georgia 79 Unit Apartment Bui	ldina
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Purchase Price	\$ 8,000,000	
*Acquisition Costs	\$ 160,000	
*Total Purchase Price	\$ 8,160,000	
Financing	\$ 4,300,000	
Equity (Based on the Purchase Price)	\$ 3,700,000 (46.25%)	
Loan to Value Ratio	53.75%	
Units. Rientable Area (Sq. Ft)	58,000	
Number of Units	79	
Price per Sq. Ft	<b>\$</b> 138	
Price per Unit	\$ 101,266	
	2011 from Owner	2012 Forecasted
Capitalization Rate (Using Purchase Price)	7.45%	5.81%
Potential Gross Income Multiplier (PGIM)	9.64	9.40
Effective Gross Income Multiplier (EGIM)	9.97	9.79
Net Income Multiplier (NIM)	13.43	17.20
Return on Equity (ROE)	6.25%	2.72%
Default Ratio or Break-even (Using PGI)	68.83%	84.20%
Default Ratio or Break-even (Using EGI)	71.20%	87.71%
Debt Service Ratio	1.63	1.28
Income per Unit per Year (Using PGI)	\$ 10,509	\$10,778
Income per Unit per Month (Using PGI)	\$ 876	\$ 898
Income per Sq. Ft per Year (Using PGI)	\$ 14.31	\$14.68
Income per Sq. Ft per Month (Using PGI)	\$ 1.19	\$1.22
Operating Expense Ratio (Using PGI)	24.91%	→ 41.37% <b>OK</b>
Operating Expense Ratio (Using EGI)	25.76%	43.09%
Operating Cost per Unit per Year	\$ 2,617	\$ 4,458
Operating Cost per Unit per Month	\$ 218	\$ 372
Operating Cost per Sq. Ft per Year	\$ 3.56	\$6.07
Operating Cost per Sq. Ft per Month	\$ 0.30	\$ 0.51

Current Purchase Price	\$8,000,000					
Calculate the Purchase Price for						
	Purchase Price					
	Using Income <u>&amp;</u> Expenses					
		2011 from Ow	2012 Forecas			
Cap Rate	8.000%	\$ 7,447,800	\$ 5,814,838			
Return on Equity	0.000%	\$ 0	\$ 0			
Potential Gross Income Multiplier	0.000	\$ 0	\$ 0			
Effective Gross Income Multiplier	0.000	\$ 0	\$ 0			
Net Income Multiplier	0.000	\$ 0	\$ 0			

**Answer:** \$5,814,838

Asking Price: \$8,000,000

Need to drop the price by \$2,185,162 or 27%

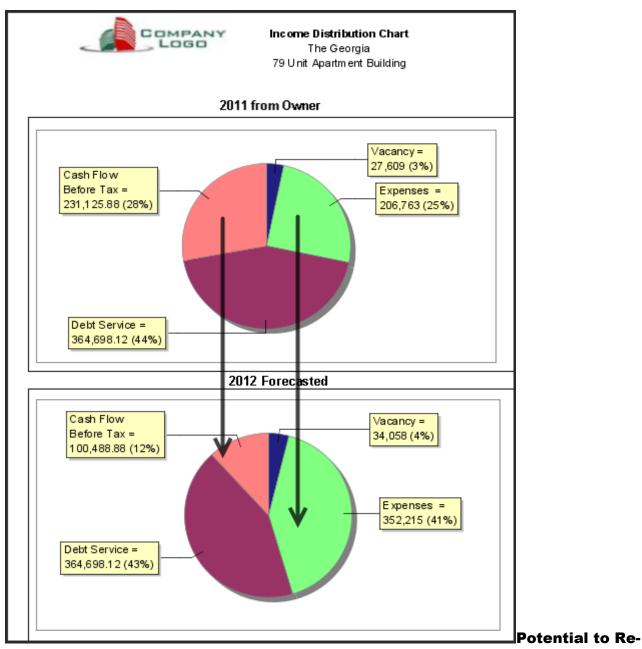
Note: The Net Income Multiplier (NIM) is the inverse of the Cap Rate and produces the same value of \$5,814,838

# **Revised Income & Expense Statement**

COMPANY		lı	Income & Expense Statement The Georgia 79 Unit Apartment Building				
			2011 from 0 wner (12 months)		2012 Forecasted (12 months)		
	Quanti	ty			-		
Income							
Studios	6	\$	46,800	\$	48,240		
One Bedrooms	58		563,760		570,720		
Two bedrooms	11		128,700		135,300		
Three Bedrooms	4		50,400		52,800		
Laundry	79		11,376		12,324		
Parking	81		29,160		32,076		
Potential Gross Income			830,196		851,460		
Less: Vacancy and Credit Loss All	ow.		27,609		34,058		
Effective Gross Income			802,587		817,402		
Operating Expenses.							
Accounting and Legal			2,000		6,000		
Advertising			2,500		7,000		
Licenses and Permits			2,100		2,500		
Insurance			10,000		16,000		
Prop. Management			32,103		40,870		
Salary, Res. Caretaker			24,000		36,000		
Property Taxes			21,000		29,000		
Maintenance & Repairs			16,590		47,400		
Elevator Service			4,800		10,000		
Utilities			27,650		33,575		
Supplies			2,400		3,000		
Garbage Collection			4,740		7,110		
Other Expenses			56,880		113,760		
Operating Expenses			206,763	-	352,215		
Net Operating Income (NOI)		595,824	$\rightarrow$	465,187			
Less: Debt Service			364,698		364,698		
CASH FLOW BEFORE TAX			231,126		100,489		

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# **Income Distribution Chart**



finance and Risk Assessment



#### Financial Measures

The Georgia 79 Unit Apartment Building

Based on an 8% Cap Rate

Purchase Price
\*Acquisition Costs
\*Total Purchase Price

Financing

Equity (Based on the Purchase Price)

Loan to Value Ratio Units. Rentable Area (Sq. Ft)

Number of Units Price per Sq. Ft Price per Unit \$ 5,814,838 \$ 116,297 \$ 5,931,135 \$ 4,300,000

\$1,514,838 (26.05%) 73.95% **Maximum 75%?** 

58,000.00 79.00 \$ 100 \$ 73,606

#### 2012 Forecasted

Capitalization Rate (Using Purchase Price)
Potential Gross Income Multiplier (PGIM)
Effective Gross Income Multiplier (EGIM)
Net Income Multiplier (NIM)

Return on Equity (ROE)
Default Ratio or Break-even (Using PGI)
Default Ratio or Break-even (Using EGI)
Debt Service Ratio

Income per Unit per Year (Using PGI) Income per Unit per Month (Using PGI)

Income per Sq. Ft per Year (Using PGI) Income per Sq. Ft per Month (Using PGI)

Operating Expense Ratio (Using PGI)
Operating Expense Ratio (Using EGI)
Operating Cost per Unit per Year
Operating Cost per Unit per Month
Operating Cost per Sq. Ft per Year
Operating Cost per Sq. Ft per Month

8.00% 6.83 7.11 12.50 6.63% 84.20% Keep below 85%? 87.71% 1.28 Lowest 1.25?

\$10,778 EVALUATION
Purchase price for an 8% Cap Rate is \$5,814,838

\$ 898 \$ 14.68 \$ 1.22

Can we refinance the building?
Loan to Value Ratio 73.9%% Range 65% to 75%
Debt Service Ratio 1.28 Typical is 1.25

Asking price is \$8,000,000 Over priced by \$2.185M

There appears to be no potential to refinance the building

#### Risk Assessment

Default Ratio (Break-even Point) 84.20% Max 85% Debt Service Ratio 1.28 Lowest 1.25

Investment with moderate or normal risk

\$372

\$6.07

\$ 0.51

#### **Review & Summary**

Following is a summary of the analysis we carried out on the 79 unit apartment building.

Asking price: \$8,000,000

Existing Financing: Interest Rate 7.00%, Loan Amount \$4,300,000, Amortization 25 years

Desired Cap Rate: 8.00%

#### Questions

- 1) What price should we offer to get an 8.00% Cap Rate?
- 2) Is there potential to increase the financing and lower the equity requirements?
- 3) How risky is the investment?

#### Steps

- 1) Adjusted the rents and vacancy allowances for next year
- 2) Calculated the Operating Expense Ratio (OER)

OER = Operating Expenses = 24.91% Too low. Should be over 40% Gross Income

- Reviewed and adjusted the Owner's expenses using more realistic for expenses such as maintenance and elevator service contracts
  - 4) Re-calculated the Operating Expense Ratio (OER)

OER = Operating Expenses = 41.37% which is a more realistic figure Gross Income

5) Using the revised Net Operating Income calculated the value based on an 8.00% Cap Rate

Value = Net Operating Income x 100 = \$5,814,838 Asking Price \$8,000,000 Cap Rate

#### Questions

1) What price should we offer to get an 8.00% Cap Rate?

Using the revised Net Operating Income calculated the value based on an 8.00% Cap Rate

Value = Net Operating Income x 100 = \$5,814,838 Asking Price \$8,000,000

Cap Rate

2) Is there potential to increase the financing and lower the equity requirements?

Loan to Value Ratio: 73.95% Debt Service Ratio: 1.28

No potential for increasing the first mortgage

3) How risky is the investment?

Default Ratio (Breakeven Point): 84.20%

Debt Service Ratio: 1.28

Conclusion. Investment with moderate risk with no potential for increasing the first mortgage

# **Future Capital Expenditures**

In determining the value of the building the investor should have a professional engineering inspection to determine:

- 1. Immediate major repairs
- 2. Future capital expenditures and repairs



#### Immediate major repairs

These are urgent expenditures that need to be made by the buyer shortly after taking ownership of the building such as replacing a leaking roof.

#### Example:

Prior to buying the building, the buyer engaged a professional engineering firm to inspect the building and they found the following remedial needed to be done:

Resurfacing the roof \$220,000 Upgrade the aging and unreliable elevator \$110,000

Total Cost: \$330,000

A prudent buyer would deduct \$330,000 or more for the urgent major repairs that need to be completed after taking ownership.

#### Future capital expenditures and repairs

As the building ages there are many capital expenditures that need to be made to maintain the building in good working order. These expenditures are nonrecurring and are in addition to the regular operating expenses and are often developed on behalf of the owner by architects, engineers of professionals specializing in conducting building assessments.

Following is an example of a cash flow projection for a 40 year old 100 unit rental apartment building.

The annual capital expenditures range from \$202 to \$\$571 per unit per year or from 2.72% to 8.52% of potential gross income.

Investors often set up a replacement reserve fund which they contribute to on a regular basis to ensure that funds are available to carry out the needed capital expenditures. As an example, in 2020 \$60,000 is needed to replace the asphalt parking area and the total capital expenditures in 2020 is \$80,500.

100 Unit Apartment Building Starting May	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
REVENUE		2010		2010			2010	2010			
Apartment Rental Income	670,000	683,400	697,068	711,009	725,230	739,734	754,529	769,619	785,012	800,712	816,726
Potential Gross Income	670,000	683,400	697.068	711.009	725,230	739,734	754,529	769,619	785.012	800,712	816,726
Less: Vacancy & Credit Loss Allowance	33,500	34,170	34.853	35,550	36,262	36,987	37,726	38,481	39,251	40.036	40.836
Effective Gross Income	636,500	649,230	662,215	675,459	688,969	702,747	716,803	731,138	745,761	760,676	775,890
Operating Expenses											
Operating Expenses	325,000	331,500	338,130	344,893	351,790	358,826	366,003	373,323	380,789	388,405	396,173
	325,000	331,500	338,130	344,893	351,790	358,826	366,003	373,323	380,789	388,405	396,173
Net Operating Income	311,500	317,730	324,085	330,566	337,179	343,921	350,800	357,815	364,972	372,271	379,717
Less: Expense not included in NOI	·	•			,				,		
Replacement - Asphalt	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	60,000	-	
AquaPex Plumbing	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	-	-	-	-	-	
Roof Membrane	31,000	20,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
HVAC Units	5,000	3,200	3,200	3,200	3,200	3,200	3,200	3,200	3,200	3,200	3,200
Windows. Caulking			20,000								
Kitchen Cabinets	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
Signage	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,500	-	-	-	
Fencing	-	-	-	7,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Furniture Office	-	1,500	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Refrigerators	3,000	5,100	4,500	4,500	1,800	1,300	1,300	1,300	900	900	900
Ranges	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,800
Dishwashers	-	-	250	-	250	-	250	-	250	-	250
Washing Machines	900	900	900	900	900	-	-	-	-	-	
Dryers	-	850	850	850	850	850	-	-	-	-	
Carpeting - Units	5,000	8,000	8,000	8,000	8,000	8,000	8,000	8,000	8,000	8,000	8,000
Wall Coverings	6,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	3,000	4,500	4,500	6,000	6,000
	57,100	49,750	47,900	34,650	25,200	20,150	22,450	20,200	80,050	21,300	22,150
Net Income	254,400	267,980	296,185	295,916	311,979	323,771	328,350	337,615	284,922	350,971	357,567
Capital Expenditures per Unit per Year	571	498	479	347	252	202	225	202	801	213	222
% of Potential Gross Income	8.52%	7.28%	6.87%	4.87%	3.47%	2.72%	2.98%	2.62%	10.20%	2.66%	2.71%

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# The importance of a professional engineering inspection

A building is a complex system which may have hidden, serious problems that are costly for a buyer to fix. Some examples are;

- Concrete rot or cancer
- Salt corrosion causing deterioration of reinforcing steel and the integrity of the floor slab
- Failure of post tension systems
- Thin wall copper pipe

#### Concrete Rot and the deterioration of concrete structural systems

There are a variety of conditions that can cause serious problems with concrete structures and slabs and affect the useful life of the building including:

Chemicals, called admixes, that are mixed in concrete to enable the concrete to be poured during very hot or cold weather which may cause the concrete to slowly self destruct. Sometimes called concrete rot or cancer.

Deterioration of the reinforcing steel caused by water borne chloride ions seeping into the concrete, causing the reinforcing steel to rust. A Common cause is the use of de-icing salts in cold climates to melt snow and ice and water borne environmental contaminants.

Continual exposure to water can create serious problems if the concrete was not poured properly and contains air pockets allowing water to penetrate the concrete. This can be aggravated if there is freezing and thawing taking place.

When purchasing a building the buyer should have a professional engineer to check the structure for structural defects and identify if costly repairs are needed and ascertain whether the useful life of the building has been affected by structural problems such as concrete rot or cancer or the deterioration of the reinforcing steel caused by exposure to a variety of chemicals.

# **Examples of serious structural concrete problems**



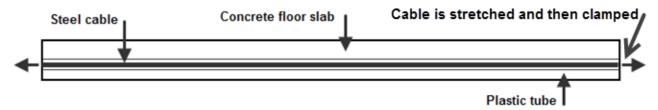


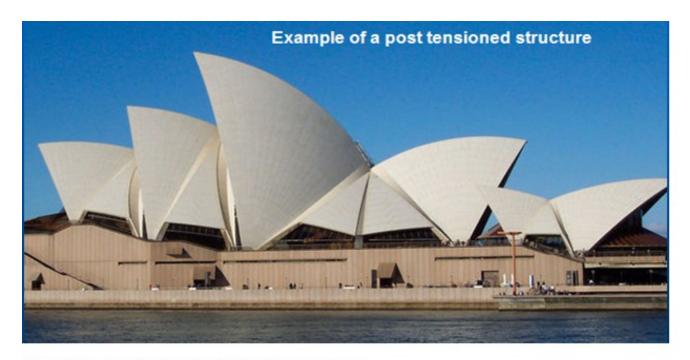


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## Failure of post tensioning floor slab systems

Un-bonded post-tensioned (PT) systems are popular with developers of multi-storey office and residential buildings as they reduce costs by allowing thinner slabs and faster construction. In many of these buildings, some only ten years old, expensive repairs have been necessary because of premature corrosion of the tendons. This corrosion can occur and continue without any visible signs of deterioration.









## **Other examples**

Failure of thin wall copper pipe which requires constant expenditures on pipe repairs and water damage.

At some point it becomes necessary to replace the copper piping in the building. A very costly process and a major inconvenience to the tenants.

As an example, if it costs \$3,000 per unit to replace the copper piping, the cost for re-piping a 100 unit building is \$300,000.



**Recommendation.** Encourage your buyer to have an inspection carried out by professional engineers.

# **Valuing commercial properties**

#### Introduction

The issue of misleading expenses is generally less an issue with commercial properties compared to rental apartment buildings. Most commercial space uses some variation of "Triple Net Rent with the tenant paying for property taxes, insurance and maintenance. This is called 'Additional Rent' or 'Recoverable Expenses

This means that you can use the "Additional Rent" currently being paid by the tenants as get a good estimate of the current operating expenses.

An investor still has to have a realistic figure for the operating costs per sq. ft because the landlord will pay the operating expenses for any vacant space.

The terms and conditions in the lease can affect the value of a commercial building

Following is the correct layout for the Income & Expense Statement for a commercial building.

#### **Income & Expense Statement. Commercial**

Potential Gross Income Plus: Additional Rent  Less; Vacancy & Credit Loss Allowance Effective Gross Income	\$ 350,000 120,000 470,000 18,899 (4.00%) 451,200
Operating Expenses Net Operating Income	\$\frac{127,000}{324,000}

## **Incorrect Approach**

To ignore the operating expenses because with a Triple Net lease the tenant pays the expenses. This is a poor assumption and can result in an incorrect valuation.

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Net Operating Income = Potential Gross Income = $350,0000
Should be $324,000
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- The landlord pays the expenses on the vacant space
- There may be operating expenses not recovered by the landlord from the tenant

# **Types of Leases**

#### **Gross Lease**

Tenant pays rent and their utilities. Landlord pays the operating Expenses

## **Gross Lease with escalation clause**

The rent increases each year based the increase in the CPI (Often used by governments)

## **Triple Net Rent (NNN)**

May mean that the tenant pays the landlord for their share of Taxes, Insurance & Maintenance (TIM's)

Under a Triple Net Lease does the tenant pay;

- Property management?.
- Depreciation of mechanical equipment?
- Administration fees?

Answer:	
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# **Types of Rent**

#### **Base Rent**

The rent paid E.g., \$20 per Sq Ft per Year

#### **Additional Rent**

Payment for expenses incurred by the landlord as agreed to in the lease. Also be called;

Recoverable Expenses
Reimbursable Expenses
Pass Through
TIM's (Taxes, Insurance & Maintenance) or TMI's
CAM's (Common Area Maintenance)

#### Free Rent

Generally free rent only applies to the "Base Rent" not to the "Additional Rent"

Example: Four months free rent

Generally free rent will be spread over several years. It's unlikely that the tenant will get the first four months free as this is too risky a proposition for the landlord

#### Free Rent example

Lease Term: 3 years
Three months spread over three year
Applied to the "Base Rent" only
Tenant pays the "Additional Rent"
Free Rent: June Years 1, 2 & 3
Tenant pays the "Additional Rent (TMI's)"

#### **Percentage Rent (Shopping Centers)**

Tenant pays the Base Rent or % Rent, whichever is the larger

#### **Example**

Base Rent: \$500,000 per year

% Rent: 4.00% of sales

Sales \$14,000,000 per year

% Rent 4.00% x \$14,000,000 = \$560,000

Tenant pays \$560,000

## **Rentable Area**

The area used to calculate the rent.

Industrial. Rentable Area. The area occupied by the tenant

**Retail.** Gross Leaseable Area The area occupied by the tenant **Office Buildings** 

Rentable Area = Usable Area x Load Factor Common Area Factor

Add On Factor \_\_\_

R/U Factor

Rentable Area, Used to calculate the rent

Usable Area: Area occupied by the tenant

Example:

Usable Area: 8,000 Sq. Ft

Load Factor or Add On Factor: 13% Base Rent \$20.00 per Sq. Ft per Yr

Rentable Area = Usable Area x Load Factor = 8,000 Sq. Ft x 1.13

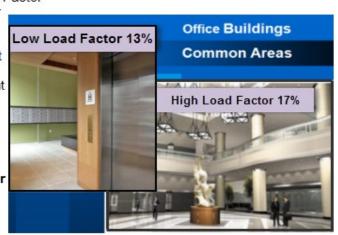
(Plus 13%)

= 9,040 Sq. Ft

Rent = Rentable Area x Rent Rate

= \$20 per Sq. Ft per Yr x 9,040 Sq. Ft

= \$180,000 per Yr or \$15,067 per Mo

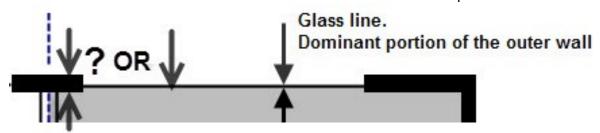


# **Measuring Space**

Can be very difficult. Which area do we use? and how do we measure the space?

If the rent is quoted as a \$per Sq. Ft or Mo the:

1. Area has to be defined- Rentable or Usable? 2. How will the space will be measured?



The BOMA Standards for measuring space in office, retail, industrial and flex buildings are the most Commonly used standards.

TIP: Quote rents as a "\$ per Month or Year" to avoid all the problems of measuring the space.

**Example:** The rent is \$21.00 per Sq. Ft per Yr. which is \$110,400 per year

# Tips for reading a lease

Key clauses are often buried in the middle of the lease

e.g. Demolition Clause

What's the value of a small business if there is a demolition clause in the lease and the property is ripe for redevelopment?

## **Key Items**

## 1. Who pays what?

What expenses are paid by the landlord and what expenses are paid by the tenant? Called;

Recoverable Expenses TIM's or TMI's (Taxes, Maintenance & Insurance) Additional Rent (Legal term used in leases)

Be careful of the term Triple Net or NNN as it is highly ambiguous

The expenses paid by the tenant to the landlord will be defined in the lease

#### 2. Demolition clause

The right to terminate the tenancy on the issuance of a rezoning, development or building permit from the City.



## 3. Under what terms and conditions can the tenant assign or sublease their space?

Won't be unreasonable withheld by the landlord

Tenant has to pay landlord a penalty upon subleasing

Can't assign or sublease

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## 4. Lease terms, options to renew and rent increases (Called "Steps" or "Bumps")

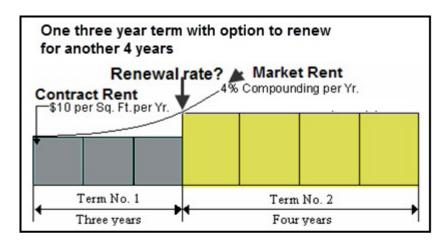
At the end of the lease does the tenant have to option to renew and if so, how long?

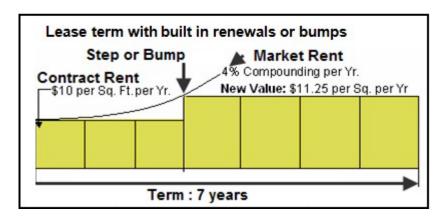
How will the renewal rate be determined?

Renewals versus Steps or Bumps

Renewals occurring at the end of the term of the lease

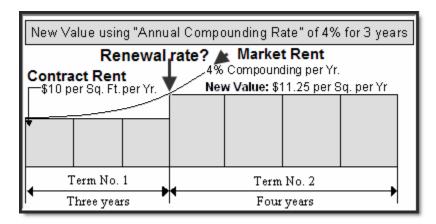
#### **Lease Terms**





## 5. How are renewal rates are or bumps in the lease determined?

Standard lease has "Steps" or "Bumps" or "Renewals"

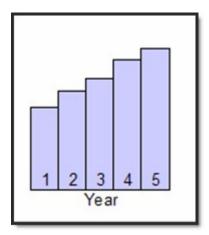


- Lease may specify. Example: The renewal rate Feb 2011 is \$12.00 per Sq. Ft per Yr
- At market
- Based on a percentage increase in the CPI (Need to specify which CPI)

## **Indexed lease or Escalating Lease**

The lease rate increase each year which may be based on the increase in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) or the increase or new rate may be specified in the lease

Governments tend to use Indexed Leases



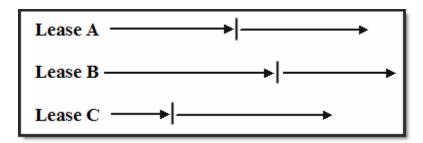
## 6. Read a lease in several settings

Leases are complex documents and need to be read very carefully

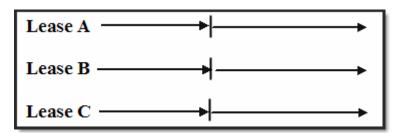
7. Read with a purpose. Have a question in mind.

Is there a demolition clause? If this is important to the buyer Who pays what?
When will the renewals take place?
How is the renewal rate determined?

- 8. Need to look at all leases in the building as they may vary
- 9. Look at the timing of the lease renewals. Are they spread out? Example of risk management

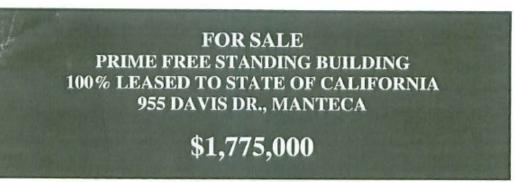


Having all the leases come up for renewal at the same time is risky and can affect the value and the ability to finance the building



# Case Study. Screening an investment opportunity

An investor is considering buying the following building and asked my opinion.





- 7.63% CAP!!!
- BRAND NEW 8-YEAR LEASE!
- 100% LEASED TO DMV (STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
- RECENTLY REMODELED, SINGLE TENANT BUILDING
- RENTAL INCREASES AND MINIMAL MANAGEMENT

Property & Lease Summa	ary
Zoning	CO Office Commercial
Parcel Dimension	37,879 Sq. Ft
Building Size	3,814+/- Sq. Feet
Remodeled	Extensively remodeled to 2006 government standards
Current Use	Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV)
Parking	39 spaces. 1 per 100 Sq. Ft
Lease	
Term of Tenancy	The State of California has occupied the building for over 20 years
Lease Term	Brand new 8 year term running through May 1, 2013. The first term of the current lease has 4 years remaining
Tenant Option to Purchase	Tenant has an option to purchase the property after November, 2010 for \$1,850,000 and November 30, 2014 for \$2,000,000
	6/1/09 - 5/31/13 \$14,111 per month
	6/1/13 - 5/31/14 \$14,493 per month
Rent and rental increases	6/1/14 - 5/31/15 \$14,683 per month
	6/1/15 - 5/31/16 \$14,874 per month
	6/1/16 - 5/31/17 \$15,065 per month
CPI Escalator	Each December 1st the Base Rent will be changed by an amount equal to the yearly change in the CPI Index times \$2,463.17
Tenant repayment of loan	\$3,907.79 of the monthly rental payment through 11/30/14 represents the repayment of the \$286,000 loan made to the lessee for alterations and improvements. The loan is amortized over 96 equal payments at 7.50% interest per year

This is a hybrid lease. A Gross Indexed Lease with a very modest escalation clause.

Base Rent: \$44.40 Very high. What if they move out? Appears to included the amortization of leasehold improvements

## A major issue;

If there are increases in property taxes, insurance and maintenance only a very small portion of the increases can be passed on to the tenant.

The Net Operating Income (NOI) will decline over time if the increase in property taxes, insurance and maintenance exceeds the increase in the CPI.

# Long term real estate investment analysis

## Two main approaches to determining the value of income properties

- 1. Long term real estate investment analysis or Discounted cash flow analysis
- 2. Cap Rate approach

Value = Net Operating Income
Cap Rate

#### Issues related to the Cap Rate approach

The Cap Rate approach is simple and quick but ignores:

- 1. Long term capital appreciation
- 2. The impact of financing on the return on investment
- 3. Changing cash flows over time
- 4. Future capital expenditures such as replacing the roof for \$300,000 in 5 years' time

## Cash flow projections

This is an example of an operating cash flow projection.

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
CASH FLOW BEFORE TAX					
Potential Gross Income	499,200	516,900	535,320	553,506	573,372
Less: Vacancy & Credit Loss Allow.	14,256	14,751	15,266	15,772	16,326
Effective Gross Income	484,944	502,149	520,054	537,734	557,046
Operating Expenses	221,374	230,523	240,079	248,972	258,293
Net Operating Income	263,570	271,626	279,975	288,763	298,753
Less: Principal Payments	28,318	30,517	32,886	35,439	38,190
Interest payments	149,040	146,841	144,472	141,919	139,168
CASH FLOW BEFORE TAX	86,212	94,268	102,617	111,405	121,395

## **Discounted cash flow analysis**

Which would you rather have?

1) \$1,000,000 today or 2) \$1,000,000 in 10 years' time?

Answer. \$1,000,000 today because I can invest the \$1,000,000 and earn interest for the next 10 years

In choosing the \$1,000,000 today you intuitively carried out 'Discounted cash flow analysis" and recognized the "Time Value of Money"

#### Two financial measures

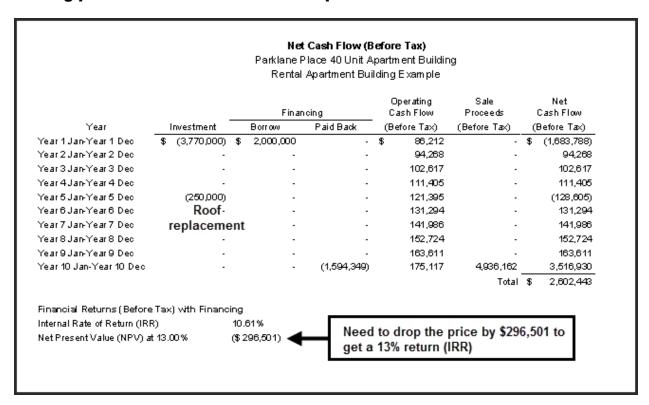
1. Internal Rate of Return (IRR)

Example: 10.61%

2. Net Present Value (NPV

Example: Net Present Value at 13% (\$296,501)

## The big picture. The "Net Cash Flow report



#### **Application of discounted cash flow analysis**

Discounted cash flow analysis can be used to carry out many different types of analyses including:

- 1. Long term real estate investment analysis
- 2. Buy versus lease analysis
- 3. Hold versus sell analysis
- 4. Lease and lease comparison analysis form a landlord and tenant perspective ...even valuing a land lease

## Introduction to long term real estate investment analysis

## Issues related to using the Cap Rate

Using the sale price and the Net Operating Income to calculate the Cap Rate can result in an incorrect Cap Rate because of factors that you were not aware of that influenced the price.

## **Apparent Cap Rate versus the True Cap Rate**

The "Cap Rate" is just the tip of the iceberg



## **Factors that distort the Cap Rate. Examples**

The impact of "urgent major repairs" on the Sale Price

Sale Price: \$3,200,000 Net Operating Income: \$275,000 per year

BUT... the buyer deducted \$425,000 because the roof had to be replaced, the elevator upgraded

Sale Price based on "Normal" building = \$3,200,000 + \$425,000 = \$3,625,000

True Cap Rate is 7.59% Apparent Cap Rate" of 8.59% A 12.00% difference



## Impact of the timing of lease renewal on cash flows and the property value



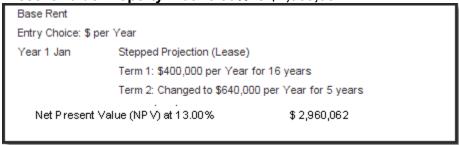
Question: What is the difference in value between Property A and Property B?

The rentable area is 20,000 Sq. Ft

**Present Value Property A** at 13.00% is **\$3,514,593** 

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Base Rent	
Entry Choice: \$ per	Year
Year 1 Jan	Stepped Projection (Lease)
	Term 1: \$400,000 per Year for 1 year
	Term 2: Changed to \$460,000 per Year for 5 years
	Term 3: Changed to \$520,000 per Year for 5 years
	Term 4: Changed to \$580,000 per Year for 5 years
	Term 5: Changed to \$640,000 per Year for 5 years
Net Present Valu	ue (NP √) at 13.00% \$3,514,593

## Present Value Property B at 13.00% is \$2,960,062



NPV at a 13% Discount Rate Property A: \$3,514,593 NPV at a 13% Discount Rate Property B: 2,960,062

Difference \$ 554,531 (16%)

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## Cap Rates. Summary

Using a Cap Rate to determine the value of an income property is a very simplistic approach fraught with difficulties.

A more realistic approach is "Discounted Cash Flow Analysis", which projects the cash flow over time and takes into account the "Time Value of Money"

Comparing Case A with Case B above was an example of "Discounted Cash Flow Analysis", and the use of Net Present Value

## **Developing the Net Cash Flow**

You have a choice to invest in either Property A and B. Each property will generate the following net cash flows. Which one would provide you with the best overall financial return?

	Net Cas	sh Flow
<u>Year</u>	Property A	Property B
0	\$<1,000,000>	\$<1,200,000> (Purchase Price - Mortgage = Equity)
1.	81,000	58,000
2.	83,000	60,000 (= Cash Flow before Tax)
3.	84,000	61,000
4.	87,000	67,000
5.	87,000	68,000
6.	89,000	69,000
7.	<10,000>	70,000
8.	90,000	112,000
9.	92,000	115,000
10.	93,000	117,000
11.	96,000	119,000
12	1,950,000	2,500,000 ← (Cash Flow Yr.12 + Sale Proceeds)
Return (II	RR)%	% Internal Rate of Return (IRR)

## **Calculating the Net Cash Flows before Tax**

## **Analysis Time Period**

In the example above the "Analysis Period" or the "Holding Period" is 12 years. The property will be sold at the end of the "Analysis Period".

## **Acquisition (Net Cash Flow)**

The purchase is made at "Time Period Zero" and the Net Cash Flow is:

Purchase Price
<a href="Less: Mortgage">Less: Mortgage</a>
Equity = (Net Cash Flow. Time Period zero)

Note that the Net Cash Flow or Equity, which is the cash invested shown as a negative. For Property A, it is minus \$1,000,000 because this is an outflow of cash. In contrast, revenue would be shown as a positive number because revenue is an inflow of cash.

## **Yearly Cash Flows**

The calculation of the yearly cash flow is:

Potential Gross Income
Less: Vacancy Loss
Effective Gross Income
Less: Operating Expenses
Net Operating Income

Less: Debt Service (Principal & Interest Payments)

Cash Flow before tax

#### Cash Flow in the Last Year

At the end of the last year of the "Analysis Period" the building is sold and we calculate the "Sale Proceeds" as follows:

Sale Price

Less: Real Estate & legal fees

Repayment of the outstanding mortgage balance

Sale Proceeds

The Net Cash Flow in the last year is:

Net Cash Flow = Operating Cash Flow + Sale Proceeds

#### **Internal Rate of Return**

The Internal Rate of Return (IRR) is the return we use when we are analyzing uneven cash flows.

## Think compound interest

An Internal Rate of Return of Return (IRR) of 13% can be compared against a second mortgage rate of 8.00%

Generally, we would expect to get a higher return (Internal Rate of Return) than the second mortgage rate for the property because of the additional risks associated with ownership compared to being a second mortgage lender for the same kind of property.

#### Calculating the Internal Rate of Return (IRR)

Financial calculators, Excel and investment analysis software such as Investit Pro all calculate the Internal Rate of Return (IRR).

# The building blocks of real estate investment analysis

Following are the steps involved in carrying out long term investment analysis

## **Analysis Period**

How long will the property be held?

## **Investor**

Investor's Desired Return & Tax Rate Before or after tax analysis

## Investments

Purchase price & future capital expenditures

## **Expenses**

Expense Projections

## Revenues

Revenue & vacancy allowance projections

## **Financing**

Initial & future financing

## Sale

How the sale price will be determined

# Investor's thoughts on buying an income property How much should I pay to get a 13% IRR over ten years? Initial Investment plus future capital expenditures Finance & refinanced over the 10 years Project the revenues and expenses Sell the building at the end of 10 years Is this a good deal? How risky?

## Introductory Case Study. Real Estate Investment Analysis

Showing the importance of financial leverage

Office building Capital Plaza 8,400 Sq. Ft

The case study explores the following financial arrangements on return (Internal Rate of Return)

- 1. Zero financing
- **2.** 45% LTV \$1,395,000 25 years 4.50%
- **3.** 75% LTV \$2,350,000 25 years 4.50%

## **Zero Financing**

Without financing the Internal Rate of Return (IRR) is 8.29%

<b>Net Cash Flow (Before Tax)</b> Capital Plaza Office Building Example								
	_	Financi		_	Operating Cash Flow	Sale Proceeds		Net Cash Flow
Year	Investment	Borrow	Paid Back		(Before Tax)	(Before Tax)	<u> </u>	Before Tax)
Year 1 Jan-Year 1 Dec	\$ (3,100,000)	-		-	\$ 197,449	-	\$	(2,902,551)
Year 2 Jan-Year 2 Dec	-	No finar	cina	•	200,329	-		200,329
Year3Jan-Year3 Dec	-	NO IIJiai	icing	-	205,115	-		205,115
Year 4 Jan-Year 4 Dec	-	-		-	205,467	-		205,467
Year 5 Jan-Year 5 Dec	-	-		-	205,904	-		205,904
Year 6 Jan-Year 6 Dec	-	-		-	206,278	-		206,278
Year 7 Jan-Year 7 Dec	-	-		-	230,679	-		230,679
Year 8 Jan-Year 8 Dec	-	-		-	250,958	-		250,958
Year 9 Jan-Year 9 Dec				-	251,801			251,801
Year 10 Jan-Year 10 Dec					252,742	3,699,165		3,951,907
						Total	\$	2,805,888
Financial Returns (Before Internal Rate of Return (IRF Net Present Value (NPV) at	8) 8	nding 3.29% \$ 848,912)	Witho	ut	financing			

## With Financing: 45% LTV \$1,395,000 25 years 4.50% interest rate

Adding financing using a 45% loan to value ratio, 25 year amortization and 4.50% interest rate changes the return from 8.29% without financing to 10.65% which is a 29% increase in the return.

#### Can the financing be increased?

In year 1 the Loan to Value Ratio is around 44%. The ceiling is generally around 75% The Debt Service Ratio is 2.12. The Ratio can go down to 1.25 or lower.

Both measures suggest that the first mortgage can be increased.

## How risky is the investment?

The two measures of risk are:

Debt Service Ratio 2.12 The Ratio can go down to 1.25 or lower Default Ratio or the Breakeven Point 60.22%. Generally shouldn't exceed 85%

The Debt Service Ratio and the Default Ratio suggest low risk.

#### Financial Measures Summary December 17, 2013 Capital Plaza Investor Pro Office Building Example Video Fin Leverage 45% LTV Financial Returns. Cap Rate using the investment in Year 1 of \$3,100,000 6.37% With Without Financing Financing 8.29% Internal Rate of Return (IRR) Before Tax 10.65% Net Present Value (NPV) Before Tax (\$ 257,395) at 13.00 % (\$848,912) at 13.00% Modified Internal Rate of Return (MIRR) 9.17% 7.10% Before Tax Short Term Financing Rate (Before Tax) 8.00% 8.00% 2.50% 2.50% Short Term Reinvestment Rate (Before Tax) Financial Operating Ratios Total Loan to Value Ratio Overall (At End of Year) using Debt Default Ratio Operating Original Loan Outstanding (Breakeven) Expense Ratio Coverage Year Amount Loan Balance Ratio (Using PGI) (Using PGI) 44.36% 43,38% 2.12 27.13% Year 1 60.22% 43.32% 41.36% 59.95% 27.52% Year 2 2.15 Year 3 43.25% 40.24% 2.20 59.32% 27.75% Year 4 43.16% 39.06% 2.21 59.56% 28.28% 43.08% 59.79% Year 5 37.85% 2.21 28.81% Year 6 38.52% 32.78% 2.22 60.04% 29.35% Year 7 35.41% 29.10% 2.48 55.94% 27.93% Year 8 35.29% 27.93% 2.70 53.11% 27.04% 35.16% 26.71% 2.71 53.34% 27.53% Year 9 Year 10 35.01% 25.44% 272 53.56% 28.02% Can the financing How Risky? be increased? Debt Coverage Ratio 2.12 Default Ratio 60.22% Loan to Value Ratio 44% LOW RISK Debt Coverage Ratio: 2.12 YES

## With Financing: 75% LTV \$2,350,000, 25 years 4.50%

Adding financing using a 75% loan to value ratio, 25 year amortization and 4.50% interest rate changes the return from 8.29% without financing to 15.24% which is an 84% increase.

#### Can the financing be increased?

In year 1 the Loan to Value Ratio is around 74%. The ceiling is generally around 75% The Debt Service Ratio is 1.27. The Ratio can go down to 1.25 or lower.

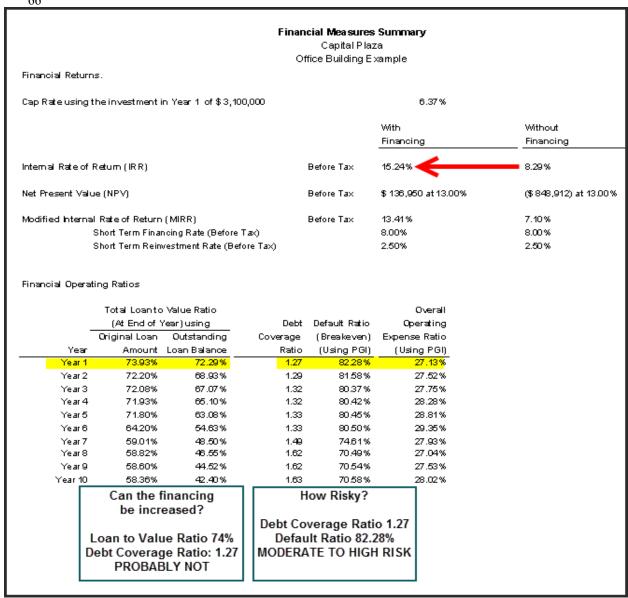
Both measures suggest that the there is little room to increase the first mortgage.

## How risky is the investment?

The two measures of risk are:

Debt Service Ratio 1.27 The Ratio can go down to 1.25 or lower Default Ratio or the Breakeven Point 82.28%. Generally shouldn't exceed 85%

The Debt Service Ratio and the Default Ratio suggest moderate to higher risk



#### Summary. The impact of financial leverage

With no financing the Internal Rate of Return (IRR) is 8.29%. If a mortgage is added using a 45% Loan to Value Ratio the Internal Rate of Return (IRR) changes from 8.29% without financing to 10.65% which is an increase of 29%.

If a mortgage is added using a 75% Loan to Value Ratio the Internal Rate of Return (IRR) changes from 8.29% without financing to 15.24% which is an increase of 84%.

The use of financial leverage generally increases the return (IRR) but it also increases the investment risk.

In this example the Debt Coverage Ratio has gone from 2.12 with a 45% Loan to Value Ratio down to 1.27 using a 75% Loan to Value Ratio indicating increased investment risk.

The Default Ratio (Breakeven Point) has gone from 60.22% with a 45% Loan to Value Ratio up to 82.28% using a 75% Loan to Value Ratio.

A healthy balance is needed between the investment return and associated financing and risk.

Mortgage	Loan to Value Ratio	Debt Coverage	Ratio (Breakeven		
\$0	0%	-	-	8.29%	
\$1,395,000	45%	2.12	60.22%	10.65%	29%
\$2,350,000	75%	1.27	82.28%	15.24%	84%

The above example looks how the use of financing increases the return on investment for a specific investment but there is more.

The use of financing allows the investor to buy a much larger property than buying a property using cash.

#### Conclusion

The cautious use of financial leverage results in:

- 1) the acquisition of a much larger property. \$20,000,000 versus \$6,000,000 purchase price
- 2) a significant increase in the return on investment (IRR). 16.65% versus 9.70%
- 3) accumulated wealth over a 10 year period of \$15,578,970 versus \$\$6,385,933
- 4) A relatively safe investment. Debt Coverage Ratio is 1.48 and the Default Ratio (Breakeven Point) is 67.73% which points to a safe investment depending on the quality of the tenants and potential for vacancies

# Valuing income properties that have development potential

How to identify whether an income property has development potential

Brief introduction to development analysis and valuing land

Income properties that are poor investments because they lack future development potential

## **Introduction to Development Analysis and Valuing Land**

## How do you value this property?



# Two approaches to value

- 1. Income approach
- 2. Land residual or back door approach

One day these old buildings will be demolished and replaced with a high rise building.





## Development analysis versus the income approach

While the property is operating as an income property, the value is determined by the development potential, not the income. The property is not at its "Highest and best use"

Sometimes it is hard to determine whether to use the "Development Analysis" or the "Income" approach to valuation.

## TIP

Ask this question: If the property was destroyed, what would replace it?

If the answer is:

A similar but new building. Use the Income approach

A very different building. Use the Development analysis or land residual approach to value.

In this case, it would be replaced with a high rise building with retail on the ground floor and likely condominiums and perhaps some office space depending on the zoning regulations and demand for office space in the area.

#### Income approach examples

Following are examples of buildings that would be valued by the income approach



## **Development potential examples**

Following are examples of income properties that have development and assembly potential which would be valued using land residual or backdoor approach to determine the value.



A current trend in large cities where there is a shortage of land is to replace aging super markets with hi-rise condominium towers and retail space on the ground level.

These sites would be valued using the land residual or backdoor approach to determining the value.



#### Look at the property tax assessment value.

If the Cap Rate based on the asking price is very low, look at the property tax assessed value. As an example, if the Cap Rate for a shopping center is 2.00% based on the asking price and the current net operating income, then the value is likely based on the value as a development site not as an income property.

You may be able be to confirm this by looking at the assessed value for property tax purposes.

## **Development Analysis. The Residual or Back Door approach**

Following is an example of the Back Door or Land Residual Approach for valuing land where we work backwards to calculate the land value.

## **Condominium Development Example**

Market Value. 30 units x \$350,000 \$10,500,000

Less: Development Costs

Site clearing and preparation

Construction Financing

Professional fees

City permits and fees

 Miscellaneous
 6,575,000

 Real estate fees
 525,000

 Developer's Profit
 1,900,000

 Land Value (Residual)
 \$ 1,500,000

# **Identifying development potential**

In deciding whether to value the property using the income approach or the development analysis or land residual approach you need to check if it is possible to construct a new building on the site.

As an example, the property may not be wide enough to construct a building under the current zoning regulations or would require the acquisition of adjacent properties in order to obtain a site that is large enough to profitably develop.

Take a look at the properties on either side of the property that you are valuing. Is there assembly potential and potential for future development?

Under normal circumstances the value of this old, obsolete rental apartment building shown below would be influenced by the development potential. If the building was destroyed it would normally be replaced by a three or four story condominium project with underground parking similar to the newer property next door to the left of the building.

This site is very difficult to develop because it is a small corner site requiring setbacks from both streets. The site is not very wide and it would be difficult to create sufficient underground parking which would be required to meet the city's parking requirements.

The current use is non-conforming with insufficient parking. If the building was destroyed by a fire it could not be replaced with a similar building. This rental building is a very risky investment and will remain an apartment building for a long time even though there are many condominium developments in the area.

# Building is stepped because of the horizontal light angle No development potential No development potential Relatively new condominum Underground parking Non conforming building Corner site. Deeper setbacks Underground parking is difficult to design

Example of a property with no development potential

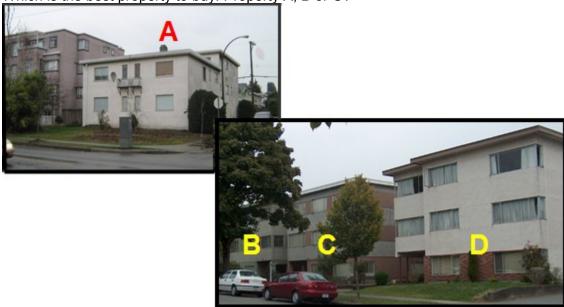
# Good assembly potential

Any one of these three buildings had good long term development and assembly potential by acquiring the adjacent building creating a much wider and larger development.



# Which property would you buy?

Which is the best property to buy. Property A, B or C?



# Answer.

Property A has no development potential whereas properties B, C and D have development and assembly potential. The best choice is property C because of potential assembly potential on either side of property C.

# **APPENDICES**

# **Real Estate Investment Analysis Formulas with Examples**

# **Income and Expense Statement**

Income Potential Gross Income (PG1) Less: Vacancy and Bad Debt Allowance Equals: Effective Gross Income (EGI) Operating Expenses Exclude: Depreciation Mortgage Payments Non-Operating Expenses. E.G Director Capital Expenditures Net Operating Income (NO1)		s		
Less: Debt Service (P + I)				
Cash Flow Before Tax (CFBT) Less: Income Taxes				
Equals Cash Flow After Tax (CFAT)	9	<u> </u>		
FINANCIAL MEASURES used to determine the value and performance of income properties  Potential Gross Income Multiplier (PGIM)  Also called Potential Gross Rent Multiplier(PGRM)				
PGIM = <u>Market Value</u> Potential Gross Income	or	Market Value = Potential Gross Income x PGIM		
$= \underbrace{MV}_{PGI}$		$MV = PGI \times EGIM$		
Effective Gross Income Multiplier (EGIM) Also called Effective Gross Rent Multiplier(EGI	RM)			
EGIM = <u>Market Value</u>	or	Market Value = Effective Gross Income x EGIM		
Effective Gross Income		$MV = EGI \times EGIM$		
= <u>MV</u> PGI		MV – EGI X EGIM		
Net Income Multiplier (NIM)				
NIM = <u>Market Value</u>	or	Market Value = Net Operating Income x NIM		
Net Operating Income		$MV = NOI \times NIM$		
$= \underline{MV}_{NOI}$		IVI V IVOI A IVIIVI		

NOI

# **Capitalization Rate (Cap Rate)**

Also called Broker's Yield

Cap Rate(%) =  $\underbrace{\text{Net Operating Income x 100}}_{\text{Market Value}}$  or Market Value =  $\underbrace{\text{Operating Income x 100}}_{\text{Cap Rate(%)}}$ 

 $MV = \underbrace{NOI \times 100}_{MV}$  Cap Rate(%)

# Return on Equity (ROE)

Also called: Equity Dividend Rate (EDR) or Cash on Cash

ROE(%) = (Net Operating Income – Debt Service) x 100 Equity

Where: Equity = Market Value – Mortgage

Debt Service = Principal & Interest Payment or  $MV = (NOI-DS) \times 100 + Mortgage$ 

ROE(%)

ROE(%) = Cash Flow Before Tax x 100

Equity

 $ROE(\%) = \underbrace{(NOI-DS) \times 100}_{(MV-Mtge.)}$ 

Default Ratio (Break-even) (%)

Using Potential Gross Income

Using Effective Gross Income

= (Operating Expenses + Debt Service) x 100
Potential Gross Income

= (Operating Expenses + Debt Service) x 100
Effective Gross Income

# FINANCE MEASURES used by lenders to determine loan amounts

Debt Service Ratio (DSR)

Loan to Value Ratio (%)

Debt Coverage Ratio (DCR)

### **GENERAL MEASURES**

# Rental Apartment Building Measures.

- 1. Price Per Suite
- 2. Price Per Sq. Foot (Using suite areas)
- 3. Rents Per Sq. Foot per month
- 4. Operating Costs
  - a. Operating Costs Per Suite Per Year
  - b. Operating Cost per Sq. Foot per Year
- 5. Operating Expense Ratio (OER) = Operating Expense x 100 used to check if the expenses are realistic Effective Gross Income

# **Commercial Real Estate Formulas with Sample Calculations**

The following examples illustrate how to use the real estate formulas. In Example No.1 the information is obtained for the property and the financial measures calculated. In Example No. 2 the financial measures such as the Cap Rate are obtained for comparable sales and are used to calculate the Market Value for the subject property.

# Example No. 1

Sale Price (Market Value) \$3,165,000
Potential Gross Income: \$306,000
Vacancy & Bad Debt Allowance: 4.5%
Operating Expenses \$58,000
Mortgage \$2,056,000
Mortgage Payment (P+i) \$180,538
Number of Suites 30

Total Rentable Area 24,000 Square feet

Note: All figures are annual

Calculate: Potential Gross Income Multiplier (PGIM)

Effective Gross Income Multiplier (EGIM)

Net Income Multiplier (NIM) Capitalization Rate (Cap Rate) Return on Equity (ROE)

Default Ratio (Break even) based on:

Potential Gross Income Effective Gross Income

Debt Service Ratio (DSR) Loan to Value Ratio

Price per Suite

Price per Square Foot

Rent per Square Foot per Month Operating Cost per Suite per Year Operating Cost per Square Foot per Year Operating Expense Ratio (OER) based on:

Potential Gross Income Effective Gross Income

# 1. Construct the Annual Income and Expense Statement

Potential Gross Income Less Vacancy & Bad Debt Allowance (4.5%)	\$306,000 
Effective Gross Income	\$292,230
Operating Expenses	58,000
Net Operating Income	\$234,230
Less; Debt Service (P+i)	180,538
Cash Flow Before Tax	<u>\$ 53,692</u>

# 2. Calculate the Financial Measures

# **Potential Gross Income Multiplier (PGIM):**

$$PGIM = MV = 3,165,000 PGI = 306,000$$

# **Effective Gross Income Multiplier (EGIM):**

EGIM = 
$$\frac{MV}{EGI}$$
 =  $\frac{3,165,000}{292,230}$  =  $10.83$ 

# **Net Income Multiplier (NIM):**

$$NIM = MV = 3,165,000 NOI = 34,230$$

# **Capitalization Rate (Cap Rate):**

Cap Rate = 
$$\frac{\text{NOI}}{\text{MV}}$$
 =  $\frac{234,230 \times 100}{3,165,000}$   
=  $7.40\%$ 

# **Return on Equity (ROE):**

ROE = (NOI – DS) x100 = Cash Flow Before Tax x 100 Equity
$$= \frac{53,692 \times 100}{(3,165,000 - 2,056,000)}$$
= 4.84%

# **Default Ratio (Breakeven):**

Based on Potential Gross Income:

Default Ratio = 
$$\underbrace{\text{(Operating Expenses + Debt Service)} \times 100}_{\text{Potential Gross Income}}$$
  
=  $\underbrace{(58,000 + 180,538) \times 100}_{306,000}$   
=  $77.95\%$ 

# Default Ratio (Breakeven) cont.

Based on Effective Gross Income:

$$= \underbrace{(58,000 + 180,538) \times 100}_{292,230}$$

= 81.63%

Debt Service Ratio (DSR) Debt Coverage Ratio (DCR) = <u>Net Operating Income</u> Debt Service

 $= \underline{234,230} \\ 180,538$ 

= 1.30

Loan to Value Ratio %

= <u>Loan Amount x 100</u> Market Value

warket value

 $= \underline{2,056,000 \times 100}$  3,165,000

= 64.96%

**Price Per Suite** 

=  $\frac{3,165,000}{30}$ 

= \$105,500

Price per Square foot

 $= \underline{3,165,000} \\ 24,000$ 

= \$131.88

Rent Per Sq. Foot per Mo.

 $= \frac{306,000}{24,000 \times 12}$ 

= \$1.06

**Operating Costs Per Suite Per Year** 

= 58,000

= \$1,933

Operating Cost per Square Foot per Year

 $= \underbrace{58,000}_{24,000}$ 

# = \$2.42

# **Operating Expense Ratio (OER)**

Based on Potential Gross Income:

= Operating Expenses x 100 Potential Gross Income

 $= \underbrace{58,000 \times 100}_{306,000}$ 

= 18.95%

Based on Effective Gross Income:

= Operating Expenses x 100 Effective Gross Income

 $= \underbrace{58,000 \times 100}_{292,230}$ 

= 19.85%

# Summary.

Potential Gross Income Multiplier (EGIM): Potential Gross Income Multiplier (EGIM): Net Income Multiplier (NIM):	10.83 10.83 13.51
Capitalization Rate (Cap Rate)	7.40%
Return on Equity (ROE)	4.84%
Default Ratio (Break even) based on:	
Potential Gross Income	77.95%
Effective Gross Income	1.63%
Debt Service Ratio (DSR)	1.30
Loan to Value Ratio	64.96%
Price per Suite	\$105,000
Price per Square Foot	\$131.88
Rent per Square foot per month	\$1.06
Operating Cost per Suite per Year	\$1,933
Operating Cost per Square Foot per Year	\$2.42
Operating Expense Ratio (OER) based on:	
Potential Gross Income	18.96%
Effective Gross Income	19.85%

# Example No 2.

Potential Gross Income: \$244,800
Vacancy & Bad Debt Allowance: 5.0%
Operating Expenses \$49,300
Mortgage \$1,685,000
Mortgage Payment (P+i) \$147,500
Number of Units or Suites 24

Total Rentable Area 18,720 Square feet

Note: All figures are annual

Calculate the Market Value using the following financial measures

Effective Gross Income Multiplier (EGIM): 9.30 Net Income Multiplier (NIM): 12.50 Capitalization Rate (Cap Rate): 8.00% Return on Equity (ROE): 5.57%

# 1. Start by constructing the Annual Income and Expense Statement

Potential Gross Income Less Vacancy & Bad Debt Allowance (5.0%)	\$244,800 
Effective Gross Income	\$232,560
Operating Expenses	49,300
Net Operating Income	\$183,260
Less; Debt Service (P+i)	147,500
Cash Flow Before Tax	\$ 35,760

### 2. Calculate the Market Value based on the:

# **Effective Gross Income Multiplier (EGIM):**

MV = Effective Gross Income x EGIM = 232,560 x 9.30 = \$2,162,808

# **Net Income Multiplier (NIM):**

MV = Net Operating x NIM = 183,260 x 12.50 = \$2,290,750

# **Capitalization Rate (Cap Rate):**

$$MV = \frac{\text{Net Operating Income x 100}}{\text{Cap Rate}}$$
$$= \frac{183,260 \times 100}{8.0}$$
$$= \$2,290,750$$

# **Return on Equity (ROE):**

MV = 
$$\frac{\text{(NOI - DS)} \times 100}{\text{ROE}}$$
 + Mortgage  
ROE  
=  $\frac{(183,260 - 147,500)}{5.57}$  + 1,685,000  
= \$2,327,011

# **TIPS for Analyzing Income & Expense Statements**

1. Certain revenues such as laundry, parking etc, are easier to understand if expressed as a \$ per Unit per Mo.

Examples: Parking \$35 per Space per Mo. Laundry: \$13 per Unit per Mo

2. Expense verification.

Certain expenses can be quickly verified by calling the companies providing the services, such as;

Elevator service contracts
Garbage collection
Insurance
Property taxes

- 3. Analyzing expense. It is helpful to express some expenses as "\$ per Unit or Sq. Ft per Mo" or "\$ per Unit or Sq. Ft per Yr".
- 4. As an example, Maintenance of \$24,000 has little meaning. Calculate the \$ per Unit cost

Number of Units 120 units Maintenance: \$24,000 per year

Maintenance cost per Unit: \$200 which is too low. The range is \$350 to \$650 plus

# **Operating Expense**

Operating expenses are the expenses involved directly in the operation of the building.

Non recurring or minor capital expenses such as partial painting of the building, replacement of some or all of the appliances and other non recurring expenses etc., should be removed from the Income and Expense Statement when using the Cap Rate to establish the value.

Example: The owner included in the Income & Expense Statement \$20,000 for replacing 20% of the appliances which is a non recurring expense. If the Cap Rate is 8.00%

Drop in Value = 
$$\frac{$20,000}{8.00\%}$$
 = \$250,000

Partial replacement of equipment, carpets, painting etc., often appear on Income Statements because they are considered expenses for tax purposes but need to be removed when using Cap Rates to establish the value of the property.

**Rental apartment buildings.** Often the seller understates the operating expenses in order to justify the asking price based on the market Cap Rate for comparable properties. The seller;

- 1. is usually aware of the Cap Rate for comparable properties
- 2. is aware that rents can be quickly verified by the seller doing a quick survey of rents in the area
- 3. has a price in mind. I bought the building for \$1,600,000 and want to sell it for \$2,100,000
- 4. manipulates the expenses to justify the price based on the market Cap Rate

If a seller knows she is going to sell the building in say 6 months, maintenance may be postponed. This creates deferred maintenance expenditures for the buyers

**Commercial buildings.** Most commercial building have some form of Triple Net Rent where the tenant pays the landlords expense such as property taxes, insurance and maintenance (TIM's) depending on the terms in the lease.

The building expenses paid by the tenant such as property taxes are called "Recoverable Expenses" or "Additional Rent" The expenses can be verified by finding out the recoverable expenses currently being paid by the tenant.

Even though the tenant is paying most of the landlords operating expenses, it is important to know the operating expenses because the buyer will have to pay these expenses for any vacant spaces.

A mistake when analyzing commercial properties is to assume that because the lease is Triple Net lease, the building operating expenses can be ignored because the tenant is paying the operating expenses.

There are several problems with this approach;

Triple Net is an ambiguous term. What counts is what the lease specifies as 'Recoverable Expenses" or "Additional Rent"

Depending on the lease the tenant may or may not pay;

Property Management. If so, at what rate? Depreciation of equipment Administration fees

### **Financial Measures**

The following financial measures are helpful in evaluating a building

# **Expense analysis**

Operating Expense Ratio = Potential Gross Income x 100 or Operating Expenses Operating Expenses Operating Expenses

Operating Costs per Unit & Sq. Ft per Mo. and Yr.

### **Financing**

The following measures are helpful in ascertaining whether the financing can be increased or if the building is over financed.

Loan to Value Ratio. For the first mortgage, generally 65% to 75%

Debt Coverage Ratio = Net Operating Income Typically 1.25 and higher Debt Service

E.g., A Debt Coverage Ratio of 1.43 may indicate potential to increase the financing

### **Risk Assessment**

Default Ratio (Breakeven Point) = (Operating Expenses + Debt Service) x 100
Potential or Effective Gross Income

Debt Coverage Ratio = <u>Net Operating Income</u> Debt Service

Show how much the Net Operating Income exceeds the Debt Service (P+i)

A Debt Coverage Ratio of 1.60 indicates low risk while 1.05 may indicate high risk

# Information Sources and web sites

<u>www.investitpro.com</u> Visit the Online Learning Center for educational resources, articles etc. <a href="https://www.investitacademy.com">www.investitacademy.com</a> Online commercial education video series <a href="https://www.youtube.com/user/investitacademy">www.youtube.com/user/investitacademy</a>

The following organizations provide information on income and operating expenses.

Institute of Real Estate Management (IREM)

www.irem.org

Tel: (312) 329-6000

Income/Expense Analysis. Office Buildings

Income/Expense Analysis. Shopping Centers

Income/Expense Analysis. Conventional Apartments Income/Expense Analysis. Federally Assisted Apartments

Income/Expense Analysis. Condominiums, Co-ops & PUDs

Building Owners and Managers Assoc. (BOMA)

www.boma.org

Tel: 1-800-426-6292 Office building expenses. Experience Exchange Report

International Council of Shopping Centers (ICSC) www.icsc.org Tel: (646) 728-3800

Appraisal Institute www.appraisalInstitute.org

Excellent books on analyzing many kinds of properties including Hotel and Motels, Mobile Home & RV Parks, Apartment Buildings, Nursing Homes, Land Subdivisions, Golf Courses, Marinas, Convenience Stores & Retail Facilities, Shopping Centers, Religious Facilities, Rural Properties, Industrial Properties etc

A variety of reports on sales, operating expense and percentage by type of shopping center, location etc.

Commercial Listing services called CIE's (Commercial Information Exchanges)

www.Loopnet.com USA & Canada

www.icx.ca Canada CREA

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CCIM Institute. www.CCIM.com or CCIM.NET CCIM.STDB (Site to do business)

Construction costs: www.rsmeans.com

Snagit Screen Capture program <u>www.techsmith.co</u>m Great productivity tool