

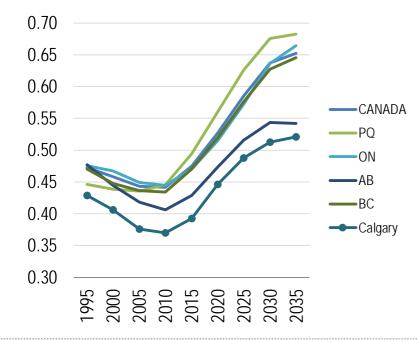


# Snap shot of Calgary in a Canadian & North American Context

Reasons to be optimistic about Calgary in 2018 and beyond in 3 charts

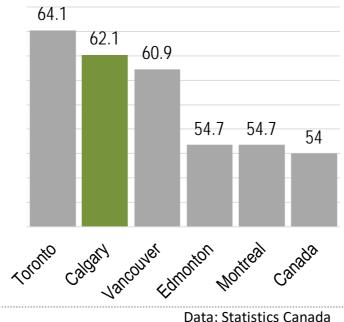
#### Youthful!

#### **Dependency Ratios compared**



#### **Educated!**

# College diploma or above in percent



#### Job Growth!

#### **Employment Growth Compared 2017.**

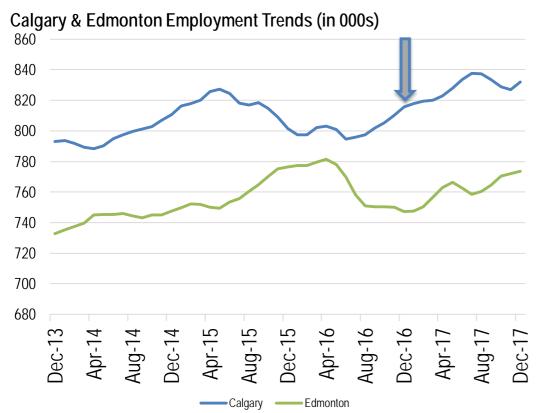
	Major Metro Area	Employment Percent change
1	Montreal	3.6
2	Calgary	3.3
3	Riverside,CA	3.2
4	Raleigh, NC	3.2
5	Orlando, FL	3.1
6	Vancouver, BC	3.1
7	San Antonio,TX	3.0
8	Dallas-Fort Worth, TX	2.8
9	Jacksonville, FL	2.8
10	Austin,TX	2.7

Data: BLS.GOV & Statistics Canada

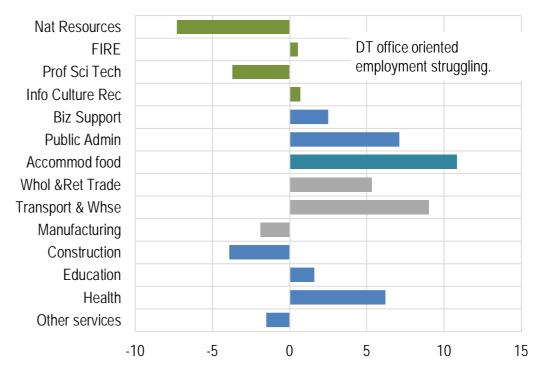


# Re-Balancing the Calgary Economy

Job growth solid across multiple non-energy sectors



#### Calgary Employment Change in 2017, by Sector in 000s

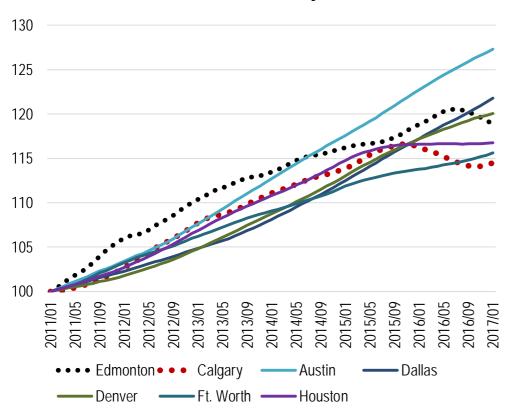


Data: Statistics Canada, Labour Force Survey



# Calgary & Edmonton have struggled more than other energy cities

Total Job Growth Trends 2011-2017. Selected Energy Cities. North America. Indexed to January 2011.



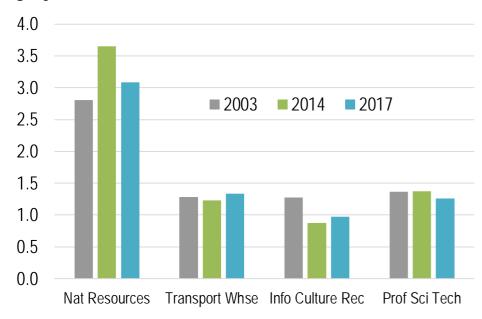
Location Quotients (Economic Drivers. >1.0 = Driver)

	Natural Resources	Transportation	Information	Financial Activities
Houston, TX	5.8	1.2	0.6	0.9
Dallas, TX	2.1	1.0	1.5	1.6
Fort Worth, TX	6.3	2.0	0.6	1.0
*Austin, TX	4.5	0.4	1.5	1.0
*Denver, CO	2.9	1.0	1.7	1.3
Calgary	3.7	1.2	1.0	0.9
*Edmonton	1.7	1.3	0.7	0.8

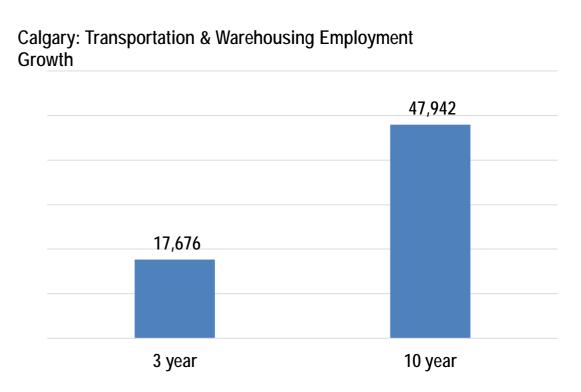


# Economic Drivers: Diversification is happening, slowly

#### **Calgary Location Quotients**

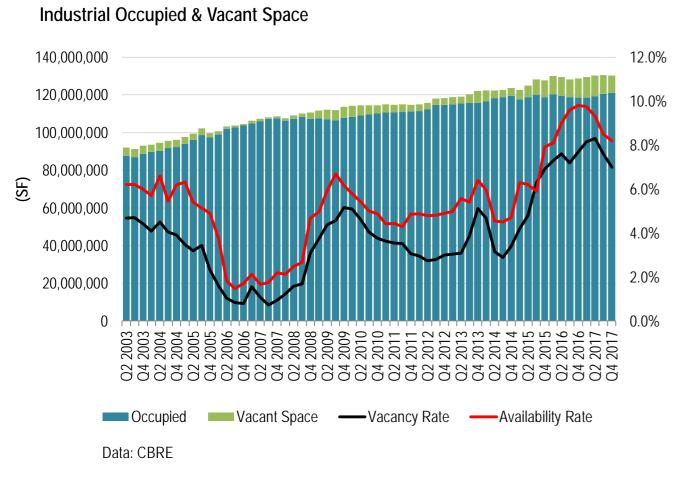


Data: Statistics Canada: GWLRA Calculations

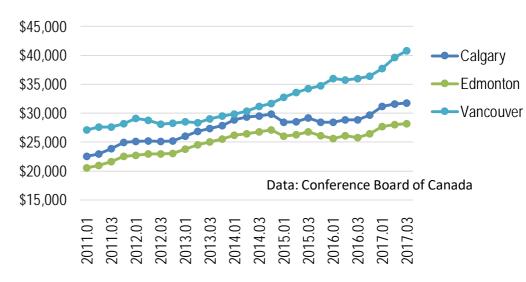




#### Good Bet: Distribution Industrial, Select Retail



#### Retail Sales Trends to Q3 2017 X\$1,000,000



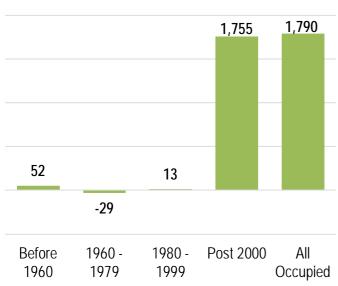
City	Avg Industrial Rental Rate
Calgary	\$7.02
Edmonton	\$9.69
Vancouver	\$9.99

Data: CBRE

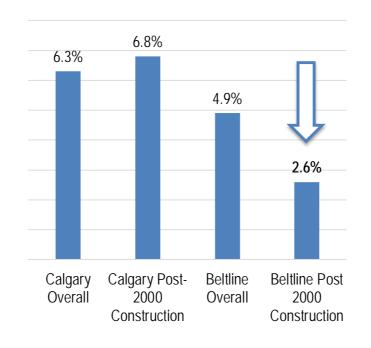


#### Good Bet: New apartment housing in walkable, amenity-rich nodes

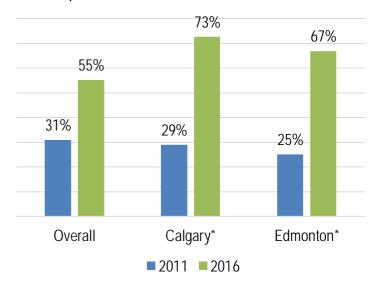




# Calgary CMHC Rental Vacancy Rates at November 2017



Percent of renters who would select a smaller suite with new kitchen and bath over a larger unit with dated features. All else equal.

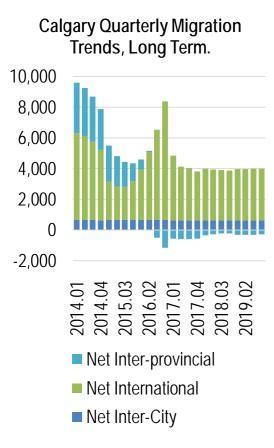


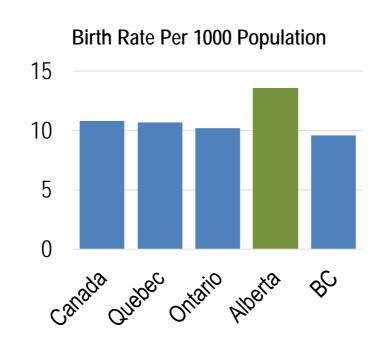
Data: Survey conducted for GWLRA by Mustel Group. November 2016.

Data: CMHC; GWLRA Calculations

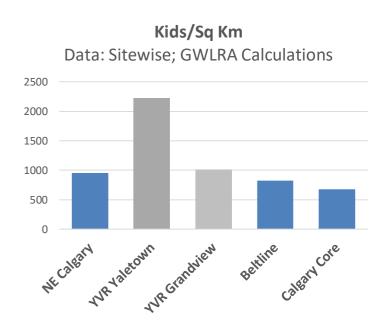


# Good Bet: Family-Oriented Housing & Infrastructure







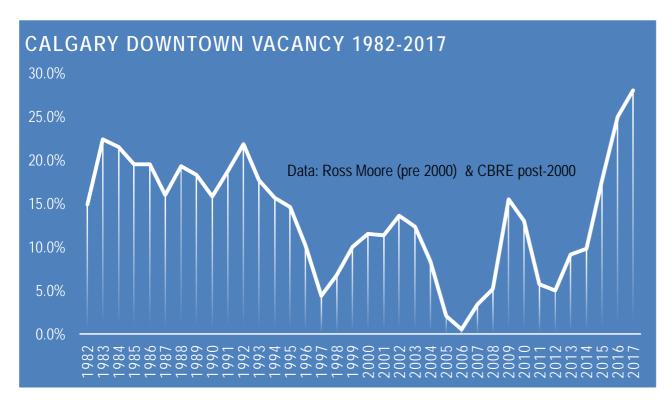


Data: Conference Board of Canada

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# Downtown Calgary's office market improving, but barely.

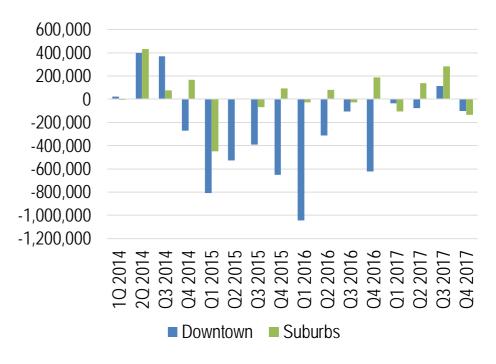


New Supply 2017 Absorption 2017

1,400,000 s.f.

-105,000

# A Class Office Absorption Downtown vs Suburbs

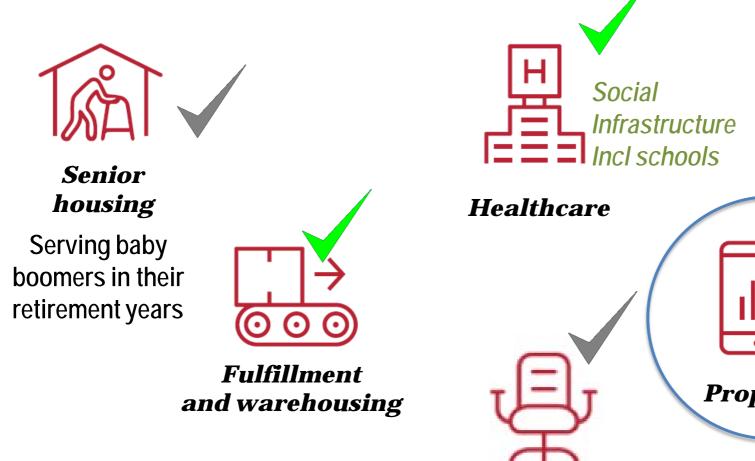


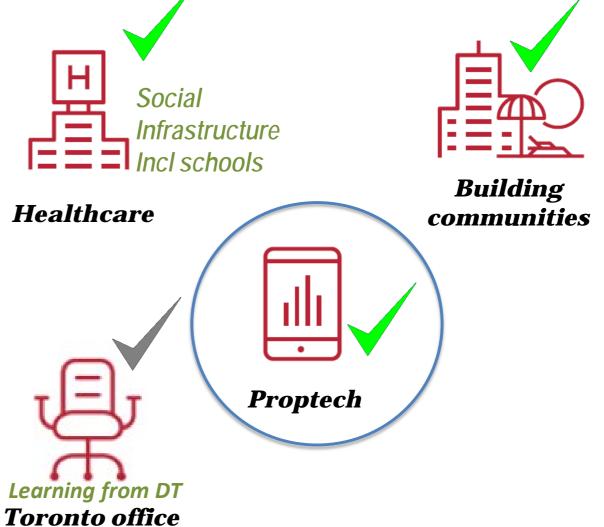
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#### 2018 Expected Best Bets (Global / North America) vs Calgary

renaissance







# Final Thoughts: Re-thinking, re-balancing, re-inventing Calgary:

beyond the easy stuff

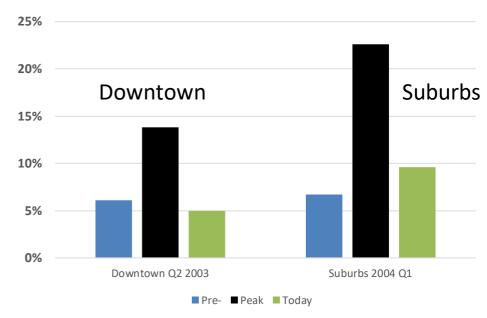
Calgary has an opportunity to surge ahead of urban trends and be the role model by 2030

Calgary today is similar to Vancouver in the 1990s; Seattle in the 2000s; Core Toronto 1990s-early 2000s:

#### All faced:

- -> Economic restructuring
- -> Weak demand for office space downtown

#### Vancouver Office Vacancy Pre- and Post-Natural Resource Head Office Exodous



Data: CBRE



# Adding housing downtown & densifying core—in hindsight—will be the easy part





### Challenges elsewhere as growth returned:

- Housing affordability; brutal traffic congestion
- Resistance to solutions: higher densities, to transit investment, and bike lanes (lifestyle options)

# A Friendly and Safe Community Look like ... Workbuldings people horsing People shaping

Grade 3 students asked: What makes a friendly, safe community? -> PEOPLE...Working, jogging, shopping, biking

Prepare for the challenges—the consequences of success. Show the world how to manage growth, better



#### **Questions? Comments?**

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