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# Heard on the Beach

## Devolution

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### Executive Summary

In the presence of a highly credible and successful publicly traded REIT industry, the ten-fold expansion in fund raising that the non-traded REIT (NTR) sector has enjoyed over the last fifteen years comes as a big surprise. Who knew investors needed a higher-cost, more conflict-laden, less-liquid vehicle?

The drawbacks of NTRs relative to their publicly traded cousins have long been obvious, but, until recently, it has been impossible to directly compare their performance. A flurry of liquidity events in the sector now affords the opportunity to gauge the round-trip total returns generated by 34 NTRs. Key findings:

- On average, NTRs lagged their publicly traded peers in the same property sector by 360 bps/year. Three-quarters of the NTRs failed to keep pace.
- NTRs focusing on sectors where listed REITs trade at very large premiums to NAV fared far better than most.

The second point provides a strategic roadmap for success for any NTR or, for that matter, any private real estate market participant. When real estate is priced dearly on Wall Street, it can make sense to instead buy it on Main Street.

Those opportunities are, however, few and far between, and the best advice for anyone trying to access the commercial property asset class is, as always, “Buy publicly traded REITs.”

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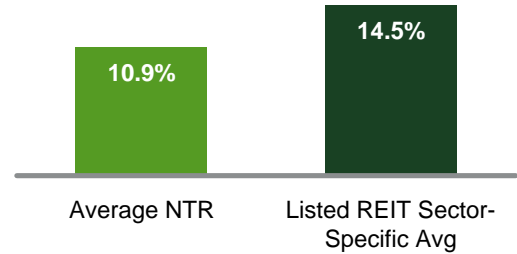
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**Report Card:** Non-traded REITs (NTRs) that have undergone a liquidity event have, in aggregate, failed to deliver total returns on par with their publicly traded peers. The high up-front costs associated with NTRs are difficult to overcome.

**A Comprehensive Study**

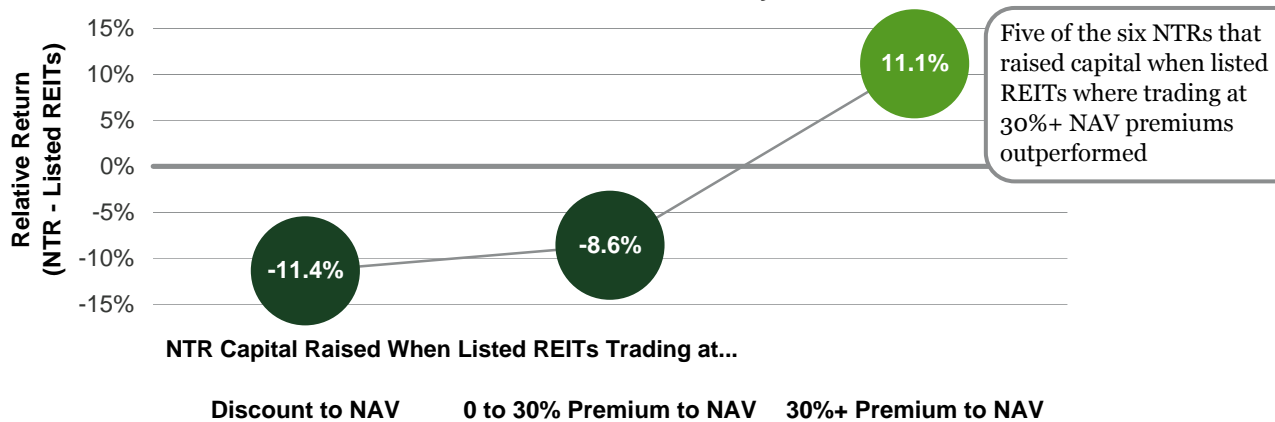
- 34 NTR's have experienced liquidity events
- Returns are estimated based on public filings
- These 34 NTRs raised \$54 billion
- That's roughly half of the total capital raised by all NTRs
- Findings were shared with sponsors
- Comparisons vs Listed REITs are within same property type over same time span

**Annualized \$-Weighted Returns**



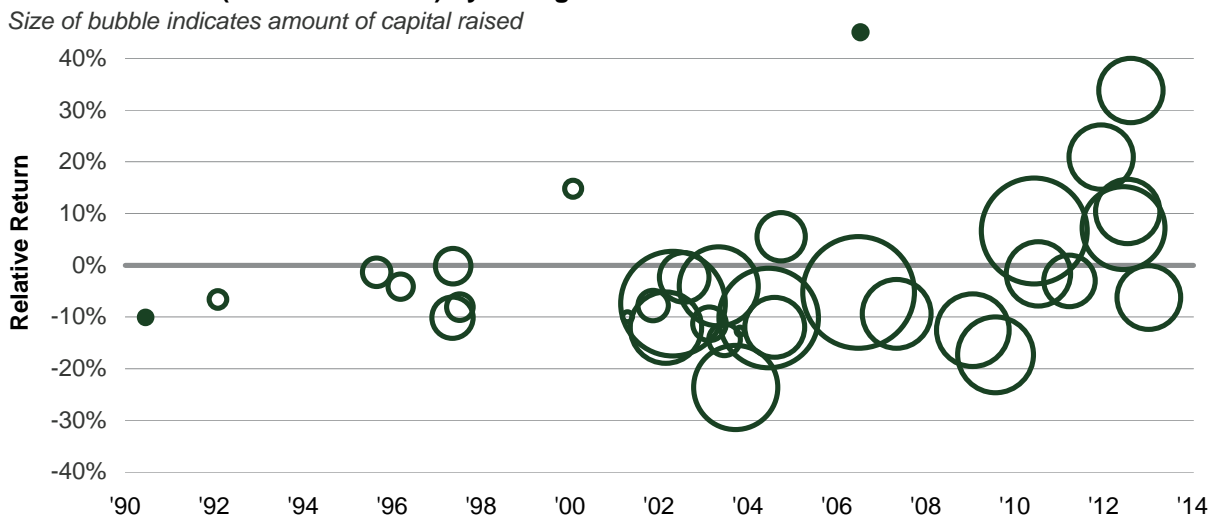
**Keep an Eye on Public Premiums:** 75% (26 of 34) of the NTRs failed to deliver returns commensurate with those delivered by listed REITs in the same property sector. Most of the successful NTRs raised capital when listed REITs in the same property sector were trading at very large premiums.

**NAV Premiums on Listed REITs vs. Relative Performance by NTRs**



**Getting Better:** Until recently, there had never been a large NTR that outperformed listed REITs. Recent performance by NTRs has been far more impressive, particularly those sponsored by American Realty Capital.

**Relative Returns (vs. Listed REITs) by Vintage and Deal Size**



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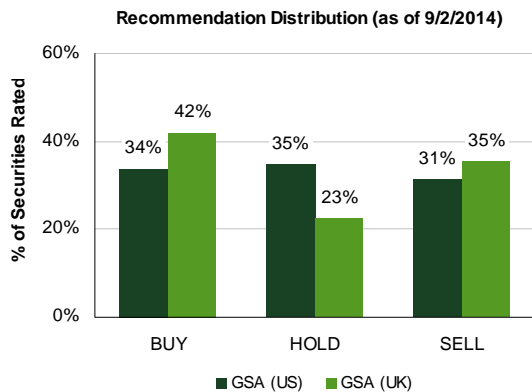
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Year	Buy	Hold	Sell	Universe <sup>3</sup>
2014 YTD	25.4%	21.4%	15.6%	20.8%
2013	4.1%	0.6%	1.7%	2.2%
2012	24.5%	24.7%	18.9%	23.0%
2011	18.9%	7.6%	-4.7%	7.6%
2010	43.3%	32.8%	26.6%	33.8%
2009	59.0%	47.7%	6.0%	37.9%
2008	-28.1%	-30.9%	-52.6%	-37.3%
2007	-6.9%	-22.4%	-27.8%	-19.7%
2006	45.8%	29.6%	19.5%	31.6%
2005	26.3%	18.5%	-1.8%	15.9%
2004	42.8%	29.7%	16.4%	29.4%
2003	43.3%	37.4%	21.9%	34.8%
2002	17.3%	2.9%	2.6%	5.4%
2001	34.9%	19.1%	13.0%	21.1%
2000	53.4%	28.9%	5.9%	29.6%
1999	12.3%	-9.0%	-20.5%	-6.9%
1998	-1.6%	-15.1%	-15.5%	-12.1%
1997	36.7%	14.8%	7.2%	18.3%
1996	47.6%	30.7%	18.9%	32.1%
1995	22.9%	13.9%	0.5%	13.5%
1994	20.8%	-0.8%	-8.7%	3.1%
1993	27.3%	4.7%	8.1%	12.1%
<b>Cumulative Total Return</b>	<b>11260.1%</b>	<b>912.7%</b>	<b>6.2%</b>	<b>1021.3%</b>
<b>Annualized</b>	<b>24.5%</b>	<b>11.3%</b>	<b>0.3%</b>	<b>11.9%</b>

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