

#### Highlights

The housing market remains strong with U.S. home prices hitting record highs, while new construction struggles to keep pace with demand.

Sales of new and existing homes reached the highest annual pace since 2007 because of a healthy economy, strong consumer confidence levels and declining mortgage rates.

Both housing starts and permits were up in the first half of 2017, and permits exceeded starts for four consecutive months — a trend not seen since late 2015.

Single-family starts led the gains as they were up 7.9% in the first half of 2017 compared to a 4.5% decline for multifamily starts.

The inventory of new and existing homes remained relatively unchanged from year-end, and both are below the normal supply level of six months.

Strong demand and low inventory levels continue to drive home prices higher in all markets, especially in Western cities such as Seattle, Portland and Denver.

The stock performance of all subsectors of the building products and materials industry have outperformed the S&P 500 Index over the past 12 months.

#### Q3 2017 BY THE NUMBERS



5.6% y-o-y increase in the U.S. National Home Price Index



6.0% and 3.9% increase in building permits and housing starts, respectively



4.3 months supply of existing homes



10-year high in existing home sales while new home sales are up 10.9%



26% increase in Duff & Phelps' index of building materials manufacturers over the past 12 months

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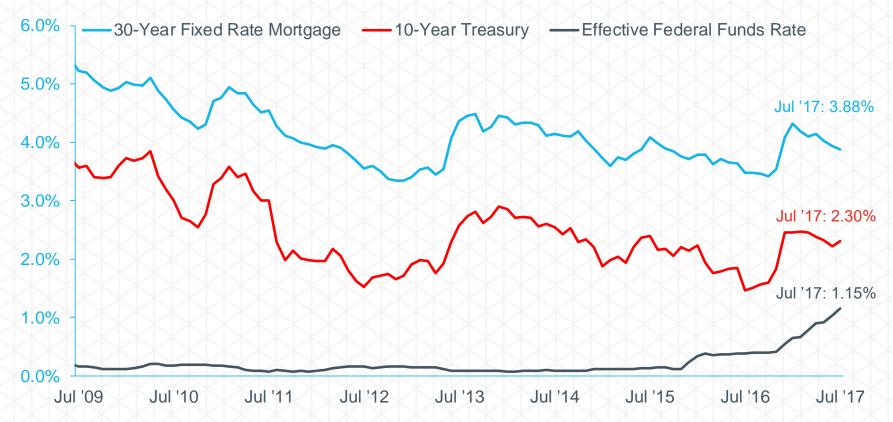
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### Housing Indicators.

After the sharp increase following the November election, the 30-year mortgage rate has steadily declined to 3.88%. The continuation of the low inflation environment has kept long-term interest rates low and subsequently led to the decline in mortgage rates. The low mortgage rates and strong housing activity have led to an increase in mortgage applications for new home purchases (up 10% year-over-year in June), while refinancing activity is down compared to last year as rates remain above those at the same time a year ago.

#### **Key Interest Rates**



### Housing Indicators..

In March 2017, the Consumer Confidence Index reached its highest level since 2001 and then subsequently declined over the next three months before rising again in July to 121.1. The July CCI is up 25.2% from a year ago. A strong job market and a high consumer confidence level bodes well for home purchases and remodeling activity.

The Housing Market Index, a measure of builder confidence, dipped to 64 after a high of 71 in March — a level of optimism that has not been seen since 2005. It has now been above 50 for 37 consecutive months, indicating that builders remain bullish on the future of the housing market.



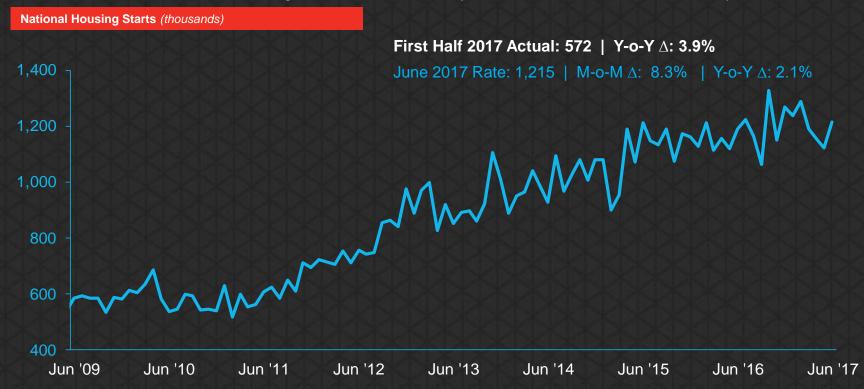
## Housing Starts Continue on an Upward Trend ••

U.S. housing starts were up 3.9% in the first half of 2017 compared to the first half of last year. Housing starts have remained above the million mark for 27 consecutive months.

U.S. housing starts in June were at a seasonally adjusted rate of 1,215,000, which is up 8.3% compared to a month ago and up 2.1% from the same period a year ago.

The growth in housing starts is being driven primarily by the optimism of homebuilders and their desire to capitalize on strong buyer demand, low supply of existing homes and a migration of Millennials to the suburbs.

Single-family housing starts in June were at a rate of 849,000, which is 10.3% above the June 2016 figure, whereas June multifamily starts were 366,000, down 12.9% from last year.



## Housing Starts Continue on an Upward Trend ...

In the first half of 2017, the West was the strongest performer with a 12.1% increase in housing starts due to large gains in both single-family and multifamily construction. Although the South experienced a sizeable gain in single-family homes, a decrease in multifamily starts limited the South's growth to 2.3%.

Midwest housing starts were roughly the same in the first half of 2017 as they were a year ago. Although the Northeast experienced another six months of declining housing starts, the region's housing starts soared 83.7% in June 2017 compared to the prior month.

#### Regional Housing Starts (thousands)



■ Northeast Region
1H 2017 Housing Starts: 54.1

1H 2017 Housing Starts: 54.1 Y-o-Y ∆: (1.6%)

Midwest Region

1H 2017 Housing Starts: 86.2 Y-o-Y Δ: 0.0%

- West Region

  1H 2017 Housing Starts: 152.0

  Y-ο-Y Δ: 12.1%
- South Region
  1H 2017 Housing Starts: 302.1
  Y-o-Y ∆: 2.3%

#### Building Permits Exceed Housing Starts ••

New applications for building permits, a bellwether for future construction, increased 7.4% month-over-month and 5.1% year-over-year in June to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 1,254,000.

Building permits exceeded housing starts for the first six months of 2017. In total, an estimated 627,000 housing units were authorized by building permits in this time period, representing a 6.0% increase from the same period a year ago.

Permits for single-family homes rose 10.7% in the first half of 2017 compared to the first half of 2016, while permits for multifamily homes declined 2.2%.



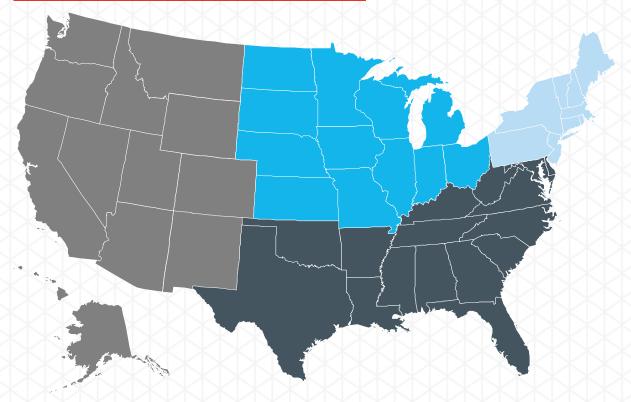
#### Building Permits Exceed Housing Starts ...

Each region of the United States posted increases in building permits in the first half of 2017 relative to a year ago. The increase was led by single-family permits, which offset a slight decline in multifamily permits.

The Northeast and Midwest regions performed the best in the country, recording 9.2% and 7.0% increases, respectively. Both regions saw an increase in single-family and multifamily home permits.

Housing permits were strong in the South and West as well, posting 5.8% and 4.8% increases, respectively. Both regions experienced a decline in multifamily permits, but an increase in single-family permits.

#### **Regional Building Permits** (thousands)



#### Northeast Region

1H 2017 Building Permits: 59.6 Y-o-Y Δ: 9.2%

#### Midwest Region

1H 2017 Building Permits: 93.8 Y-o-Y Δ: 7.0%

#### **■** West Region

1H 2017 Building Permits: 158.0 Y-o-Y  $\Delta$ : 4.8%

#### South Region

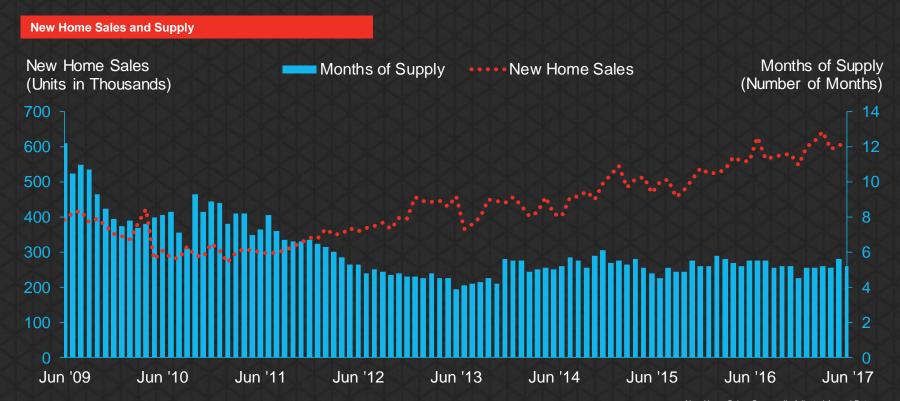
1H 2017 Building Permits: 315.9 Y-o-Y  $\Delta$ : 5.8%

# New and Existing Home Sales Continue to Break Record Levels

An estimated 324,000 new homes were sold in the first six months of 2017, representing a 10.9% increase over the 1H 2016 figure of 292,000.

New home sales rose in June to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 610,000, which was 0.8% and 9.1% higher than May 2017 and June 2016, respectively. The increase is believed to have been caused by falling mortgage rates and rising consumer confidence.

The seasonally adjusted estimate of new houses for sale at the end of June was at 272,000, up 11.9% from 243,000 in June 2016. The supply is 5.4 months at the current sales rate, compared to 5.2 months from a year ago.

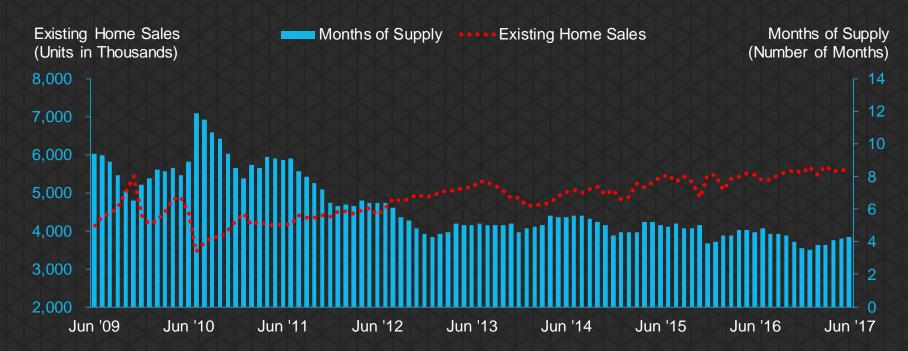


# New and Existing Home Sales Continue to Break Record Levels ••

Existing home sales reached 5,700,000 in March 2017, its highest level since February 2007. Since March, home sales have decreased to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 5,520,000 in June 2017. Existing home sales have been relatively stable over the past year, only increasing by 0.2% from December 2016 and 0.7% from June 2016.

Existing home sales fell 1.8% (more than expected) in June as a shortage of supply pushed prices to record highs. The inventory of existing homes increased to 4.3 months in June, which is still a relatively low figure when a six-month supply is viewed as a healthy balance between supply and demand.

#### **Existing Home Sales and Supply**



## U.S. Home Prices Hit Record Highs ••

The U.S. National Home Price NSA Index was up 5.6% in May relative to a year ago as home prices continue to climb and outpace both inflation and wages. The index now exceeds the highest level ever recorded.

The 10-city home price index was up 4.9% in May relative to a year ago, while the 20-city home price index was up 5.7%. Both indices remain slightly below their highest level.

The small supply of homes for sale, currently at 4.3 months for existing homes, and slow pace of new home construction, higher than during the recession but still low, are the two largest factors influencing rising home prices. While supply remains low, demand continues to be strong.



## U.S. Home Prices Hit Record Highs ••

Seattle, Portland and Denver experienced the biggest year-over-year appreciation in home prices with increases of 13.3%, 8.9% and 7.9%, respectively.

The cities reporting the largest month-over-month increases in May were Seattle, Las Vegas and Boston with increases of 1.8%, 1.3% and 1.3%, respectively.

Three of the nation's largest cities – Chicago, New York and Washington D.C. – have experienced the slowest growth in home prices relative to the rest of the country.

#### **Regional Home Price Indices**

May 2017 – Co	mposite 10
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	May 2017 – Composite 10	
Metropolitan Area	M-o-M % ∆	Y-o-Y % ∆
Denver	0.9%	7.9%
Las Vegas	1.3%	6.9%
San Diego	1.0%	6.6%
Boston	1.3%	6.1%
Los Angeles	1.0%	5.6%
San Francisco	0.5%	5.4%
Miami	0.8%	5.3%
New York	0.1%	4.0%
Washington D.C.	1.0%	3.6%
Chicago	1.0%	3.3%
Composite-10	0.8%	4.9%

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Metropolitan Area	M-o-M % $\Delta$	Y-o-Y % Δ
Seattle	1.8%	13.3%
Portland	1.3%	8.9%
Denver	0.9%	7.9%
Dallas	0.7%	7.8%
Detroit	1.0%	7.6%
Las Vegas	1.3%	6.9%
Tampa	1.1%	6.8%
San Diego	1.0%	6.6%
Boston	1.3%	6.1%
Charlotte	0.9%	6.1%
Phoenix	0.6%	5.7%
Minneapolis	1.0%	5.7%
Los Angeles	1.0%	5.6%
Atlanta	0.9%	5.5%
Miami	0.8%	5.3%
New York	0.1%	4.0%
Washington D.C.	1.0%	3.6%
Cleveland	1.3%	3.6%
Chicago	1.0%	3.3%
Composite-20	(0.0%)	5.7%

## Busy Remodeling Activity Through First Half of 2017

According to the LIRA\*, home improvement spending increased 6.9% in Q2 2017 and is expected to increase 6.7% in Q3 2017. The rate of growth in home improvement is forecasted to remain relatively stable in 2017 and 2018, at approximately 6.5% per quarter, according to the Joint Center for Housing Studies of Harvard University.

The expectation for another strong year for home improvements is likely due to the continued strength of the housing market and consumer confidence, a consistent flow of remodeling permit activity and stable macroeconomic factors.

#### Leading Indicator of Remodeling Activity (LIRA\*)

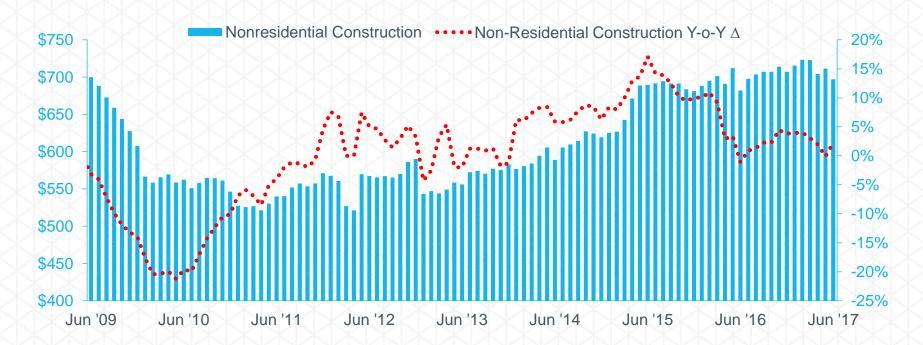


## Nonresidential Construction Remains Flat

In the first half of 2017, there was \$333.2 billion of nonresidential construction spending, 0.6% above the same time period a year ago. In June, seasonally adjusted nonresidential construction spending was down 3.1% over the same month a year ago.

The slight uptick in the first half of 2017 was driven by heavy spending in the office, commercial and amusement and recreation sectors. Sewage and waste disposal, water supply and conservation and development spending were all down over 10% in 1H 2017.

#### Nonresidential Construction Put in Place (\$s in billions)

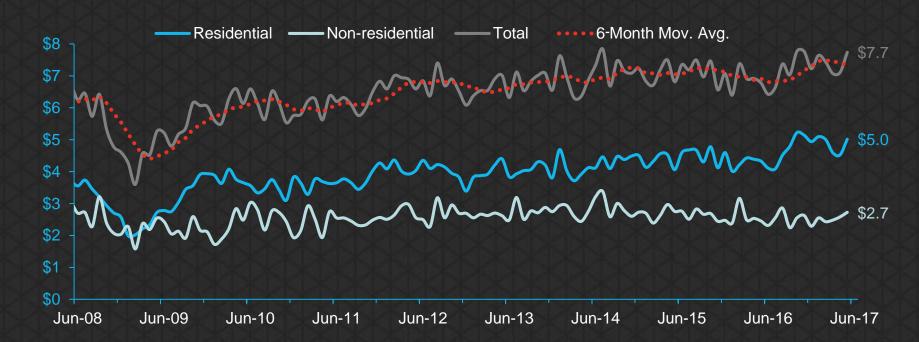


### Canadian Housing Market - Permits ...

Seasonally adjusted new building permit applications were at 7.7 billion in May, which is 7.1% higher than in December 2016 and 14.2% higher than May 2016. The rise in permits was led by a significant increase in both residential and nonresidential building activity.

Residential permits increased 1.6% year-to-date May 2017 and 15.9% compared to last year. Nonresidential building activity showed continued growth as well with permits up by 19% since the beginning of this year and 11.2% when compared year-over-year. Increased permits from the industrial and commercial sector helped to offset a decrease in institutional and governmental permits.

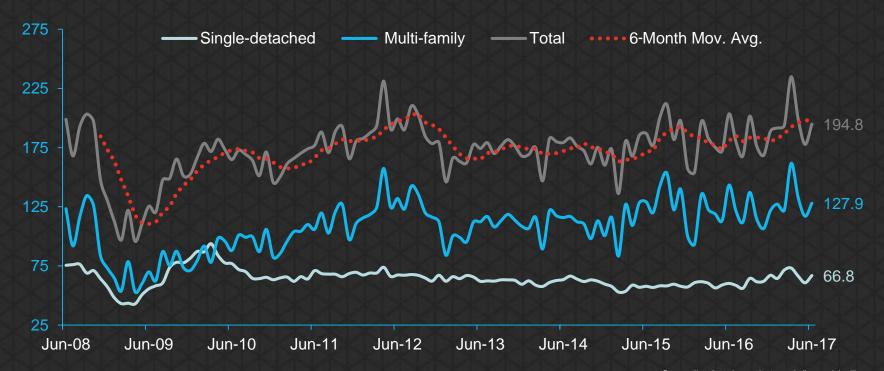
#### **Authorized Building Permits (C\$s in billions)**



### Canadian Housing Market - Starts ••

The trend measure of seasonally adjusted urban housing starts in Canada in June 2017 was down 4.3% year over year. After a strong rally between December 2016 and March 2017, the housing market softened during the second quarter of the year as the federal plus various provincial and municipal governments introduced measures to cool the market. Housing starts fell by 7.8% in Q2 of 2017 compared to the previous quarter. Single-detached housing starts showed a 11% increase year-over-year while multifamily housing starts dropped by 10.7%, predominately because of decreases in apartment and semidetached units, which were slightly offset by a 14.2% increase in row housing starts.

#### **Housing Starts (Units in thousands)**



## Canadian Housing Market - Existing Prices ••••

The MLS Home Price Index (HPI) rose 15.8% year-over-year in June. Posting the strongest price gains were apartments with a 20.4% growth rate over the previous year followed by townhouses, which increased by 17.4% over the same period. Despite double-digit growth year-over-year, housing prices have seen downward pressure over the past few months. Policies are being introduced by various levels of government to restrain the rapidly increasing housing market. Accordingly, it is anticipated that downward pressure on housing prices will likely continue, at least over the short term. With inventory turnover, nationally, increasing by a full month in Q2 2017 (and reaching the highest level since January 2015) to 5.1 months, supply is beginning to outgrow demand in the market.



#### **Canadian Housing** Market – Existing Sales 000

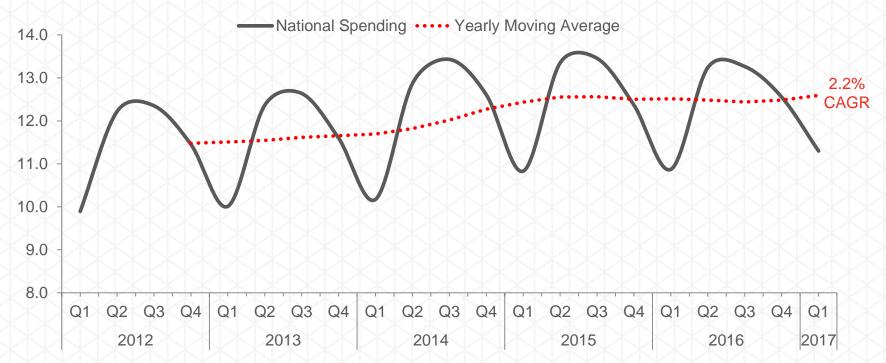
The number of homes trading hands in June 2017 fell by 11.4% compared to the prior year and 6.7% compared to the month before. This is the largest monthly decline since June 2010. The decrease in sales is predominately due to declines in the housing market in the Greater Toronto Area. Additionally, the recent increase of the overnight rate by the Bank of Canada is expected to reinforce a lack of urgency to purchase homes or, alternatively, move buyers off the sidelines before their preapproved mortgage rate expires according to CREA's chief economist.



## Canadian Housing Market – Renovations ...

Spending on renovations rose 3.9% in the first quarter of 2017 compared to the year prior. Ontario and Quebec, which together account for 62.1% of renovation spending, saw a 5.4% year-over-year increase. Given the increased uncertainty of the housing market with new market restraining policies in place, we believe homeowners will likely consider renovating instead of selling/buying a home.

#### Renovation Spending (C\$ billions - Constant 2012 dollars)



#### Public Company Valuations Continue to Climb

Over the past 12 months, the stock price indices for all sectors of the building products and materials industry have outperformed the S&P 500. The index of Building Materials Manufacturers posted the largest gain followed by the index of Home Builders and the index of Mid-Cap Building Products Manufactures. The index of Building Products Distributors posted the lowest increase in the sector, but still that group outperformed the S&P 500.





### Public Companies' Trading Statistics ••••

(\$ in millions)	8/4/17	% of				Ente	rprise Value	as a Multip	le of			_TM
KIXIXIXIX	Stock	52 Wk	Market	Enterprise		Revenue	DKD		EBITDA	KIX	EBITDA	Revenue
Company	Price	High	Value	Value	LTM	2017E	2018E	LTM	2017E	2018E	Margin	Growth
<b>Building Products Manufacturers La</b>	rge Cap. (EV >	> \$3.0B)										
Compagnie de Saint-Gobain S.A.	\$56.72	92.1%	\$31,523	\$39,959	0.88x	0.83x	0.79x	8.6x	7.8x	7.2x	10.2%	1.6%
Masco Corporation	\$38.33	97.4%	\$12,212	\$14,361	1.92x	1.88x	1.79x	11.7x	10.8x	10.1x	16.4%	2.7%
Fortune Brands Home & Security, Inc.	\$65.23	96.6%	\$10,046	\$11,187	2.18x	2.09x	1.96x	13.6x	12.7x	11.5x	16.0%	5.4%
Owens Corning	\$68.31	99.3%	\$7,596	\$10,125	1.69x	1.64x	1.55x	9.4x	8.5x	7.7x	18.1%	8.3%
Acuity Brands, Inc.	\$199.87	71.2%	\$8,413	\$8,580	2.47x	2.43x	2.28x	14.7x	14.0x	12.8x	16.8%	11.1%
Lennox International Inc.	\$172.28	89.5%	\$7,267	\$8,395	2.21x	2.17x	2.08x	15.3x	14.2x	13.0x	14.5%	7.9%
James Hardie Industries plc	\$14.86	80.9%	\$6,551	\$7,109	3.70x	3.74x	3.32x	16.3x	15.8x	14.3x	22.7%	11.2%
USG Corporation	\$27.65	79.8%	\$3,965	\$4,612	1.50x	1.47x	1.40x	9.5x	8.1x	7.2x	15.8%	3.3%
Armstrong World Industries, Inc.	\$47.50	95.9%	\$2,512	\$3,313	2.59x	2.51x	2.40x	13.0x	9.4x	8.7x	19.9%	3.6%
Median		92.1%			2.18x	2.09x	1.96x	12.7x	10.8x	10.1x	16.4%	5.4%
Mean		89.2%			2.13x	2.08x	1.95x	12.4x	11.3x	10.3x	16.7%	6.1%
<b>Building Products Manufacturers Mic</b>	d. Cap. (EV <	\$3.0B)										
Masonite International Corporation	\$75.85	88.9%	\$2,265	\$2,716	1.38x	1.29x	1.20x	12.1x	9.5x	8.3x	11.4%	2.3%
Trex Company, Inc.	\$79.67	97.1%	\$2,343	\$2,334	4.63x	4.29x	3.79x	17.7x	15.5x	13.9x	26.1%	9.3%
Ply Gem Holdings, Inc	\$17.30	86.5%	\$1,184	\$2,036	1.05x	1.00x	0.93x	9.0x	8.0x	7.0x	11.7%	3.3%
Simpson Manufacturing Co., Inc.	\$44.92	92.8%	\$2,141	\$2,000	2.27x	2.06x	1.92x	12.1x	10.9x	9.9x	18.8%	7.8%
Griffon Corporation	\$19.25	70.9%	\$848	\$1,774	0.92x	0.89x	0.87x	9.8x	9.5x	9.0x	9.3%	(1.1)%
NCI Building Systems, Inc.	\$17.75	95.4%	\$1,258	\$1,597	0.91x	0.87x	0.83x	10.2x	8.5x	7.4x	8.9%	8.1%
Apogee Enterprises, Inc.	\$52.31	85.8%	\$1,509	\$1,557	1.37x	1.43x	1.10x	9.8x	9.9x	7.5x	14.0%	15.2%
American Woodmark Corporation	\$96.90	90.3%	\$1,580	\$1,368	1.33x	1.32x	1.22x	11.1x	11.1x	9.6x	12.0%	8.8%
Quanex Building Products Corporation	\$21.35	94.3%	\$735	\$1,008	1.12x	1.14x	1.09x	10.2x	9.5x	8.6x	10.9%	11.8%
Gibraltar Industries, Inc.	\$29.85	62.1%	\$942	\$970	1.01x	1.00x	0.95x	8.9x	8.3x	7.4x	11.4%	(12.1)%
Median Mean		89.6% 86.4%			1.22x 1.60x	1.21x 1.53x	1.10x 1.39x	10.2x 11.1x	9.5x 10.1x	8.4x 8.9x	11.6% 13.5%	8.0% 5.3%



### Public Companies' Trading Statistics •••

(\$ in millions)	8/4/17	% of				Ente	rprise Value	as a Multip	ole of			LTM
	Stock	52 Wk	Market	Enterprise		Revenue			EBITDA		EBITDA	Revenue
Company	Price	High	Value	Value	LTM	2017E	2018E	LTM	2017E	2018E	Margin	Growth
<b>Building Products Distributors</b>	X											
Ferguson plc	\$60.90	88.4%	\$15,316	\$17,038	0.84x	0.76x	0.74x	11.7x	10.4x	9.8x	7.2%	17.6%
Watsco, Inc.	\$152.00	95.3%	\$4,967	\$5,559	1.29x	1.27x	1.21x	14.8x	13.7x	13.3x	8.8%	3.8%
Pool Corporation	\$109.02	87.7%	\$4,494	\$5,022	1.88x	1.83x	1.72x	17.1x	16.1x	14.7x	11.0%	7.1%
Beacon Roofing Supply, Inc.	\$43.01	82.5%	\$2,597	\$3,777	0.89x	0.85x	0.80x	10.1x	9.9x	9.0x	8.8%	13.9%
Builders FirstSource, Inc.	\$16.72	99.3%	\$1,883	\$3,777	0.57x	0.54x	0.51x	10.3x	8.5x	7.3x	5.5%	14.9%
CanWel Building Materials Group Ltd.	\$4.82	85.8%	\$327	\$519	0.65x	0.61x	0.59x	12.8x	10.9x	9.8x	5.1%	11.3%
Bluelinx Holdings Inc.	\$10.35	91.8%	\$94	\$425	0.23x	NA	NA	14.6x	NA	NA	1.6%	(5.2)%
Hardwoods Distribution Inc.	\$14.58	93.3%	\$311	\$399	0.60x	0.48x	0.46x	10.5x	8.6x	8.0x	5.7%	49.7%
Huttig Building Products, Inc.	\$6.08	65.8%	\$157	\$261	0.36x	NA	NA	15.7x	NA	NA	2.3%	5.4%
Taiga Building Products Ltd.	\$0.80	91.8%	\$26	\$237	0.24x	NA	NA	7.7x	NA	NA	3.1%	(0.6)%
Goodfellow Inc.	\$6.55	70.1%	\$56	\$123	0.31x	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	(3.4)%
Mediar Mear		88.4% 86.5%			0.60x 0.71x	0.76x 0.91x	0.74x 0.86x	12.2x 12.5x	10.4x 11.2x	9.8x 10.3x	5.6% 5.9%	7.1% 10.4%
Mear	*	00.570			0.71%	0.517	0.00X	12.54	11.24	10.5%	3.370	10.476
<b>Building Materials Manufacturers</b>												
LafargeHolcim Ltd	\$60.69	97.0%	\$36,760	\$56,994	2.10x	2.10x	2.00x	10.5x	9.3x	8.4x	20.0%	(7.9)%
CRH plc	\$35.13	85.7%	\$29,379	\$36,339	1.27x	1.07x	1.02x	11.1x	8.8x	8.1x	11.4%	14.7%
HeidelbergCement AG	\$97.86	88.2%	\$19,417	\$33,209	1.70x	1.57x	1.51x	10.1x	8.3x	7.6x	16.8%	28.0%
CEMEX, S.A.B. de C.V.	\$0.98	90.8%	\$14,689	\$26,217	2.15x	1.73x	1.67x	10.5x	8.4x	7.8x	20.5%	13.9%
Vulcan Materials Company	\$121.84	88.2%	\$16,116	\$18,322	4.95x	4.53x	4.00x	19.5x	15.4x	12.5x	25.4%	2.5%
Martin Marietta Materials, Inc.	\$214.42	87.8%	\$13,474	\$15,226	4.10x	3.85x	3.52x	15.8x	13.9x	11.6x	25.9%	8.1%
Eagle Materials Inc.	\$94.13	85.1%	\$4,565	\$5,215	4.07x	4.34x	3.52x	13.2x	12.6x	10.0x	30.8%	10.7%
Titan Cement Company S.A.	\$29.13	91.1%	\$2,281	\$3,291	1.85x	1.77x	1.67x	9.6x	9.1x	8.2x	19.3%	7.6%
U.S. Concrete, Inc.	\$79.85	99.3%	\$1,269	\$1,636	1.34x	1.18x	1.05x	10.2x	7.7x	6.7x	13.2%	16.6%
Mediar		88.2%			2.10x	1.77x	1.67x	10.5x	9.1x	8.2x	20.0%	10.7%
Mear		90.3%			2.61x	2.46x	2.22x	12.3x	10.4x	9.0x	20.4%	10.5%



### Public Companies' Trading Statistics ...

(\$ in millions)	8/4/17 % of Enterprise Value as a Multiple of				LTM								
		Stock	52 Wk	Market	Enterprise		Revenue			EBITDA		EBITDA	Revenue
Company		Price	High	Value	Value	LTM	2017E	2018E	LTM	2017E	2018E	Margin	Growth
Home Builders													
Lennar Corporation		\$54.25	97.3%	\$12,488	\$19,068	1.61x	1.50x	1.36x	14.0x	10.8x	9.5x	11.6%	16.0%
D.R. Horton, Inc.		\$36.59	97.7%	\$13,695	\$16,161	1.18x	1.15x	1.03x	9.8x	8.8x	7.8x	12.0%	18.0%
PulteGroup, Inc.		\$25.60	99.5%	\$7,724	\$10,800	1.34x	1.22x	1.08x	9.8x	8.5x	7.1x	13.7%	18.9%
NVR, Inc.		\$2,675.52	98.2%	\$10,016	\$10,094	1.65x	1.57x	1.41x	12.6x	12.0x	10.4x	13.1%	11.3%
Toll Brothers, Inc.		\$39.73	96.7%	\$6,499	\$9,506	1.76x	1.61x	1.43x	18.7x	9.3x	8.6x	9.4%	20.0%
KB Home		\$23.43	96.1%	\$2,004	\$4,166	1.06x	0.97x	0.89x	17.1x	9.1x	8.2x	6.2%	18.3%
Meritage Homes Corporation		\$43.85	98.7%	\$1,768	\$2,909	0.93x	0.89x	0.84x	12.0x	10.2x	9.4x	7.8%	9.2%
M.D.C. Holdings, Inc.		\$34.56	93.6%	\$1,793	\$2,339	0.91x	0.89x	0.83x	11.7x	10.0x	8.9x	7.7%	26.4%
Hovnanian Enterprises, Inc.		\$2.27	76.2%	\$338	\$1,900	0.71x	0.79x	0.81x	13.8x	9.8x	9.9x	5.2%	7.9%
Beazer Homes USA, Inc.		\$15.45	97.8%	\$494	\$1,660	0.89x	0.89x	0.84x	22.3x	12.6x	11.0x	4.0%	2.9%
M/I Homes, Inc.		\$25.81	87.7%	\$648	\$1,337	0.73x	0.69x	0.64x	10.1x	NA	NA	7.2%	17.4%
	Median		97.3%			1.06x	0.97x	0.89x	12.6x	9.9x	9.1x	7.8%	17.4%
	Mean		94.5%			1.16x	1.10x	1.01x	13.8x	10.1x	9.1x	8.9%	15.1%
<b>Lumber and Wood Products</b>	Manufact	urers											
Weyerhaeuser Co.		\$32.78	92.3%	\$24,681	\$31,095	4.56x	4.38x	4.14x	18.4x	15.8x	14.1x	24.8%	19.7%
West Fraser Timber Co. Ltd.		\$53.67	98.8%	\$4,195	\$4,328	1.18x	1.08x	1.01x	6.5x	6.1x	6.3x	18.0%	12.4%
Norbord Inc.		\$33.11	93.6%	\$2,852	\$3,408	1.76x	1.70x	1.59x	7.0x	6.1x	6.2x	25.1%	19.3%
Louisiana-Pacific Corporation		\$24.48	90.9%	\$3,545	\$3,181	1.30x	1.22x	1.15x	7.2x	6.0x	6.1x	18.1%	21.7%
Canfor Corporation		\$17.05	99.7%	\$2,264	\$2,563	0.75x	0.71x	0.69x	5.0x	5.2x	5.6x	14.9%	7.8%
Universal Forest Products, Inc.		\$84.91	76.5%	\$1,734	\$1,944	0.54x	0.50x	0.47x	9.0x	8.6x	7.7x	6.0%	21.4%
Boise Cascade Company		\$30.10	90.1%	\$1,160	\$1,493	0.36x	0.35x	0.32x	8.8x	7.2x	6.3x	4.1%	8.1%
	Median		92.3%			1.18x	1.08x	1.01x	7.2x	6.1x	6.3x	18.0%	19.3%
	Mean		91.7%			1.49x	1.42x	1.34x	8.9x	7.9x	7.5x	15.9%	15.8%

## Quarterly M&A Activity Slows Down From Record-Setting Pace

M&A activity in the building products sector remained solid in 1H 2017, with 78 completed transactions involving target companies headquartered in the United States or Canada. However, the number of transactions was down from the second half of 2016, which recorded the highest level of M&A activity since the recession.

The strong activity in the second half of 2016 was driven by an abundance of private equity capital, continued low interest rates and a favorable housing market outlook. While these dynamics continue to exist, there is currently a lack of willing sellers, and many sellers have unrealistic valuation expectations leading to busted auction processes.

#### **Building Products and Materials M&A Trends**



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Announced Target		Target Country	Acquiror	Target Business Description
Building Pr	oducts Distributors	N.		
May-17	Endries International Inc.	United States	Nautic Partners, LLC	Distributes fasteners and related production components to original equipment manufacturers
May-17	Gypsum Wallboard Supply, Inc.	United States	Foundation Building Materials, Inc.	Supplies drywall and metal framing products
May-17	Wallboard, Inc.	United States	Foundation Building Materials, Inc.	Distributes drywall, steel framing, insulation and finishing products
Apr-17	Kohl Building Products, LLC	United States	SRS Distribution, Inc.	Supplies building materials to professional remodelers, builders and homeowners
Apr-17	Texas Plywood & Lumber Company, Inc.	United States	BMC Stock Holdings, Inc.	Supplies doors and millwork products for the builders of single family and multifamily markets
Mar-17	Mclendon Hardware Inc.	United States	Central Network Retail Group, LLC	Owns and operates hardware stores
Mar-17	Acme Building Materials, Inc.	United States	Beacon Roofing Supply, Inc.	Distributes building materials
Mar-17	Savoia Canada Inc.	Canada	GESCO Group of Companies	Distributes flooring and wall tiles

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Building P	roducts Manufacturers	N.		
Jun-17	MFS, LLC	United States	CertainTeed Corporation	Manufactures plastic, granite stone and knotty pine wood fence products
Jun-17	EFCO Corporation	United States	Apogee Enterprises, Inc.	Manufactures windows and entrance systems for commercial markets
Jun-17	Mannington Mills, Inc., Vinyl Composition Tile Business	United States	Armstrong Flooring, Inc.	Manufactures hard surface flooring products for educational facilities and mass merchants
Jun-17	The Marwin Company, Inc.	United States	Validor Capital LLC	Manufactures attic stairways, pocket door frames and other specialty building products
May-17	Bestworth-Rommel, Inc.	United States	OneAccord Capital	Manufactures canopies and wall panel systems for the petroleum, retail and commercial sectors
May-17	McGregor & Thompson Hardware Ltd.	Canada	Speyside Equity LLC	Manufactures doors, frames, finishing hardware and construction products
May-17	HOUZER, Inc.	United States	Hamat Group Ltd.	Manufactures and markets kitchen sinks
May-17	Premier Surfaces, Inc.	United States	Clio Holdings, LLC	Manufactures countertops, sinks and tiles for homes and commercial markets
Apr-17	GCP Applied Technologies, Non-Core Carpet Tack Strip And Plywood	United States	Q.E.P. Co., Inc.	Manufactures flooring installation products
Apr-17	Pratt & Larson Ceramics Inc	United States	Management Buyout of Company	Manufactures ceramic wall and floor tiles
Apr-17	AC Products Co. and Southern Cross Building Products	United States	Q.E.P. Co., Inc.	Manufactures ceramic bath accessories
Apr-17	Architectural Arts, Inc.	United States	Savannah, Inc.	Designs and manufactures building products
Apr-17	Gaco Western, LLC	United States	Firestone Building Products Company, LLC	Manufactures waterproofing and insulation products for commercial, industrial and residential applications
Mar-17	Chelsea Building Products, Inc.	United States	aluplast US Corporation	Manufactures window and door systems and building products for home and office buildings
Mar-17	Shanahan's Limited Partnership	Canada	Speyside Equity LLC	Manufactures and supplies commercial construction specialty products

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Building P	roducts Manufacturers (continued)	-		
Mar-17	Elastikote LLC	United States	Hyload, Inc.; Blair Rubber Company	Designs and manufactures solvent-based roofing and below- grade waterproofing systems
Mar-17	Quality Hardwood Sales, LLC	United States	Universal Forest Products, Inc.	Manufactures hardwood products
Mar-17	Carriage House Door Company	United States	Home Factories, Inc.	Designs, manufactures and sells garage doors
Feb-17	Bentley Mills, Inc.	United States	Lone Star Funds	Manufactures broadloom, tile, fast track and area rug products for commercial interiors
Feb-17	Plastic Tubing Industries Inc.	United States	Advanced Drainage Systems, Inc.	Manufactures high-density polyethylene corrugated drainage pipes and fittings
Jan-17	Magnolia Window and Door	United States	Headwaters Incorporated	Designs and fabricates windows and patio door products for dealers, builders, architects and consumers
Jan-17	Polar Window Of Canada Ltd.	Canada	Morris Capital Management, LLC; Henry & Wallace, LLC	Manufactures, designs, and installs windows and doors for homes
Jan-17	Walflor Industries Inc	United States	Low & Bonar plc	Manufactures vapor permeable air barriers and sound deadening floor underlayments
Jan-17	Assura Windows & Doors, LLC	United States	TM Windows LLC	Manufactures aluminum and vinyl windows and doors for residential and light commercial markets
Jan-17	MAAX Bath Inc.	Canada	American Bath Group, LLC	Manufactures bathroom products for the residential housing market
Jan-17	Nomaco Inc., Polyethylene Insulation Business	United States	Armacell LLC	Manufactures polyethylene insulation products
Jan-17	Anvil International, LLC	United States	OEP Capital Advisors, L.P.	Manufactures pipe fittings, pipe hangers and piping support systems
Jan-17	Solid Surfaces, Inc.	United States	Clio Holdings, LLC	Provides custom countertops for residential and commercial clients
Jan-17	Binford Supply LLC	United States	U.S. Fence Solutions Company	Manufactures and distributes fencing and gate products
Jan-17	Republic Doors and Frames, Inc.	United States	Allegion plc	Manufactures commercial steel doors and frames

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Lumber an	d Wood Manufacturers	×			
May-17	Tembec Inc.	Canada	Rayonier Advanced Materials Inc.	Manufactures spruce, pine and fir dimensional lumber products for construction and industrial markets	
May-17	Kildare Lumber Company	United States	Mead Lumber Company, Inc.	Owns and operates lumber and hardware product stores	
Apr-17	Hoover Treated Wood Products, Inc.	United States	Graham Holdings Company	Supplies kiln-dried lumber and plywood products for fire retardant and preservative applications	
Mar-17	Anthony-EACOM Inc.	Canada	Eacom Timber Corporation	Manufactures and distributes wood joists	
Mar-17	Latham Stairs & Millworks, Inc.	United States	Concierge Renovation Company, Inc.	Manufactures wooden and iron stair parts, mantelpieces, wood turnings and cedar products	
Mar-17	Quality Hardwood Sales, LLC	United States	Universal Forest Products, Inc.	Manufactures hardwood products	
Mar-17	Olon Industries Inc.	Canada	White Owl Family Office Ltd.	Manufactures integrated woodworking component products for furniture and cabinet-making industries	

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Building Materials Manufacturers					
Jun-17	Jun-17 CEMEX, S.A.B. de C.V., Pacific Northwest United States  Materials Business		Cadman Materials, Inc.	Manufactures aggregate, asphalt and ready mix concrete production operations	
Jun-17	Pittsburgh Corning Corporation	United States	Owens Corning	Develops, manufactures and supplies building materials	
Jun-17	Forterra, Inc., U.S. Concrete and Steel Pressure Pipe Assets	United States	Thompson Pipe Group Inc.	Manufactures concrete and steel pressure water pipes	
Jun-17	Bluegrass Materials Company, LLC	United States	Martin Marietta Materials, Inc.	Manufactures aggregates and concrete blocks	
May-17	Aggregates USA, LLC	United States	Vulcan Construction Materials, LLC	Produces construction aggregates	
May-17	CMP Specialty Products, Inc.	United States	Bostik, Inc.	Manufactures flooring and other construction related products for commercial and residential markets	
May-17	Graymont Limited, New York Materials Operations	United States	Upstone Materials Inc.	Manufactures and distributes concrete from quarries, hot mix asphalt plants and ready-mix concrete plants	
Apr-17	Blackstone Supply LLC, SpeedStone product line	United States	KEIR Manufacturing, Inc.	Manufactures resin bonded jointer stone abrasives	
Apr-17	Cast-Crete USA, Inc.	United States	Stonebridge Partners; Falcon Investment Advisors, LLC	Manufactures concrete U-lintels for residential, commercial and institutional construction industries	
Apr-17	Metro Mix, LLC	United States	RMR Industrials, Inc.	Manufactures and supplies ready-mixed concrete for commercial markets	
Apr-17	Hy-Grade Precast Concrete Ltd.	Canada	Con Cast Pipe, LP	Manufactures precast concrete products	
Mar-17	Fabrication Facility Located in Webster, Massachusetts	United States	Saand Inc.	Operates a glass fabrication facility	
Mar-17	Sandidge Manufacturing, Inc.	United States	Summit Materials, Inc.	Manufactures ready-mix concrete	
Mar-17	United States Marble, Inc.	United States	Clio Holdings, LLC	Manufactures custom stone granites and marble solid surfaces	
Feb-17	Mulzer Crushed Stone, Inc.	United States	CRH plc	Manufactures and supplies crushed stone for construction projects from driveways to highways	

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Building M	aterials Manufacturers (continued)	1			
Feb-17	Everist Materials, LLC and Razorback Concrete Company	United States	Summit Materials, Inc.	Manufactures ready-mix concrete products	
Feb-17	Bestway Concrete Company	United States	BURNCO Rock Products Ltd.	Manufactures ready-mixed concrete services	
Feb-17	EJB Paving & Materials Co. and Berks Products Corp.	United States	New Enterprise Stone & Lime Co., Inc.	Manufactures blacktop and porous pavement materials	
Feb-17	Essroc San Juan Inc.	United States	Wetvan Overseas	Manufactures cement	
Jan-17	Pre-Cast Specialties, Inc., Concrete Plant in Pompano Beach	United States	Béton Préfabriqué Du Lac	Manufactures concrete for the utilities, structural and commercial real estate markets	
Jan-17	LoJac Holdings Corporation, Asphalt Division, Construction Division	United States	Vulcan Materials Company	Manufactures asphalt and other construction materials production business	

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Homebuilders					
Jun-17	Oakpointe, LLC, Homebuilding Business	United States	CalAtlantic Group, Inc.	Operates as a residential construction business	
May-17	Winkelman Building Corporation	United States	Bradbury Stamm Construction, Inc.	Provides construction and green building services	
Apr-17	SGF Contracting Services, LLC	United States	Affinity Enterprise Group	Provides renovation, rehab and repair services on single and multifamily properties	
Apr-17	UCP, Inc.	United States	Century Communities, Inc.	Operates as a homebuilder and land developer	
Apr-17	Fortress Builders, LLC	United States	Eastwood Construction, LLC	Builds single-family homes for first-time and move-up buyers	
Apr-17	SAVVY Homes, LLC	United States	AV Homes, Inc.	Designs, customizes and builds homes	
Mar-17	Appleseed Workshop, LLC	United States	Golden Construction, LLC	Provides design/build services to residential, commercial and downtown projects	
Mar-17	Eagle Mountain Homes Ltd.	Canada	WGI Westman Group Inc.	Manufactures buildings using steel structural insulated panels	
Feb-17	Woodside Homes, Inc.	United States	SH Residential Holdings, LLC	Provides homebuilding services	
Feb-17	Urban Investment Group, LLC	United States	The ACUMEN Companies	Operates as a real estate investment and development company	
Feb-17	EDGE Homes	United States	Sumitomo Forestry America Inc.	Provides homebuilding services	

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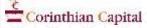
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