



# 3Q 2023 Operational Updates

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**GRESB**  
★★★★★ 2023  
5 Star Rating  
since 2018



'AAA' rating



Negligible Risk; Top 1%  
within real estate sector



Ranked 16<sup>th</sup> out of 43 Singapore  
REITs and Business Trusts (2023)

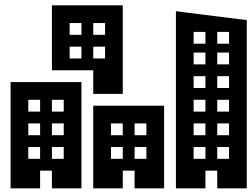


3.4 vs subsector  
average of 2.7

# 01 3Q 2023 Highlights



# 3Q 2023 highlights



**84.7%**

**Occupancy**

U.S. Class A average 82.3%<sup>(1)</sup>

**~193k sq ft**

**Leases executed**

YTD: 636k sq ft  
(12.0% of portfolio NLA)

**+24.2%**

**Rent reversion**

YTD: +10.0%



**56.0%<sup>(2)</sup>**

**MAS aggregate leverage**

**59.9%<sup>(3)</sup>**

**Unencumbered gearing ratio**

**2.4 times<sup>(4)</sup>**

**Interest coverage ratio**



**GRESB  
2023**

**Real Estate: 5 Star, score of 89**

**Public Disclosure: 'A' rating, score of 99**

(1) Source: JLL Research, Q3 2023 U.S. Office Outlook.

(2) Based on gross borrowings as a percentage of total assets. As set out in the Code on Collective Investment Schemes (CIS Code) issued by the Monetary Authority of Singapore (MAS) Appendix 6 Para 9.4, the aggregate leverage limit is not considered to be breached if due to circumstances beyond the control of the Manager. If the aggregate leverage limit is exceeded as a result of a depreciation in the asset value of the property fund or any redemption units or payments made from the property fund, the Manager should not incur additional borrowings or enter into further deferred payment arrangements.

(3) Unencumbered gearing ratio refers to the ratio of consolidated total unencumbered debt to consolidated total unencumbered assets per MUST's loan agreements. MUST has lowered its unencumbered gearing ratio to 59.9% from 60.2% (which was above the limit of 60%), via a good faith payment in August 2023. However, lowering the unencumbered gearing ratio in itself does not rectify the breach of the financial covenant. Once a breach has occurred, the lenders need to expressly waive the breach. These negotiations are on-going.

(4) Computed by dividing the trailing 12 months earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortisation (excluding effects of any fair value changes of derivatives and investment properties, and foreign exchange translation), by the trailing 12 months interest expense and borrowing-related fees as set out in the CIS Code.



# Operational Performance

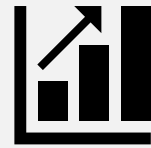
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# Strong leasing in 3Q; pipeline gaining momentum



**+24.2%**  
3Q rental  
reversion



**+10.0%**  
YTD rental  
reversion

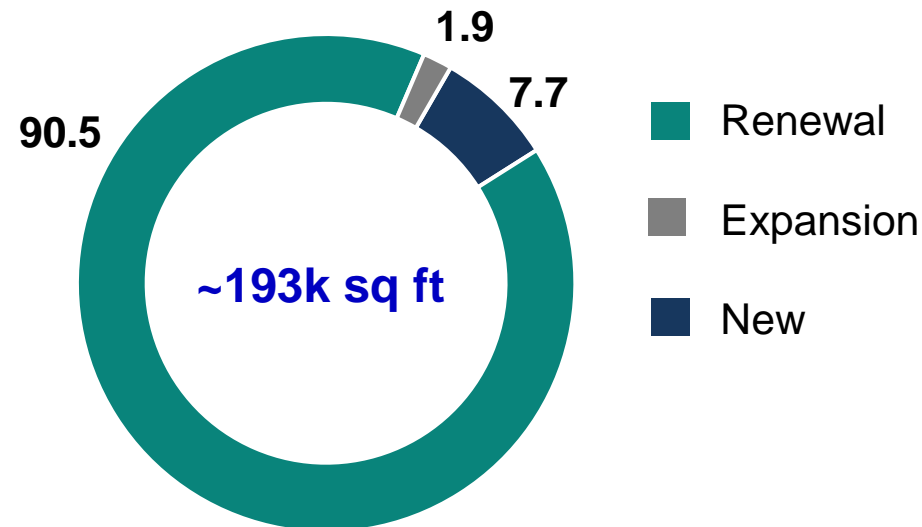


**5.8 years**  
WALE of leases  
executed in 3Q

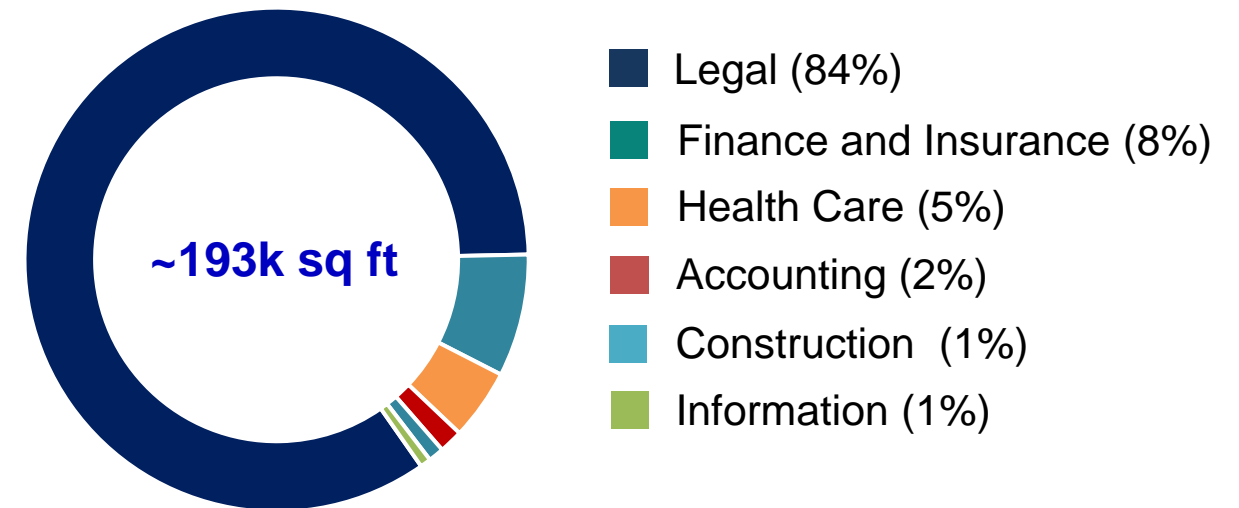


**5.1 years**  
Portfolio  
WALE

Breakdown of leases by NLA<sup>(1)</sup> (%)



Industries of tenants by NLA<sup>(1)</sup> (%)



# Peachtree modernisation yields results; key tenant renewed

## Secured early renewal of MUST's 4<sup>th</sup> largest tenant

- Peachtree modernisation (US\$18m) expected to complete in 2025
  - ✓ Rejuvenation of façade
  - ✓ Renovation of lobby and elevators
  - ✓ Addition of upscale coffee bar in lobby
- Potential uplift of rents



Plaza view



Main lobby



Amenity café

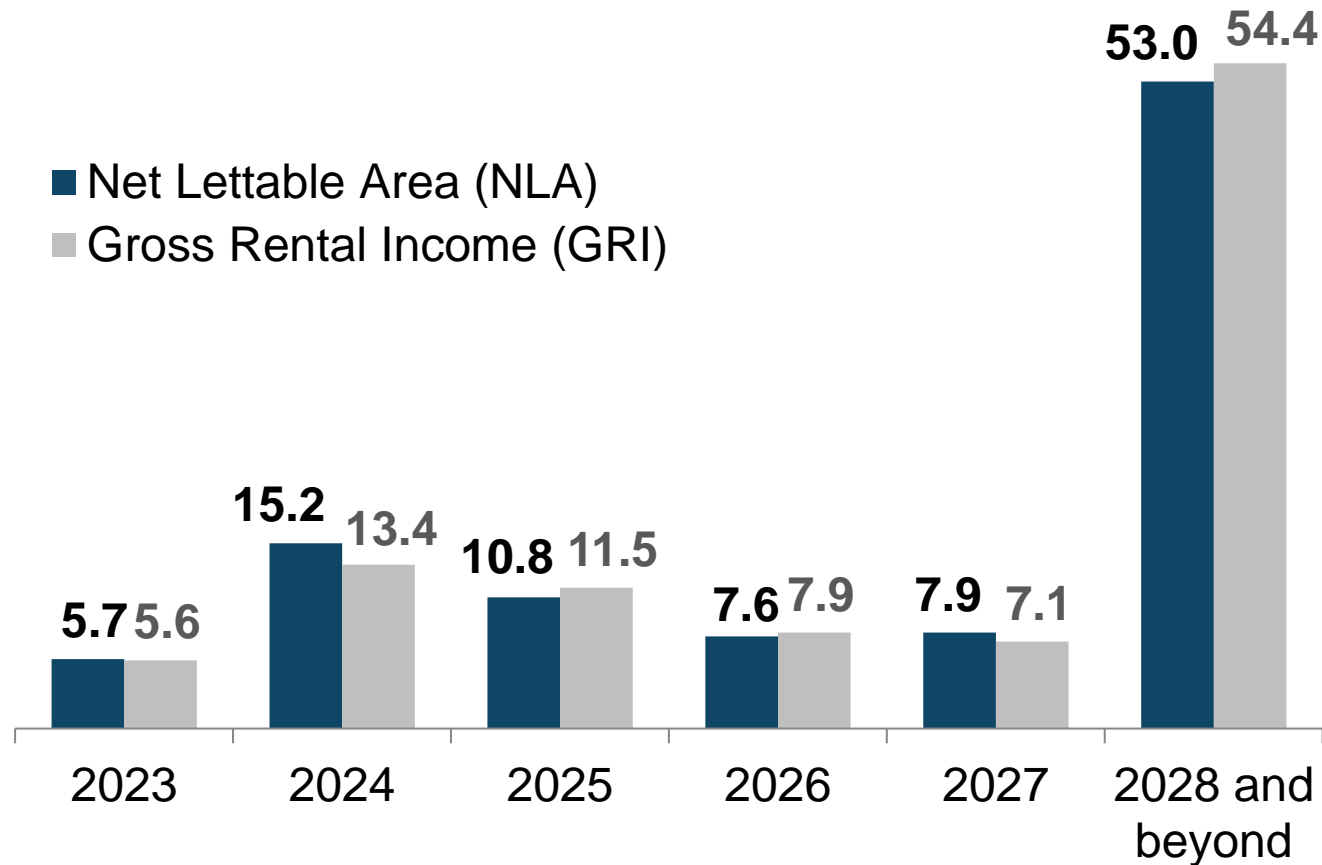


Amenity lounge

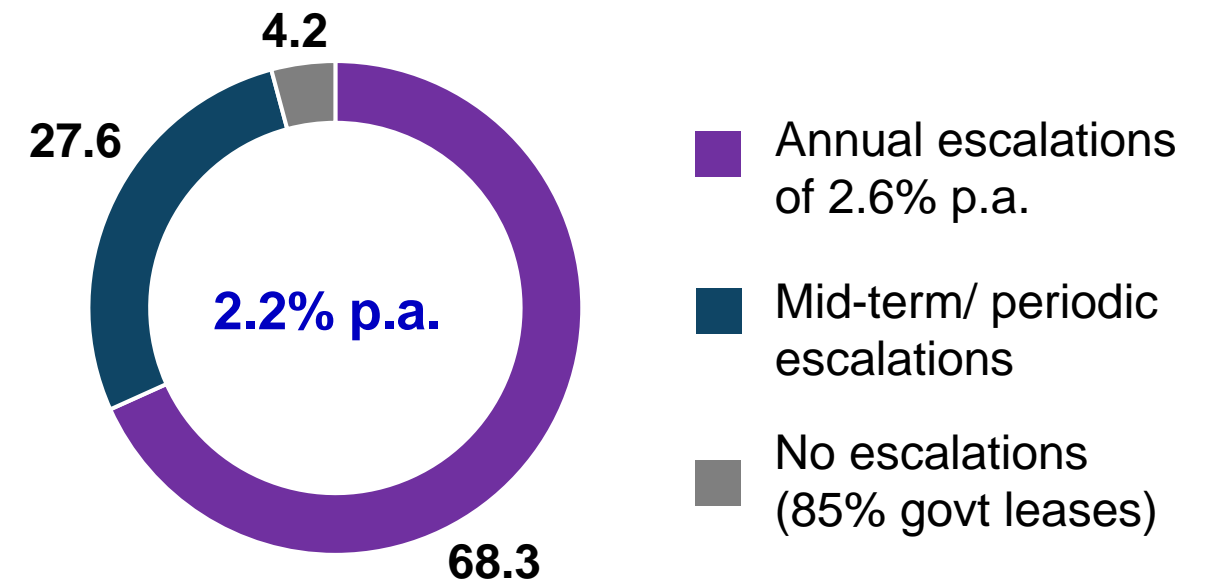


# Well-spread lease expiry; majority leases with rent escalations

Lease expiry profile as at 30 Sep 2023 (%)

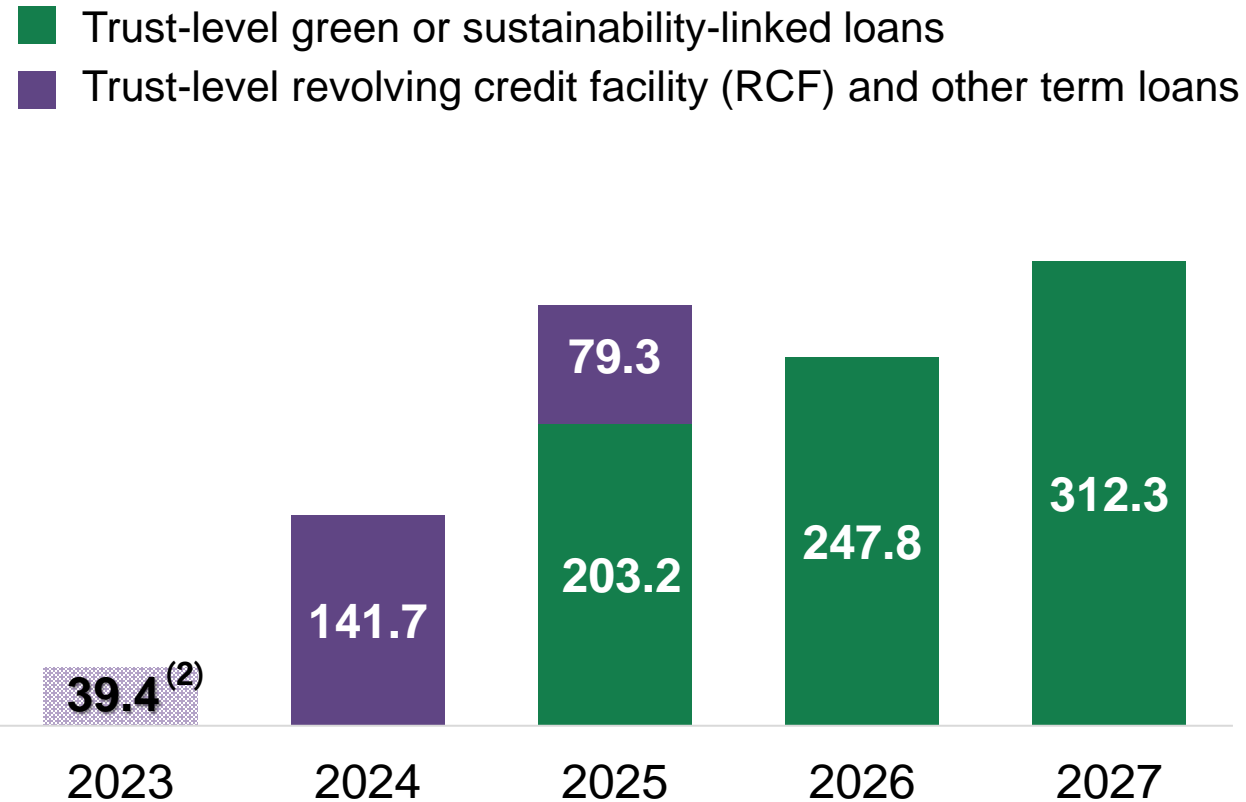


In-place rental escalations as at 30 Sep 2023 (%)



# 3Q financial snapshot; on-going negotiations with lenders

## Debt maturity profile<sup>(1)</sup> as at 30 Sep 2023 (US\$ m)



## Key financial indicators as at 30 Sep 2023

**56.0%<sup>(3)</sup>**

**MAS aggregate leverage**

**59.9%<sup>(4)</sup>**

**Unencumbered gearing ratio**

**2.4 times<sup>(5)</sup>**

**Interest coverage**

**4.38%**

**Weighted avg. interest rate**

**69.2%**

**Fixed rate loans**

**2.3 years**

**Weighted avg. debt maturity<sup>(1)</sup>**

(1) Based on maturity date stipulated in loan agreements.

(2) This relates to the RCF drawn in 4Q 2022 mainly for capex funding. The Manager has the option to roll over the RCF up to the facility's final maturity date in Aug 2024.

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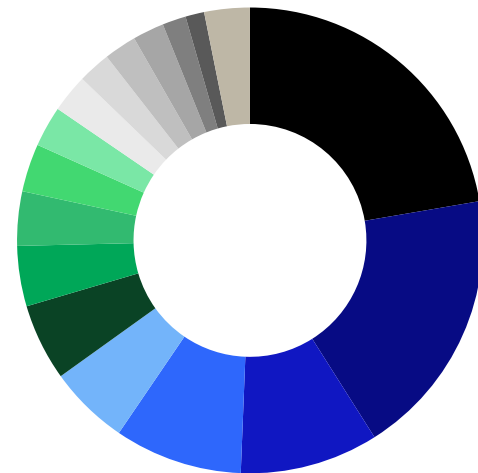
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# Top 10 tenants: majority HQ, listed or government

## Trade sector by gross rental income (GRI) (%)

■ Finance and Insurance	22.3
■ Legal	18.7
■ Retail Trade	9.6
■ Real Estate	8.9
■ Information	5.6
■ Public Administration	5.3
■ Consulting	4.2
■ Administrative and Support Services	3.8
■ Health Care	3.3
■ Grant Giving	2.8
■ Accounting	2.7
■ Transportation and Warehousing	2.3
■ Advertising	2.3
■ Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	2.2
■ Manufacturing	1.6
■ Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	1.3
■ Other	3.2

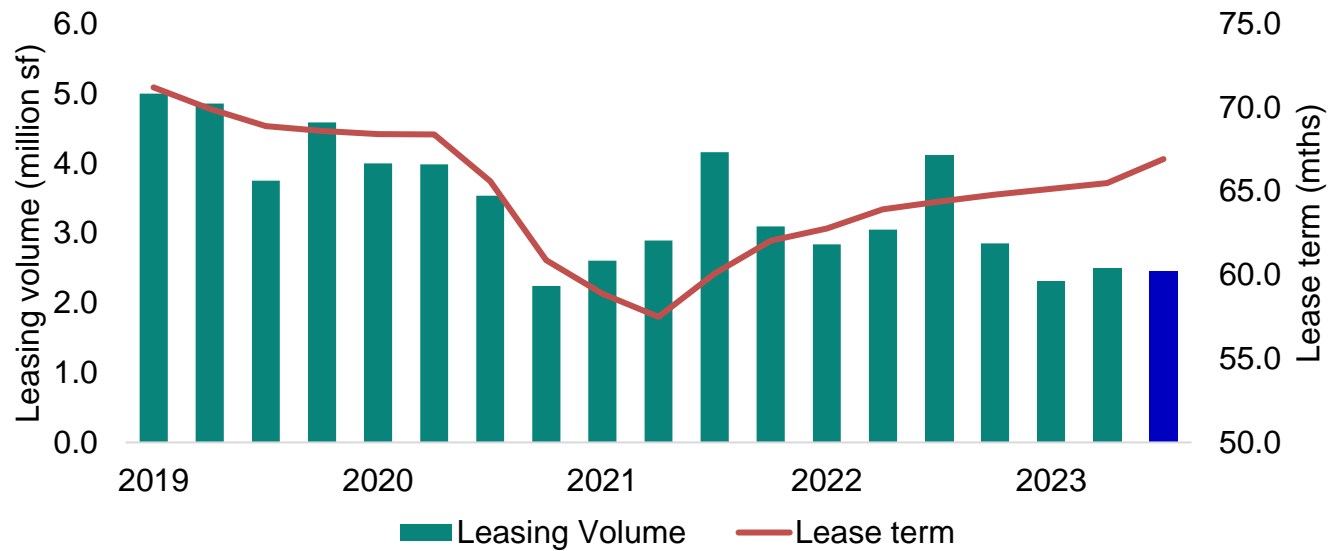


## Top 10 tenants by GRI; 4.0 years WALE

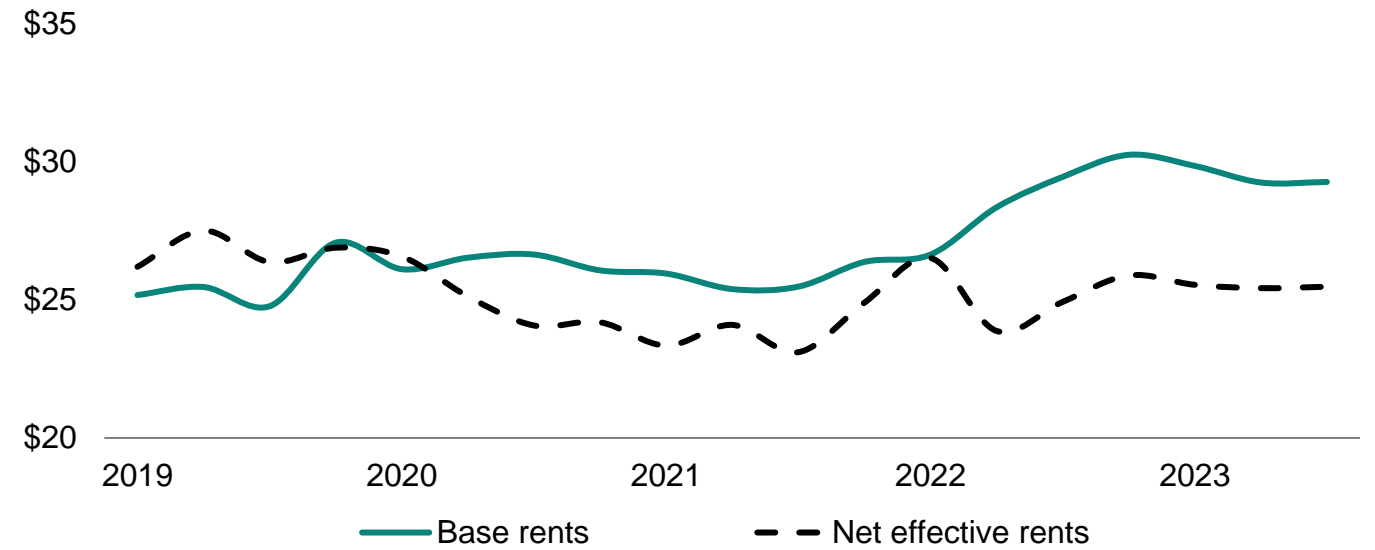
Tenant	Sector	Property, Location	Lease Expiry	NLA (sq ft)	% of GRI
The William Carter	Retail Trade	Phipps, Atlanta	Jul 2035	209,040	4.6
TCW Group	Finance and Insurance	Figueroa, Los Angeles	Dec 2023	188,835	4.2
The Children's Place	Retail Trade	Plaza, Secaucus	May 2024	197,949	3.5
Kilpatrick Townsend	Legal	Peachtree, Atlanta	Dec 2030	163,076	3.3
United Nations	Grant Giving	Penn, Washington, D.C.	Dec 2028	94,988	3.3
Hyundai Capital	Finance and Insurance	Michelson, Irvine	Apr 2030	97,587	3.3
US Treasury	Public Administration	Penn, Washington, D.C.	Aug 2025	120,324	3.1
Amazon	Information	Exchange, Jersey City	Apr 2025	129,259	3.1
ACE	Finance and Insurance	Exchange, Jersey City	Dec 2029	117,280	2.9
Quest Diagnostics	Health Care	Plaza, Secaucus	Oct 2029	131,612	2.7
<b>Total</b>				<b>1,449,950</b>	<b>34.1</b>

# Leasing trends in MUST's submarkets

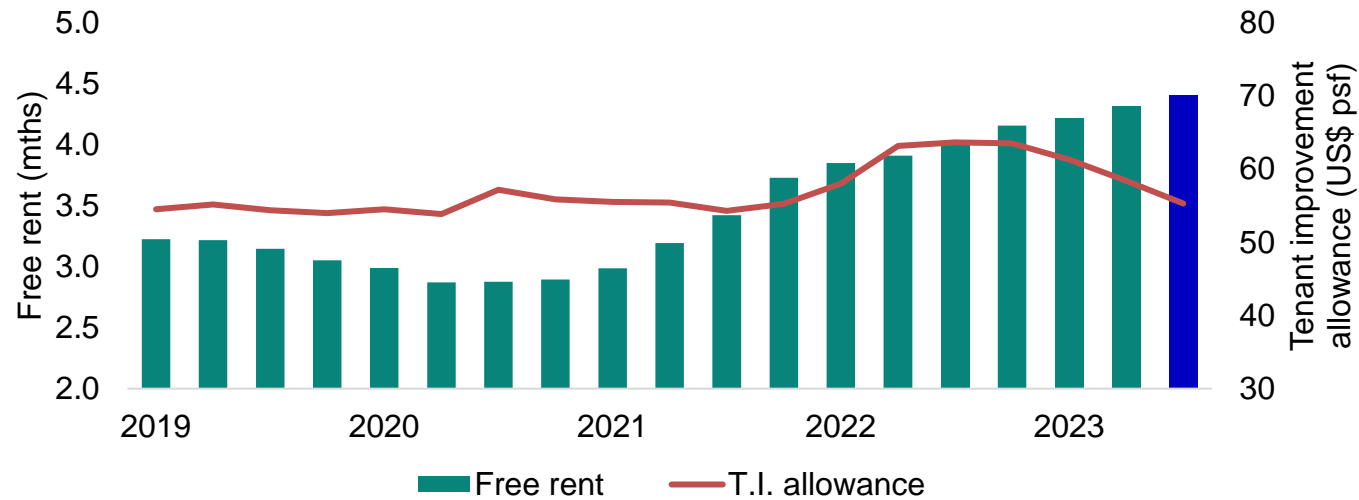
## Lease volume still tepid; lease terms lengthening



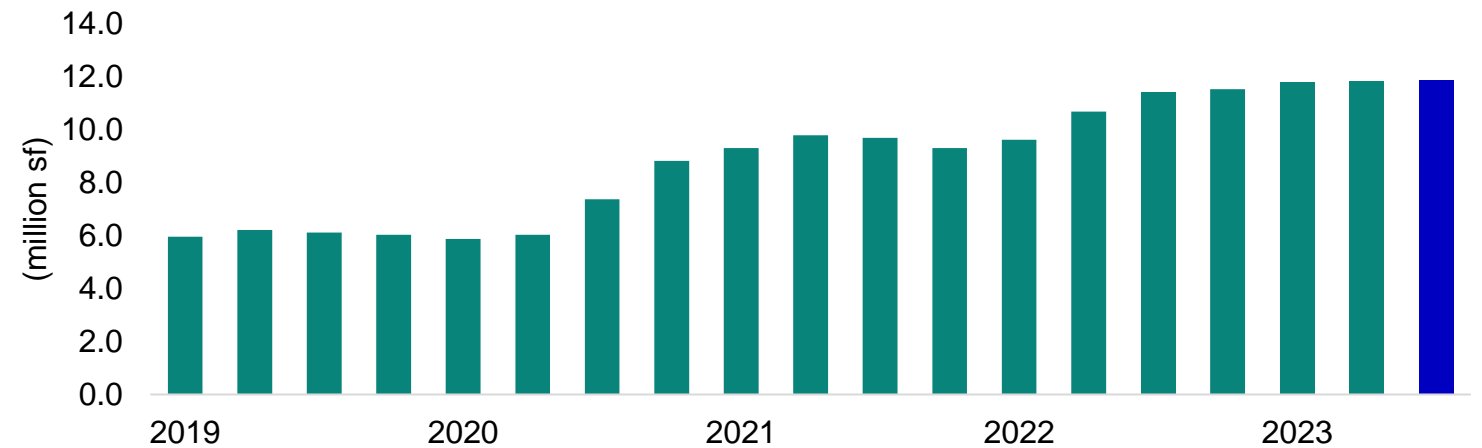
## Net effective rents stable



## Concession packages moderating



## Subleasing continues to inch up



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# Market Outlook



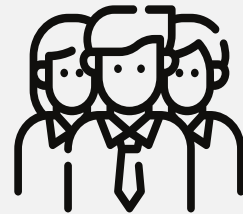


# U.S. economic signals are mixed



**4.9%**

**GDP growth<sup>(1)</sup>**



**3.8%**

**Unemployment rate<sup>(2)</sup>**



**3.7%**

**Inflation<sup>(3)</sup>**



**5.25 – 5.50%**

**Federal funds rate<sup>(4)</sup>**

- GDP data reveals a resilient U.S. economy with low unemployment rate
- Fed kept rates unchanged in the last two meetings
- Hiring remains robust but wage growth has slowed to 0.2%<sup>(5)</sup>
- Potential headwinds to consumption growth include tighter lending, resumption of student loan repayments, higher oil prices, etc.

(1) U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis as at 26 Oct 2023, annualised rate for 3Q 2023.

(2) U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics as at 6 Oct 2023; non-farm jobs for Sep 2023, seasonally-adjusted.

(3) U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics as at 12 Oct 2023; all items index over last 12 months for Sep 2023.

(4) Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System as at 1 Nov 2023.

(5) U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics as at 6 Oct 2023; Average hourly earnings for all employees on private non-farm payrolls in Sep 2023.

# U.S. office market remains **soft**; signs of bottoming...

## 3Q 2023 U.S. office market stats

Leasing volume (40.5m sq ft) **-4.2% q-o-q**

Net Absorption **-18.3m sq ft**

Vacancy (21.0%) **+39 bps**

Decline in leasing volume largely due to pullback from tech and coworking tenants, lack of large transactions

Transaction volume down 69% YTD; hampered by high interest rates and limited liquidity



Active tenant requirements grew 3% q-o-q in gateway markets

✓ Typically precedes growth in leasing volume by 2-3 quarters

Physical occupancy +8.0% y-o-y; employers issuing stricter return-to-office mandates

Dearth of new developments in coming years

✓ 7.9m sq ft broke ground YTD 2023; ~26% of pre-COVID levels (2019)

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# Key Updates



# Laser-focused on negotiations

## Action Plan



Negotiations with lenders;  
formulate long-term liquidity plan



Pursuing disposition mandate to  
sell assets within set parameters  
to reduce indebtedness and fund  
capex

## Progress/ Status

- ✓ Assembled Sponsor package
  - Execution of Sponsor package will depend on lenders' approval
- ✓ Identified non-core assets for sale based on future return potential and capex requirements

# Top questions from investors

## 1. What is the progress of the negotiations with the lenders on the waiver of the breach? Why is it taking so long?

We are working alongside our Sponsor to not just negotiate the waiver of the breach, but also assemble a holistic Sponsor package that will help to address MUST's longer-term liquidity needs and provide financial flexibility. The Manager will make an announcement when definitive agreements in relation to the loan restructuring are signed.

## 2. Are you going to do another year-end valuation? Will you breach your covenants again in December 2023?

We are required to perform a year-end portfolio valuation. Office valuations in the U.S. remain under pressure and are likely to decline further in 2023. Under the International Financial Reporting Standards, we have to carefully assess the appropriateness of the fair values of investment properties reported in our balance sheet. We are in on-going negotiations with our lenders to address the breach of covenants.

## 3. When will MUST resume paying distributions?

The payment of distributions is part of the on-going negotiations with our lenders. The Manager will make an announcement when definitive agreements in relation to the loan restructuring are signed.



# Top questions from investors

## 4. Why is the Manager not doing a rights issue to inject capital into the REIT at this critical juncture? Is there a way to work around the 9.8% restriction in ownership, so that the Sponsor can backstop an equity fund raising?

For any equity fund raising to be considered, the negotiations with the lenders must first be finalised. On the 9.8% front, any change in the trust structure is highly complex as it requires confirmation from tax advisors, the Trustee as well as Unitholders' approval through an EGM. To-date, we have not been able to find a resolve to go beyond the 9.8% cap and continue to work with our tax advisors on this front.

## 5. How long can MUST operate for with its current cash balance?

As at 30 June 2023, MUST has a cash balance of US\$133 million. We expect to continue operating our portfolio prudently. We have set aside a budget for essential capex for 2023 and have reviewed our 2024 budget to determine what essential capex we can undertake.

# Our ESG pillars

## Building Resilience



Reducing environmental impact of our properties and supporting the transition to a net zero economy

## People First



Prioritising the health and well-being of our employees, tenants and the local community

## Driving Sustainable Growth



Sustainable allocation of capital, robust governance framework and proactive risk management practices


# Thank You!

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# Appendix



# U.S. economy grew 4.9% in 3Q 2023

**4.9%<sup>(1)</sup>**

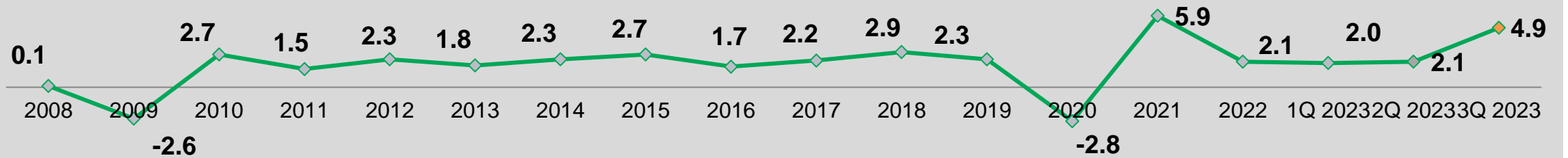
**3Q 2023  
GDP growth**

- GDP grew by 4.9% in 3Q 2023, accelerating from the 2.1% growth in 2Q 2023
- Unemployment rate held steady m-o-m in Sep 2023, with jobs gained in leisure and hospitality; government; health care; professional, scientific, and technical services; and social assistance

**0.8m<sup>(2)</sup>**

**3Q 2023  
jobs gained**

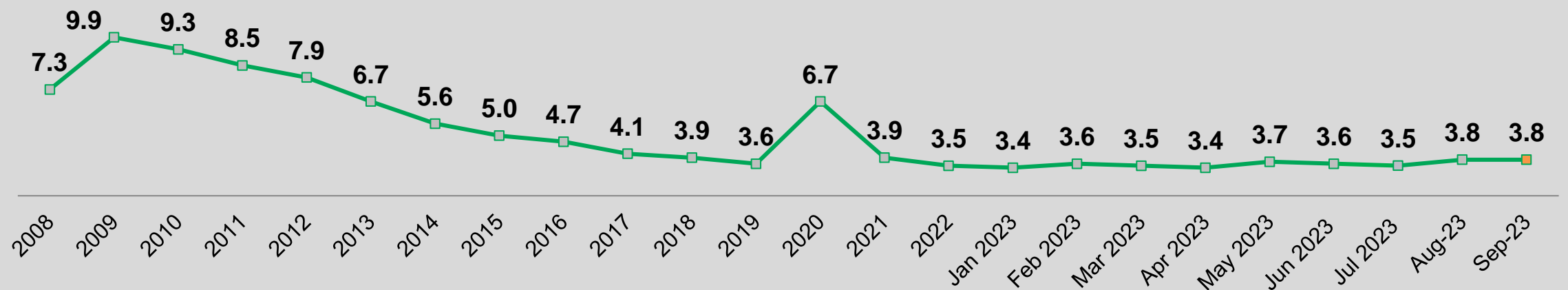
**U.S. GDP growth (%)<sup>(1)</sup>**



**3.8%<sup>(2)</sup>**

**Unemployment rate  
Sep 2023**

**U.S. unemployment (%)<sup>(2)</sup>**



**336k<sup>(2)</sup>**

**Jobs added  
Sep 2023**

(1) U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis as at 26 Oct 2023, annualised rate.

(2) U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics as at 6 Oct 2023; all numbers listed are non-farm jobs, seasonally adjusted.

# U.S. office real estate activities

**17.7%<sup>(1)</sup>**

3Q 2023 vacancy

**+0.5%<sup>(1)</sup>**

QoQ direct average market base rent growth

**-12.4m<sup>(3)</sup>**

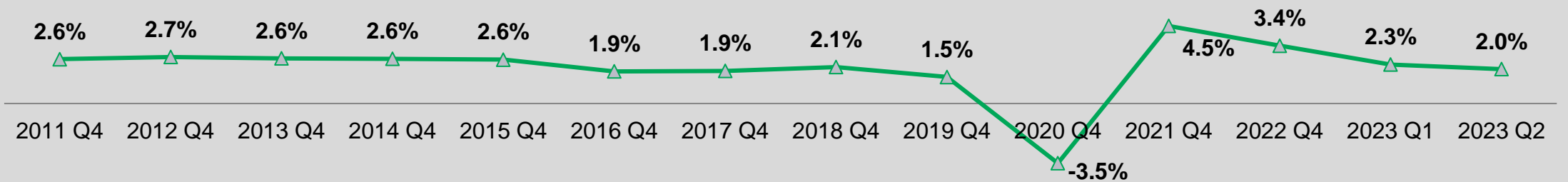
2Q 2023 net absorption (sq ft)

**14.3m<sup>(3)</sup>**

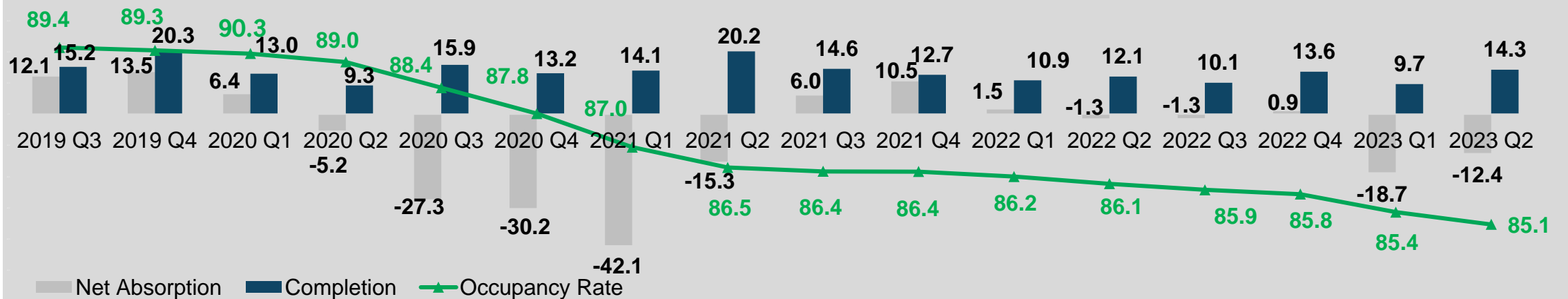
2Q 2023 new supply delivered (sq ft)

- 3Q 2023 leasing volume declined 4.1% QoQ after a strong 2Q<sup>(1)</sup>
- Base and net effective rents are now only 2.0% and 5.8% below pre-pandemic averages, respectively<sup>(1)</sup>

U.S. office employment YoY (%)<sup>(2)</sup>



U.S. class A & B office net absorption (m sq ft) and occupancy (%)<sup>(3)</sup>



(1) JLL U.S. Office Outlook 3Q 2023; includes all offices; vacancy rate, however, only for Class A.

(2) Office employment includes the professional and business services, financial and information service sectors; as per CoStar Market Analysis & Forecast Reports. Amounts reflect YoY % change. Based on latest available data (2Q 2023).

(3) CoStar Market Analysis & Forecast Reports for class A & B Office. Based on latest available data (2Q 2023).



# Limited supply in MUST's markets

Markets	RBA (m sq ft)	Vacancy (%)	Gross Asking Rent Per Sq Ft (US\$)	Net Absorption ('000 sq ft)	Net Delivery ('000 sq ft)	Last 12 Months Rent Growth <sup>(1)</sup> (%)	Projected 12 Months Rent Growth <sup>(1)</sup> (%)	New Properties Under Construction ('000 sq ft)	Delivery Year
Downtown Los Angeles	46.9	19.0	42.49	(23.2)	0	(2.1)	(4.1)	0.0	NA
Irvine, Orange County	15.1	22.3	29.40	4.5	0	0.4	(2.3)	0.0	NA
Buckhead Atlanta	18.1	27.6	39.94	27.3	0	(0.6)	(4.3)	0.0	NA
Midtown Atlanta	25.7	22.8	44.78	(14.4)	0	1.1	(3.7)	538.0 <sup>(2)</sup>	2024
Meadowlands, Secaucus	3.4	24.1	34.53	0.0	0	0.4	(3.3)	0.0	NA
Hudson Waterfront, Jersey City	18.7	23.8	41.98	(216.8)	0	0.4	(3.4)	0.0	NA
Washington, D.C.	32.6	19.3	58.70	(37.8)	0	(0.6)	(5.0)	334.0 <sup>(3)</sup>	2024
Fairfax Center	4.4	20.2	32.41	11.8	0	(0.6)	(5.0)	0.0	NA
Downtown Sacramento	11.6	10.1	40.25	(17.5)	0	(0.3)	(2.5)	0.0	NA
Chandler, Phoenix	6.9	21.1	31.86	43.3	0	4.2	(1.0)	0.0	NA
Tempe, Phoenix	7.0	25.6	38.81	(208.5)	0	3.9	(1.0)	0.0	NA

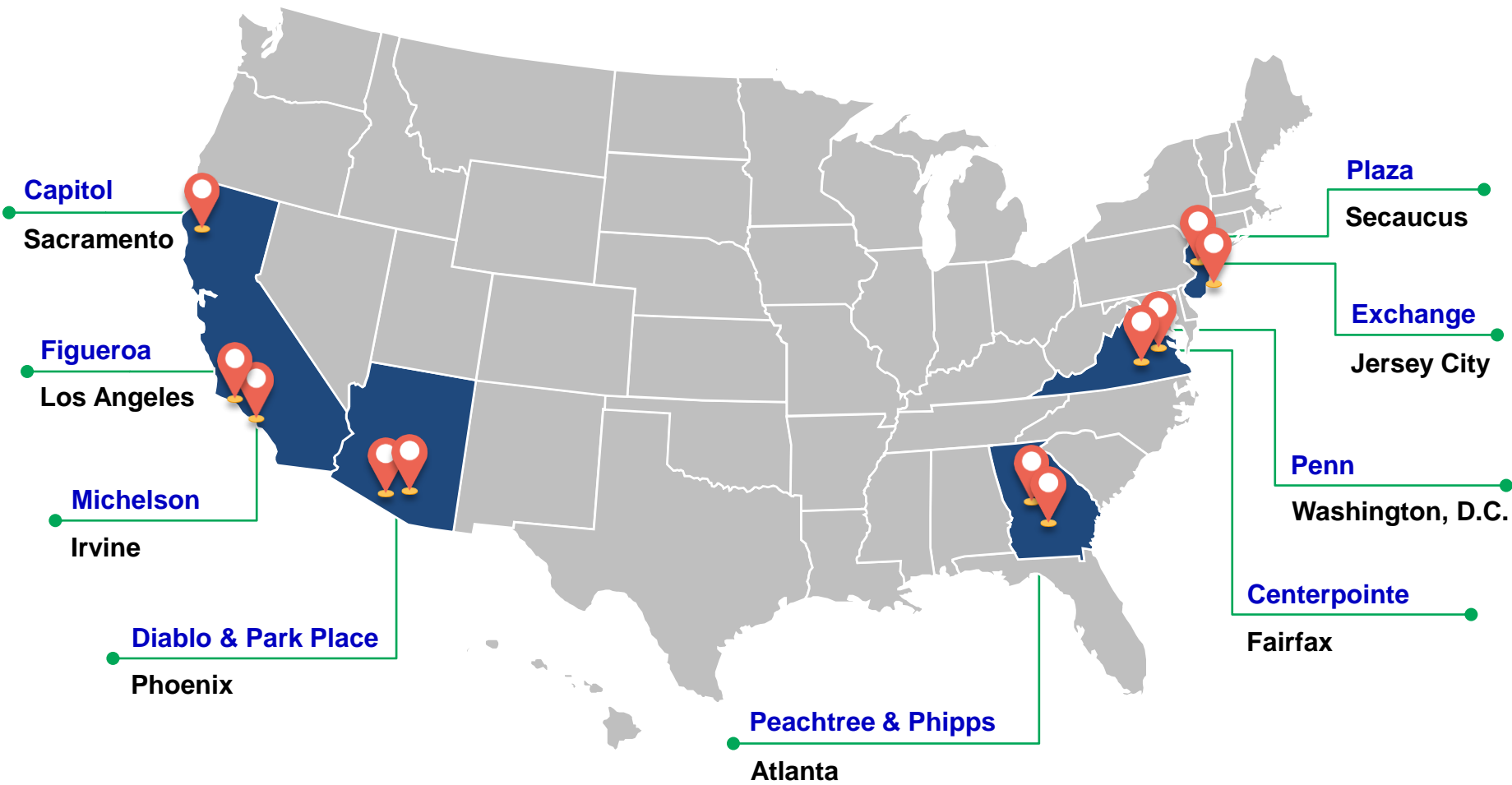
Source: All Submarket and Market Data as at 2 Oct 2023 from CoStar Market Analysis & Forecast Reports.

(1) All building classes.

(2) Portman is building this asset on spec with no anchor tenant prior to construction start.

(3) Comprises of a Trophy Asset which is not comparable to Penn.

# Overview of MUST's portfolio



Freehold properties strategically located in the East and West Coast of U.S.

	<b>11</b> Properties		<b>9</b> U.S. cities
	<b>5.3m</b> Net Lettable Area (sq ft)		<b>84.7%</b> Portfolio Occupancy
	<b>180</b> Tenants		<b>US\$1.6b</b> Asset Value
	<b>93%</b> Green certified (by NLA) <sup>(1)</sup>		

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