

The case for unlisted property exposure for retirement funds

Nov 1, 2018, 14:03 PM by Keith Muirhead and Rein van Veen

Commercial property forms an integral part of the investable asset universe. Although dependent on relevance of location and the property assets in question, commercial property offers stable growth and income returns coupled with a reasonable level of inflation protection.

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Welcome to the world of opportunity

Jul 23, 2018, 12:50 PM by Boshoff Grobler

This is particularly true of Africa, which closed 2017 with new leadership in Zimbabwe, Angola, South Africa, Ethiopia and Liberia. These political movements have ushered in new economic and social opportunities and talk of a 'new dawn' for the continent.

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Recapitalisation and infrastructure investment – a renewed pro-growth stance for India

Oct 26, 2017, 17:04 PM by Jonathan Schiessl and Simon Finch

Surprise US\$32bn public sector recapitalisation and the largest ever highway development investment prove Prime Minister Modi is firmly on a pro-growth agenda in the run up to the national elections in 2019.

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China: A permanent revolution

Oct 24, 2017, 09:45 AM by Craig Farley

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Oct 24, 2017, 09:44 AM by Chantal Marx and Mark Appleton

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India: From slumdog to startup

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Can an enabler be a disruptor?

Oct 24, 2017, 09:29 AM by Paul Clark

As African economies evolve, the services sector is growing as a proportion of these economies, and electricity is a non-negotiable ingredient for businesses in this sector to operate efficiently.

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A place for private debt in alternative asset allocations

Oct 24, 2017, 09:27 AM by Corneleo Keevy

Investors have traditionally considered equities, government bonds and cash as the only instruments through which returns can be generated. This approach has steadily changed over the years, with increased allocations being made to 'alternative' asset classes.

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Coal: A fossil among fuels

Oct 24, 2017, 09:20 AM by Richard Robinson

Despite some headline-grabbing figures and improved efficiencies surrounding renewable energy options like solar, wind and wave power, the majority of the planet still produces its electricity by burning fossil fuels.

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Embrace the disruption

Oct 24, 2017, 05:57 AM by Boshoff Grobler

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Jul 5, 2017, 15:40 PM by Ashburton Investments

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Jun 29, 2017, 16:24 PM by System

All regulatory requirements for FNB Namibia Holdings to acquire 100% of Pointbreak and EBank, have been met successfully and approval for the deal has been granted by Namfisa, Bank of Namibia, Competition Commission and SARB.

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Electric Vehicles – where now and where to?

Jun 28, 2017, 15:22 PM by Wayne McCurrie

As investment professionals, we tend to take notice when we hear how something new is going to take over the world. The reality is that most big changes tend to be more evolutionally than revolutionary as is the case with electric vehicles (EVs).

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The future of responsible investing

Jun 23, 2017, 08:39 AM by Betty Madiba

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What do rising Middle East tensions mean for OPEC?

Jun 19, 2017, 16:39 PM by Richard Robinson

Friction in the Middle East appears to be hitting concerning levels. At the beginning of June, Saudi Arabia, the UAE, Bahrain and Egypt severed ties with Qatar.

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Highest ranking given to Ashburton Investments fund manager for equity fund

May 17, 2017, 15:17 PM by Ashburton Investments

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Add Energy to your investments

Apr 7, 2017, 10:57 AM by Richard Robinson

The cyclical sectors which include consumer cyclicals, basic materials, financial services and energy have a considerable correlation with different phases of the business cycle.

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Investing in an uncertain world

Jul 19, 2016, 14:40 PM by Boshoff Grobler

Wherever you turn at the moment you are faced with change, turmoil and volatility in global markets, across societies and within country politics. While it is easy to point to the events unfolding in South Africa's National Assembly and the shenanigans leading up to local government elections on 3 August 2016, we are most certainly not alone.

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The ins and outs of ratings downgrades

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South Africa's sovereign credit rating has been steadily downgraded over the last four years and the pace of the negative ratings trajectory looks set to continue despite the recent reprieve received from Standard & Poor's on 3 June affirming South Africa's investment grade rating albeit with a negative outlook.

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