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THE ART OF ATTRACTION:

Leveraging Signage and Graphics in a Challenging CRE Market

It's a challenging time...

In today's Commercial Real Estate (CRE) market, borrowing costs are climbing, making it tougher for buyers and developers. This raises investment risks and adds financial strain to new projects. As a result, we're seeing higher capitalization rates, which could lower property values.

At the same time, inflation is making things harder, especially for retail and industrial tenants. Rising costs for goods and logistics are pushing up operating expenses. This increase can lead to higher construction costs and more empty spaces, as tenants may struggle to pay rent or need to cut back on space. The economy is also impacting lease agreements. Tenants now prefer shorter leases to avoid being stuck with high rents in the future, adding to the uncertainty for property owners and investors.

Here are 10 marketing solutions which can help overcome the current economic challenges:

1. Highlight Value Proposition: Marketing efforts should focus on the unique value proposition of a property or a development. Emphasizing location, amenities, tenant mix, or unique design features can attract interest despite broader economic challenges.
2. Targeted Marketing: Understanding the needs of potential tenants and buyers is crucial. Tailored marketing campaigns that speak directly to the financial and operational needs of these groups can be more effective.
3. Flexible Terms: Marketing can promote flexible lease terms or financing options that might appeal to businesses cautious about long-term commitments during uncertain economic times.
4. Use Data and Analytics: Leverage market data and analytics in marketing materials to demonstrate the potential for long-term growth and stability, which can offset concerns about current economic conditions.
5. Digital Marketing: Employ a robust digital marketing strategy, including virtual tours and online presentations, to reach a wider audience at a lower



Graphics can help create excitement around a new property even before a build is complete.

cost than traditional marketing methods.

6. Build Relationships: Use marketing channels to maintain and build relationships with current and potential clients. Regular communication about market conditions and opportunities can position you as a trusted advisor.

7. Adjust Messaging: Tailor marketing messaging to reflect the current economic landscape, reassuring clients that their concerns are understood and that you are equipped to help them navigate these challenges.

8. Niche Marketing: Identify niches that are less sensitive to interest rate hikes and inflation, such as essential service industries or recession-proof businesses, and direct marketing efforts toward those sectors.

9. Technology Adoption: Utilize PropTech solutions in marketing efforts to enhance efficiency, reduce costs, and provide advanced analytics that can optimize marketing efforts.

10. Educational Content: Provide educational content that helps clients understand how the CRE market works under high-interest and high-inflation scenarios, positioning your firm as a knowledgeable leader.

Signage and graphics — a powerful tool for increasing value and appeal

Integrating proper signage and attractive wall and window graphics from Beeline and Blue can play a significant role in your CRE marketing strategies, especially in the context of overcoming challenges posed by high-interest rates and inflation. Our graphic solutions can be powerful tools for enhancing property appeal, attracting attention, and conveying information.



Bold graphics assist with wayfinding and bring energy and style to windowless corridors.

Ten ways signage and graphics can fit into the broader real estate marketing strategies:

Enhancing Curb Appeal and First Impressions

1. Visibility and Attraction: Well-designed signage and graphics can catch the eye of potential tenants or buyers, making properties more noticeable and appealing. This is especially important when market conditions make attracting interest more challenging.

2. Branding and Identity: Customized signage and graphics can reinforce the branding of a property or a development project. Strong branding helps in creating a distinct identity in the minds of potential clients, which can be a deciding factor in a choice-heavy market.

Conveying Information and Confidence

3. Information Dissemination: Signage can be used to effectively communicate key information about the property, such as available spaces, amenities, and contact details. In times of economic uncertainty, providing clear and easily accessible information can greatly enhance customer engagement.

4. Building Trust: Professional and well-maintained signage reflects the quality and reliability of the property and its management. This can be particularly reassuring to tenants and investors who are more cautious due to economic conditions.

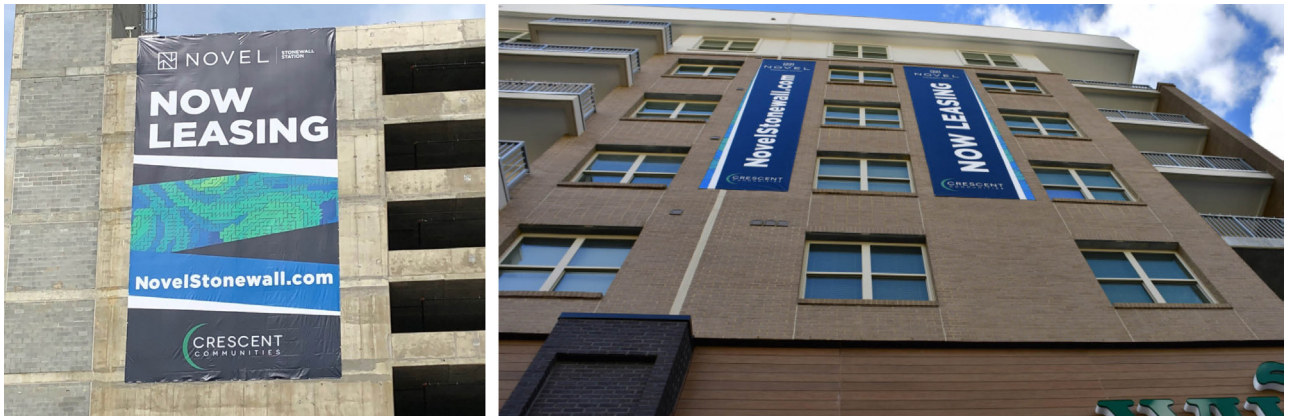
Supporting Promotional and Marketing Campaigns

5. Promotional Tool: Signage and graphics can be used as tools for specific marketing campaigns. They can advertise special deals, flexible leasing terms, or other incentives that might be offered in response to high interest rates and inflationary pressures.

6. Event Marketing: For properties hosting events or open houses, attractive signage and graphics can create a welcoming atmosphere, draw in attendees, and provide directional guidance, enhancing the overall experience and effectiveness of these events.

Enhancing Tenant Experience and Value

7. Improving Aesthetics: In a market where tenants and buyers might be more discerning, the aesthetic appeal of a property can be a key



Large banners can turn any structure into a highly visible billboard!

differentiator. Creative and attractive graphics can enhance the visual appeal of a property, making it more desirable.

8. Creating a Narrative: Wall and window graphics can be used to tell a story about the property or the area, creating a unique experience for visitors and tenants. This can be particularly effective in retail and mixed-use developments where creating an engaging environment is key.

Leveraging Technology and Trends

9. Incorporating Digital Elements: Modern signage can include digital components, such as LED displays, which can be updated with current information, market trends, or dynamic advertising, making them more versatile and engaging.

10. Sustainability and Green Marketing: Using eco-friendly materials or solar-powered lighting in signage can be a part of a green marketing strategy, appealing to environmentally conscious tenants and investors.

Marketing cannot change the economic realities of high-interest rates and inflation, but it can certainly help to better position CRE offerings to mitigate the effects of these challenges. It's about communicating the right message, to the right audience, at the right time, and providing the insights and solutions that resonate with the current needs and concerns of the market.