Private Real Estate in Latin America

Increased interest in Latin American real estate has led to a record number of private real estate funds on the road targeting the region. Luke Alexander takes a detailed look at the development of private equity real estate in Latin America and the potential for future growth.

Fundraising

Real estate investment in Latin America has grown significantly in recent years, bolstered by strong economic growth and an increase in investor appetite for exposure to the region. Additionally, an expanding middle class in many countries in the region has led to a surge in demand for residential real estate in particular. Fig. 1 shows that 2012 was the most successful year for Latin America-focused fundraising, with eight funds closing on a combined $3.4bn, an increase on the $3.0bn which was raised by the nine funds to close in 2011. Latin America-focused funds accounted for 5% of all capital raised globally by private real estate funds in each of these years, whereas the $2.9bn raised by Latin America-focused funds that closed in 2007 accounted for just 2% of the $131bn raised globally.

The largest Latin America-focused fund to close since 2008 is PLA Residential Fund III, as shown in Fig. 2. Pramerica Real Estate Investors raised $860mn for the opportunistic fund which focused primarily on Mexican real estate. The second largest Latin America-focused fund to close in the same period was GTIS Brazil Real Estate Fund II run by GTIS Partners. The fund raised $810mn to target office and residential real estate in Brazil.

Fundraising has been slower so far in 2013, with only one fund, the $236mn Terranum Capital Latin America Real Estate Fund I, holding a final close. Nonetheless, there are a record number of Latin America-focused funds on the road, with $3.8bn targeted by 14 funds, as illustrated in Fig. 3. This is in contrast to July 2010, when seven funds were targeting $2.5bn in capital commitments. As shown in Fig. 4, one of the largest Latin America-focused funds currently on the road is TFI-Hines Brazil Income Real Estate Fund, which is jointly managed by Hines and The First Investor. The fund, which is looking to garner $500mn of commitments, employs a core-plus strategy and is the first Shari’ah-compliant

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Source: Preqin Real Estate Online
real estate fund targeting Brazil. Tishman Speyer is also targeting $500mn for its Tishman Speyer Brazil Fund III, which makes opportunistic investments in a range of property sectors in Brazil.

The Growth of Domestic Managers

The development of a private real estate fund industry in Latin America is reflected by the growing importance of managers headquartered in the region. Firms such as Sao Paulo-based Hemisferio Sul Investimentos and Pátria Investimentos have raised sizeable funds in recent years. Latin America-headquartered fund managers accounted for 52% of the capital raised by Latin America-focused funds in 2011-2012, as demonstrated in Fig. 5. This was a significant increase from the period between 2005 and 2010 when Latin America-headquartered managers accounted for less than a quarter of the capital raised. Of the funds currently on the road, 57% of the aggregate target capital is being sought by Latin America-based firms.

Fundraising by Geographic Focus

Within Latin America, Brazil is the country which is most commonly targeted by private real estate managers. Of the $9.3bn that was raised by the 29 Latin America-focused funds that closed between 2009 and July 2013, $6.4bn was raised by the 17 vehicles targeting Brazil, as Fig. 6 shows. Six funds investing...
across Latin America raised $1.7bn, while the same number of funds targeting Mexico raised $1.2bn. Of the funds in market, an aggregate $2.5bn is targeted by the seven Brazil-focused funds being marketed, accounting for 66% of the capital targeted by all Latin America-focused funds on the road, as illustrated in Fig. 7. The Brazilian real estate market is attractive to many investors due to its continued economic growth, its growing middle class and its prospering housing market, owed largely to increasing mortgage availability. Furthermore, with Brazil hosting the FIFA World Cup in 2014 and Rio hosting the 2016 Olympic Games, the country is likely to continue attracting interest and investment.

Another country in the region that has seen significant growth in real estate valuations, particularly in the residential sector, is Colombia. Five funds in market are targeting the country, with the $627mn targeted by these funds equating to 16% of the aggregate capital targeted by all Latin America-focused funds on the road. With significant amounts of land under construction, and a large proportion earmarked for new apartments, Colombia looks set to be a prominent market in Latin America in the years to come.

Outlook

There are encouraging signs for private real estate fundraising in Latin America. 2011 and 2012 were the strongest years in terms of capital raised by Latin America-focused private real estate funds, and there is an increasing number of funds on the road targeting the region. Latin America accounts for a small but growing proportion of all private equity real estate fundraising globally and more managers headquartered in the region are raising funds, reflecting the growing maturity of the private real estate fund industry in the region. Many see Brazilian real estate markets in particular as very attractive, and there is likely to be more capital flowing into the country in the coming years.

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<td>AFP ProFuturo</td>
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<td>California State Teachers' Retirement System (CalSTRS)</td>
<td>US</td>
<td>Public Pension Fund</td>
<td>California State Teachers’ Retirement System (CalSTRS) is looking to expand its global real estate portfolio. After formulating a business plan for fiscal year 2013-14 with its real estate consultant, Townsend Group, CalSTRS will also look at investing in primary cities across Asia and Latin America. These investments will utilize a range of fund strategies.</td>
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<td>Overseas Private Investment Corporation</td>
<td>US</td>
<td>Government Agency</td>
<td>Overseas Private Investment Corporation is looking to make one or two private real estate fund commitments in the next 12 months, deploying $100mn to $200mn in total. It will focus primarily on residential low/middle income housing in Latin America and Africa.</td>
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<td>Real Grandeza</td>
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<td>Private Sector Pension Fund</td>
<td>Real Grandeza will commit to Brazilian private real estate funds targeting commercial real estate in the next 12 months. It feels that Brazil-focused opportunistic funds are presenting the best opportunities in the market.</td>
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<td>Skandia Colombia</td>
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