Unlocking Opportunities in Commercial Real Estate

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What is Commercial Real Estate?

Commercial real estate is property that is used exclusively for business purposes. It's a broad term that can include everything from office buildings and shopping centers to apartment complexes (multifamily properties) and hotels. Investing in commercial real estate can offer high returns, cash flow, tax benefits, and diversification from traditional investments like stocks.

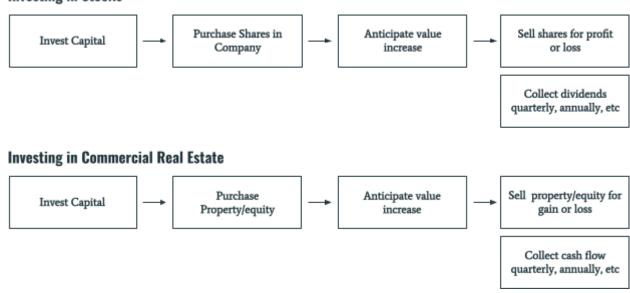
Investing in Commercial Real Estate vs Stocks

Think about it this way: Investing in commercial real estate is a lot like buying stocks. When you buy a stock, you're putting your money into a company, anticipating it'll be worth more later. Some stocks also give out dividends, which is a little bit of the company's earnings, commonly distributed quarterly, or annually.

It's the same with commercial real estate. You invest your money into a property or business, anticipating it'll increase in value. Usually these properties also give out cash flow distributions, which is like dividends, but for properties.

So, both are ways to invest your money, but with commercial real estate, you're investing in actual, physical properties. Let's take a closer look:

Investing in Stocks



Part 2: Real World Example, Multifamily vs Stock Investment

Example: Let's illustrate the potential of an investment with Olympus Capital using a real-world example. One of the operators we partner with is currently preparing a compelling multifamily investment opportunity. In the interest of simplicity, **a \$100,000 investment in this venture is projected to yield an average annual return of 23.9%**. This translates to a total profit of \$235,807 over a 10-year period. This profit comprises \$103,713 from cash flow distributed over the 10 year hold period, and an anticipated \$232,094 upon property sale, planned for year 10 but flexible based on market conditions. This scenario underscores the type of financial growth opportunities that exist when you partner with Olympus Capital in the commercial real estate sector.

Multifamily Investment vs. Stock Market: Using the same example as above, let's compare what it would look like side by side if you were to invest \$100,000 into an investment opportunity like this vs investing into the stock market.

*Our minimum investment is \$25,000 for most deals	Total Investment	Total Cash Flow Over 10 Years	10-Year Mark: Sale Distribution	Stock Value After 10 Years: 10% Annual Growth	Total Profit: Stocks vs Multifamily (Without MF Tax Advantages)
Multifamily	-\$100,000	\$103,713	\$232,094		\$235,807
Stocks	-\$100,000			\$259,374	\$159,374

Average Annual Return:

- Multifamily: 23.9%

- Stocks: 10%

You might be wondering, "Alright, the projected difference favoring commercial real estate in this example is \$76,433. That's interesting." Indeed it is, and we haven't even started discussing the tax advantages yet. Now, doesn't that spark some curiosity?

Part 3: Tax Benefits of Commercial Real Estate vs Stock Investment

Winning the Tax Game

Think of the tax code as a game's rulebook. Just like scoring a goal in soccer or hitting a home run in baseball, there are certain actions in investing that get rewarded. In commercial real estate, these "wins" come in the form of tax breaks.

Investing is a Team Sport

Investing in commercial real estate isn't just about making money. It's also about building communities and improving lives. By providing housing or office space, you're actually helping your community. That's why the tax code rewards real estate investors.

Tax Benefits - The Real Score

As a passive investor or Limited Partner (LP), potential tax benefits can be quite significant:

- **Depreciation:** This reflects the "aging process" of a property and can be used to reduce taxable income.
- Business Expenses: The costs associated with property maintenance are also potential
 ways to decrease taxable income.
- Investment Cycle: On selling a property, the proceeds can be reinvested in a similar property. The expenses from the new investment can help shield capital gains from the initial sale.
- **Interest Deductions:** When money is borrowed to finance a property, the interest paid on that loan might qualify as a tax write-off.

Now, here's where it gets truly exciting: real estate professionals use these strategies as part of their everyday operations. These tactics can lead to lower taxes on a significant part of the property's income. As a passive investor, this means more of your income can be tax-efficient. Bear in mind, these are just a few examples - the tax code is vast and full of opportunities. That's a compelling topic to explore further, don't you think?

Continuing the Conversation: Your Future Awaits

Isn't it incredible how much there is to learn about commercial real estate investing? This brief guide has merely scratched the surface. There are countless more insights and strategies to discover. And guess what? I'm more than happy to continue this exciting journey with you.

You may have questions about the increase in property value, the tax benefits, or perhaps something entirely different. No matter the topic, I'm eager to explore it with you and ensure that you have the knowledge and understanding you need to make the best decisions.

Feel free to drop me an email at keith@olympuscre.com, and I'll be glad to respond. If you prefer a more personal approach, you can schedule a meeting with me directly on our website. We can delve deeper into any subject of your interest.

Let's not see this as the end of our conversation, but rather as an exciting new beginning. Remember, the world of commercial real estate investing is a fascinating one, and together we can unlock its potential.

Looking forward to hearing from you soon,

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