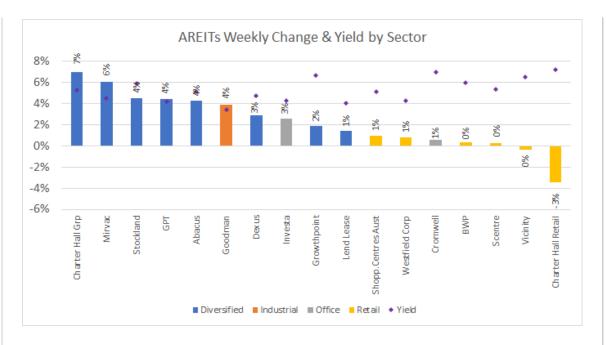


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Welcome to this weeks Property News.

Fifteen of the listed trusts presented their annual reports this week with strong results reported by those who are using their balance sheets and management capability to pursue a clear strategy to add maximum value to their portfolio. The AREIT Index was up 2.29% this week after investors were buoyed by the disciplined strategy and strong fundamentals from most real estate markets.

The chart below shows the change this week of the key stocks in the AREIT Index. Whilst Charter Hall are yet to announce their results they received a positive response from the market following their announcement that they were withdrawing from due diligence on Hastings. The remaining diversified trusts performed well above average, whilst the pure retail sector stocks (in yellow) performed below average as investors failed to be convinced that the challenges that lie ahead for the sector are not going to impact their investments.



All of the stocks with retail exposures attempted to address the potential threats to their business from Amazon and others with two responses;

- that Australian has far less floor space per capital than the US and far greater distribution costs and will therefore not be as impacted by Amazon and on line retail as the US has, and
- that by enhancing shoppers experience and changing the mix of retailers, shopping malls will continue to be a preferred shopping destination.

Whilst both statements are likely to provide some comfort, the market continues to expect choppy waters for the retail sector in the future as the structural changes in the distribution of goods begin to be felt. Managers who are facing the challenges head on with a deliberate strategy are more likely to be prepared than those who want to simply grow FUM or pursue development for the sake of fees.

For now I would chose to be overweight to selected managers in diversified or specialist real estate markets and underweight in pure retail.

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# **Property Transactions**

A quiet start to the week ended with a bang on Friday with 11 deals announced all up, totaling just under \$800M.

The largest single deal was the acquisition by Ascendas Singbridge of 66 Goulburn Street Sydney for \$252M. The Vendor, GDI also announced the acquisition of a retail asset in WA.

We also review the deals by Mirvac to acquire two retail assets in Sydney.



66 Goulburn Street Sold to Ascendas Singbridge

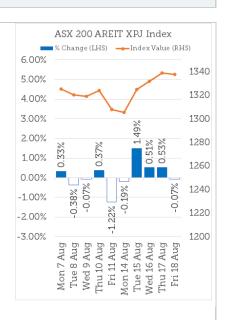
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### **Fund News**

The ASX 200 AREIT index closed the week up 2.29%. The main contributors to growth this week were the diversified trusts of Mirvac (+6.0%), Stockland (+4.5%), GPT (+4.4%) and Dexus (+4.8%) as well as Goodman (+2.9%). The poor performers for the week were those in the retail space, including Charter Hall Retail (-3.4%), and Vicinity (-0.4%).

### **Annual Report Presentations**

- Mirvac (read more)
- Stockland (<u>read more</u>)
- GPT (read more)
- Dexus (<u>read more</u>)
- Charter Hall Long WALE REIT (<u>read more</u>)
- Lifestyle Communities (<u>read more</u>)
- Viva Energy REIT (<u>read more</u>)
- 360 Capital Group (<u>read more</u>)
- Vicinity Retail Centres (<u>read more</u>)
- Westfield Corporation (read more)
- Charter Hall Retail REIT (<u>read</u> more)
- Centuria Industrial REIT (read more)
- Centuria Metropolitan REIT (<u>read more</u>)
- Blackwall Property Trust (<u>read more</u>)
- Abacus (<u>read more</u>)



If you are interested in our specific commentary on any of the results from these trusts, please let us know.

#### Other News

- GDI announced today the sale of 66 Goulburn Street for \$252M to Ascendas Singbridge (<u>read more</u>) and the acquisition of IKEA Inaloo Store WA for \$143M which reflects a yield of 7.8% (<u>read more</u>)
- Mirvac announced that it had entered agreements
  with Payce to acquire the remaining 50% of East
  Village, Zetland for \$155M at a 5% yield and to
  acquire the remaining 50% of South Village, Kirrawee
  on a yield of 6%. (read more)

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