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A Real Estate and Economic Outlook for 2012

Featuring
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Date: May 8, 2012

Registration: 11:00 a.m. Luncheon: 11:30 a.m. Conclusion: 1:30 p.m.

EVENT LOCATION:

Hyatt Regency Hotel 1200 Louisiana Street Houston, Texas 77002

Imperial Ballroom

While NASA cut back 3,500 jobs at the Johnson Space Center in 2011, the Houston economy rocketed new job growth, lubricated by oil and gas, wholesale and retail trade, growing traffic though the Port, renewed construction activity and even more manufacturing. From January 2010 to December 2011, Houston's employment grew 2.95

percent adding 75,000 net new additional jobs—a rate more than double that of the U.S.

Wherever jobs go, so goes housing. And wherever roof tops go, so goes the demand for all types of commercial real estate. While the U.S. saw median home prices declining near the 4 percent level in 2011, Houston's median home price increased one-half a percent. Minimal—but leaps and bounds better then the U.S. Ditto Houston commercial real estate.

Topics of discussion will include:

The latest economic mega-themes of renting versus homeownership, energy costs (a dual-edged sword for Houston) and a continual sputtering national economy. Trade and manufacturing (the Ports), the Medical Center (and the rest of the service industry), a renewed construction sector will all grow—with only transportation and government components adding drag.

The \$800 billion stimulus doesn't seem to have stimulated much at all except a big pile of debt. What alternatives are there today?

What is going to be the impact of the European debt crisis on the global and U.S. economies?

While some liquidity has returned to commercial segment, what does it take to get loan today?

How much will commercial real estate improve? Rents? Vacancies? New Construction?

Where are interest rates heading? When?

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