



### **VACANCY**

10.9%
Rates decreased in the third quarter from 11.6%









## Healthy Columbia Market Mimics Larger Market Trends

The Columbia Office market remains healthy as we approach year end 2018. Vacancy continues to decline and the rental rates for Class A and B space continue to rise. "We could potentially see a dip in the overall rental rate largely because the quality product is limited and most of the offerings will exist within Class B and C properties," says NAI Avant broker Peyton Bryant.

Furthermore, Columbia is starting to see some of the office trends that have existed this year in larger markets—trends such as co-working space (increasing), largely open floor plans to cultivate collaboration and teamwork, and floating desks that allow employees to work at a different spot each day. These trends targeted at the millennial office user have driven the demand for open space that often has a historic/adaptive reuse element to further impact the working experience.

There are currently no cranes moving around in downtown Columbia building new office product. This is potentially due to surging construction costs, rising interest rates, and increasing land costs. The rising land cost downtown has been primarily driven by the explosive growth of the amenity rich student apartments and sustained hotel development. Top of the market Class A rates do not justify new project feasibility at this time.

However, with the expanding population and increasing university enrollment, new construction and continued renovation projects are a must if Columbia plans to retain a talented office workforce. Columbia's business-friendly environment should continue to attract new firms further solidifying the promising outlook. The Central Business District continues to evolve as the revitalization of historic buildings creates unique opportunities for office seekers. Demand for the limited product of Class A available space will remain intense and highly competitive in particular in the CBD.





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**Overall Market Indicators** Vacancy Rental Rate **Net Absorption** Construction <

Prior Quarter Indicator | ▲ Up ▼ Down ◀ ► Flat Prior Year Indicator | ▲ Up ▼ Down ◀ ► Flat

#### Vacancy Rates

Central Business District watches as vacancy drops for 2nd straight quarter, lowest mark in nearly a year.

#### Direct Available | Building Class









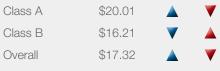


Annual Overall Trend

### Rental Rates

Ebbs and flows continue, rental rates in the Central Business District reach new heights.

#### Direct Available | Building Class











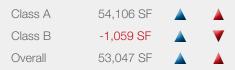


Annual Overall Trend

### Market Activity

With downtown office space limited, activity in the suburbs continues to gain traction.

#### Overall Net Absorption | Building Class



#### Class A Buildings | CBD vs Suburban









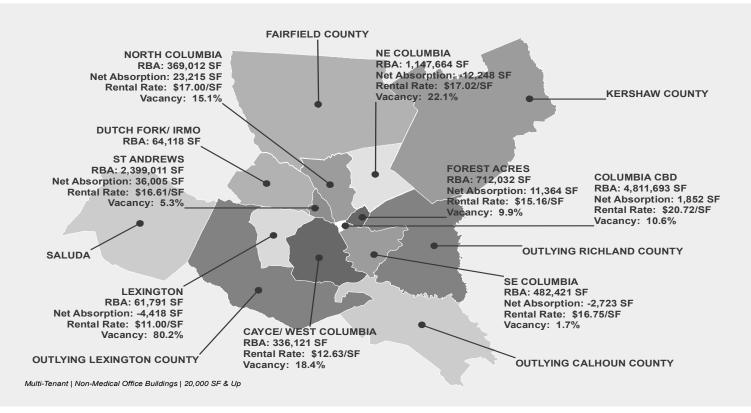
Quarterly Overall Trend

Annual Overall Trend



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## **Submarket Statistics**



## Significant Transactions



ST ANDREWS SYNERGY BUSINESS PARK BUSH RIVER AT I20 315,919 SF CLASS B OFFICE PORTFOLIO SALE DATE: 08/27/2018

Price: \$24,249,999 Price per SF: \$82.39



BROWN BUILDING
1730 MAIN STREET
12,695 SF
CLASS B OFFICE/RESIDENTIAL
SALE DATE: 09/04/2018

Price: \$1,800,000 Price per SF: \$141.79



CBD 1619 SUMTER STREET 18,620 SF CLASS C OFFICE SALE DATE: 09/27/2018

Price: \$1,479,000 Price per SF: \$79.43



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## NAI Avant, At A Glance

## Realizing Potential, Delivering Results



For more than 50 years, the NAI Avant team has excelled in delivering superior service and performance for its commercial real estate clients. Through dedicated and knowledgeable professionals backed by quality research, our institutional, corporate, small business and individual clients have achieved maximum results.

As a full-service company, headquartered in Columbia SC, our brokerage, development, management and consulting services are tailor-made to meet the specific needs of each assignment, from single transactions to coordinating the delivery of multiple services over broad geographic areas. As a spin-off of the over \$6 billion EDENS (formerly Edens & Avant), NAI Avant traces its roots back to 1966.

Through our professional and network affiliations, we effectively and efficiently deliver our services at the local, regional, national and global levels.

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#### Our Depth of Experience Includes

- Investment Sales
- Healthcare Real Estate Services
- Retail Sales and Leasing
- Property and Project Management Services
- Office Sales and Leasing
- Industrial Sales and Leasing

- Special Asset and Receivership Services
- Tenant Representation
- Corporate Advisory Services
- Site Selection and Land Sales
- Fee Development and Build-to-Suit Services
- Mixed-Use Urban Infill

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## Featured Listings



FOR LEASE St. Andrews

SYNERGY BUSINESS PARK I-20 AT BUSH RIVER ROAD  $\pm 1,200-7,336$  SF

Lease Rate: \$15.50-\$16.00 PSF FULL SERVICE



FOR LEASE Forest Acres

LANDMARK OFFICE PARK 3600-3700 FOREST DRIVE, 3710 LANDMARK DRIVE TURN KEY OFFICE SUITES

Lease Rate: \$17.25 PSF



FOR LEASE Northeast Columbia

8910 TWO NOTCH ROAD ±2,757-7,076 SF OF HIGH QUALITY OFFICE SPACE IN BB&T BUILDING

Lease Rate: \$15.95 PSF FULL SERVICE



FOR LEASE Downtown Columbia

HISTORIC SCHULTE UNITED BUILDING 1624 MAIN STREET ±11,180 SF ON TWO FLOORS

Lease Rate: \$23.00 PSF FULL SERVICE

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