

Third quarter leasing activity was strong but, failed to match the

historical highs of the 2nd quarter.

Vacancy rates continued to drop with demand exceeding supply. Large blocks of space continued to be absorbed by technology groups.

# **Vacancy Rates Drop Again**

Third quarter leasing activity decreased from 2nd Quarter historically high numbers. Vacancy rates dropped from an adjusted 6.2% in the 2nd quarter to 5.6% in the 3rd quarter. Gross leasing decreased from 2,443,940 square feet in the 2nd quarter to 1,081,384 square feet in the 3rd quarter. Net





absorption was 459,503 square feet, less than 2nd quarter absorption of 1,241,904.

Average asking rental rates for Class A space increased to \$71.45 in the 3rd quarter from

\$70.54 in the 2nd quarter. Average rentals for Class B financial core space increased from \$63.68 in the 2nd quarter to \$65.01 in the 3rd quarter. Class B absorption was positive at 155,222. This was an increase from the 2nd quarter absorption of 18,897 square feet. South of Market (SOMA) vacancy rates increased dramatically, due to the addition of two new buildings to the inventory, from 3.7% vacancy rate in the 2nd quarter to 6.1% in the 3rd quarter.

### **Twilo Takes Over SalesForce Sublet**

SalesForce is steadily vacating leased space to occupy buildings it has purchased or master leased adjacent to each other on Mission Street. They own SalesForce Tower (415 Mission)

and 550 Mission Street. One of the excess properties is 121 Spear Street, which is part of the Rincon Center. The project is about 260,000 square feet. Twilo has signed a letter of intent



Rincon Center

to sublet the entire space. Originally the space was listed in the low 90's per square foot. It subleased in the mid-70's due to the space having a less than optimal layout. The building has a beautiful center atrium with office space along the perimeter. This feature creates planning issues as employees have to navigate around the atrium to connect with others. Twilio is a cloud-based service that enables powerful interaction between mobile devices, applications, services, and systems to bridge the gap between conventional communication.

# **WeWork Leases Entire Building**

In our first quarter newsletter, we noted that WeWork was committing to master leasing all of 400 California Street, a building totalling 240,000 square ft. WeWork has found a tenant in Coinbase, which has committed to taking 100% of the building. Founded in June of 2012, Coinbase is a digital currency wallet and platform where merchants and consumers can transact with new digital currencies like Bitcoin, Ethereum,



400 California Street

and Litecoin. Based in San Francisco, Bitcoin is the world's most widely used alternative currency with a total market cap of over \$100 billion. The bitcoin network is made up of thousands of computers run by individuals all over the world. No one is quite sure why they are acquiring such a large block of space as their current office is located at One Bush Street where they have roughly 10,000 square feet.



# SAN FRANCISCO SOMA Class A Rents Class B Rents Vacancy TO 60 50 20 10 10

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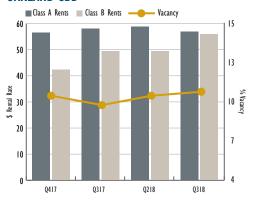
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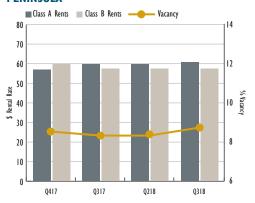


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### **PENINSULA**



# Where's the Space?

Submarket	Direct SF	Vacancy (direct)	Sublet SF	Vacancy (sublet)	Total SF	Vacancy (Total)
Top 10 Build.	678,721	6.10%	159,938	1.40%	838,659	7.50%
Fin. Dist A	2,158,104	4.80%	363,794	.80%	2,521,898	5.60%
Fin Dist. B	715,914	5.70%	75,101	.60%	791,015	6.30%
SOMA A	95,892	3.50%	53,792	2.00%	149,684	5.50%
SOMA B	591,816	5.6%	72,399	.70%	664,215	6.30%

## Large Tenants in the Market

Sq. Ft.
400,000
260,000
200,000
190,000
100,000
100,000
45,000
45,000

# **Significant Leases Completed in the Third Quarter**

Tenant	Sq. Ft.	Address	
Price Waterhouse	196,356	405 Howard Street	
Amazon***	143,168	525 Market Street	
Unity Technologies	127,161	657-667 Mission Street	
Splunk	100,850	250 Brannan Street	
SoFi	98,566	246 First Street	
Ancestry	91,520	153Townsend Street	
Spaces	77,999	345 Montgomery Street	
Nixon Peabody*	53,904	I Embarcadero Center	
CloudFlare	45,031	634 Second Street	
OneLogin	40,369	840-848 Battery Street	

<sup>\*</sup>Renewal \*\*Sublease \*\*\*Expansion

# The Axiant Group Can Help You

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