The Adelaide Industrial market has been relatively resilient since the bottom of the market in late 2009. With a number of global economic factors having an impact on confidence, the Adelaide industrial market will face challenges, however tenant enquiry has positive momentum and opportunistic buying will eventuate for investors over the next 12 months.

Traditional inner industrial regions continue to dominate both leasing and sales market activity. There is however a lack of transactional evidence, especially at the larger end of the investment scale. The activity over the past 12 months has mainly been in the sub $2-$3 million bracket, driven predominantly by owner occupiers.

Over the past six months to July 2011 prime yields in traditional industrial inner precincts have stabilised with secondary yields and yields in outer precincts remaining relatively soft.
The underlying economic conditions, both in Australia and across the global market have faced increasingly stronger headwinds over the past few months, following a steady improvement in conditions for the most part of 2010 and early 2011. Volatility can be expected as a result of the divergent growth profiles and state of public finances of Europe, the United States and China (and Asia more broadly). This will be further exacerbated by any interest rate rises in Australia, although a handful of economists are now talking of a rate cut, supported by the current futures market pricing.

Confidence and the level of transactions has been dented by a confluence of factors including the European debt issues, the US debt ceiling political debate and inconsistent and somewhat incoherent political debate in Australia. This uncertainty has led to delays in the decision making process and protracted lease negotiations and minimal sales activity.

Despite a number of factors likely to threaten the global economic recovery, the Australian economy has continued to prove resilient. Much of this can be attributed to strong growth in China, who continue to demand high volumes of Australian exports. There are concerns however that should Asian markets, particularly China, experience an economic downturn, the negative implications for Australia would be significant. However Chinese authorities have been gradually tightening monetary policy and most indications suggest only a mild slowdown thus far, which bodes well for Australia.

Australia continues to experience a two-speed economy with the commodities boom resulting in a divergence in output and employment growth between the mining sector states and the traditional manufacturing centres and retail sector.

State Economic Snapshot

The South Australian (SA) economy faces ongoing challenges with a sluggish manufacturing industry, a significant decline in commercial construction approvals and soft retail turnover figures. Manufacturing has traditionally been one of the main contributors to South Australia’s Gross State Product (GSP).

As the State begins to transform itself from a manufacturing base to a resource region, much will depend on the further development of BHP Billiton’s Olympic Dam expansion project. BHP Billiton has moved closer to in this one project. The project is an important factor in SA’s future growth potential.

Container trade throughput at the Adelaide Port has been steadily rising over the past 12-18 months, with the rolling 3 month total of TEUs up 13% over the past year. This is a strong sign and indicative of increased demand for warehousing as the logistics sector increases its footprint.
Adelaide Industrial Overview

Established inner industrial precincts in the North, South and West have performed strongest over the past year to July 2011. Prime assets with close proximity to the CBD have performed particularly strongly. Increased pressure has come onto ageing, secondary grade properties in outer precincts, evidenced by a softening of yields and slight declines in average net face rents.

Owner occupiers remain the most active purchasers in the market, with investment sales activity quite limited. The strongest demand has come for prime assets in the sub $3 million bracket, particularly in the Inner West and Inner North precincts.

With limited sales evidence during the latter part of 2010 and the first half of 2011, it is difficult to accurately gauge the change in yields, rental values and land values. Yields have stabilised in the Inner precincts whilst remaining relatively soft in the outer precincts, with land values remaining flat. Rentals have begun to rise tentatively with some modest growth in select precincts, in particular for A-grade stock.

Development activity remains subdued with credit remaining tight and the need for a tenant pre-commitment remaining critical to the feasibility. This can be expected to continue into the second half of 2011.

Global volatility and the resulting uncertainty in the Australian economy have resulted in a higher level of risk in the industrial property market over the past few quarters, however the positive outlook for South Australia, particularly in terms of mining and defence may present strong opportunities for the industrial market in the medium term.
Demand for quality, well located stock up to 2,000m² has remained particularly strong however interest for larger buildings is starting to come back into the market albeit with prolonged transactions. Construction picked up through 2010 with several large projects being completed during the year - Toll HQ (8,100m²), Allsons Transport (10,000m²), Manuele Engineering (17,000m²), Kimberly-Clark (7,052m²) and NQX (6,762m²).

The Outer North is slowly coming back with a handful of larger requirements currently active. The limited supply of new stock should keep rents and prices from falling any further in the secondary market, with some slight growth starting to occur in the A-grade segment. Furniture retailer Nick Scali recently announced they have pre-committed to a 3,000m² distribution facility at the Vicinity Estate in the Outer North suburb of Direk, to service its four retail stores.

Average net rents across most regions have remained relatively stable over the past 6-12 months. Demand for quality assets in traditional industrial areas, being Inner West and North, has continued to attract higher levels of interest and hence rentals have outperformed the broader market. Average Prime rents in the Inner North have risen by 2.1% over the year to July 2011 to be $98/m² net, while Inner North Prime rents grew by 1.6% to average $129/m² net. The Outer North has begun to see some growth, albeit from the lowest base in the market, growing 2.7% to be $75/m² as at July 2011.

Incentives continue to be a feature of the market, currently ranging from 5% - 12% in Adelaide across the total market. Slightly stronger demand for A-grade stock is placing downward pressure on incentives, which average circa 5% - 10%. Demand for smaller warehouses in Inner precincts (sub 2,000m²) remains strong hence may see a reduction in incentives in the near term. Secondary incentives are trading in an average range of 8% - 12% and are likely to remain at similar levels over the short term.

In September 2010, 5,607m² of space was leased at 20 Butler Boulevard, Adelaide Airport to TNT Australia. The lease was negotiated for a ten year term (with two five year options), reflecting a net face rent of $106/m² p.a.

In December 2010 P&O Trans Australia leased 6,880m² of space at 171 Eastern Parade Gillman. The lease was negotiated for a 15 year term (with two five year options) and reflecting a net face rent of $130/m² p.a.

### Figure 2
Adelaide Industrial Rents
Net Rents by Precinct

![Net Rent Chart](chart.png)

Source: Knight Frank

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<th>Address</th>
<th>Region</th>
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<th>Term (yrs)</th>
<th>Tenant</th>
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<td>130</td>
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<td>158</td>
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<td>10+5+5</td>
<td>Boart Longyear</td>
<td>May-11</td>
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<td>72</td>
<td>3,200</td>
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<td>Vicinity Estate, Direk</td>
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<td>n/a</td>
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<td>8 Transport Ave, Netley</td>
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<td>5+3</td>
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Source: Knight Frank
Land values have bottomed, but results remain patchy depending upon size and location of the land parcel. Land values for smaller lots (<5,000 m²) range from as high as $400-$450/m² in the Inner precincts (Inner South & Inner West) down to $90-$100/m² in the Outer regions. Industrial supply has remained limited in inner areas but there is still a reasonable land bank with institutional developers. Strong demand in tightly held traditional inner regions is expected to underpin future development.

Figure 3
Adelaide Industrial Land Values
Small lots <5,000m² by Precinct

One of the largest land sales to occur over the past few years occurred in June, with Australian pasta manufacturer San Remo purchasing 164-168 Cavan Road, Dry Creek for $8.03 million in an off-market transaction. San Remo will redevelop the 58,200m² site, however the vendor, Rocla Concrete, have entered into a leaseback on the site until May 2012 with a six month option. This highlights the confidence which exists in the Inner Northern precinct, with its close proximity to the Port of Adelaide in addition to its links to the major new road infrastructure.

Other major land sales over the past year include a 28,280m² parcel of land at Lot 104 Pelican Point Road, Osborne sold in November 2010 for $5.4 million, which represented a rate of 191/m². Another major land sale occurred in June 2011 at the Vicinity Estate, Direk with Walker Corporation selling down an 18,500 m² parcel of land for $1.475 million to Cahill Transport. The transport company will develop a design and construct office/warehouse facility at the site in Walker Corporation’s 100ha Vicinity industrial estate. More recently, Emmett Property purchased lot 10 at the estate from Walker’s, where a 3,000m² distribution facility has been pre-leased by furniture retailer Nick Scali.

Table 3
Major Land Sales Activity
Adelaide Industrial

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<tr>
<th>Address</th>
<th>Region</th>
<th>Price ($ m)</th>
<th>Area (m²)</th>
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<td>0.545</td>
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<td>Walker Corp</td>
<td>Emmett Property</td>
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<td>164-168 Cavan Road, Dry Creek #</td>
<td>IN</td>
<td>8.03</td>
<td>50,820</td>
<td>158</td>
<td>Rocla Concrete</td>
<td>San Remo (Yamada)</td>
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<td>Vicinity Ind Estate - Mirage Road, Direk</td>
<td>ON</td>
<td>1.475</td>
<td>18,500</td>
<td>80</td>
<td>Walker Corp</td>
<td>Cahill Transport</td>
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<td>132 Ryans Road, Green Fields</td>
<td>ON</td>
<td>1.69</td>
<td>8,420</td>
<td>200</td>
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<td>T&amp;J Construction</td>
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<td>Lot 104 Pelican Point Road, Outer Harbor</td>
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<td>5.40</td>
<td>60,230</td>
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<td>8,909</td>
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<td>White Road Holdings</td>
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Source: Knight Frank  
#under contract
The limited amount of sales activity that characterised the industrial property market through 2010 continued into 2011, with minimal sales activity occurring, particularly in the $5 million plus bracket. Most active purchasers are currently owner occupiers with strongest demand coming for quality assets in the sub $2-$3 million market. Secondary assets in secondary locations remain the most difficult to divest.

Yields have remained relatively stable over the past year following the yield softening of circa 125-150 basis points between January 2008 and July 2010, although the outer precinct yields have remained soft, particularly for secondary assets.

Following the limited activity in the market over the past six months, there is the expectation of increased investor demand, with the inner precincts being the key focus. The risk premium is now perceived to have stabilised in the industrial market which will lead to greater investor confidence and some opportunistic buying.

The largest sale recorded over the past year transacted in late 2010 at 171 Eastern Parade, Gillman. The 24,088m² site, which also had improvements of approximately 6,880m² for $10.226 million reflecting a core market yield of 8.75%. The sale was a ‘fund through’ transaction, with a transfer price of approximately $4.8 million and the vendor responsible for construction works of $3.2 million resulting in some stamp duty savings.

Another large sale was also recorded in late 2010 (settling in May 2011) when a 14,716m² site at 26 Butler Boulevard, Adelaide Airport sold for $7.78 million. Upon completion the property will comprise a purpose built office and research and development centre for Boart Longyear.

The owner occupier demand is keeping the market for stock below $3 million reasonably tight. Investors remain cautious with minimal larger investment transactions occurring in the Adelaide market over the past year. Prime assets in traditional inner industrial precincts remain the most sought after, particularly in the Inner North and Inner West precincts which accounted for approximately 75% of total industrial sales $1 million in the 12 months to July 2011. Sales of properties over $2.5 million however remain limited and as a result selling periods have increased.

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<td>VP</td>
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<td>Building Solutions</td>
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<td>DB Rainsford P/L</td>
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<td>Australand</td>
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<td>Various</td>
<td>Nov-10</td>
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Source: Knight Frank

Core Market Yield: The percentage return/yield analysed when the assessed fully leased market income is divided by the adopted value/price which has been adjusted to account for property specific issues (ie rental reversions, rental downtime for imminent expiries, capital expenditure, current vacancies, incentives, etc)
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The two-speed (multi-speed) economy pressures are likely to continue in the medium term with mining investment and labour/wages growth in the mining sector states likely to intensify over the coming years. Meanwhile the sectors exposed to the high $AUD and higher interest rates such as the manufacturing, tourism, education and retail sector’s will continue to face headwinds into 2012. To highlight this divergence, over the past 8 years employment growth in the mining sector has been 140%, compared with manufacturing which has reduced its employment base by 7%. With the $AUD and interest rates likely to remain relatively high, the outlook for the manufacturing industry remains bleak, in particular in the clothing & textiles sector, food sector, car makers and car parts manufacturers.

SA has long been a manufacturing hub, although in recent times there has been a desire and an expectation that it would become a “resource state” and capture the overflow of the mining boom. There has not been enough capital spent on expanding capacity over the past few years, however the huge potential in the coming decade will of course be the Olympic Dam expansion.

As the State begins to transform itself from a manufacturing base to a resource region, BHP Billiton’s Olympic Dam expansion project is an important factor in SA’s future growth potential. BHP Billiton has moved closer to ramping up the $US1.1 trillion copper, uranium and gold deposit project, releasing responses to over 4,000 queries concerning its environmental impact statement about a huge expansion plan. Half of South Australia’s known expansionary projects are in this one project.

The demand for quality assets in traditional industrial areas being Inner West and North has continued to attract higher levels of demand and hence rentals. Demand for quality stock up to 2,000m² has remained particularly strong and will see downward pressure on incentives. Interest for larger buildings is starting to come back into the market, albeit with prolonged transactions. The transport and logistics sector tenants have dominated the demand for space, reflected in the steady growth in container trade throughput at the Port of Adelaide.

The Outer North slowly coming back with a handful of larger requirements currently active, with the Northern expressway opening up northern industrial markets right through to Gawler. Secondary rents will likely continue to remain under pressure in the near term as tenants rationalise their property needs and seek to consolidate and relocate to sites on the major transport nodes.

With limited industrial supply in inner areas, institutional developers with landbanks are likely to capture the relatively strong demand in tightly held traditional inner regions, which is expected to underpin future development, however the viability of new construction will largely be dependent on the level of rental growth. Land Values have bottomed, but results remain patchy and generally speaking we expect minimal growth in land values over the next 6-12 months until pre-lease activity increases significantly and banks become more willing to finance development projects. The North has benefitted the most from infrastructure.

Most active purchasers are currently owner occupiers with strongest demand coming for quality assets in the sub $2-$3 mill market. Investor demand is picking up, with the Inner precincts being the key focus, however secondary assets in secondary location remain the most difficult to move. The spread between prime and secondary yields is now at its widest since the GFC, hence investment opportunities exist for repositioning and re-releasing well located secondary assets, which would trade on attractive yields of over 10% in most cases.
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