# Gensler



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## **Topics of Presentation:**

- Scope
- 2. How we got here...
- 3. Methodology
- 4. Denver Test
- 5. International/China Developments
- 6. Stakeholders & Decision Making Chain
- 7. Potential Road Blocks Cultural Implications
- 8. Value Added Ideas
- 9. Best Practices



## Review of Scope:

- Methods of valuing investor/stakeholder benefits from SIB elements.
- 2. How to measure the necessary quantity of each SIB element.
- 3. What the cultural implications of including SIB elements will be.
- 4. Identify best practices and use of SIB elements.



## How we arrived here...

- Secondary research self education of real estate markets
  - DU library, real estate journals, Chinese news outlets
- 2. Learning the developer's perspective
  - Developers, real estate professors
- 3. Visiting & researching local/international properties
- 4. Denver & China meetings = 17 total in person
  - Developers, architects, real estate analyst, consumers
- 5. Travel to China



## Methodology: Economic Value

- Identify real estate projects
- 2. Collect four measurements for each project
- 3. Establish baseline for identified projects
- Compare measurements of SIB properties to the baseline
- 5. Identify stakeholders in process
- 6. Identify decision making chain
- 7. Identify all potential road blocks



# Methodology: Cultural Value

- 1. Identify Countries Political/Cultural Characters
- 2. Decision Makers and purchasing habits
- 3. Project economic scope
- 4. Select Geographic location
- 5. Collect four measurements
- 6. Tailored designs towards Political Regime
- 7. Execute



## **Additional Methods:**

- How is the quantity of each SIB measured? What is enough?
  - Foot Traffic Testing Li & Fung
    - Choose varying implementations of SIB element
    - Visit during varying times of day
    - Count foot traffic
  - Consumer Survey & Visits
    - Choose varying implementations of SIB element
    - Test group visits locations
    - Collect feedback and preferences



### **Base Line Performance:**

- CBRE, Jones Lang LaSalle, Savills collect real estate performance data
- 2. Data segregated by sector and geographically
- 3. Data serves as baseline performance



## **Test Metrics:**

**Net Present Value** – The underlying principles of how commercial real estate is valued

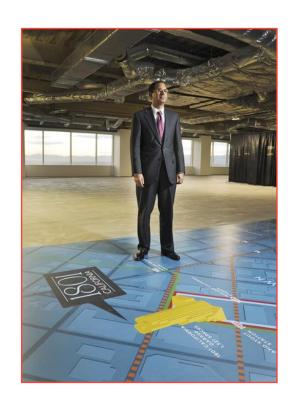
- 1. Purchase price
- 2. Net income generated over time
- 3. Future (net) sale price

#### "Down & Dirty" Indicators:

- Lease rates
- 2. Occupancy rates
- 3. Absorption
- 4. Operating expenses



Denver, Co, USA Area Subject #1: 1801 California Street



- Built in 1982 54 floors 1,372,179ft<sup>2</sup>
   GLA
- 2011 Acquired for \$160/ft \$215M by Brookfield Properties
- Renovations...
  - Expanding lobby (multilevel) –
     Incorporated retail spaces More light/art HVAC replacement Updating common areas to be more inviting
- "ArtSetFree" program in all Brookfield Properties
- Prior to 2012 renovation occupancy = 40%
- Renovations completed March 2014 = 65% occupancy



Denver, Co, USA Area Subject #1: 1801 California Street





#### **SIB Incorporation**

Art: High

Nature: Low

Community Spaces: High

Human Scale: Medium

Unified Design: Medium

History & Culture: High

Multi Level Connectivity: High

#### **Amenities**

- Public transit; easy biking/walking
- Retail: convenience store; restaurants; banking; dry cleaner
- Fitness Center 1100 parking spaces
- LEED gold (2012); energy star rated 2009-2012

#### Denver, Co, USA Area Subject #1: 1801 California Street

• **Lease Rate:** \$33.96/ft<sup>2</sup>

(\$17/ft<sup>2</sup> prior to

renovation)

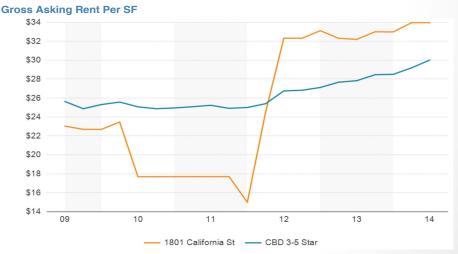
• Occupancy: 68% (48%)

• **Absorption:** 8% (-60%)

• **Expenses:** \$11.15/ft<sup>2</sup>







#### Denver, Co, USA Subject #2: 1001 17th Street

- 20 story building with ground floor retail and office space; remodeled in 2008; 665,565 ft<sup>2</sup>
- Originally built 1980, sold in 2006 for \$108M under contract for August closed at \$218M
- Remodel involved: Upgraded HVAC, Scaling Down Entry, Incorporating Open Space





Denver, Co, USA Subject #2: 1001 17th Street



#### **SIB Incorporation**

•	Art:	High
•	Nature:	High
•	Community spaces:	High
•	Human Scale:	High
•	Unified Design:	High
•	History & Culture:	High
•	Multi Level Connectivity:	High

#### **Amenities**

- TOD: walking; bike; transit connections
- Ground level retail: dining, fitness center
- Open level terrace and entry courtyard
- 500 parking spaces
- LEED gold certified; Energy Star 2013-14



#### Denver, Co, USA Subject #2: 1001 17th Street

• Lease Rate: \$32.79/ft<sup>2</sup>

• **Occupancy**: 84.2% (CBD)

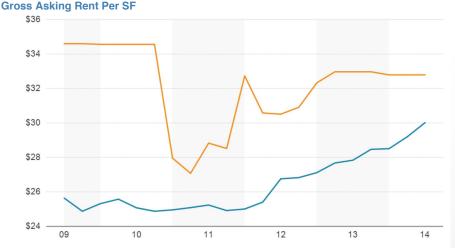
85.9%)

• **Absorption**: -5% (CBD 0%)

• **Expenses**: \$11.29/ft<sup>2</sup>







— 1001 17th St — CBD 3-5 Star

#### Denver, Co, USA Area Subject #3: 1400-01 Wynkoop

- Distressed sale in 2007 = \$99.90/ft²
- Mixed-use with retail/office/residential
- 107,677 ft<sup>2</sup>; bottom floor retail; 6 floors office; 4 floors residential
- Open space incorporated throughout; street level pedestrian urban connections, lobby art





Denver, Co, USA Area Subject #3: 1400-01 Wynkoop



#### **SIB Incorporation**

Art: Medium

Nature: High

Community Spaces: High

• Human Scale: High

Unified Design: High

History & Culture: High

Multi Level Connectivity: High

#### **Amenities**

- TOD: walking; bike; transit connections via Union Station
- Location: walking distance to Pepsi Center, Convention Center,
   Union Station
- Fitness Center, restaurant, roof top terrace 158 parking spaces
- LEED Silver certified

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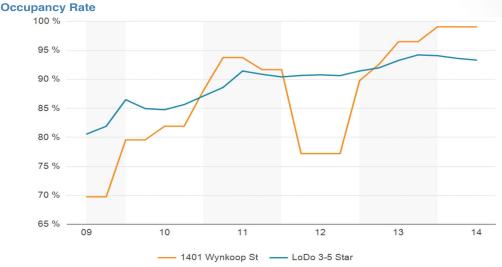
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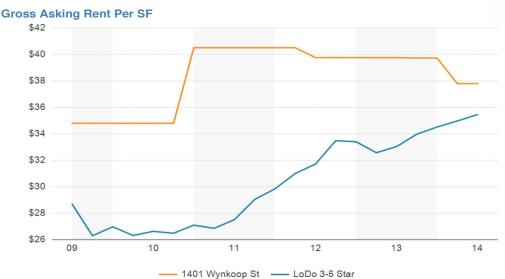
Occupancy: 99%

Absorption: NA

• Expenses: \$13.29/ft<sup>2</sup>







#### Denver, CO, USA Area Subject #4: 1515 Wynkoop



- 8 Stories; 306,791 ft<sup>2</sup>;
- Office building; retail at street level completed in 2008
- Sold in 2009 for \$384.63/ft \$120M
- 90% occupancy
- LEED gold certified



Denver, CO, USA Area Subject #4: 1515 Wynkoop



#### **SIB Incorporation**

Art: High

Nature: Low

Community Spaces: Medium

• Human Scale: High

Unified Design: High

History & Culture: High

Multi Level Connectivity: High

#### **Amenities**



- TOD: Walking, biking, transit connections
- Retail: 3 onsite restaurants; massage spa
- Fitness Center; 427 parking spaces
- LEED gold (2010); energy star rated 2010-2013

#### Denver, CO, USA Area Subject #4: 1515 Wynkoop

Lease Rate: \$40.39/ft²

Occupancy: 95.2%

Absorption: 33% (below 53% avg)

Expenses: \$14.80/ft² (\$5.48 tax;\$9.32 operating)







## Test Take Aways:

- SIB = "Amenity" in the eyes of the consumer
- Design does not lend itself to quantitative measures.
- Support for SIB concepts in both China and US from consumers, designers and developers – Collaborative
- Suggested Alternatives for SIB:
  - In lieu of multi level connectivity, suggest transport connections to community, TOD
  - Energy efficiency impacts operating expenses and ultimate return – not just a public interest



# International/China Projects:

- 1. Blue Sky Tower, Mongolia
- 2. Burj Kalifa, Dubai, UAE
- 3. Xintiandi, Shanghai, China
- 4. Jinli, Chengdu, China



# International/China Projects: Blue Sky Tower, Ulan Bator, Mongolia

#### **SIB Incorporation**

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Unified Design: High

History & Culture: Low

Multi Level: Low



- Mixed Use: 5 Star Hotel, Office Space and Retail Space
- Occupancy: 2012 Office Space 80%
- Surrounding Structures 92% Occupancy (government used mainly)



# International/China Projects: *Burj Kalifa, Dubai, UAE*

#### **SIB Incorporation**

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Nature: High

Community Spaces: Medium

• Human Scale: Low

Unified Design: Medium

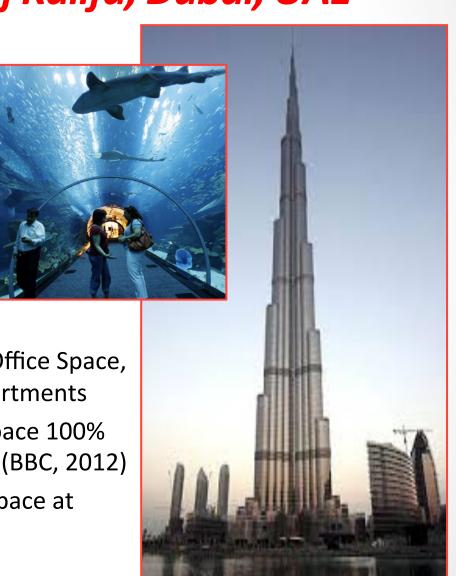
History & Culture: High

Multi Level: Low



- Occupancy: Office Space 100%
   Sold 33% Occupied (BBC, 2012)
- Lease Rates: Office space at 4000 USD sq. ft.





# International/China Projects: *Xintiandi, Shanghai, China*

#### **SIB Incorporation**

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Multi Level: High



- Successful SIB Elements
  - Nature, Art, History, Community Space
- Large scale, long term development
  - Stages of development of a property planned, to avoid losing money to property prsice increases
- Occupancy: 100% with waiting list
  - Surrounding area Pudong has 96.5% occupancy
    - Rent increases each quarter
  - Puxi consistently decreasing rent and occupancy



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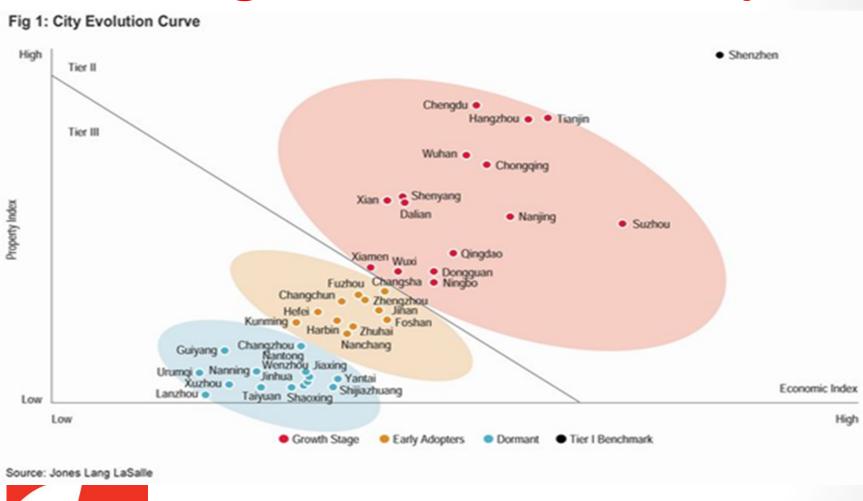
- Mixed Use: Office Space & Retail Space
- Focus points: History of tea gardens
- Generates large traffic tourism and local

# Collecting Data Internationally:

- Pick established best practices/regulations
  - Ex: regulated open space areas
- Collect data from transparent markets
  - Transparent = ability to access information publicly
- Match SIB elements to Return On Investment
  - "Four Measurements"
- Apply practice to less transparent real estate markets

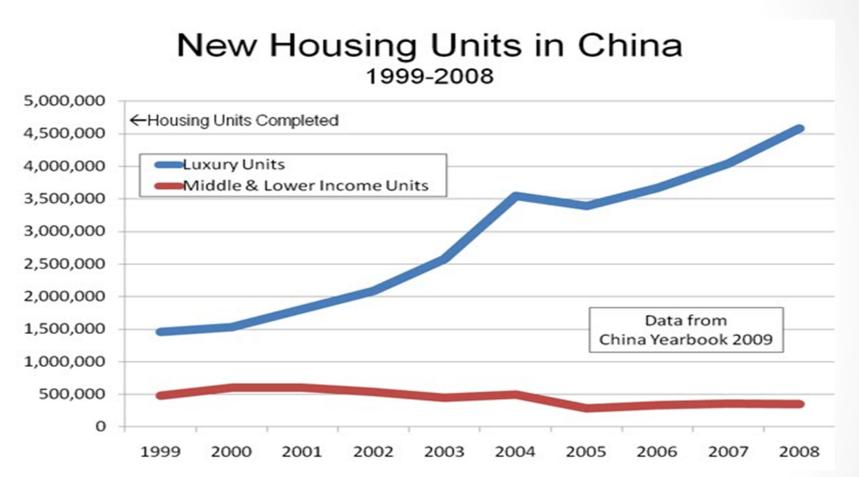


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### Stakeholders:

- Architects
- Government (Municipality, National)
- Developers
- Consumers
- Banks
- Investors (Foreign, domestic)
- Property management companies



# Decision Making Chain:

- Government (Municipality)
- Government (Nationally)
- Consumers
- Designers
- Investors
- Bank
- Developers



## Potential Implementation Barriers:

- Cultural Acceptance of SIB
  - Populist sentiments could also be an issue
  - Offensive art, wasted resources
- Government and Private Sector Objectives
- Addressing market needs
  - Can Gensler make world leading design economical?



## **Awareness of Cultural Shifts:**

- What is a cultural shift?
- Branding errors across borders
  - Western hamburgers sold in India
  - Chinese view of SIB vs. Hong Kong
    - Lack of acceptance of multi-level pedestrian passageways
- Locally driven characteristics may increase acceptance of SIB implementation
  - Utilization of local real estate firms, developers and architects



## Value Added:

- Include TOD (Transit Oriented Development) in SIB list – Consider how buildings connect with the surrounding neighborhood
- Develop business units focused on middle income, lower income and elderly communities in which SIB could be incorporated at an affordable price point
- Retrofit where possible and profitable



## Value Added:

- Encourage Shanghai Tianzifang style developments, with Gensler's touch/branding
- Land and water banking as an investment tool and to implement the incorporation of nature, a SIB element
- Incorporate Chinese architecture culture and art (both ancient and modern) into SIB elements



## Value Added:

- Soul Buildings come to life
- Open sourced technology Residential
- Lions, Tigers and Dragons Commercial
- Pentagonal Dome Residential
- Green Energy Engine Power Verde



### SIB Best Practices: Inclusion of Nature





## SIB Best Practices:

## **Multi-Level Connectivity**





## SIB Best Practices: Inclusion of Art



# SIB Best Practices: Inclusion History & Culture





## SIB Best Practices: Community Spaces



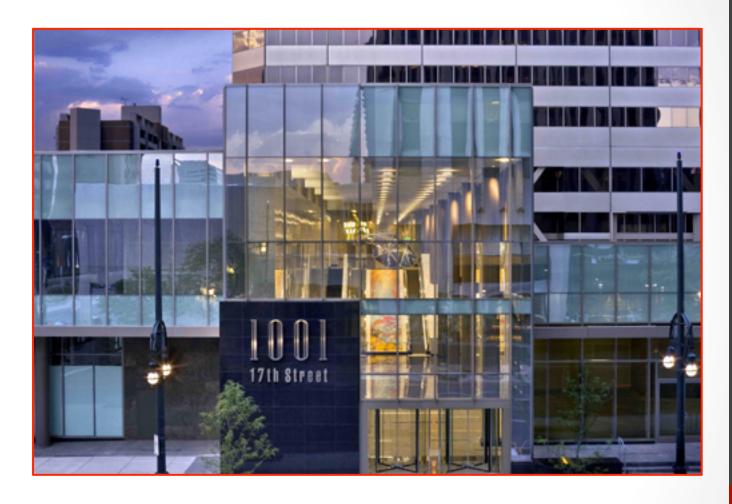


### SIB Best Practices: Human Scale





## SIB Best Practices: Unified Design





# Questions...



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