

## The Outlook For Real Estate Is As Beautiful As The Seasons In Spain.....

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Recovery continues in 2016

The Spanish property market will take off in 2016 forecasts the international real estate consultants CBRE in their-'Tendencias 2016' (2016 Trends) report.

The Spanish real estate crash is over and 2016 will be the year the market "takes off", says the report based on a survey of more than-100 high-level executives in the property industry.

Property prices will rise and new development will ramp up to as much as 250,000 housing starts this year, they say, as 83% of those-surveyed agreed that house prices have bottomed out, compared to 46% last year.

For the first time since 2007, as much as 40% of the survey believe that new development now has "high potential", double the figure-of last year.-

Almost half say housing starts will rise to between 100,000 and 175,000 in 2016, and 20% expect the figure to rise to 250,000. That-compares to around 50,000 in 2015 (final year figures not yet available).

On the other hand, in separate news, the President of the Spanish Builders and Promoters Association (APCE), Juan Antonio Gómez–Pintado, recently said he expects housing starts to rise to 70,000 – 80,000 next year, only reaching 150,000 in 2017.

## TWO SPEED RECOVERY

CBRE argue, like many others, that there will be two distinct markets in 2016: One in full recovery mode, and another that continues-to languish in crisis.-

Prices and home building will continue to recover in-Barcelona,-Madrid and some other of the most important provincial capitals, and-popular holiday destinations like the-Costa del Sol. "There are secondary markets where there is no recovery," explains Lola-Martínez-Brioso, head of research at CBRE.

## **POLITICAL UNCERTAINTY**

Will the political uncertainty currently prevalent in Spain derail the recovery where it exists? Not necessarily. "There is a positive-scenario of economic growth which is not going to change overnight," says Adolfo Ramírez-Escudero,-

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