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Key Definitions

HUD

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Start Event at which time construction begins on a fully developed lot

Sale Event in which home or lot goes "under contract" with a buyer, meaning the buyer has made a commitment to purchase the asset

Closing Event preceding sale where title of the asset changes from the seller to buyer and consideration (cash) is received by the seller. This is the point that revenue is recognized.

> Short for Dept of Housing and Urban Development Settlement Statement 1, this form is generated for every closing (lots and homes)

Short for internal rate of return, this metric is commonly seen in land deals to guarantee the seller a specific return based on cash flows

Escalator Gradual increases in lot prices by a set percentage over time. Commonly seen in land deals and used by the seller to incentivize the buyer to purchase lots more quickly

Request for funding/ cash Draw based on work performed. Seen in construction lending and mechanics lien jobs

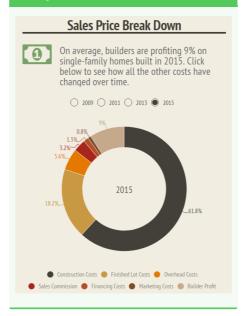
> Earnest money or up-front deposits made by a buyer prior to a purchase which are typically credited at closing

Key Definitions (cont)

Option

Contract guaranteeing a buyer's Contract right to purchase property. Homebuilders commonly supplement their lot inventory by optioning lots from third-party developers

Average Costs of a Home



Housing Trends



Construction Cycle

Acquis- Raw undeveloped land is

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ition	purchased by a developer.
Develo-	Process of clearing and grading
pment	the land so that construction can
	begin. Other tasks included in
	this stage include zoning
	changes, development of site
	plans, environmental impact
	studies, and construction of
	common area features (roads,
	green spaces, border walls,
	etc.). Time to complete this
	stage varies depending on the
	size of the property, but
	generally takes longer than one
	year. Large parcels of land are
	developed in phases.
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Record-Site plan for community or atispecific phase is filed with the on/Plat

Sale of Sale of Finished Lots Finished

Lots

Homebuilder builds home on lot Home according to agreed upon Construction elevations and model. Lead time can take anywere from 6 - 12 months depending on the type

Sale/ Buyer commits to buying Closing finished home. Generally after a 30-day window, home is closed to the buyer.

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Margin Definitions

Gross Sales revenue less all cost of
Margin sales items except for commission, warranty, and interest

expenses

Direct Sales revenue less all cost of

Margin sales items except for warranty

and interest expenses

Contri- Sales revenue less all applicable bution cost of sales amounts

Margin

Market Cycle



Inventory Classifications (cont)

Backlog Cumulative value of all completed homes and homes under construction where a valid sales contract exists

QI Date Short for quality inspection, this final inspection of the home signifies that it is substantially complete (ie. no longer under construction)

Construction Lead Times



Inventory Classifications

Build-Job Home where buyer selects

floor plan and various interior and exterior details of the

home

Mechanic's Lien Job Home where the buyer purchases the lot prior to starting construction. The homebuilder then provides construction services at a "cost-plus" arrangement supported by regular draws or payments from the owner of

the lot.

Spec

Homes that are either finished or under construction where no valid sales contract exists

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