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Key Definitions		
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.	
HUD	Short for Dept of Housing and Urban Development Settlement Statement 1, this form is generated for every closing (lots and homes)	
IRR	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	
Draw	Request for funding/ cash based on work performed. Seen in construction lending and mechanics lien jobs	
EM	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

HOMES, THEN AND NOW

O Lot Size O Finished Spa lling Price \$310.619 \$377,624 \$399.532 \$468.318 ● 2009 ● 2011 ● 2013 ● 2015 🔘 Lot Size 🔘 Finished Space 🔘 Selling Price 2,700 sq ft 2,300 sq ft 2,607 sq ft 2,802 sqft ● 2009 ● 2011 ● 2013 ● 2015 Lot Size
Finished Space
Selling Price 21,879 sq ft 20,614 sq ft 14,359 sq ft 20,129 sq ft • 2009 • 2011 • 2013 • 2015

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Construction Cycle

Acquisiti on	Raw undeveloped land is purchased by a developer.
Develop ment	Process of clearing and grading 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.
Recorda tion/Plat	Site plan for community or specific phase is filed with the city
Sale of Finished Lots	Sale of Finished Lots
Home Constru ction	Homebuilder builds home on lot according to agreed upon elevations and model. Lead time can take anywere from 6 - 12 months depending on the type of home.
Sale/ Closing	Buyer commits to buying finished home. Generally after a 30-day window, home is closed to the buyer.

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Margin	Definitions

Gross Margin	Sales revenue less all cost of sales items except for commission, warranty, and interest expenses
Direct Margin	Sales revenue less all cost of sales items except for warranty and interest expenses
Contri- bution Margin	Sales revenue less all applicable cost of sales amounts

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



Market Cycle



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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