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News Brief

Residential Sector

1 Mortgage Market Should Improve to \$2.3 trillion(!) in 2025, MBA Says

The most challenging period for the mortgage industry appears to be in the rearview mirror, as the Mortgage Bankers Association (MBA) forecasts \$2.3 trillion in origination volume for 2025—representing a robust 28.5% growth over 2024.

By: Flavia Furlan Nunes, Housingwire | [Read the Article >](#)

2 A New Buyer Boom?

While there is no singular Hispanic or Latino experience, shared cultural values often impact homebuying decisions. Agents (Hispanic and non-Hispanic) share insights and tips to support this growing market segment.

By: Carol Weinrich Helsel, NAR Realtor Magazine | [Read the Article >](#)

3 Scammers Figure Out Trick to Steal Houses Using AI

Wherever you stand on AI, it's undeniable that the tech has supercharged fraudsters. Not many of these AI-enabled scams, though, can claim to be as audacious as trying to swindle entire houses from their owners.

By: Frank Landmore, Futurism | [Read the Article >](#)

Commercial Sector

1 America's offices are about to see a wave of distress that could result in a billion square feet of fresh housing supply

A seismic event is brewing in a corner of the commercial real estate market, with many office buildings facing distress as they approach a wall of maturing debt and struggle against enduring work-from-home trends.

By: Jennifer Sor, BusinessInsider | [Read the Article >](#)

2 The commercial real estate recovery is on, but the rebound may be uneven

The tide could be turning for commercial real estate. Refinancing and sales volumes are already picking up as sentiment around the sector improves after years of declining transactions and property valuations.

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3 Commercial real estate industry worries over higher taxes as election looms

The U.S. commercial real estate industry is pushing for tax relief and incentives championed by former Republican President Donald Trump to continue in the next administration, as the sector struggles with surging delinquencies, record vacancy rates, and elevated costs of financing.

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