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FROM BOOM TO BALANCE: THE REAL ESTATE MARKET'S SOFT LANDING

At the beginning of the year, we confidently predicted a soft landing for the U.S. housing market in 2023, and looking back, it has indeed materialized, demonstrating a successful transition from a frenzied and speculative phase to a more stable and balanced state. Despite concerns arising from rising mortgage rates in late 2022, homebuyers surprised us with their resilience

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leading to declining inventory and recovering prices throughout the year. Notably, three out of four Altos price measures show positive data compared to the previous year, supporting the notion of a soft landing without a market crash.

While economic factors like inflation, unemployment, and mortgage rates still

pose potential risks, the current data suggests that a market crash is unlikely at the moment. Median home prices have remained relatively stable, with signs of an upward trajectory compared to last year. The soft landing is further evident in the higher median prices of newly listed homes this year and the less steep price decline observed compared to 2022.

Though sales transaction volume is lower than the previous year, it aligns with the soft landing process, with the sales rate gradually catching up to 2022 figures. While some local markets may face challenges, the overall housing sector demonstrates adaptability and a more balanced demand-supply relationship.

As we move into the second half of 2023, the data indicates the likelihood of more sales on reduced inventory compared to the previous year, further solidifying the successful soft landing. While certain areas may still experience difficulties, the U.S. housing market has navigated the transition to a more stable phase, establishing itself as a crucial aspect of the broader economy.

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