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During the past eight to ten years, property markets in most English speaking countries have formed a similar pattern. The Boston real estate market followed these trends closely.

At the beginning of the 2000s there was a prolonged period of rising prices. Many analysts in fact talk about a housing bubble. While the population of Boston was declining, house prices kept on growing at an amazing rate.

Rising house prices of course mean higher mortgage bond repayments for the consumer. In the case of Boston this soon led to a situation where the average consumer could barely afford the installment of the family home he or she bought.

We all know the rest of the story. Home owners started to miss payments on their home loans and soon banks were repossessing homes at an alarming rate. These houses had to be sold by the banks, and soon the market was in an oversupply situation. This forced sellers to drop their asking prices and it started a spiral of downward price movements.

Does this mean that now is a bad time to invest in a home in the [Boston](#) area? Two years ago the answer would no doubt have been yes. At that time [businesses](#) and prices were still dropping in real terms and it would have taken a relatively long time before you could recover your investment.

At the present moment it seems as if the market has stabilized. Prices no longer drop at an alarming rate and if we listen to the economists, it would seem that the worst is over.

When it comes to any form of investment, whether it's in the stock market, commodities or real estate, there is one golden rule that always apply: Buy low and sell high. You have to try and predict when the market has hit bottom before buying.

Amateurs go about it in the opposite way and they lose money every time. They buy when prices are high and sell when prices have dropped too much to bear it any longer. This is a recipe for disaster in the investment world.

Right now it would seem that the real estate market in Boston is very close to its turning point. Once it has turned, prices will first start to rise gradually. As demand increases, the rate of price increases will accelerate and it will only slow down again when the market approaches its top again. In investment terms, this is therefore the right time to invest in Boston real estate. Those who wait to buy until prices have reached record levels again, will have to wait a very long time to make any profit.

Do not consider your real investment in the Boston real estate market as a way to make quick money though. Hold on to the property until the market has been rising again for at least three or four years. It's difficult to predict the exact top of an upswing, but with real estate there's normally a period when prices start to stop increasing at such a rapid rate and houses take longer to sell. That's when you should get out of the market again.

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