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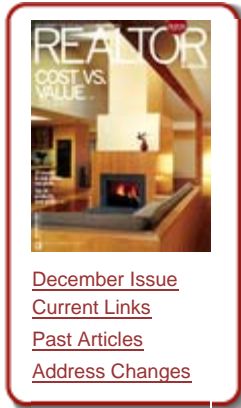
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(November 24, 2004) -- The commercial property market continues to recover, as vacancy rates improve and rents stabilize, according to fund manager Amos Rogers.

Rogers manages the SSgA: Tuckerman Active real estate investment fund, which has delivered a five-year annualized return of 21.6 percent and a three-year return of 21.15 percent. Such REIT-focused funds are becoming increasingly popular among investors, who are expected to pour another \$4.5 billion into them by the end of the current year.

Rogers' fund is currently high on such retail REITs as General Growth Properties of Chicago and Virginia-based Mills Group. The former recently made headlines with its acquisition of the Rouse Co., while the latter currently has six of its popular retail-entertainment destinations under various stages of development.

Rogers' Tuckerman fund also actively searches for property operators that focus and thrive in a particular niche, with Corporate Office Properties Trust of Maryland being one of the latest recommendations.

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