Real Estate Valuation Analytics



Issues & Objectives

- Loans by a large financial company in India to real estate developers are repaid in a mix of cash and inventory
- The projects under development will only be ready for launch (sale to buyers) a number of years after the loan is taken
- The financial company therefore requires prediction of property prices at time of launch and a number of years post launch
- They commissioned Smart to build customized software for such price analytics



Solution

- Software developed on R Shiny platform
- An NLP technique, Word2Vec was used for specification and amenity data
- Clusters of micro markets were formed by hierarchical clustering method
- Algorithm for forecasting velocity of sale was developed
- Link with the database for comparison of any new project



Challenges

- Data missing for 50% projects
- Data mismatches
- One-third of the real estate project records could not be used for modeling due to missing price or inventory data
- Project amenities specified using free text; same amenity could have multiple descriptions

Benefits

- Property valuation at launch as well as comparison with competition in few clicks
- View relative position of the project in the same locality
- Valuation in next 5 years post launch is instantaneous



Post launch ♠ Expected Price(Rs./sq ft) 1 1st year 21,652 2 2nd year 22,816 3 3rd year 23,322 4 4th year 25,665 5 5th year 27,313

Table 4: 5 Year Price Forecas