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Asia-Pacific Q2 2023 Office Highlights

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Asia-Pacific Overview – Q2 2023

Rents in the region fell at a faster clip in Q2 2023, maintaining a year-long downward trend as Knight Frank's Asia-Pacific Prime Office Rental Index dipped by a fourth consecutive quarter, down 1.6% quarter-on-quarter, in Q2 2023. This brings annual decline to 3.1%, which were largely due to continued soft conditions in the Chinese Mainland.

15 out of the 23 tracked cities reported stable-to-increasing rents, down from 16 in Q1 2023. Vacancies also rose marginally by a quarter of a percentage point quarter-on-quarter to 13.8%, sustaining a trend that has seen the metric rise to its highest in over 10 years since Q4 2022.

However, seen in the context of a delivery of over 4 million sf during the quarter, office demand in Asia-Pacific has held up better than those in US and Europe, with a stronger return-to-office trend. With tech occupiers continuing to rationalise employee headcount, financial and professional services firm as well as flexible space operators have made up the slack in leasing activity. Demand was also supported by a flight-to-quality trend that has pervaded across the region.

With the region entering a development phase, new supply in 2023-24 will clock in at cyclical highs, near doubling the levels in 2022, which will add close to 10% to existing stock. Consequently, market conditions across most of the region will continue to favour tenants for the rest of the year.

-1.6%

QoQ change for Asia-Pacific
Rental Index in Q2 2023

Perth

Recorded the highest YoY
growth in Q2 2023

15 of 23

Tracked cities recording
stable or increasing rents
YoY in Q2 2023

Cautious

Expectations for 2023
office outlook

“Landlords in major office markets across the world are managing the effects of both an economic slowdown as well as a return-to-office that has stalled, particularly in the US. Markets in Asia-Pacific have clearly outperformed with higher office utilisation rates compared to other regions, and demand is holding up better supported by a flight-to-quality trend. With the region's development cycle expected to extend into 2024, the expansion of options will give occupiers leverage to secure favourable leasing terms in the current window, extending the flight-to-quality trend which will amplify the gap between best-in-class and lower-rated assets.”

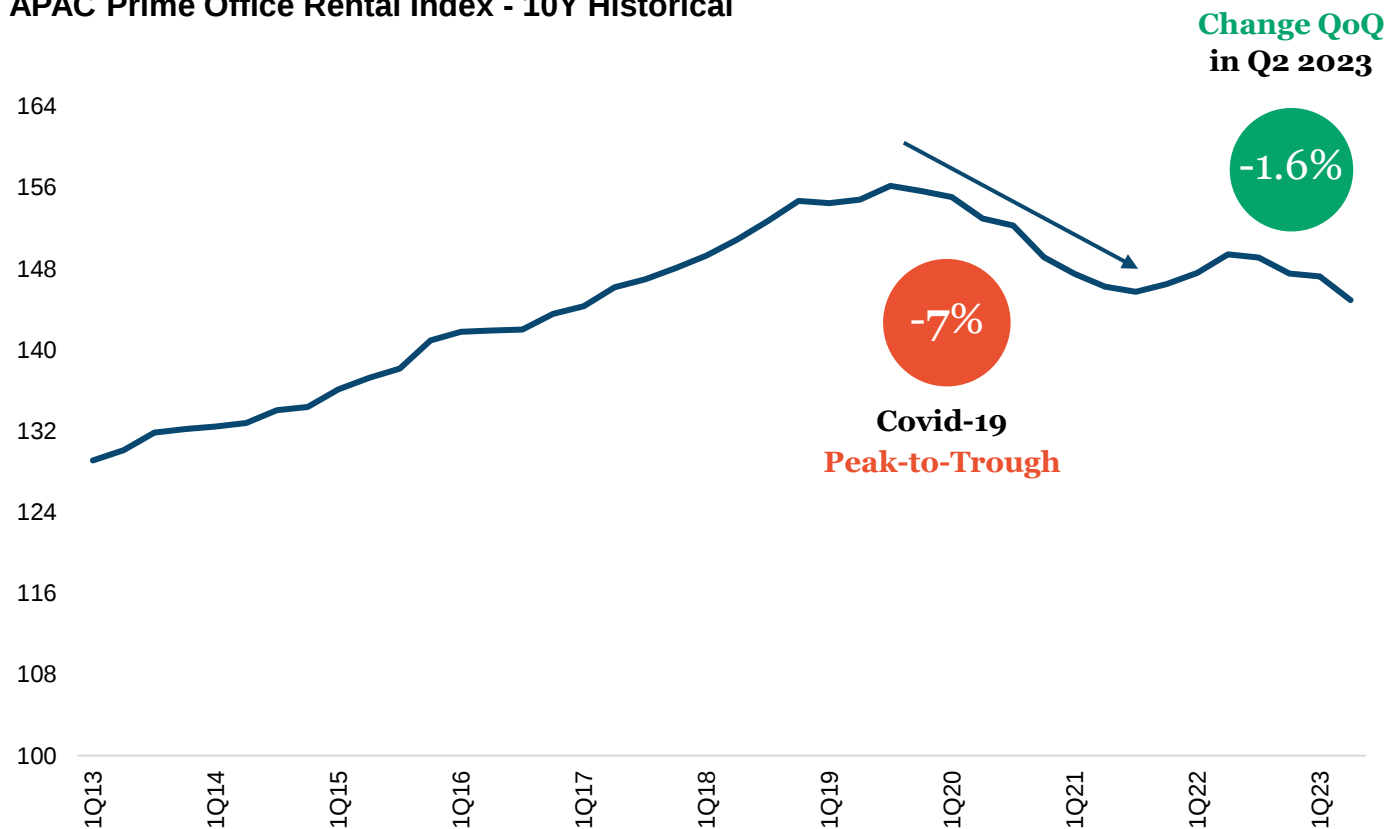
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APAC Prime Office Rental Index

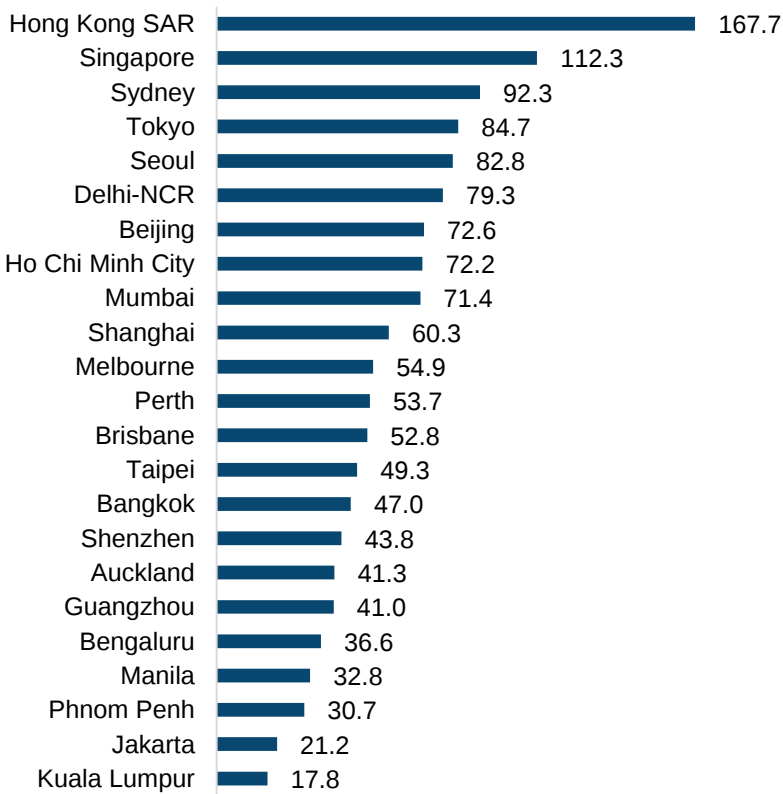


Rents fell at a faster pace of 1.6% QoQ in Q2 2023

APAC Prime Office Rental Index - 10Y Historical



Q2 2023 Occupancy Cost (US\$/sqft/year)

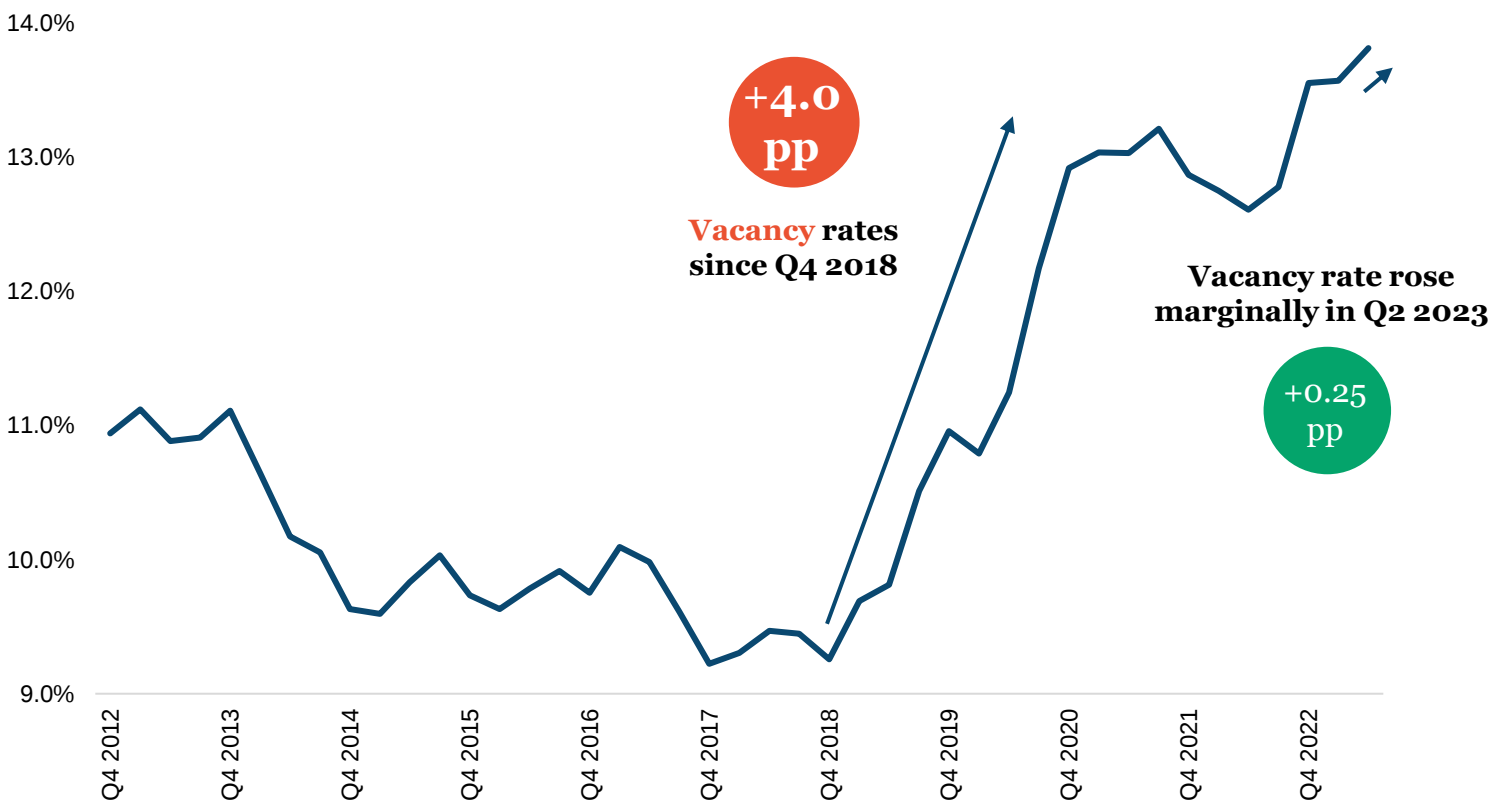


APAC Prime Office Vacancy Rate

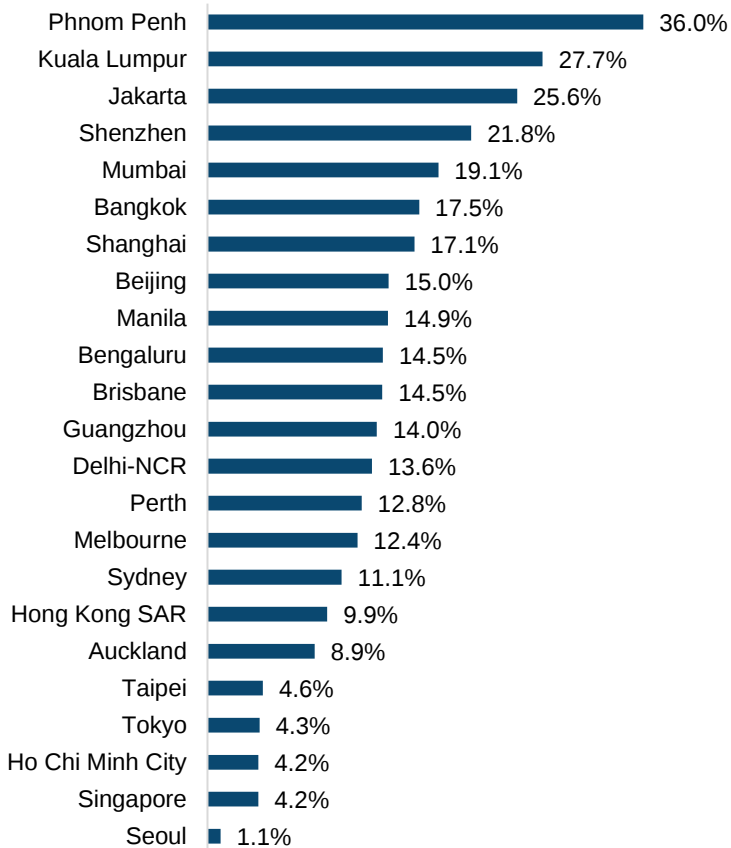


Overall vacancy rate remained stable as demand kept pace with the delivery of over 4 million sqm of new supply

APAC Prime Office Vacancy Rate - 10Y Historical

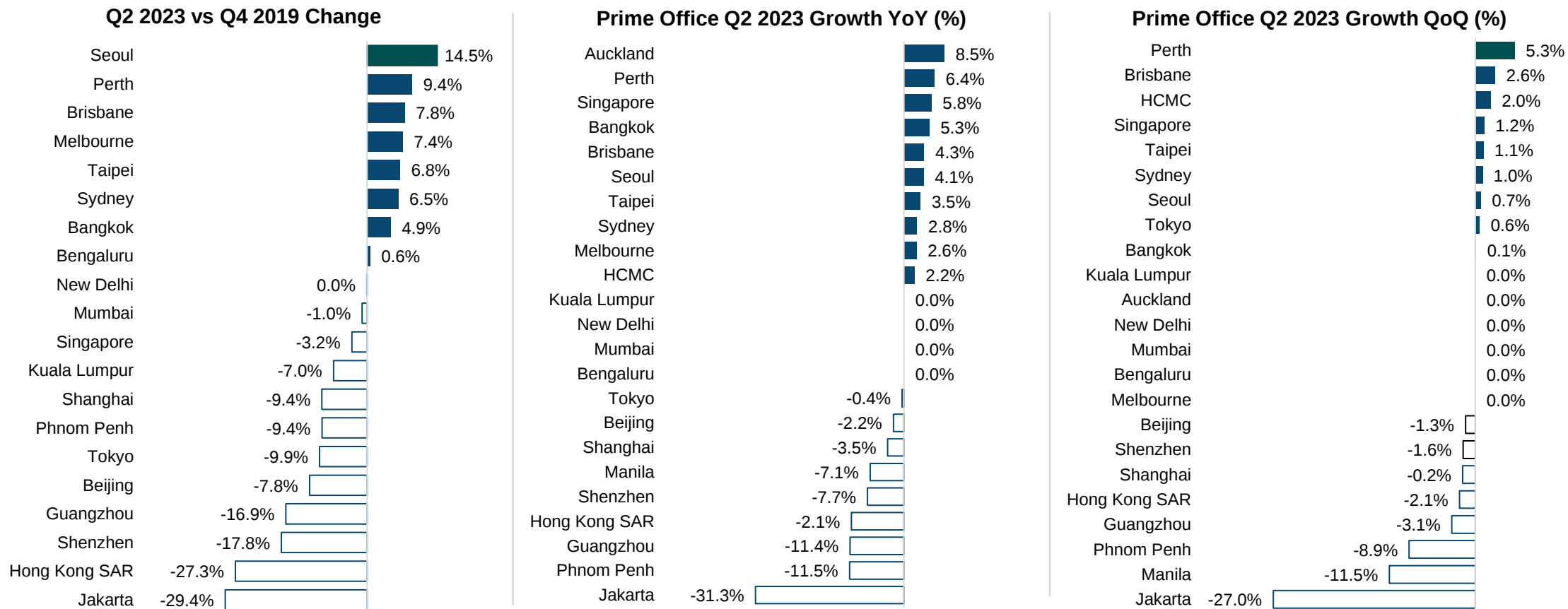


Q2 2023 Vacancy Rate



APAC Prime Rental Rates

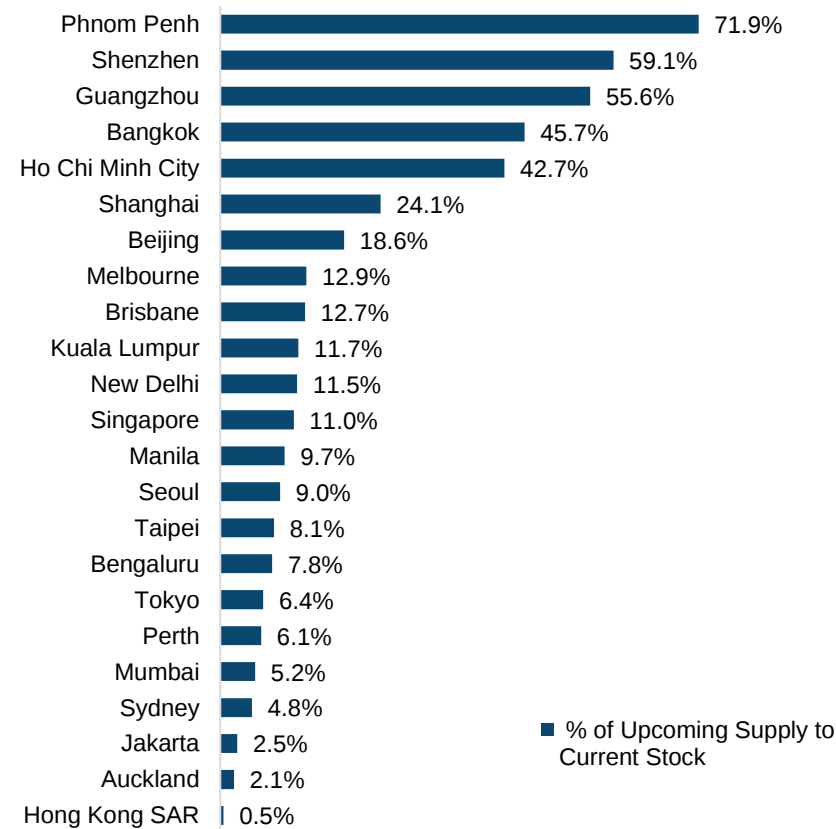
Mainland Chinese markets remained soft in Q2 2023



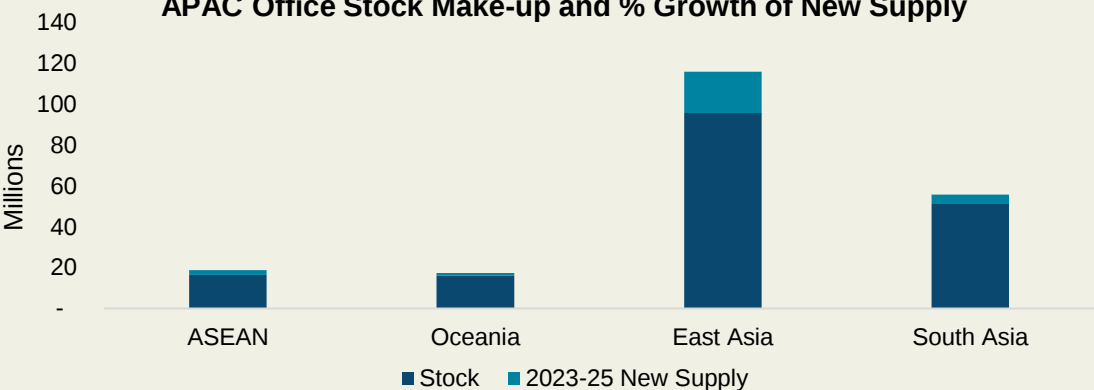
APAC Office Pipeline Supply

Extended flight-to-quality trend as new supply in 2023-24 hit a cyclical high

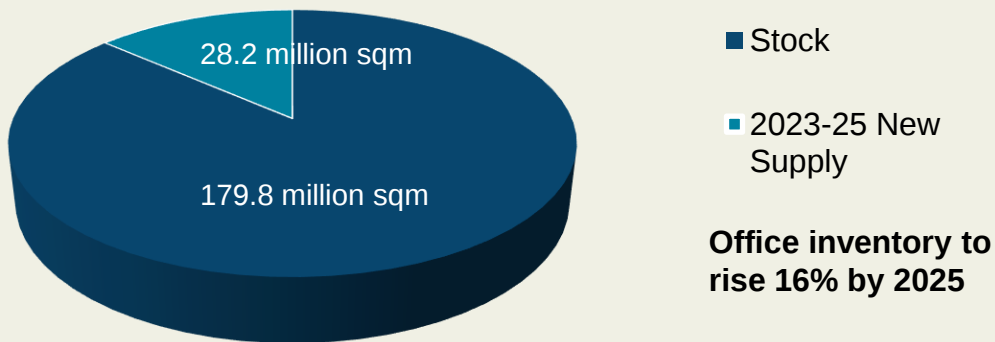
Proportion of Upcoming Supply to Current Stock



APAC Office Stock Make-up and % Growth of New Supply



Total APAC Grade A Stock, Current and New Supply (2023-2025)



APAC 2023 Office Outlook

12-Month Rental Outlook

Decreasing

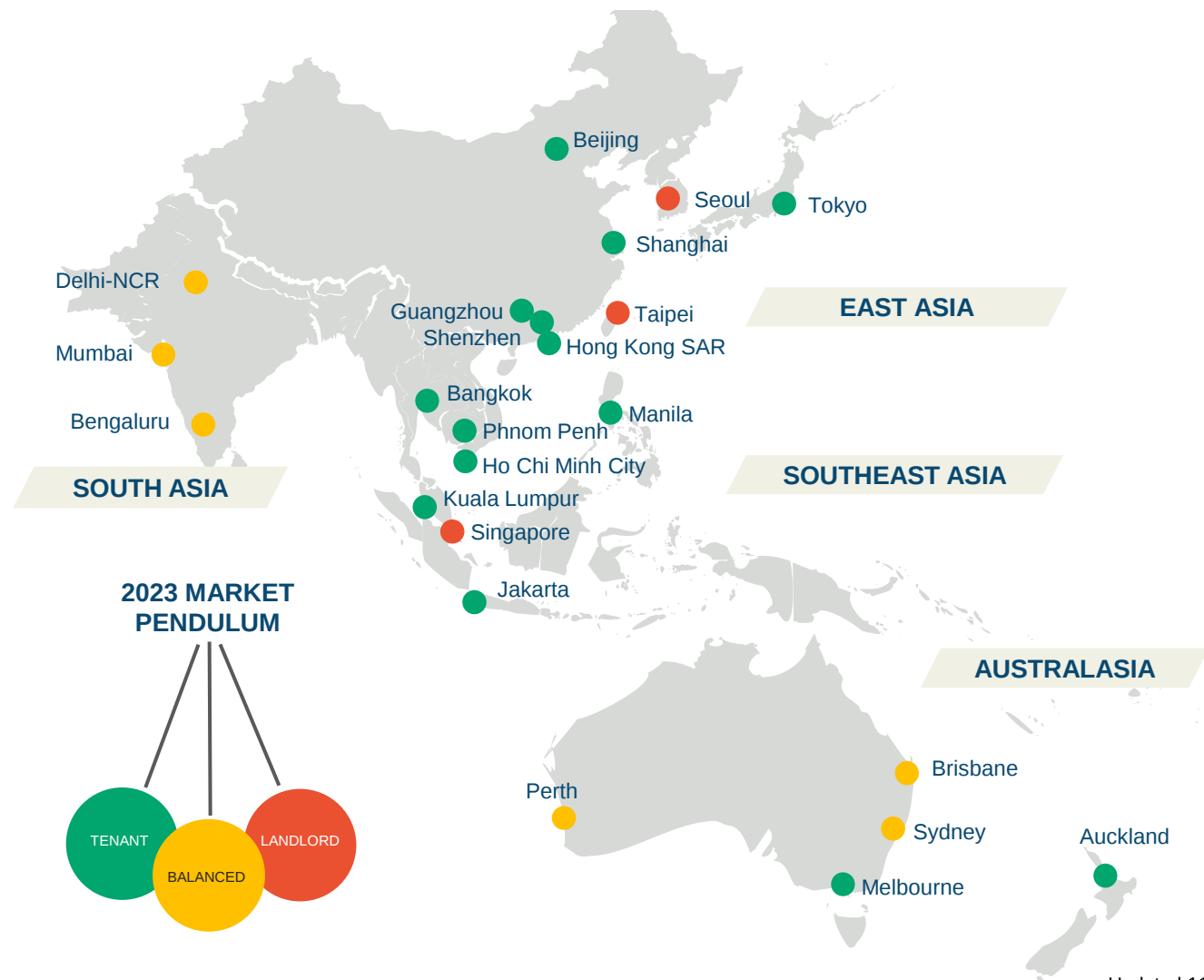
- Guangzhou
- Shenzhen
- Hong Kong SAR
- Phnom Penh
- Kuala Lumpur
- Ho Chi Minh City

Unchanged

- Auckland
- Melbourne
- Tokyo
- Beijing
- Seoul
- Jakarta
- Manila
- Bengaluru
- Mumbai
- Delhi-NCR

Increasing

- Brisbane
- Perth
- Sydney
- Shanghai
- Taipei
- Bangkok
- Singapore



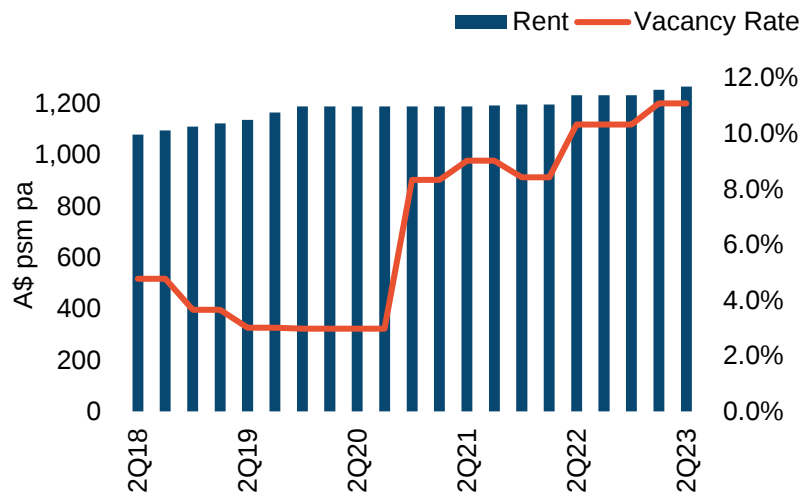
Market Dashboards

Oceania

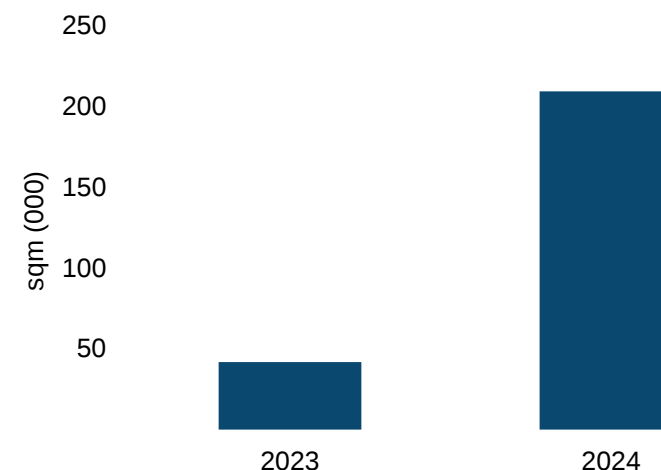
Despite elevated vacancies, rents across Oceania rose or remained unchanged, supported by robust demand for prime spaces. Incentives remained above pre-pandemic levels but across the continent's major markets, corporate tenants, focusing on the quality of their office footprint, are widening the rental gap between higher rated assets and lower quality ones. Melbourne was the only market to experience a sequential quarterly fall in gross effective rents. With a lower exposure to TMT and Financial Services tenants, Australia's resource driven markets – Brisbane and Perth – are enjoying a resurgence since the end of the last commodity boom. Perth recorded the highest year-on-year rental growth in Asia-Pacific, as it benefitted from elevated bulk commodity prices and the strongest employment growth over the past three years. With new supply easing, vacancy levels in the Pacific markets are expected to tighten gradually in the second half of 2023.

Sydney

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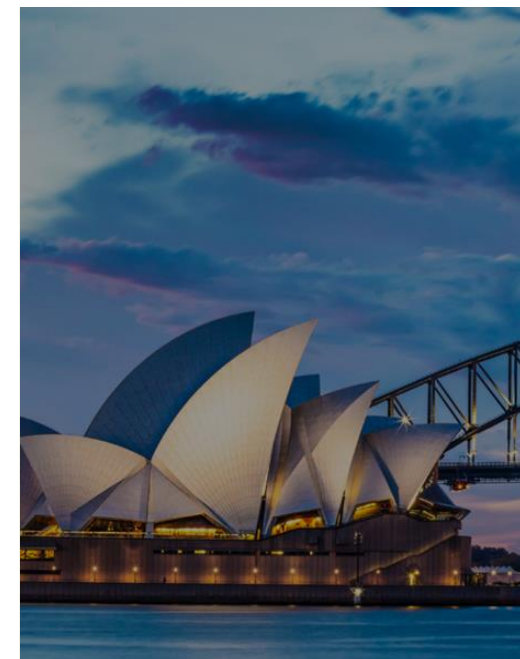


Economic Indicators

	2023F	2024F
GDP Growth	1.5%	1.6%
Unemployment Rate	3.8%	4.3%
Inflation	5.4%	3.4%

Real Estate Indicators

	Q2 2023	12mth Forecast
Prime Rent (A\$ psm pa)	1,266	↑
Vacancy	11.1%	→
Market Balance	Balanced	Balanced

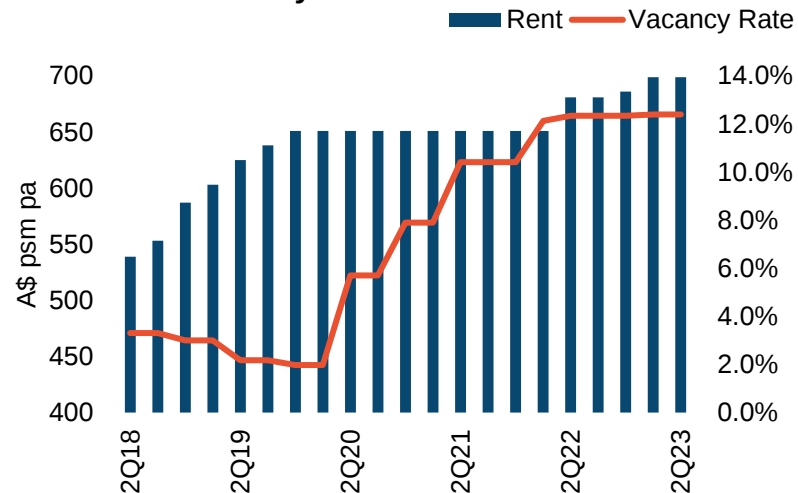


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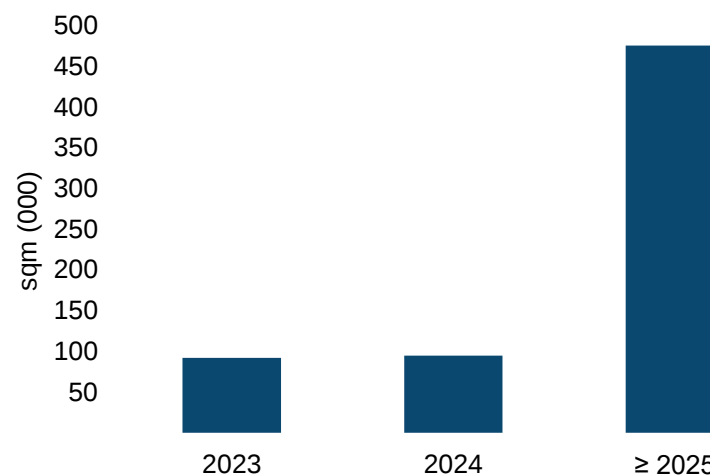
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Melbourne

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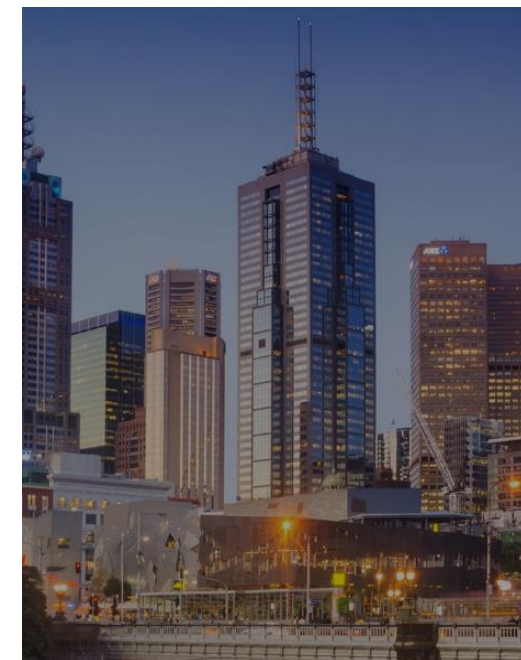


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Real Estate Indicators

	Q2 2023	12mth Forecast
Prime Rent (A\$ psm pa)	699	→
Vacancy	12.4%	→
Market Balance	Tenant	Tenant

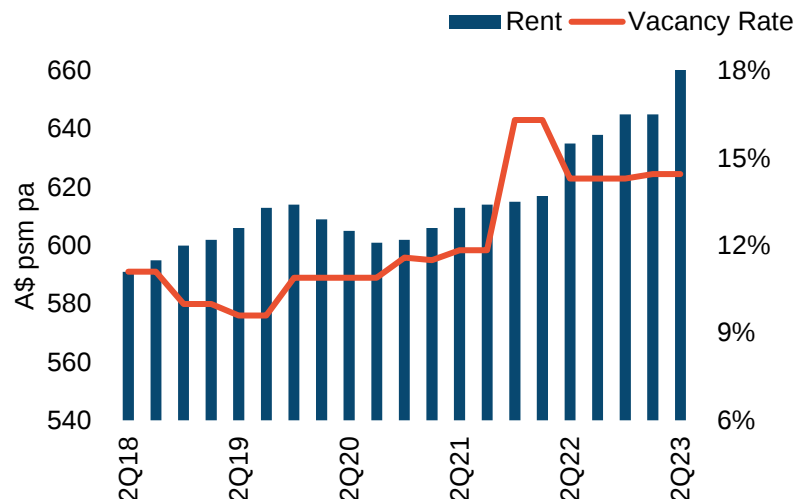


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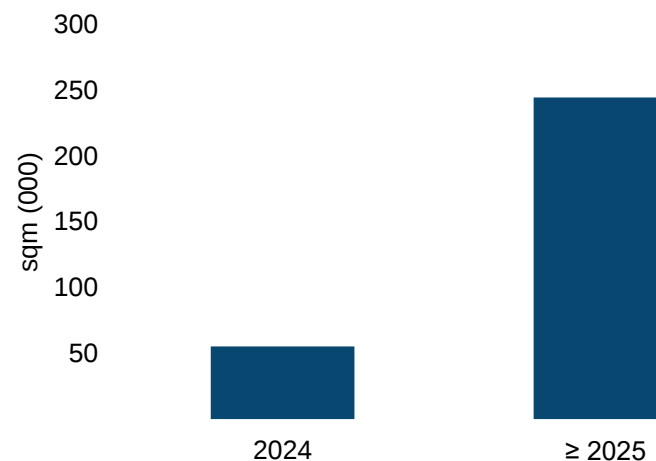
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Brisbane

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Real Estate Indicators

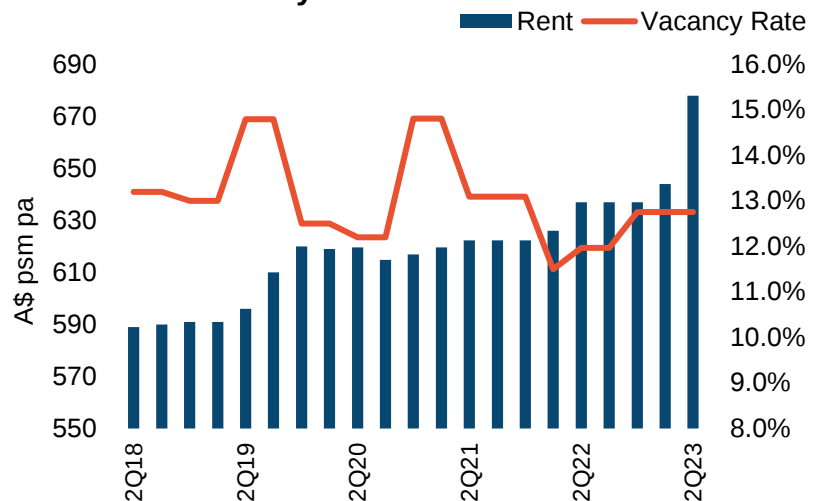
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Prime Rent (A\$ psm pa)	662	↑
Vacancy	14.5%	↓
Market Balance	Balanced	Balanced



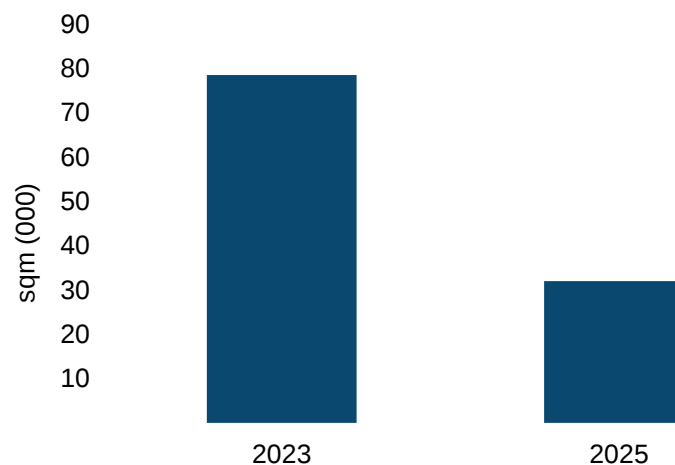
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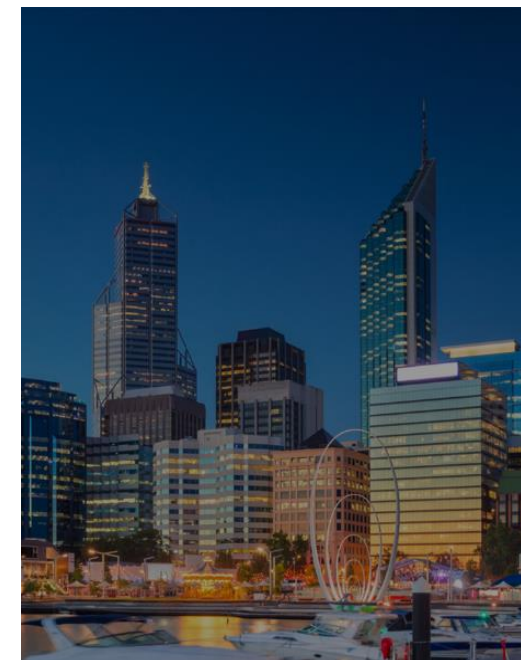
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Inflation	5.4%	3.4%

Real Estate Indicators

	Q2 2023	12mth Forecast
Prime Rent (A\$ psm pa)	678	↑
Vacancy	12.8%	→
Market Balance	Balanced	Balanced

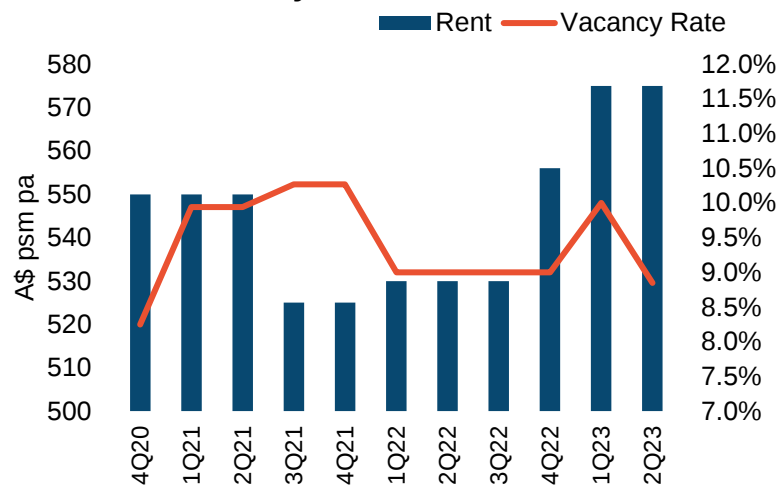


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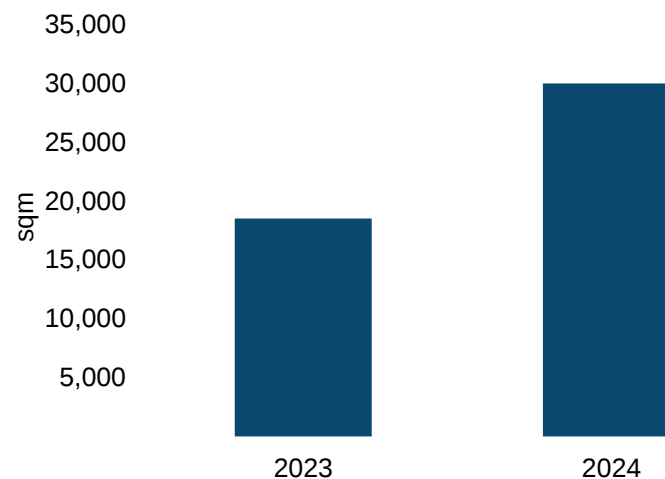
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Auckland

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Economic Indicators

	2023F	2024F
GDP Growth	1.1%	0.9%
Unemployment Rate	4.3%	5.3%
Inflation	5.5%	2.6%

Real Estate Indicators

	Q2 2023	12mth Forecast
Prime Rent (NZ\$ psm pa)	575	→
Vacancy	8.9%	→
Market Balance	Balanced	Balanced



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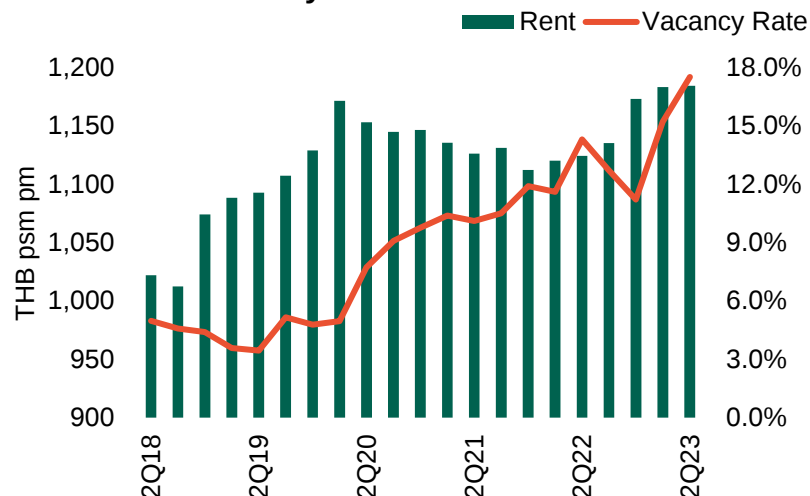
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Southeast Asia

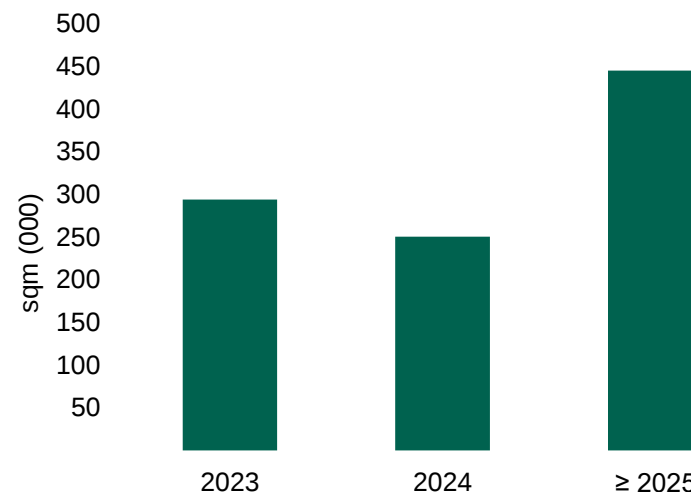
Rental growth in Southeast Asia's emerging markets is showing signs of moderation as an elevated supply pipeline erodes pricing power. However, rents in Ho Chi Minh City remain on an upward trend, as new supply in 2023, while substantial, is the first injection in over two years. Kuala Lumpur's market also firmed with rents remaining stable during the quarter, supported by GDP growth in the first quarter which beat expectations as the country continued to bounce back from the pandemic slump. Meanwhile, Singapore's market continued to remain robust on corporate relocations and a flight-to-quality trend.

Bangkok

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Economic Indicators

	2023F	2024F
GDP Growth	3.4%	3.6%
Unemployment Rate	N/A	N/A
Inflation	2.8%	2.0%

Real Estate Indicators

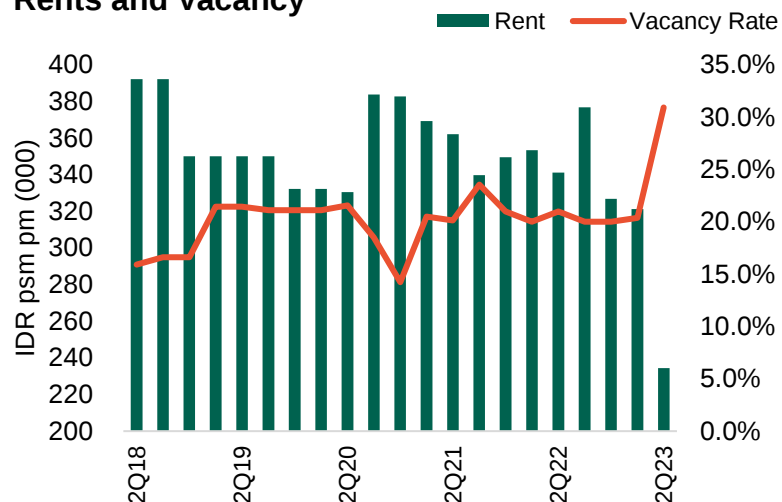
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Prime Rent (THB psm pm)	1,184	↓
Vacancy	17.5%	↓
Market Balance	Tenant	Tenant



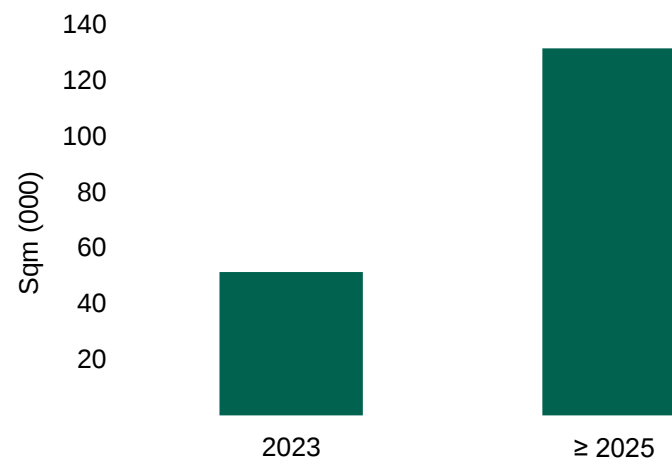
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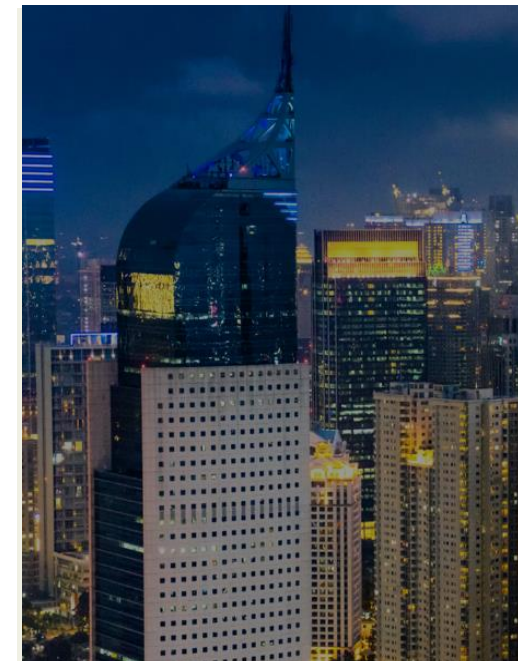
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Economic Indicators

	2023F	2024F
GDP Growth	5.0%	5.1%
Unemployment Rate	5.3%	5.2%
Inflation	4.4%	3.0%

Real Estate Indicators

	Q2 2023	12mth Forecast
Prime Rent (IDR psm pm)	234,408	→
Vacancy	30.9%	→
Market Balance	Tenant	Tenant

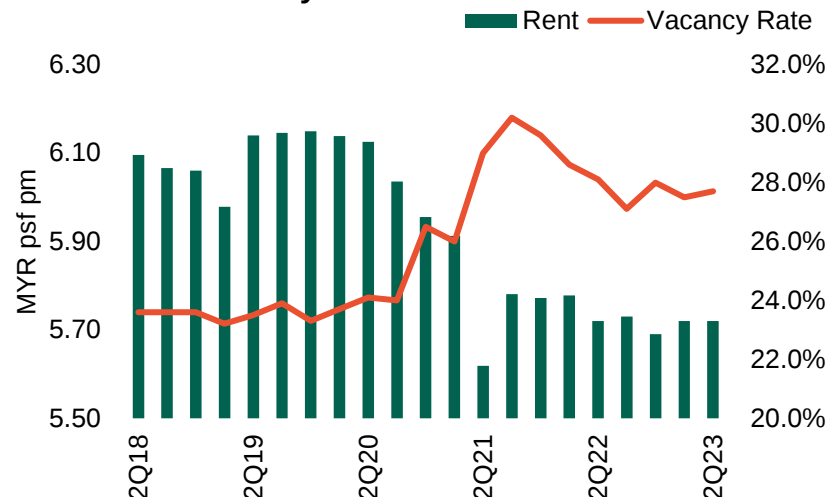


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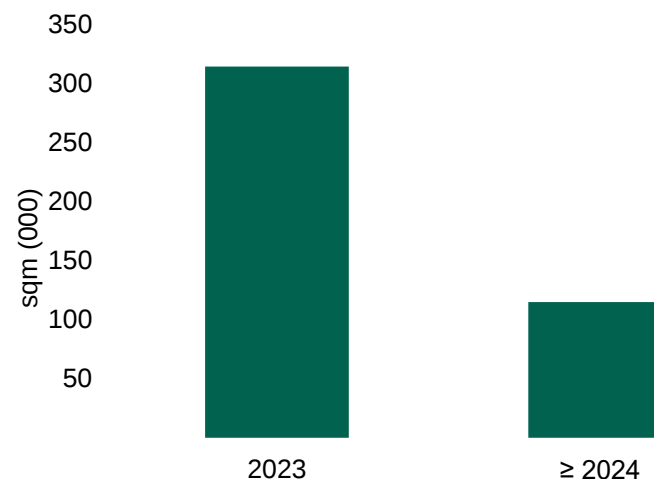
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Kuala Lumpur

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Economic Indicators

	2023F	2024F
GDP Growth	4.0-5.0%	4.9%
Unemployment Rate	3.5%	3.5%
Inflation	2.8-3.8%	2.8%

Real Estate Indicators

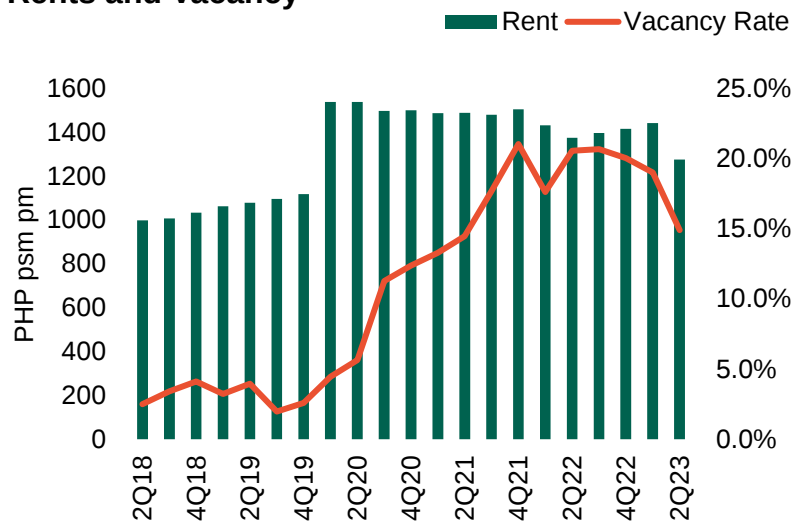
	Q2 2023	12mth Forecast
Prime Rent (MYR psf pm)	5.72	↓
Vacancy	27.7%	→
Market Balance	Tenant	Tenant



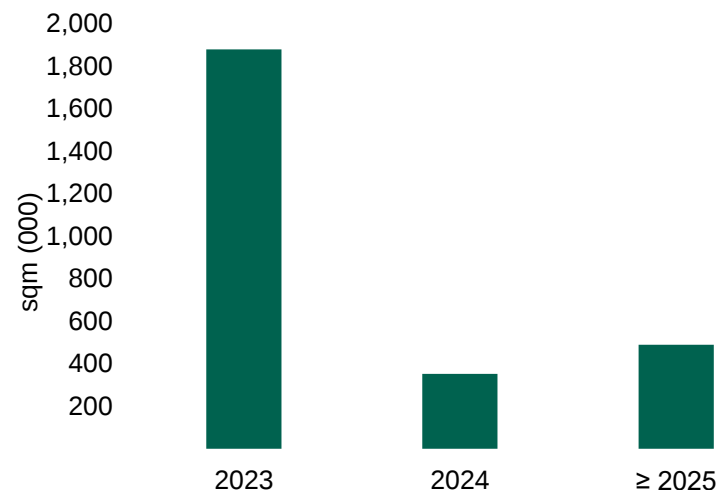
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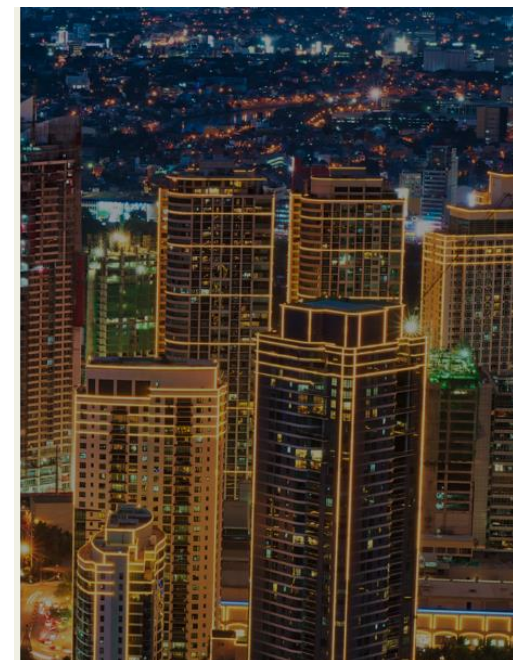


Economic Indicators

	2023F	2024F
GDP Growth	6.0%	6.2%
Unemployment Rate	5.1%	5.1%
Inflation	6.2%	4.0%

Real Estate Indicators

	Q2 2023	12mth Forecast
Prime Rent (PHP psm pm)	1,276	→
Vacancy	14.9%	→
Market Balance	Tenant	Tenant

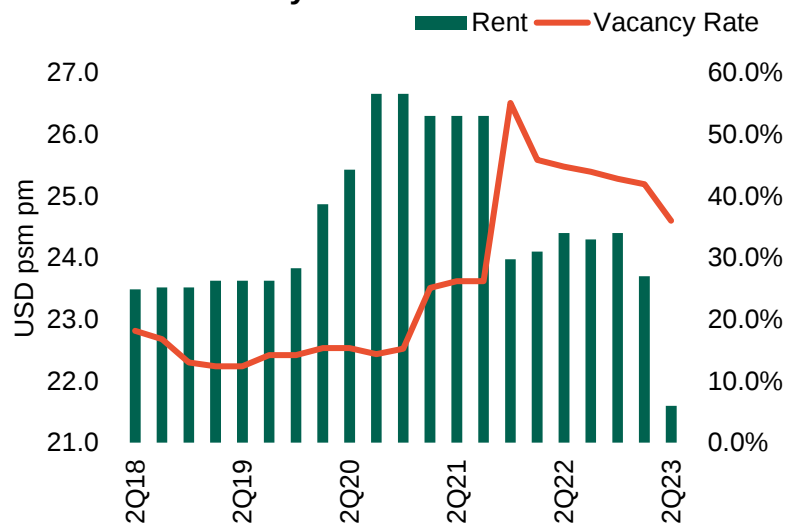


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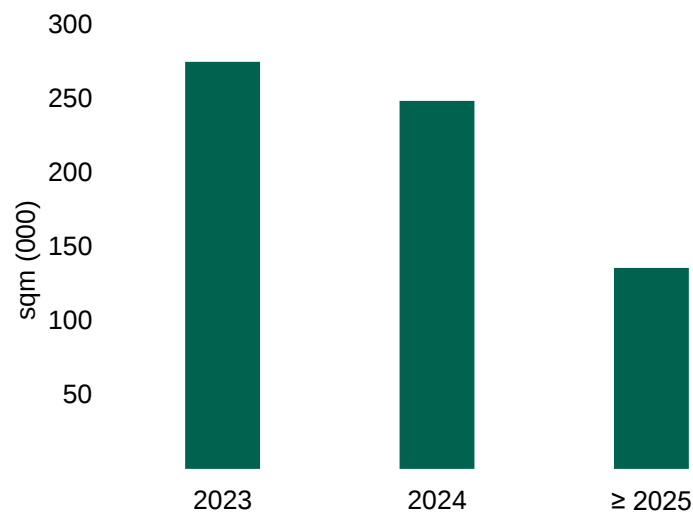
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Phnom Penh

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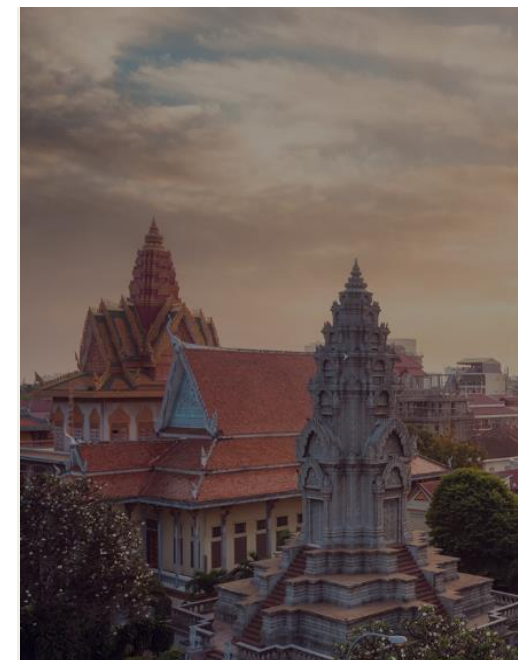


Economic Indicators

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GDP Growth	5.5%	6.0%
Unemployment Rate	N/A	N/A
Inflation	3.0%	4.0%

Real Estate Indicators

	Q2 2023	12mth Forecast
Prime Rent (US\$ psm pm)	21.60	↓
Vacancy	36.0%	↑
Market Balance	Tenant	Tenant

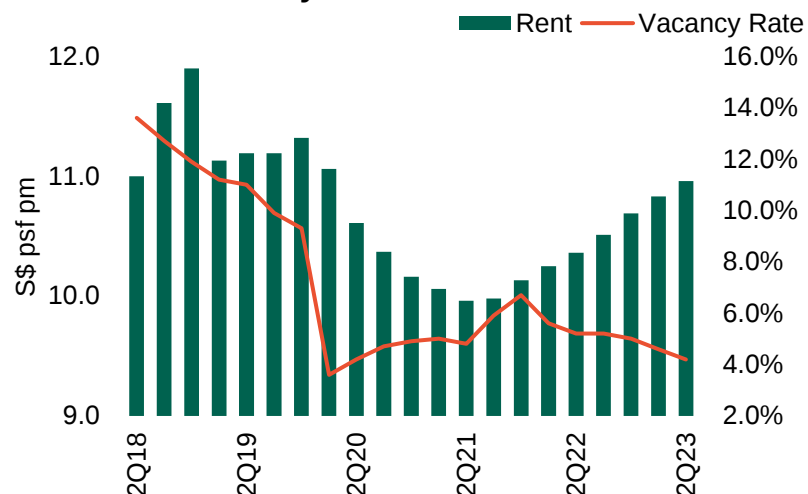


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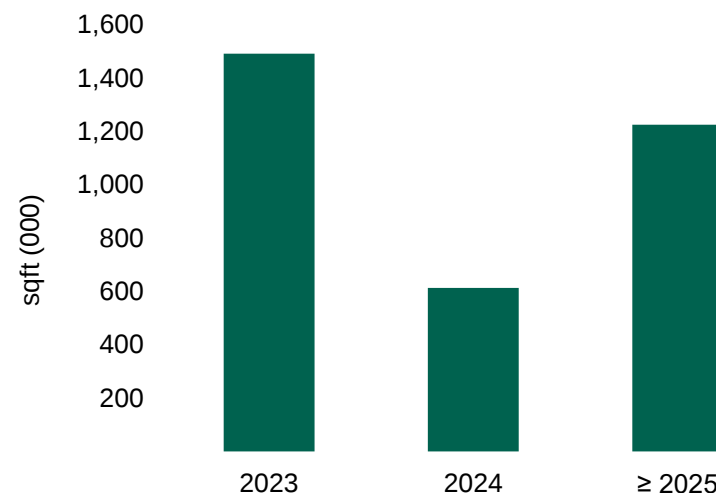
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Singapore

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Economic Indicators

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GDP Growth	1.5%	2.1%
Unemployment Rate	2.1%	2.1%
Inflation	5.8%	3.5%

Real Estate Indicators

	Q2 2023	12mth Forecast
Prime Rent (\$ psf pm)	10.96	↑
Vacancy	4.2%	↑
Market Balance	Landlord	Balanced

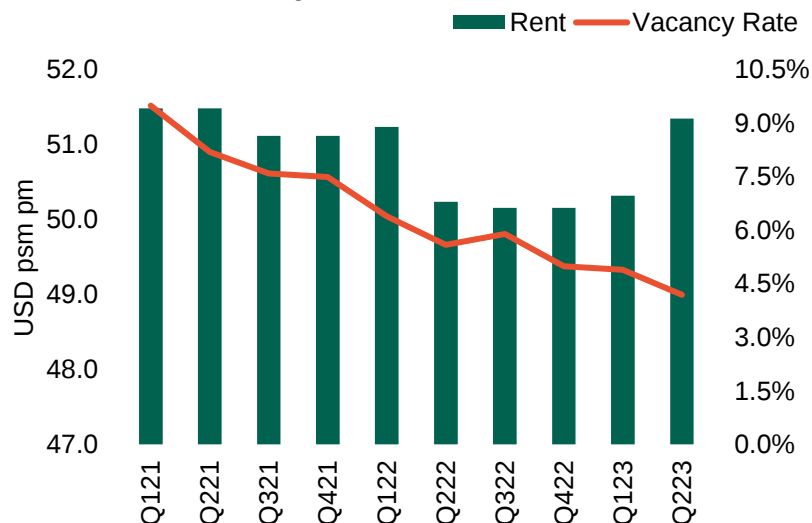


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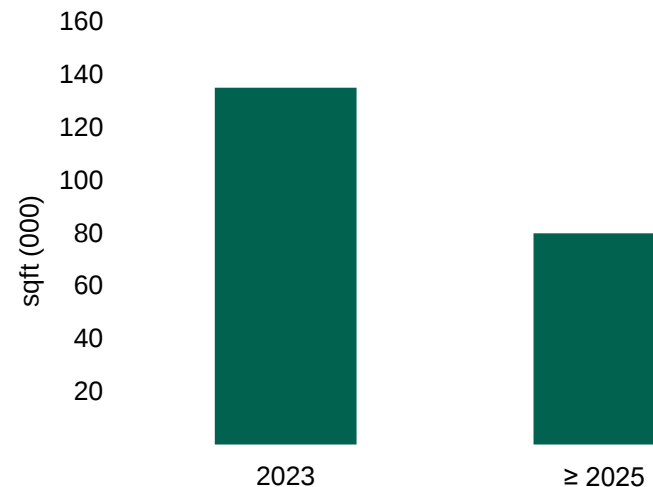
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Ho Chi Minh City

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Economic Indicators

	2023F	2024F
GDP Growth	6.5%	6.8%
Unemployment Rate	2.4%	2.4%
Inflation	4.5%	4.2%

Real Estate Indicators

	Q2 2023	12mth Forecast
Prime Rent (US\$ psm pm)	51.35	↓
Vacancy	4.2%	↑
Market Balance	Tenant	Tenant



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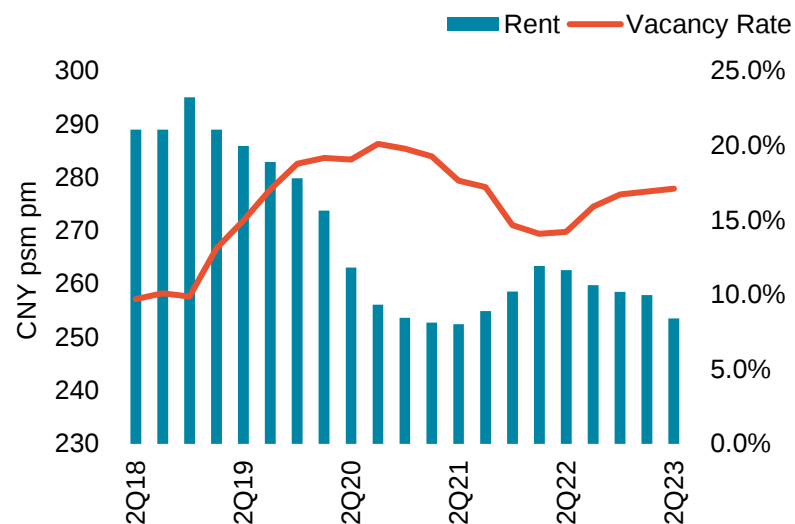
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East Asia

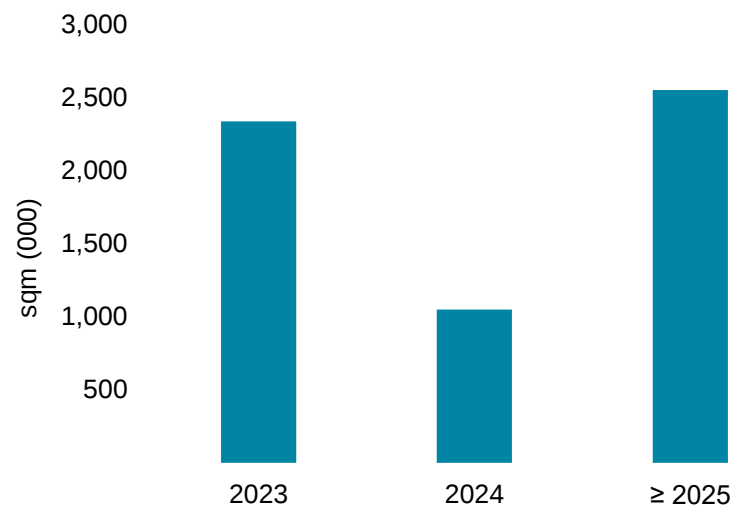
Office markets in the Chinese Mainland remained under pressure as rental declines showed little signs of bottoming, with vacancies staying stubbornly elevated. Prime rents in Hong Kong Island also softened, pressured by vacancies that clocked another high during the quarter. The faltering economic recovery in the Chinese Mainland is amplifying the effects of an elevated supply pipeline across these markets, which in the past, would have little problems absorbing. A pickup in the economic recovery remains crucial to reviving the office markets in these cities. Markets elsewhere in East Asia showed contrasting fortunes. Leasing activity in Tokyo is rebounding on post-pandemic demand, as rents rose a marginal 0.8% for H1 2023 despite looming supply. Seoul's ultra-tight vacancies at just over 1%, standing in stark contrast to most markets in Asia-Pacific, will continue to foster higher rents.

Shanghai

Rents and Vacancy



Future Pipeline Supply



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	2023F	2024F
GDP Growth	5.2%	4.5%
Unemployment Rate	4.1%	3.9%
Inflation	2.0%	2.2%

Real Estate Indicators

	Q2 2023	12mth Forecast
Prime Rent (CNY psm pm)	254	↑
Vacancy	17.1%	↓
Market Balance	Tenant	Tenant

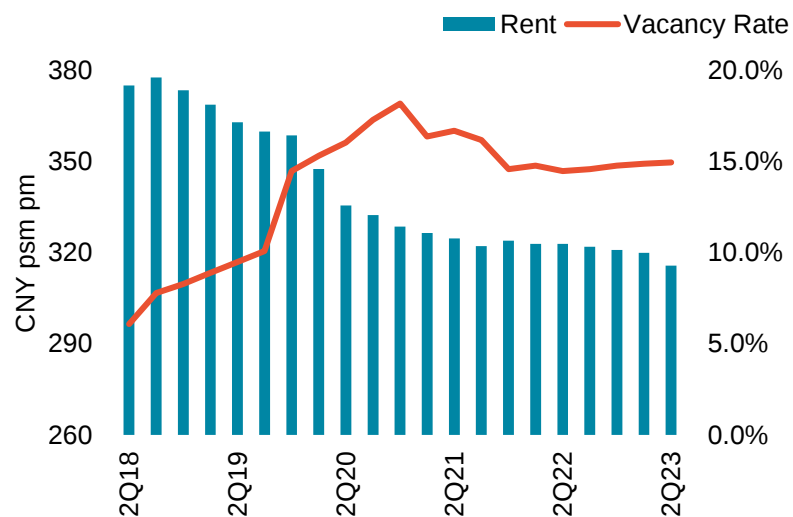


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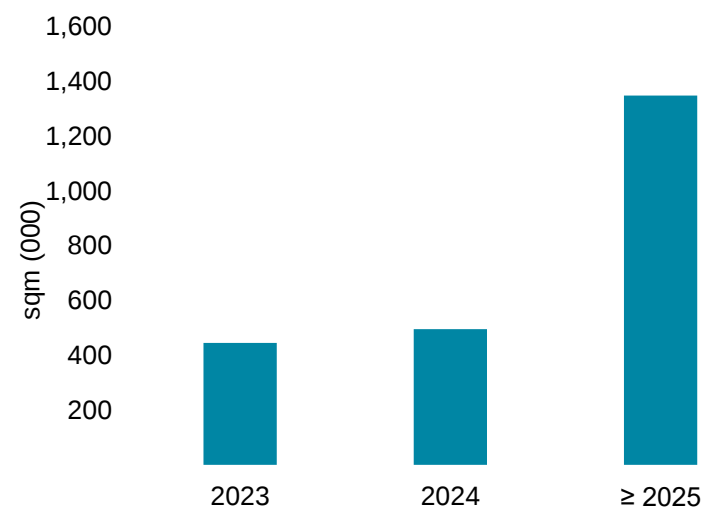
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Beijing

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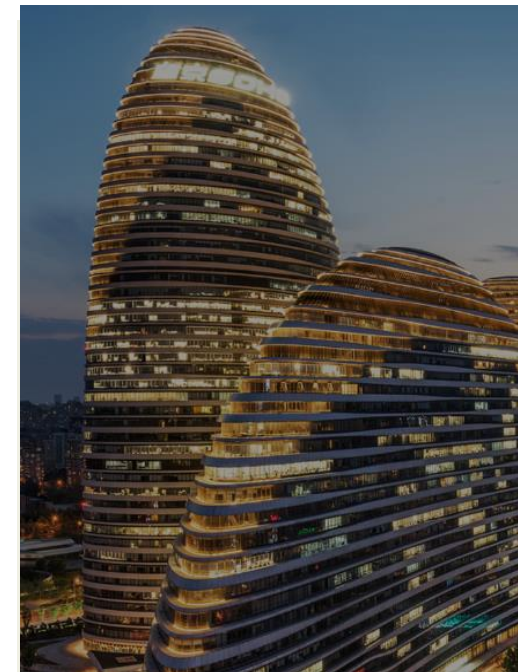


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Real Estate Indicators

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Prime Rent (CNY psm pm)	316	→
Vacancy	15.0%	↑
Market Balance	Tenant	Tenant

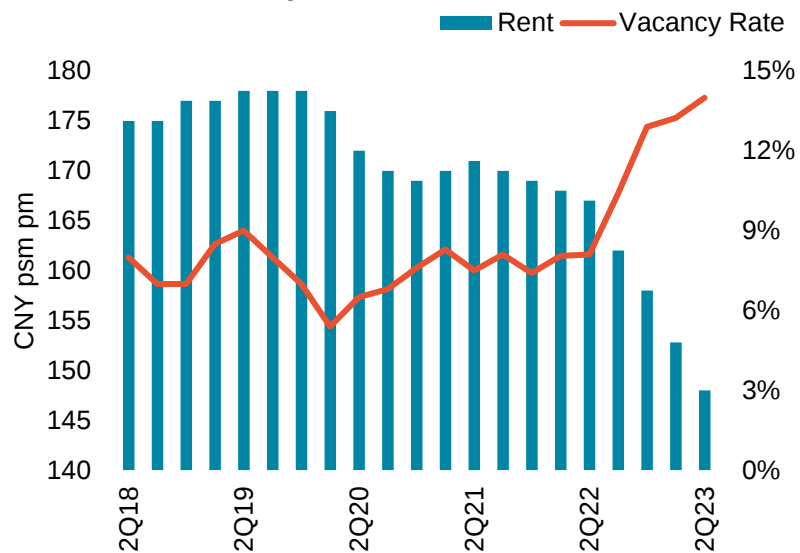


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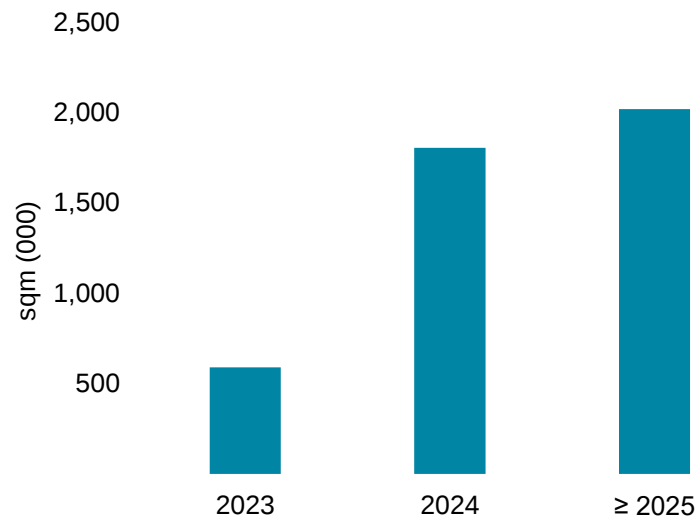
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Guangzhou

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Inflation	2.0%	2.2%

Real Estate Indicators

	Q2 2023	12mth Forecast
Prime Rent (CNY psm pm)	148	↓
Vacancy	14.0%	↑
Market Balance	Tenant	Tenant

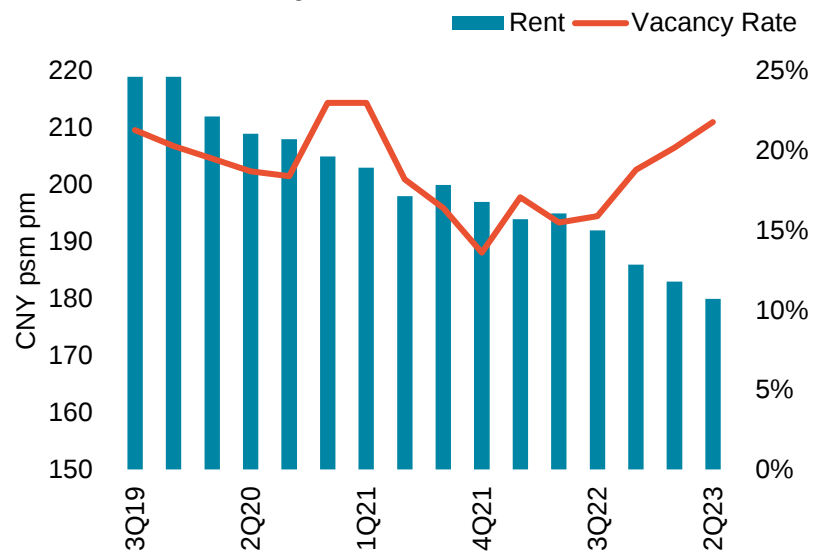


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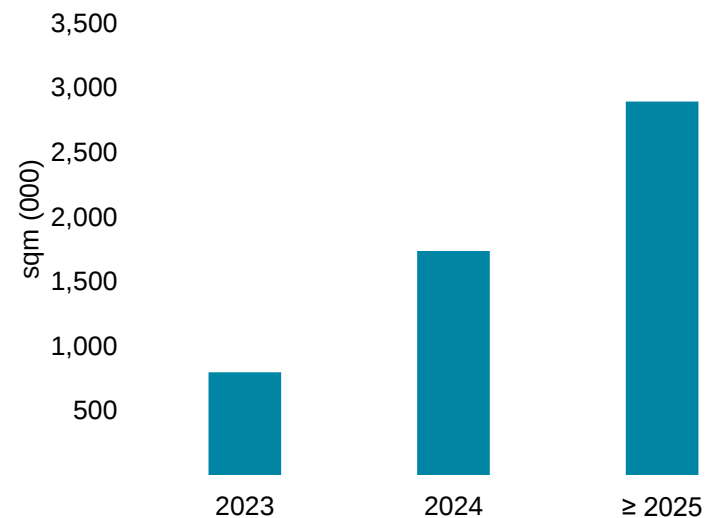
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Shenzhen

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Economic Indicators

	2023F	2024F
GDP Growth	5.2%	4.5%
Unemployment Rate	4.1%	3.9%
Inflation	2.0%	2.2%

Real Estate Indicators

	Q2 2023	12mth Forecast
Prime Rent (CNY psm pm)	180	↓
Vacancy	21.8%	↑
Market Balance	Tenant	Tenant

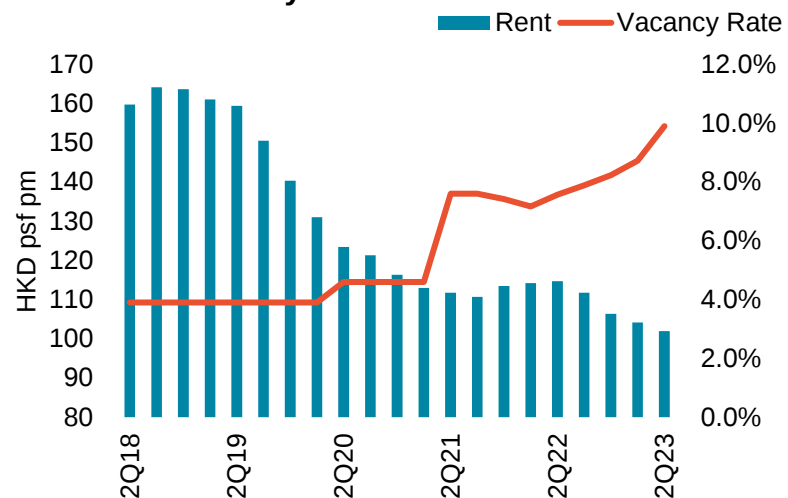


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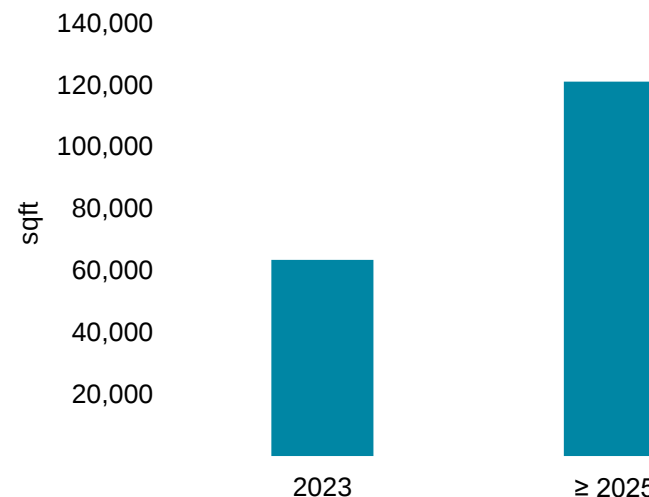
Hong Kong SAR

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*Grade A office space in prime area in Hong Kong Island, aka Central

Future Pipeline Supply



*No supply expected for 2024

Economic Indicators

	2023F	2024F
GDP Growth	3.6%	3.7%
Unemployment Rate	3.4%	3.3%
Inflation	2.3%	2.1%

Real Estate Indicators

	Q2 2023	12mth Forecast
Prime Rent (HK\$ psf pm)	104.2	↓
Vacancy	9.9%	↑
Market Balance	Tenant	Tenant

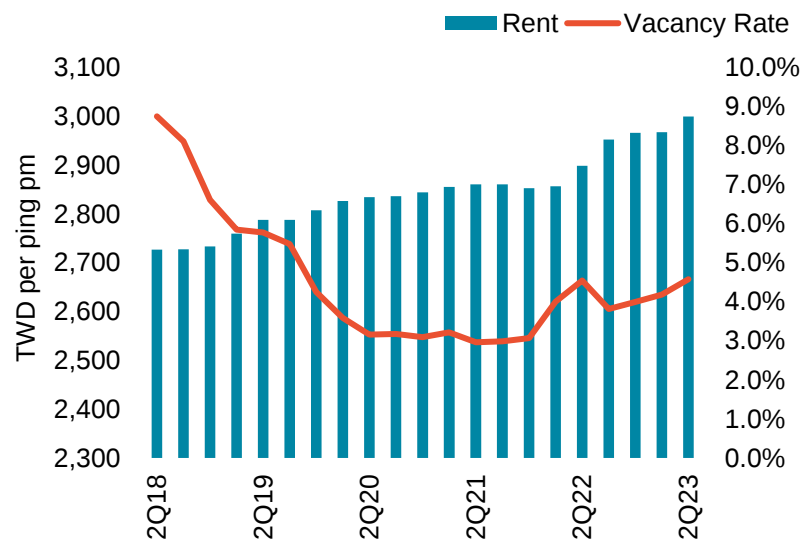


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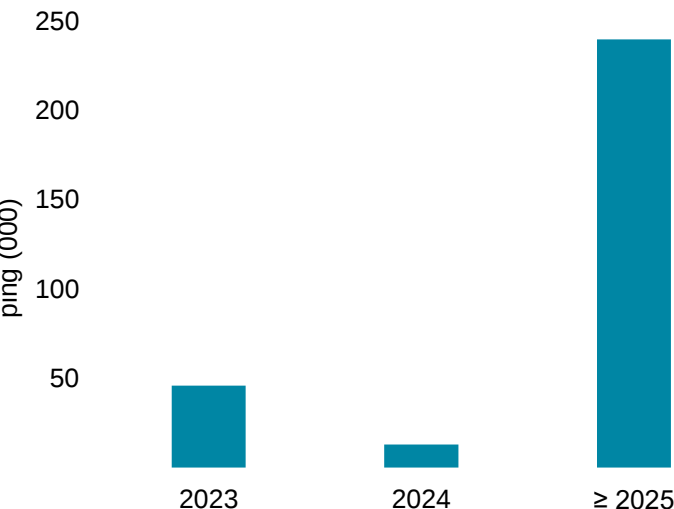
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Taipei

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Economic Indicators

	2023F	2024F
GDP Growth	2.0%	2.6%
Unemployment Rate	3.7%	3.7%
Inflation	2.0%	2.0%

Real Estate Indicators

	Q2 2023	12mth Forecast
Prime Rent (TW\$ per ping pm)	3,000	↑
Vacancy	4.6%	→
Market Balance	Landlord	Landlord

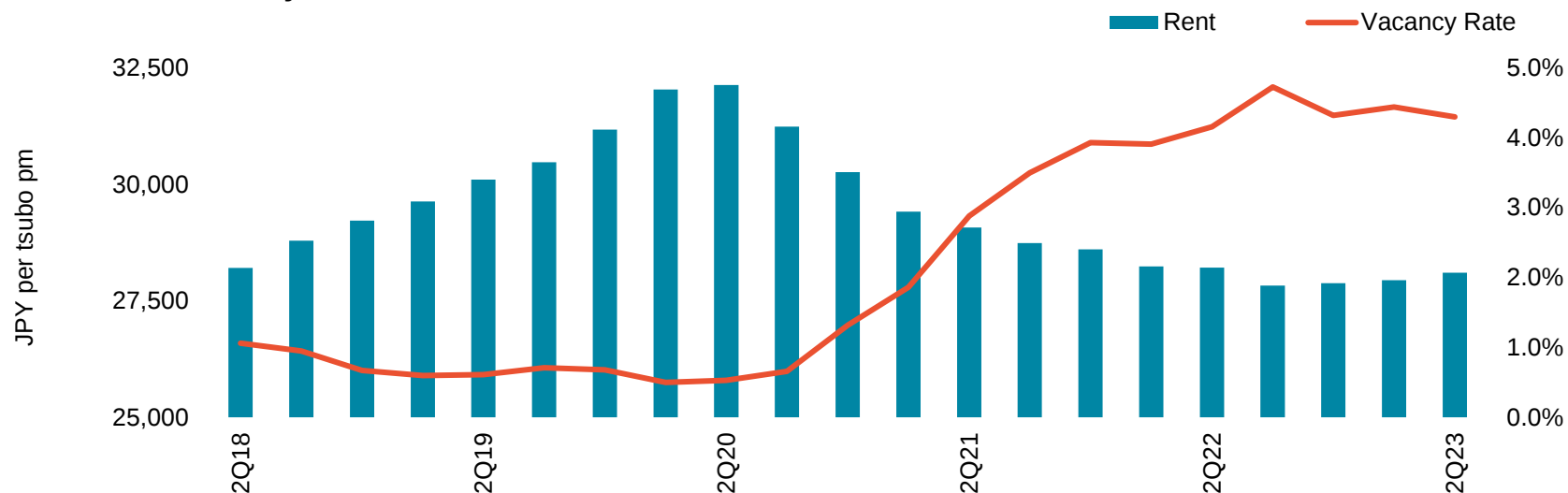


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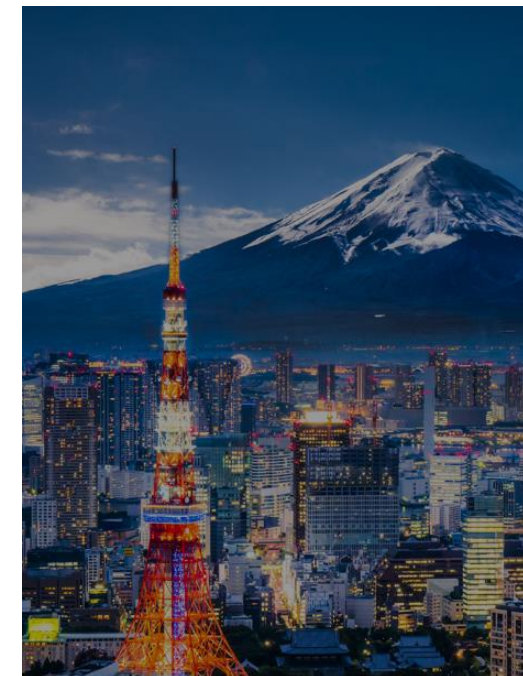


Economic Indicators

	2023F	2024F
GDP Growth	1.3%	1.0%
Unemployment Rate	2.3%	2.3%
Inflation	2.7%	2.2%

Real Estate Indicators

	Q2 2023	12mth Forecast
Prime Rent (JPY per tsubo pm)	28,104	→
Vacancy	4.3%	↑
Market Balance	Tenant	Tenant

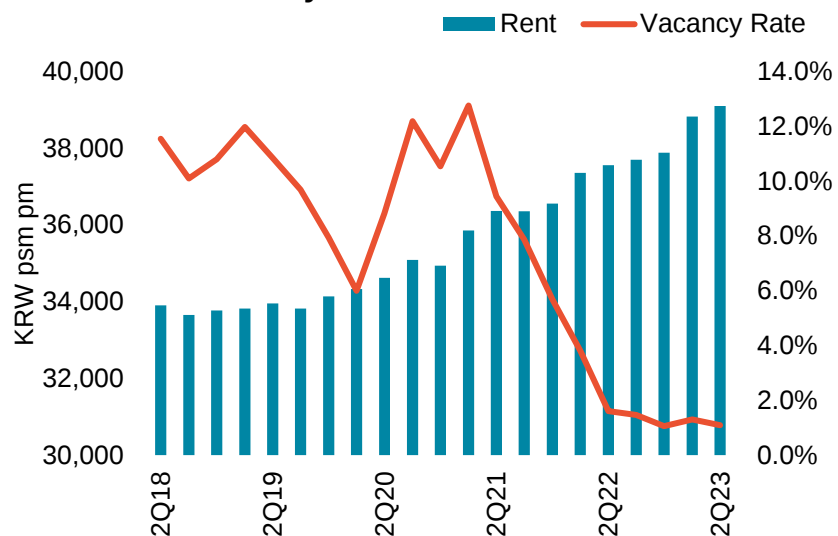


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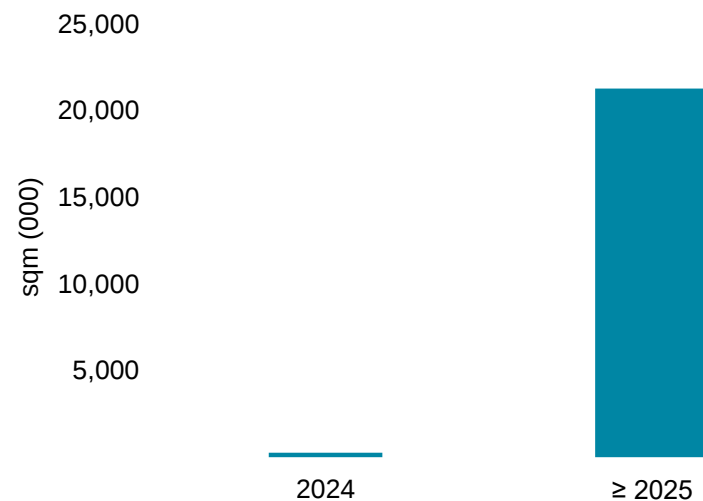
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Seoul

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Economic Indicators

	2023F	2024F
GDP Growth	1.5%	2.2%
Unemployment Rate	3.7%	3.7%
Inflation	3.2%	2.0%

Real Estate Indicators

	Q2 2023	12mth Forecast
Prime Rent (KRW psm pm)	39,100	→
Vacancy	1.1%	→
Market Balance	Landlord	Landlord



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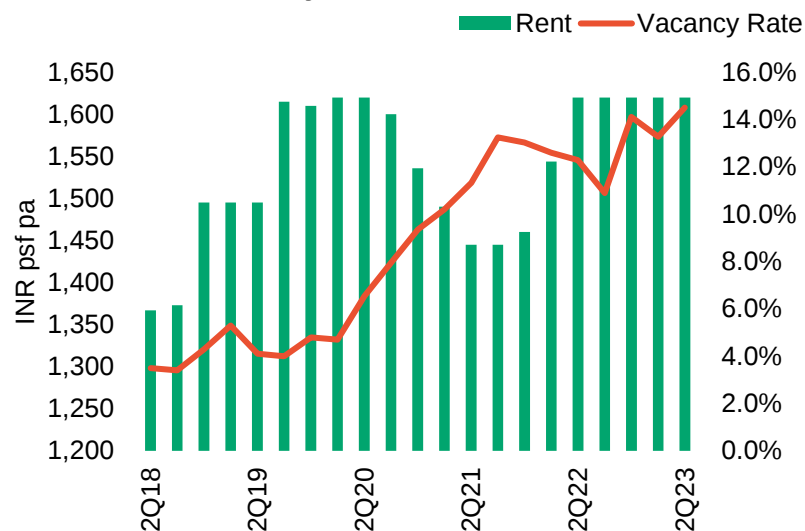
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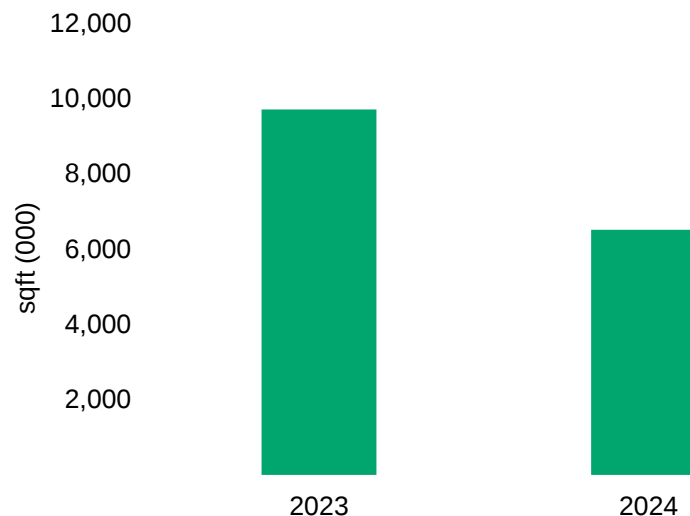
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Bengaluru

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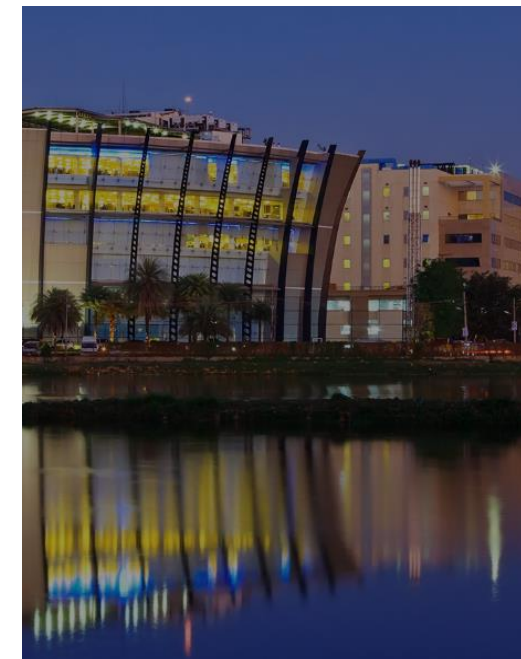


Economic Indicators

	2023F	2024F
GDP Growth	6.4%	6.7
Unemployment Rate	NA	NA
Inflation	5.0%	4.5%

Real Estate Indicators

	Q2 2023	12mth Forecast
Prime Rent (INR psf pa)	1,620	→
Vacancy	14.5%	→
Market Balance	Balanced	Balanced

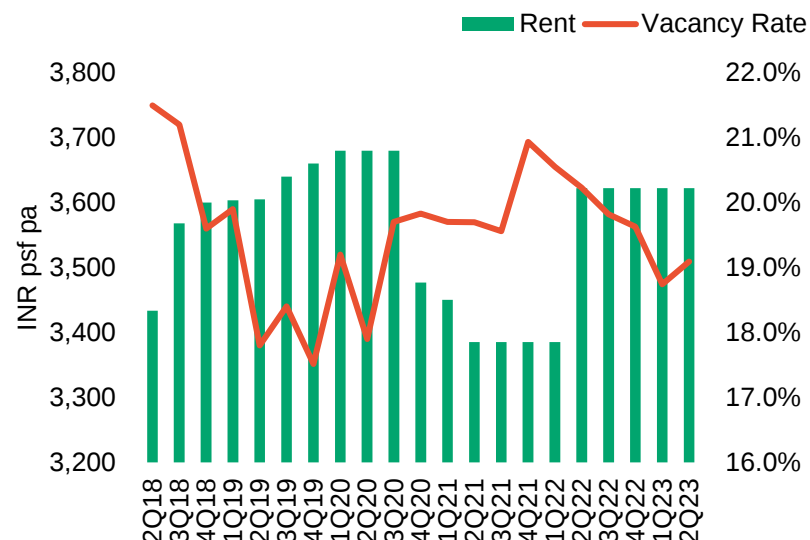


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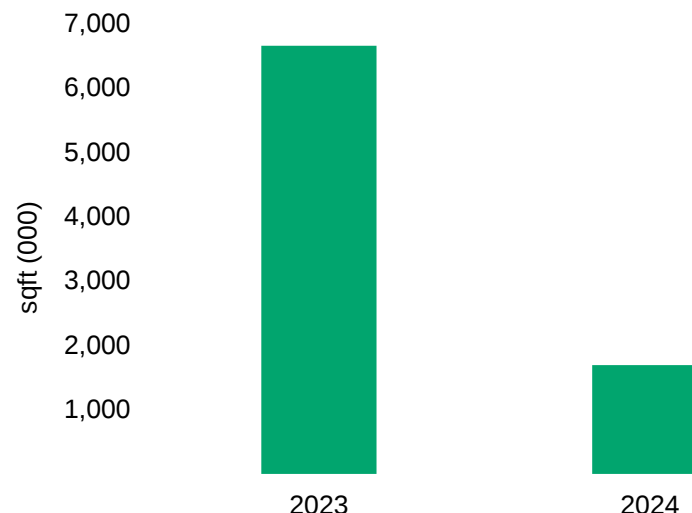
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Economic Indicators

	2023F	2024F
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Unemployment Rate	NA	NA
Inflation	5.0%	4.5%

Real Estate Indicators

	Q2 2023	12mth Forecast
Prime Rent (INR psf pa)	3,622	→
Vacancy	19.1%	→
Market Balance	Balanced	Balanced

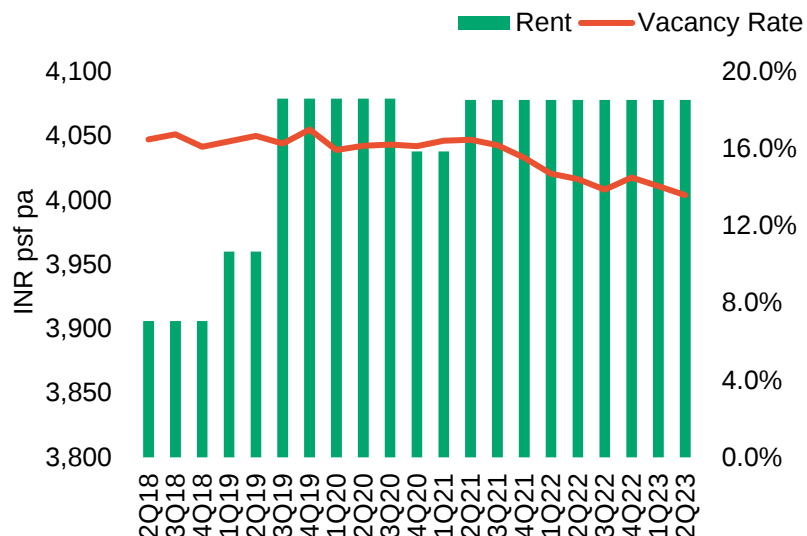


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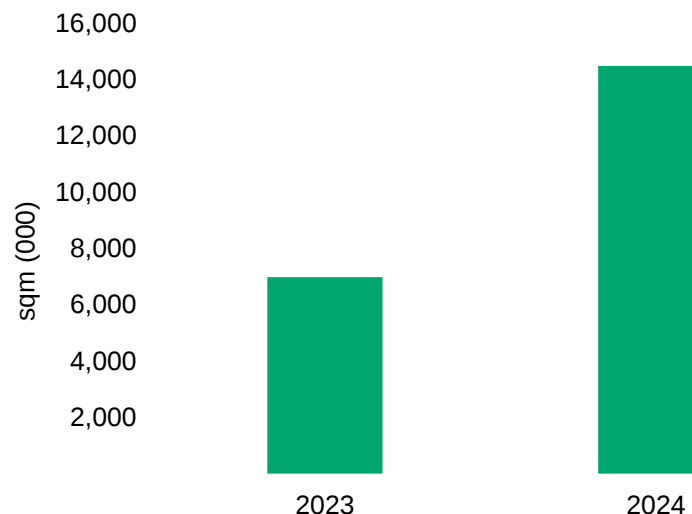
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Economic Indicators

	2023F	2024F
GDP Growth	6.4%	6.7
Unemployment Rate	NA	NA
Inflation	5.0%	4.5%

Real Estate Indicators

	Q2 2023	12mth Forecast
Prime Rent (INR psf pa)	4,078	→
Vacancy	13.6%	→
Market Balance	Balanced	Balanced



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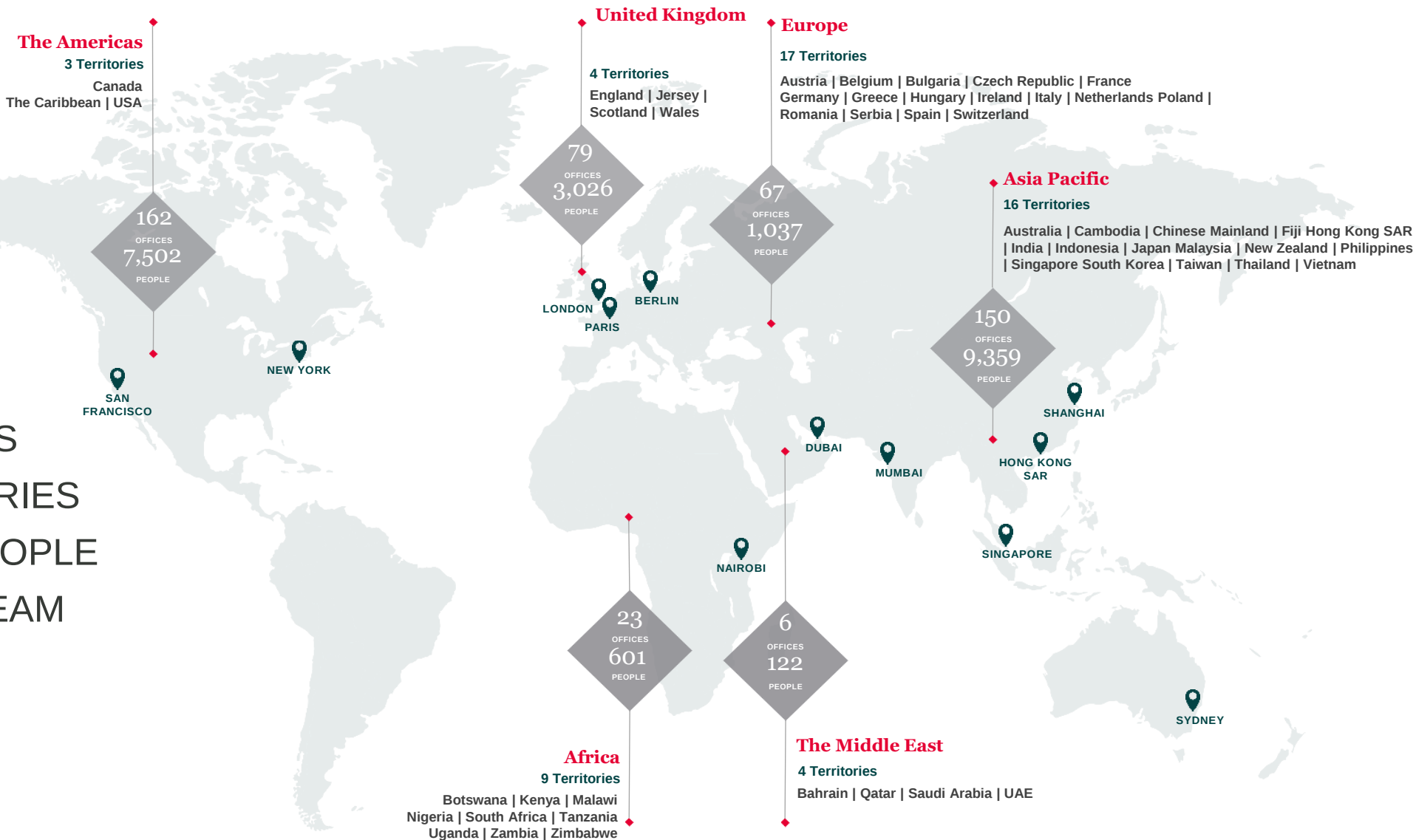
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