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Asia-Pacific Q1 2023 Office Highlights

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Asia-Pacific Overview – Q1 2023

Just three months into 2023, the global financial industry has been shaken by the sudden collapse of four banks, sparking fear that other banks will follow suit. Fortunately, the Asia-Pacific (APAC) region is relatively shielded from the crisis as banking fundamentals differ. The Asian Development Bank is projecting higher growth and lower inflation for Asia, led by the Chinese Mainland, even as advanced economies continue to struggle.

For Q1 2023, Knight Frank's Asia-Pacific Prime Office Rental Index dipped by 0.2% quarter-on-quarter (QoQ), the third consecutive quarter of decline since Q2 2022. The overall index is also down by 0.3% on an annual basis. In general, average vacancy expanded marginally by 0.01% this quarter.

Although muted office demand persisted across the board, a slight up-tick in market activities was captured in certain cities where more leasing enquiries were received — especially for newly completed prime buildings with ESG accreditations and occupiers taking advantage of the current competitive rents to secure better quality spaces within strict budgets.

Given the macroeconomic climate, the office sector will continue to face challenges despite a rosier economic outlook for APAC. Leasing activity is expected to maintain traction for recently or soon-to-be completed developments, keeping rent stable or growing modestly. Market conditions will continue to favour tenants for the rest of the year with incoming supply.

-0.2 %

QoQ growth for Asia-Pacific Rental Index in Q1 2023

Auckland

Recorded the highest YoY growth in Q1 2023

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Tracked cities recorded stable or increasing rents in Q1 2023

Cautious

Expectations for 2023 office outlook

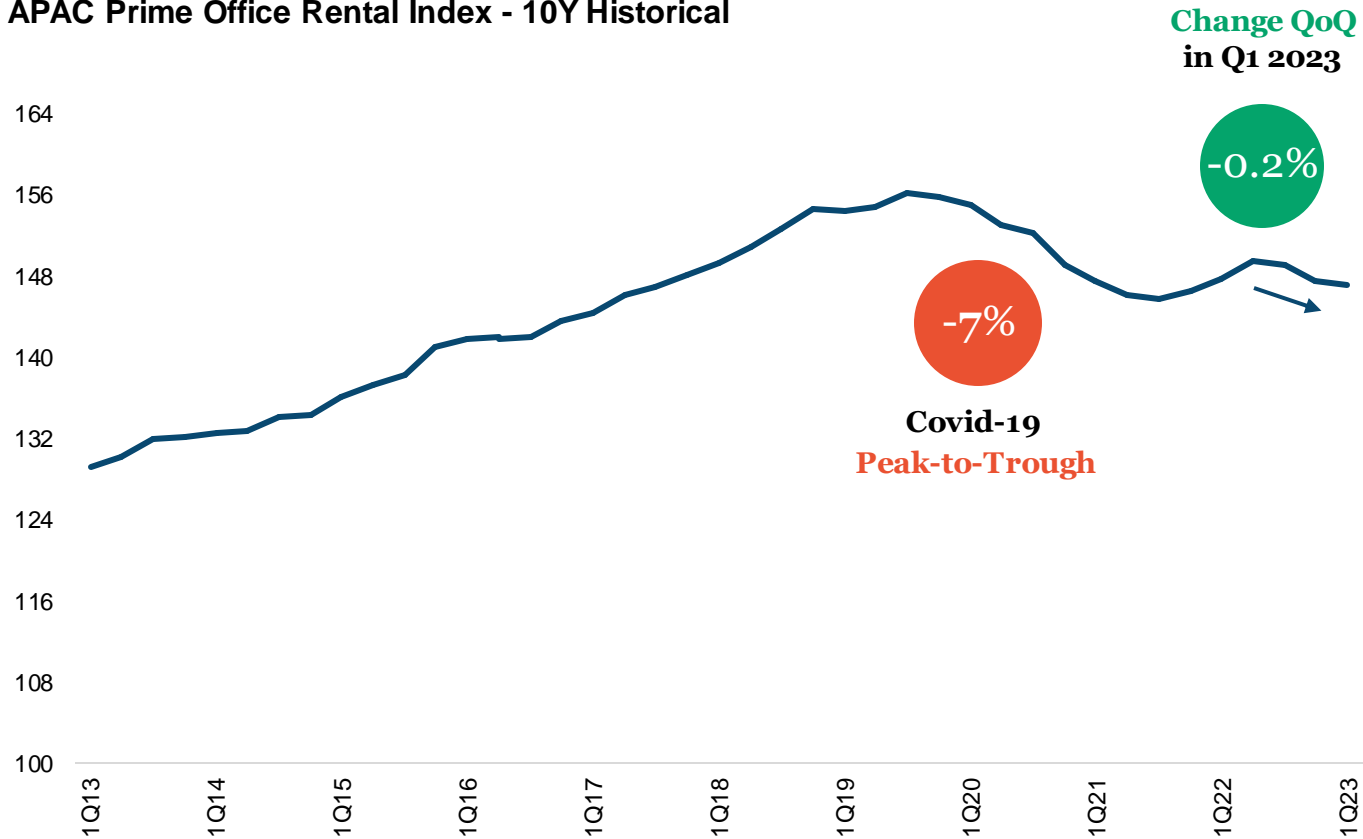
"Higher interest rates and the recent turmoil in the banking sector have largely dampened occupier sentiments but the interest in highly-amenitised buildings remained, as evidenced by increased enquiries for such assets. Given that office inventory will rise by 14% by 2025, occupiers are reviewing the best option that ties in with both their ESG goals and budget. Therefore, landlords should seize this opportunity to improve their occupancy rates by offering flexible lease to potential occupiers."

Tim Armstrong
Global Head of Occupier Strategy and Solutions

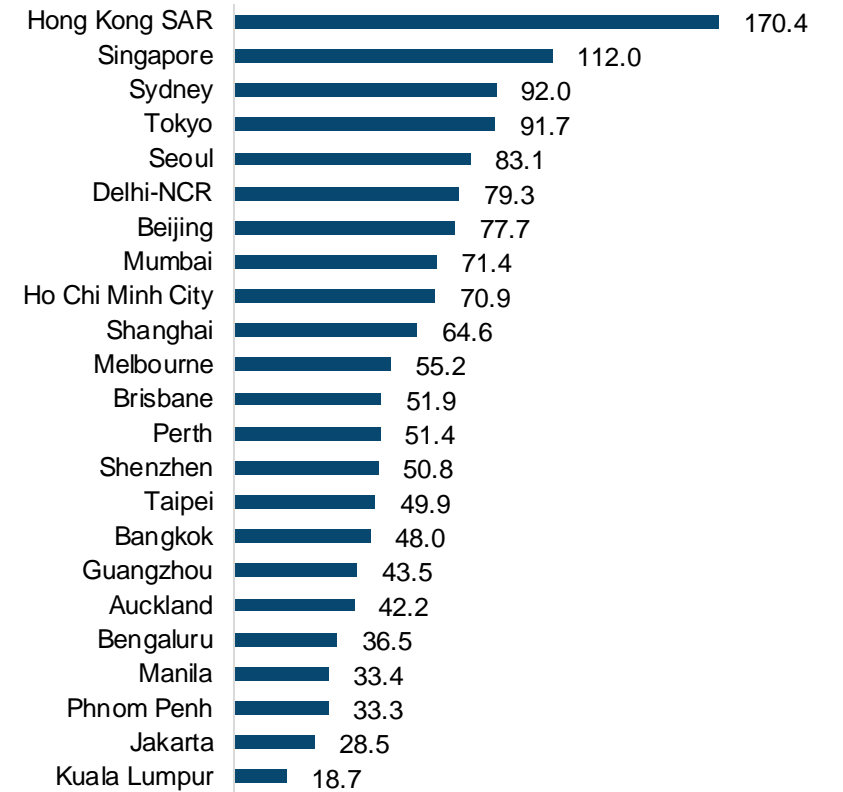
APAC Prime Office Rental Index

The Index continued its downwards trajectory by a further 0.2% QoQ, affected by wider uncertainty

APAC Prime Office Rental Index - 10Y Historical



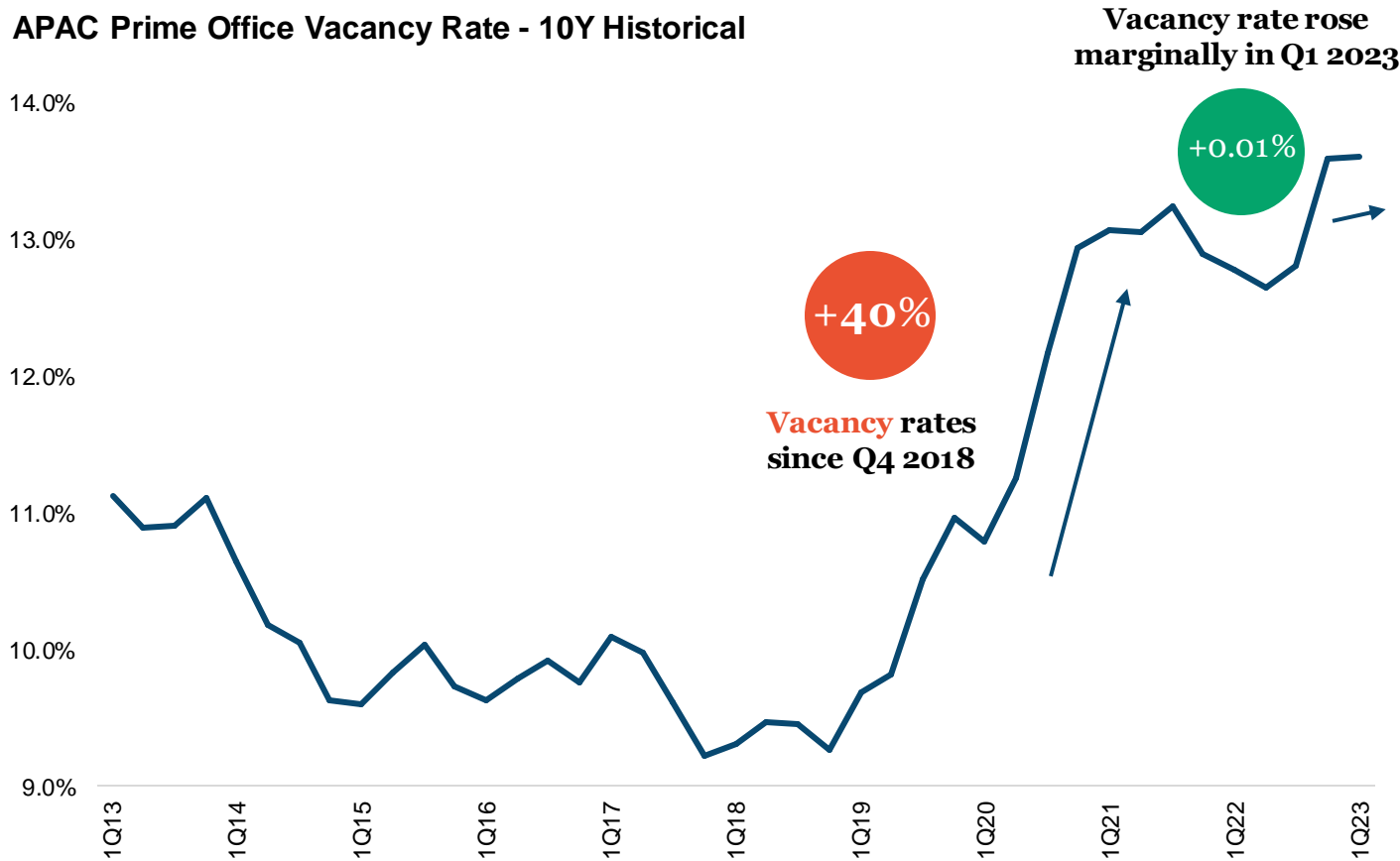
Q1 2023 Occupancy Cost (US\$/sqft/year)



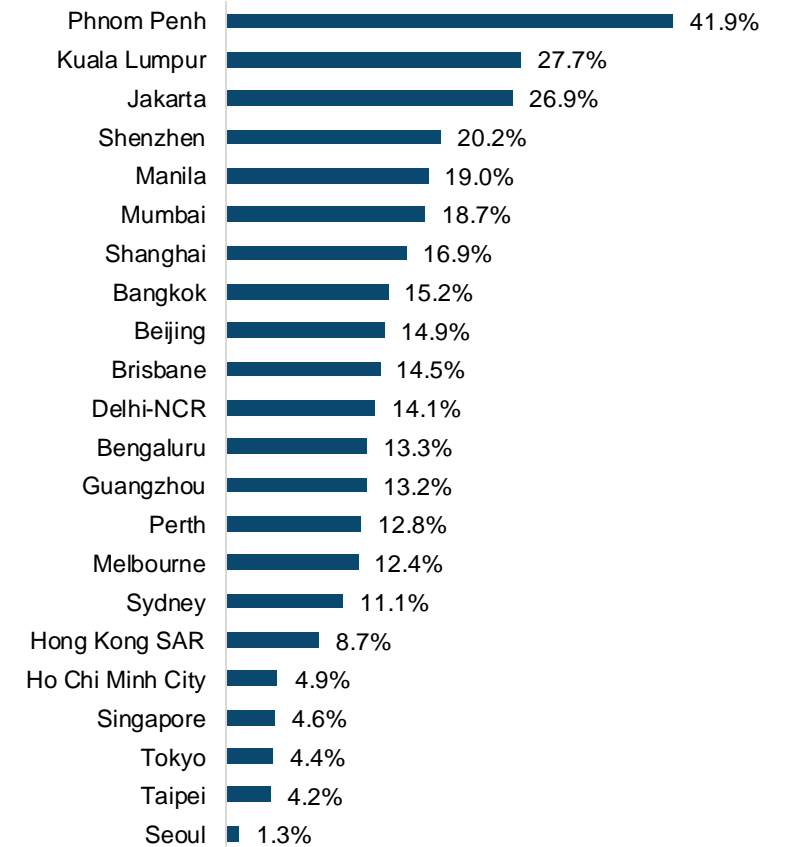
APAC Prime Office Vacancy Rate

Overall vacancy rate only expanded minimally as take-up rate almost offset new supply, indicating slight optimism

APAC Prime Office Vacancy Rate - 10Y Historical

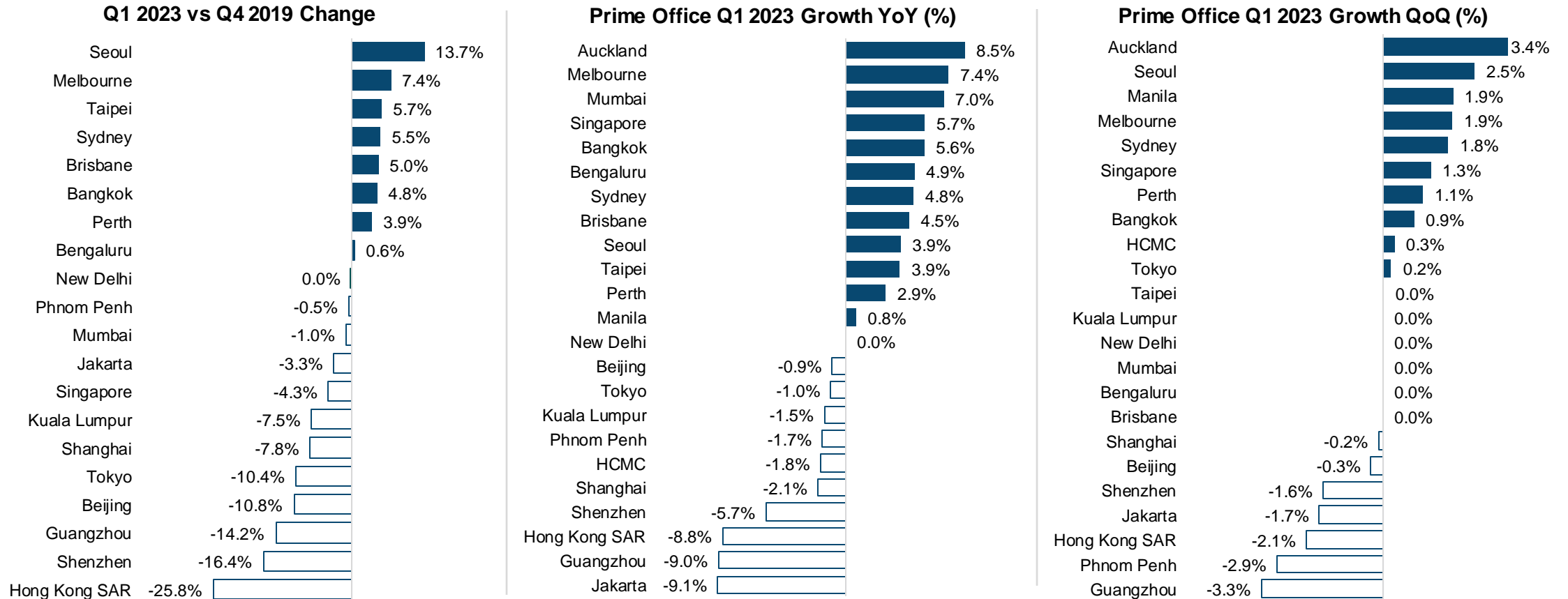


Q1 2023 Vacancy Rate



APAC Prime Rental Rates

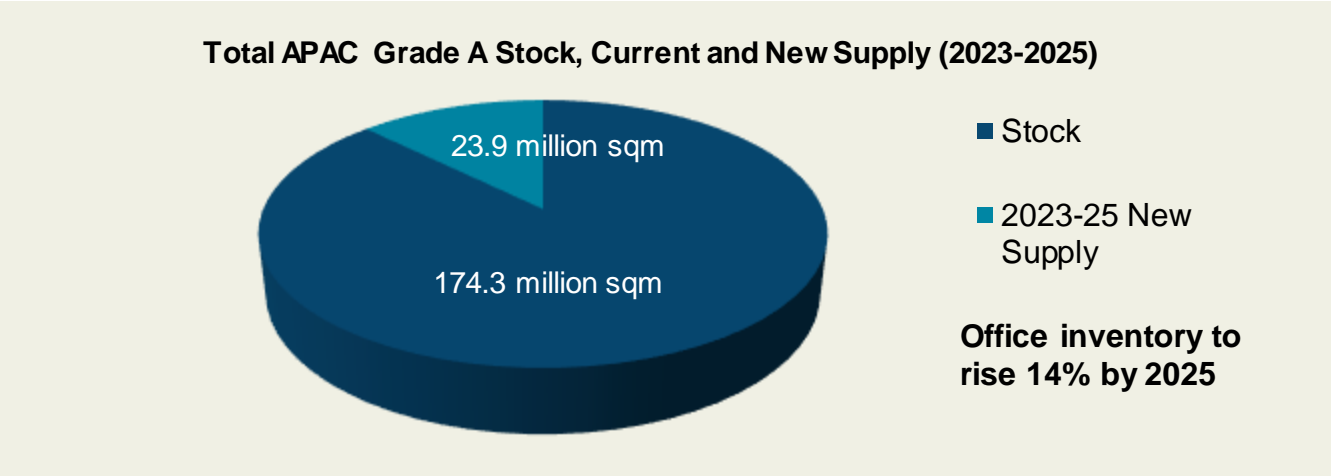
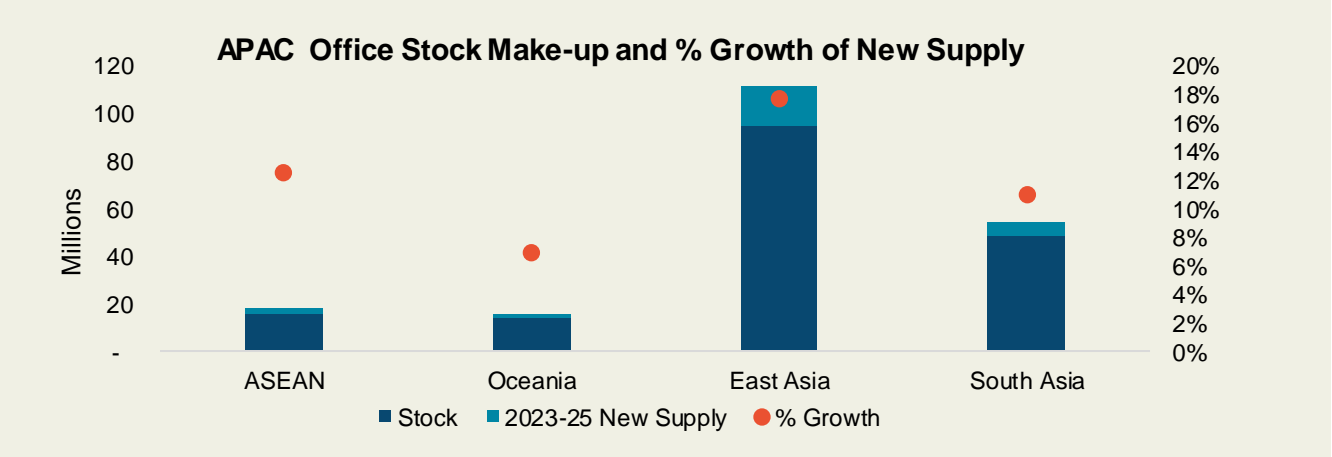
Most cities are currently demonstrating resilience in maintaining their rent levels on both an annual and quarterly basis



APAC Office Pipeline Supply

Office inventory increased by a marginal 0.1% QoQ, totalling the total Grade A stock to 174.3 million sqm

Proportion of Upcoming Supply to Current Stock



APAC 2023 Office Outlook

12-Month Rental Outlook

Decreasing

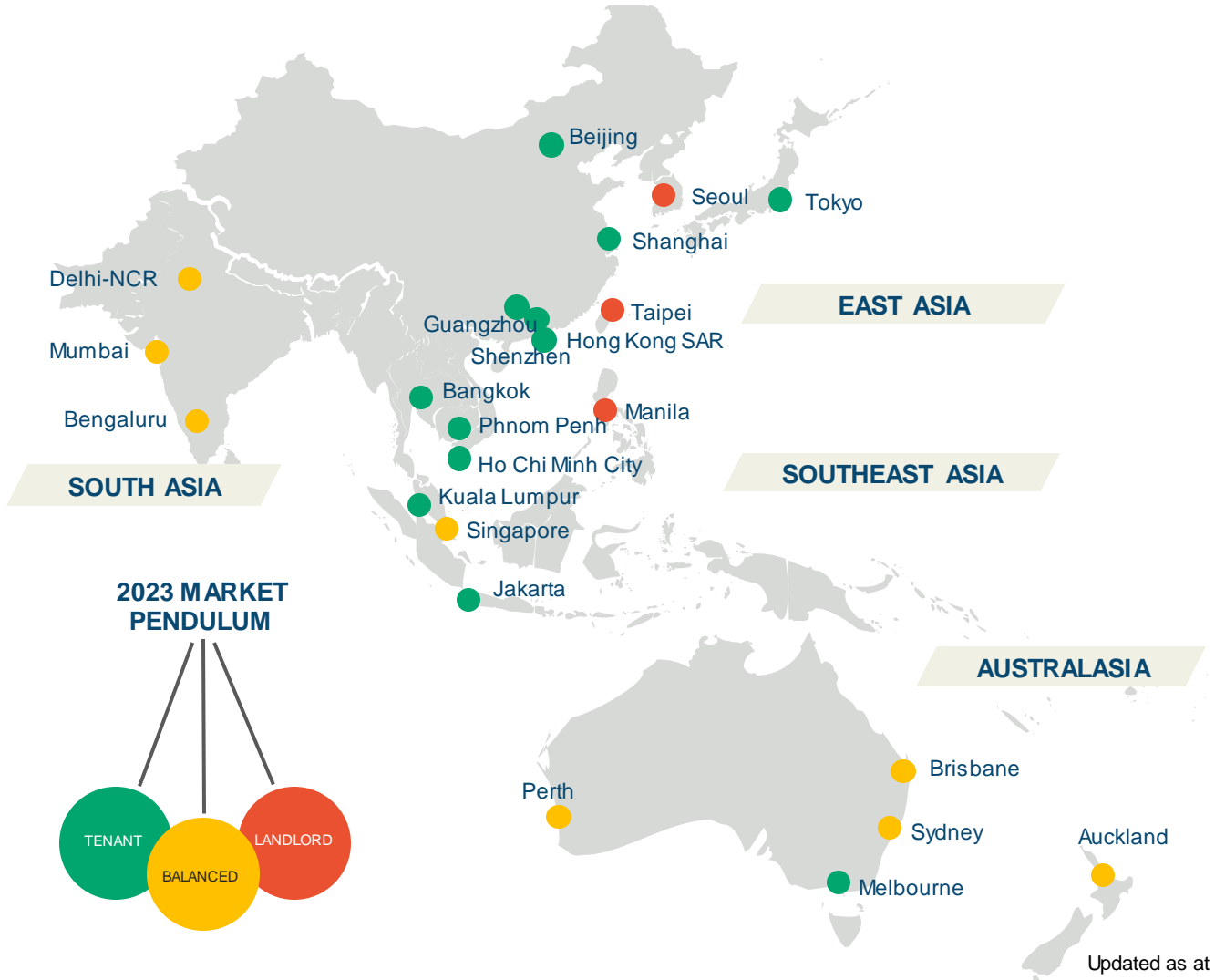
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- Shenzhen
- Hong Kong SAR
- Phnom Penh
- Kuala Lumpur
- Ho Chi Minh City

Unchanged

- Auckland
- Tokyo
- Beijing
- Seoul
- Bengaluru
- Mumbai
- Delhi-NCR
- Jakarta
- Bangkok

Increasing

- Brisbane
- Melbourne
- Perth
- Sydney
- Shanghai
- Taipei
- Singapore
- Manila

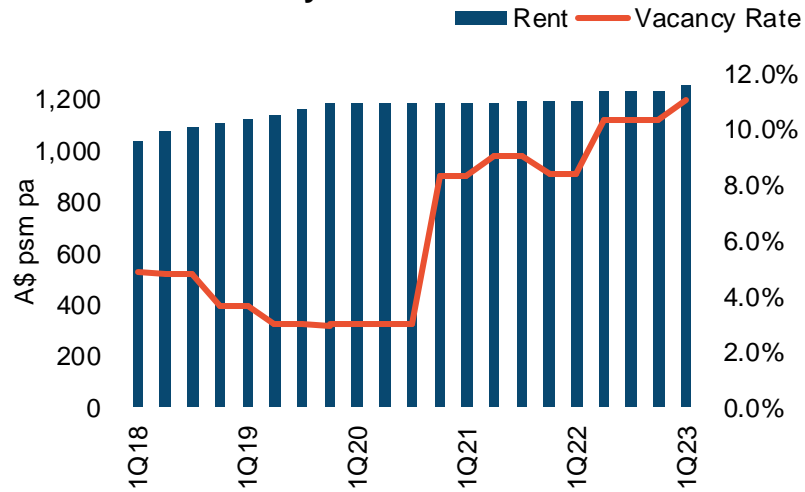


Market Dashboards

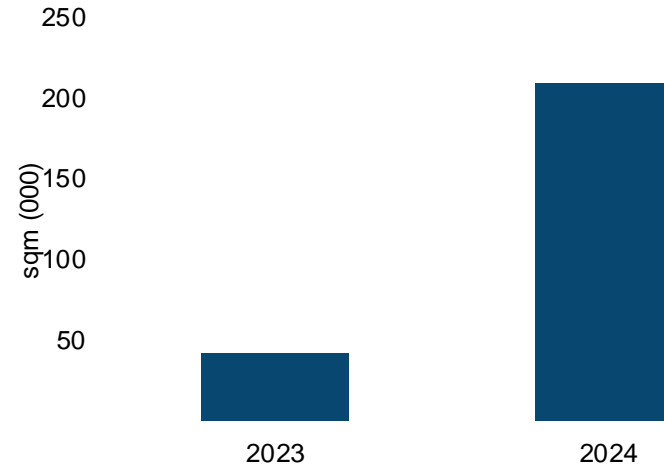
Oceania

The Australian office market continued its growth streak from last quarter, with all cities tracked either maintaining rent or clinching rental growths. Melbourne led the pack and expanded 7.4% annually and 1.1% quarterly. Despite this, vacancy rates ticked up in all cities, indicating softening demand. With the Australian economy expected to slow in 2023 as rising interest rates cool household consumption and investment, vacancy rates are projected to stay elevated as future pipeline gets completed in a climate of muted demand. However, rents are forecasted to hold, supported by rising incentives. Likewise, neighbouring Auckland experienced a similar situation where both rent and vacancy rate grew in tandem. Outlook for New Zealand's economy is also gloomy, and conditions are already recessionary for some sectors. Low vacancies and rental growth amongst prime properties should persist, albeit at a marginal rate.

Rents and Vacancy



Future Pipeline Supply

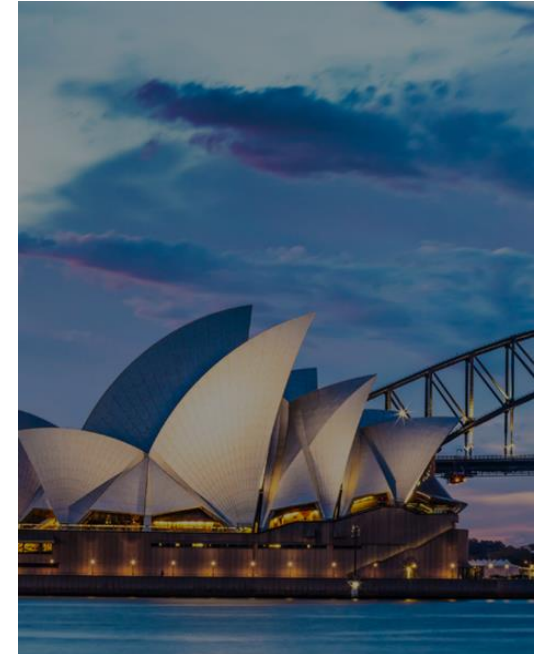


Economic Indicators

	2023F	2024F
GDP Growth	1.5%	1.5%
Unemployment Rate	3.8%	4.3%
Inflation	3.7%	4.3%

Real Estate Indicators

	Q1 2023	12mth Forecast
Prime Rent (A\$ psm pa)	1,254	↑
Vacancy	11.1%	→
Market Balance	Balanced	Balanced

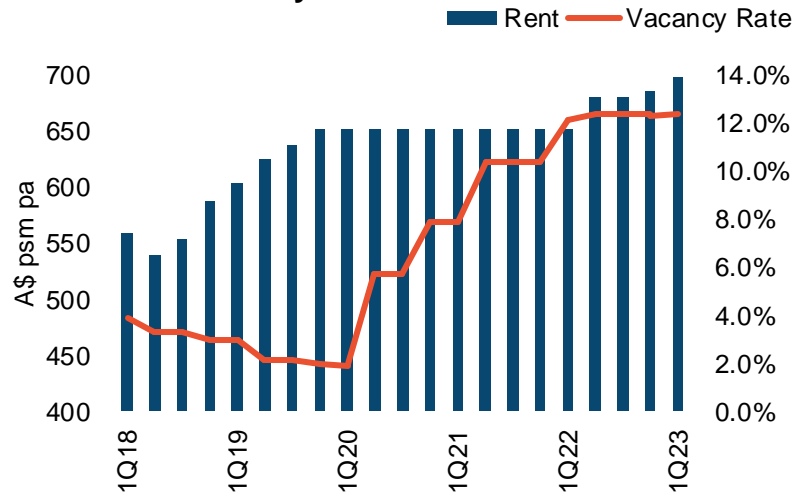


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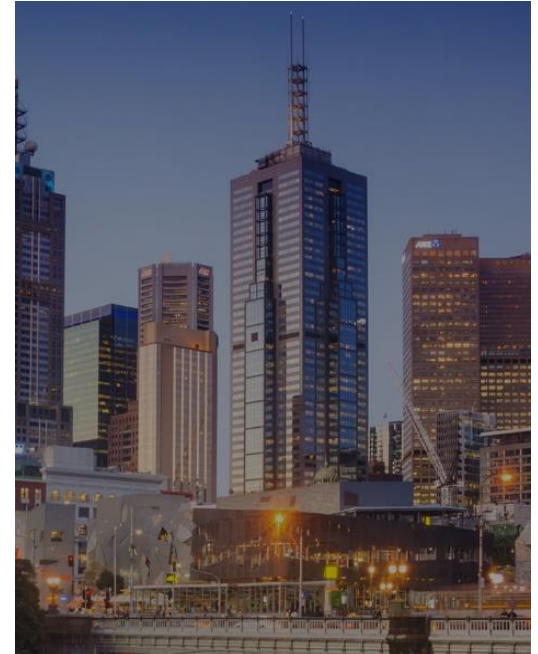
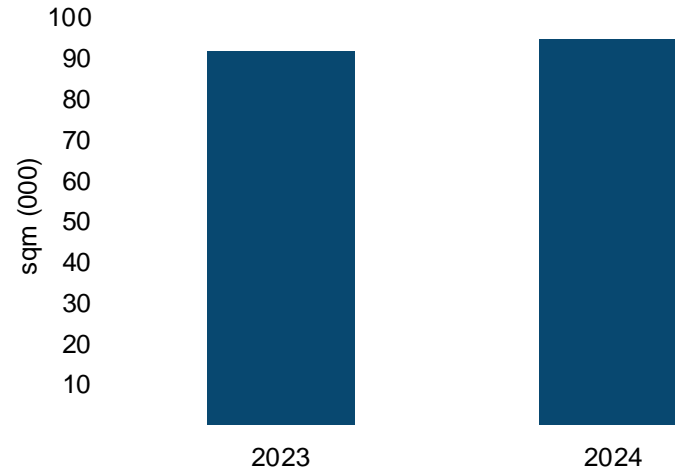
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Melbourne

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Real Estate Indicators

	Q1 2023	12mth Forecast
Prime Rent (A\$ psm pa)	699	↑
Vacancy	12.4%	→
Market Balance	Tenant	Tenant

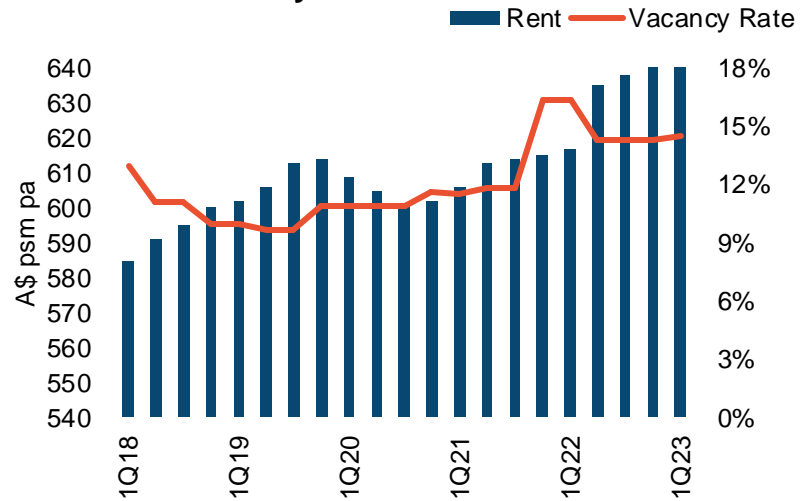
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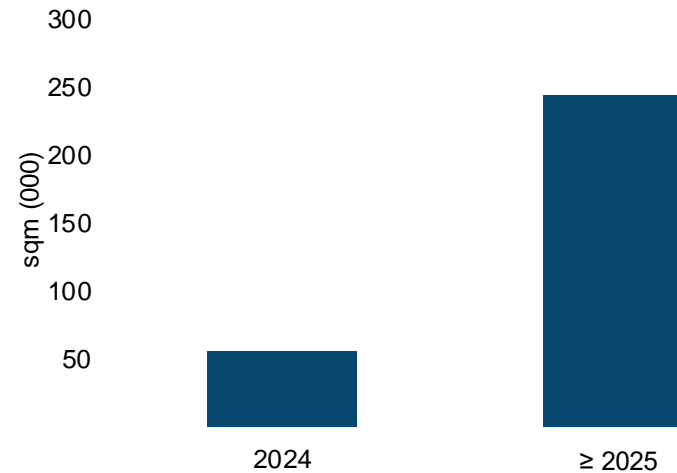
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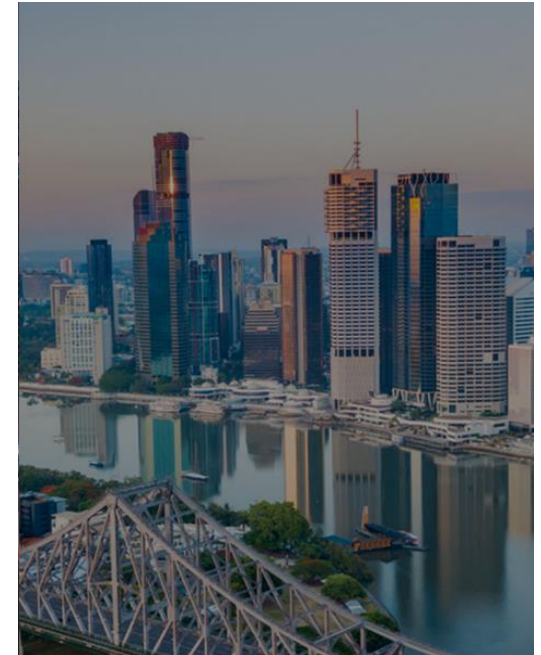


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Real Estate Indicators

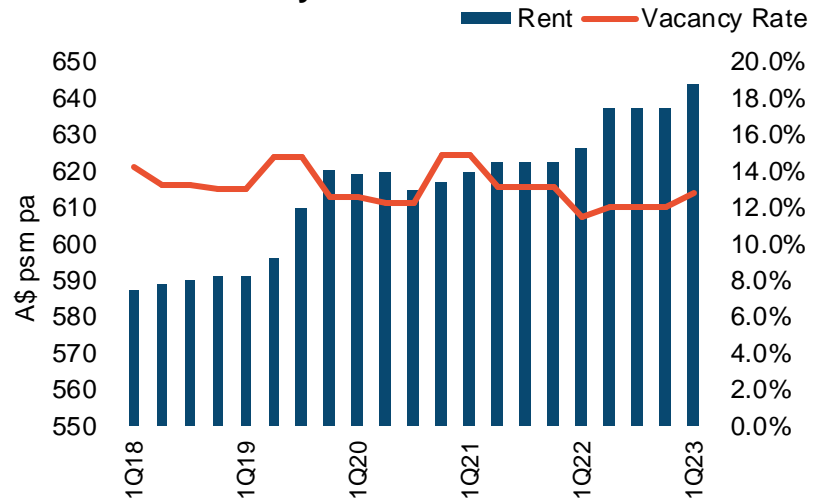
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Prime Rent (A\$ psm pa)	645	↑
Vacancy	14.5%	→
Market Balance	Balanced	Balanced



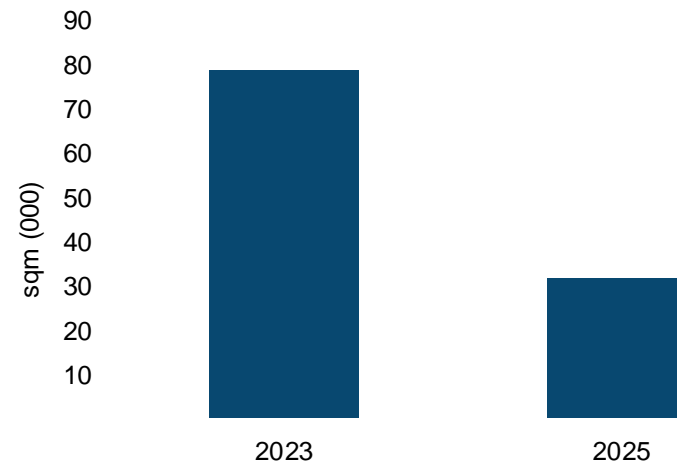
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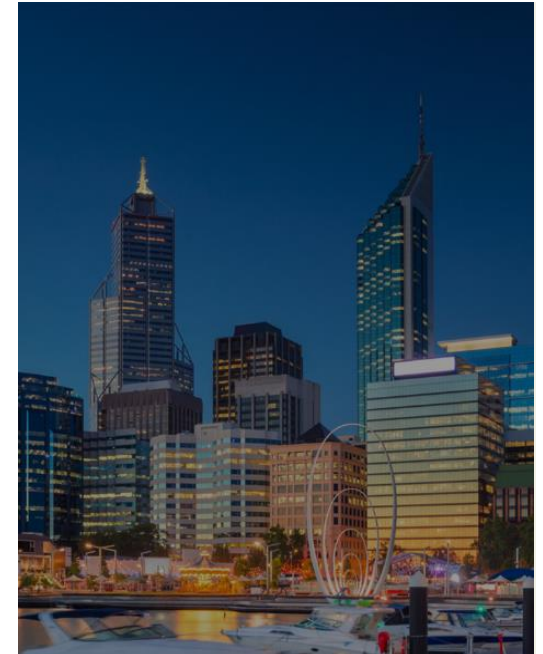
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Market Balance	Balanced	Balanced

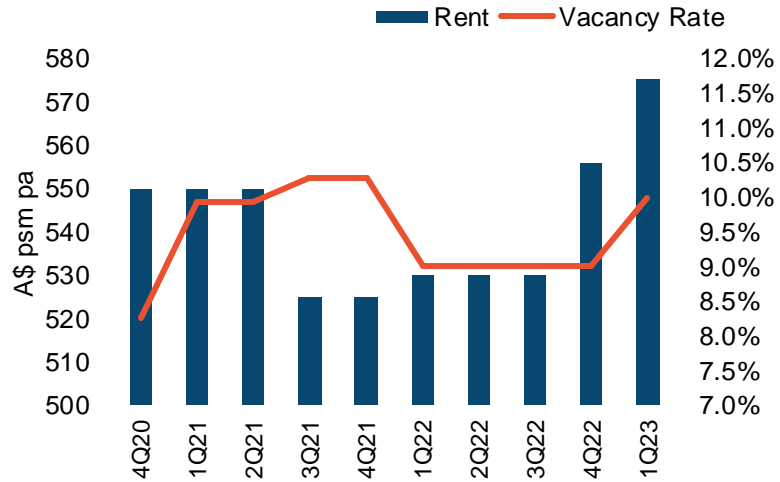


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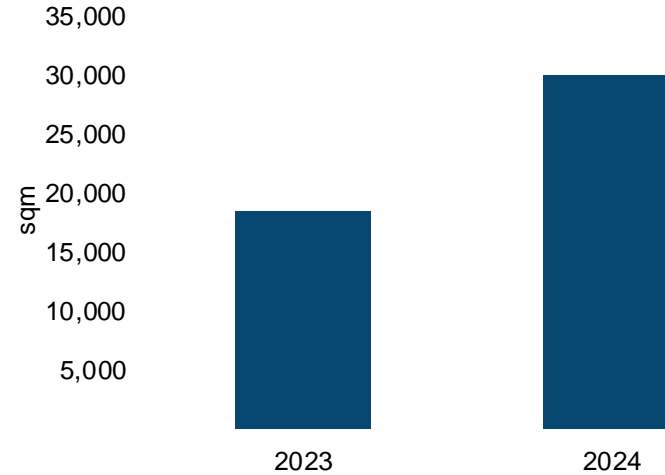
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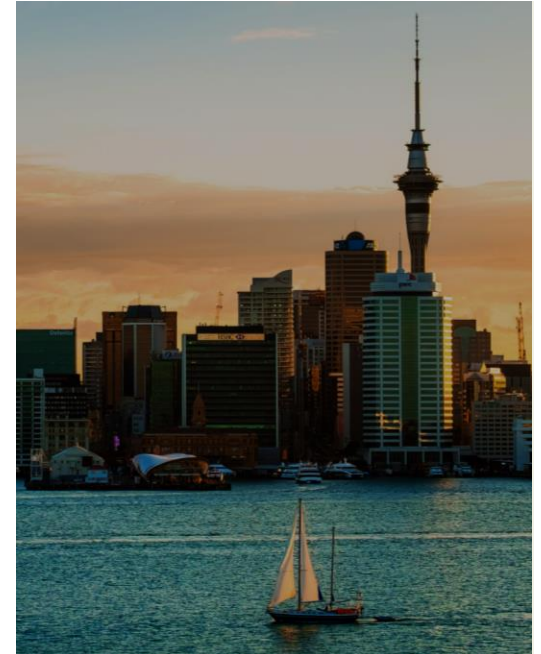


Economic Indicators

	2023F	2024F
GDP Growth	1.0%	1.2%
Unemployment Rate	3.9%	4.7%
Inflation	5.3%	3.2%

Real Estate Indicators

	Q1 2023	12mth Forecast
Prime Rent (NZ\$ psm pa)	575	→
Vacancy	10.0%	→
Market Balance	Balanced	Balanced



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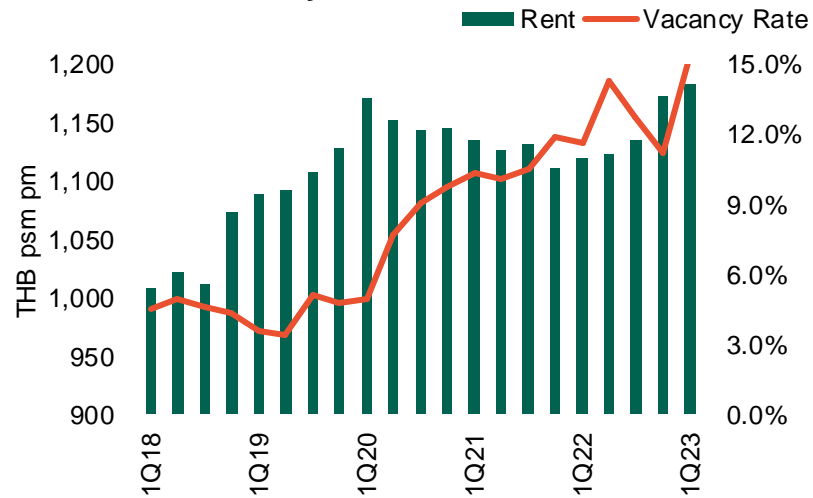
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Southeast Asia

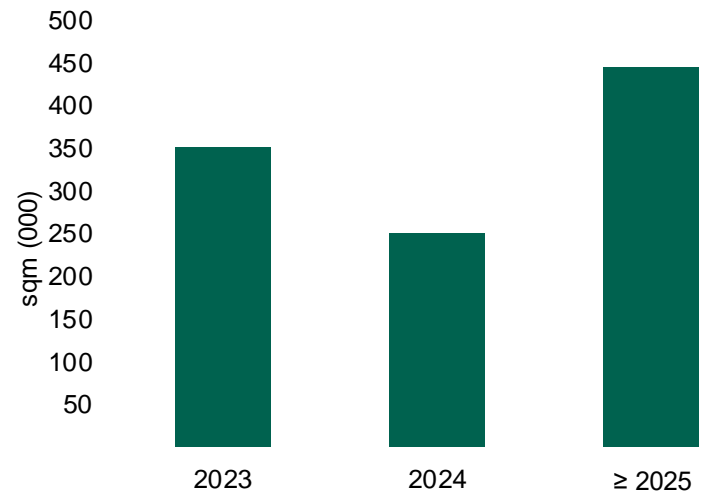
Rental growth records show that the office sector in Southeast Asia (SEA) tackled challenging economic conditions well in Q1 2023, a continuation from previous quarters. Both Singapore and Manila remained resilient against headwinds as they led growth in the region. Annually, rent expanded by 5.7% for Singapore and 1.9% quarterly for Manila. In the same vein, demand for both cities held up as vacancy rates shrank for three consecutive quarters. Ho Chi Minh City saw its prime rent reversed after three quarters of decline, while Kuala Lumpur maintained its value. These are promising signs that with the developing geopolitical situation, corporations strive to diversify their supply chains and expand beyond the Chinese Mainland, boding well for this region.

Bangkok

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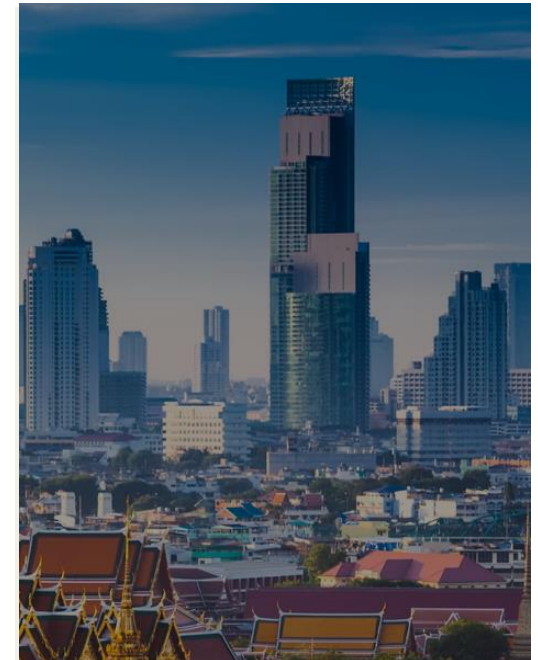


Economic Indicators

	2023F	2024F
GDP Growth	3.3%	3.7%
Unemployment Rate	N/A	N/A
Inflation	2.9%	2.3%

Real Estate Indicators

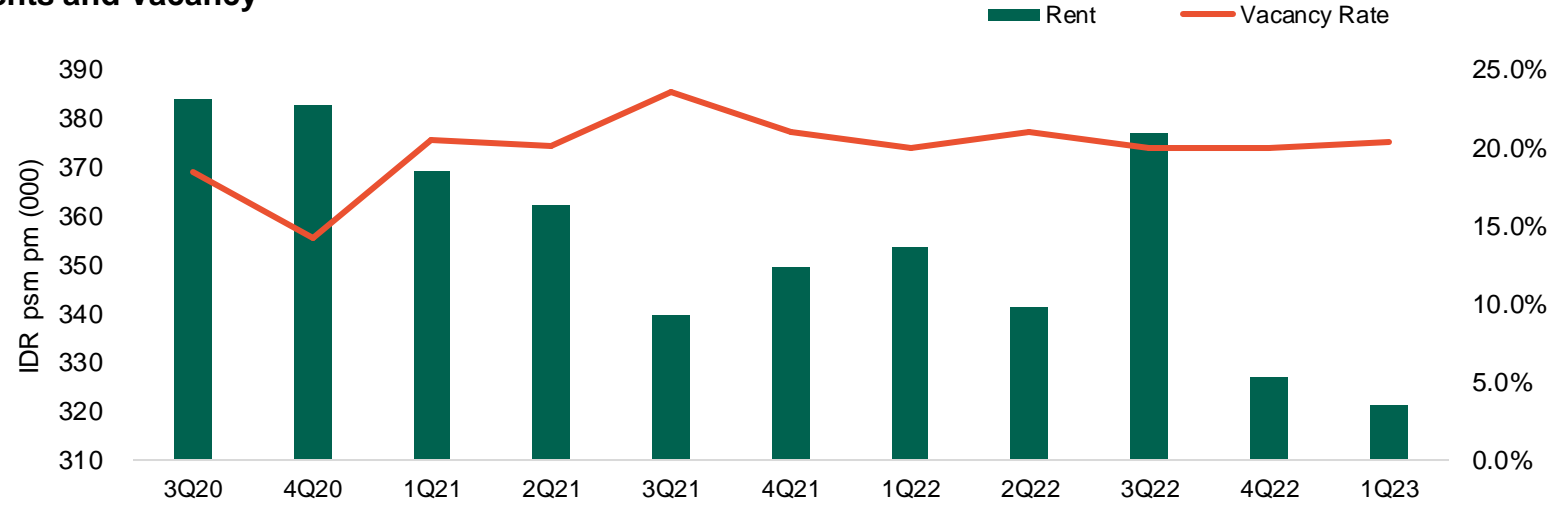
	Q1 2023	12mth Forecast
Prime Rent (THB psm pm)	1,183	→
Vacancy	15.2%	→
Market Balance	Tenant	Tenant



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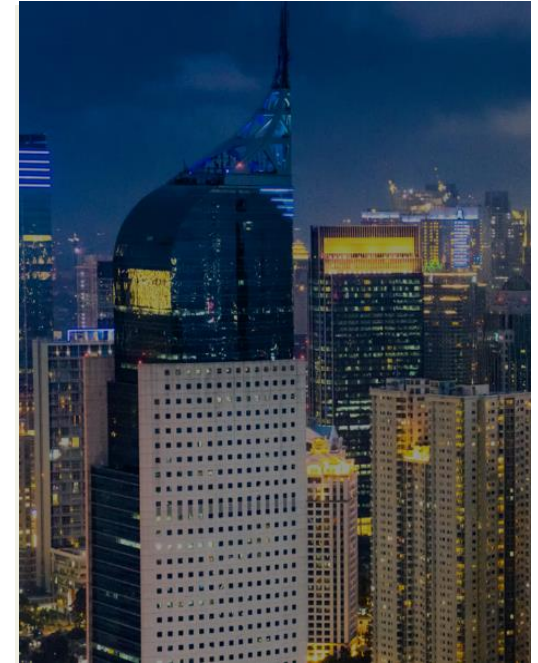


Economic Indicators

	2023F	2024F
GDP Growth	4.8%	5.0%
Unemployment Rate	5.4%	6.0%
Inflation	4.2%	3.0%

Real Estate Indicators

	Q1 2023	12mth Forecast
Prime Rent (IDR psm pm)	321,303	→
Vacancy	20.4%	→
Market Balance	Tenant	Tenant

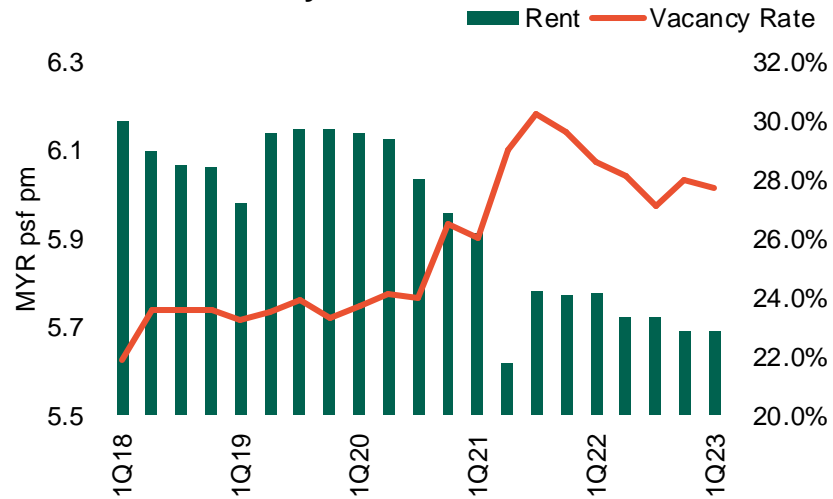


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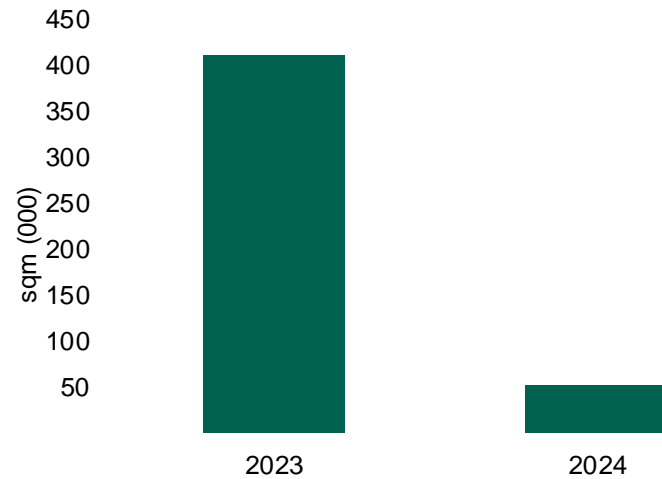
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Kuala Lumpur

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Economic Indicators

	2023F	2024F
GDP Growth	4.0% – 5.0%	4.9%
Unemployment Rate	3.5%	3.3%
Inflation	2.8% – 3.8%	2.8%

Real Estate Indicators

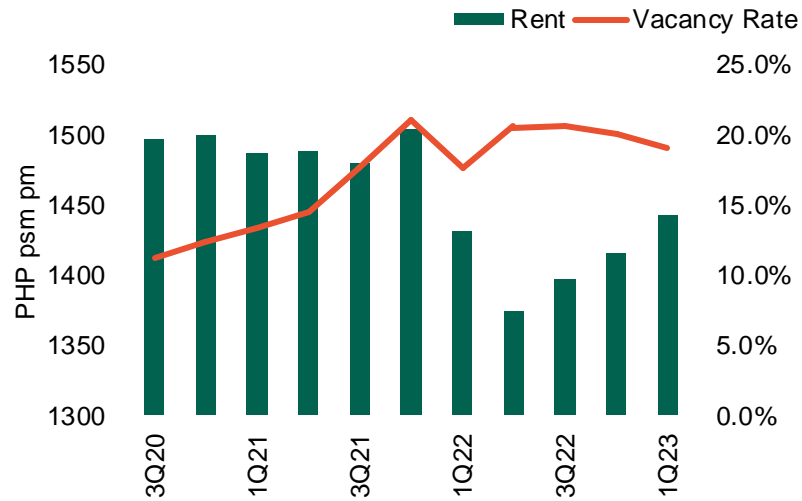
	Q1 2023	12mth Forecast
Prime Rent (MYR psf pm)	5.69	↓
Vacancy	27.7%	→
Market Balance	Tenant	Tenant



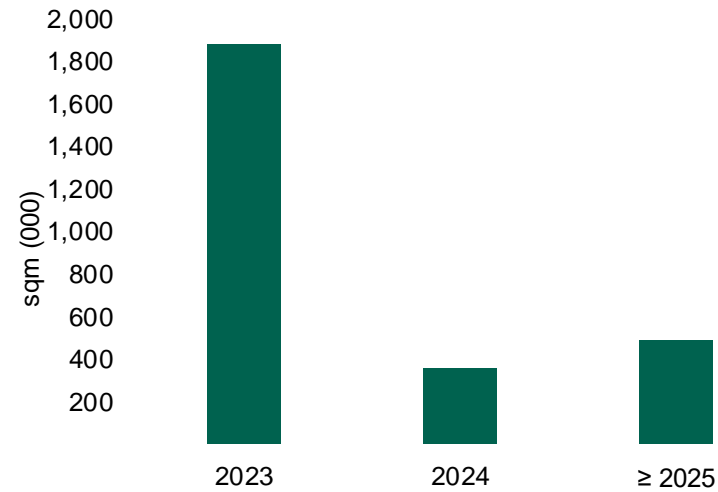
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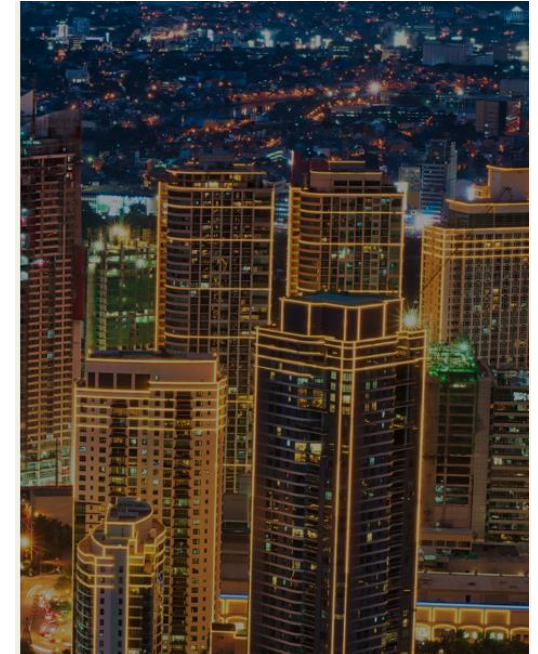


Economic Indicators

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

Real Estate Indicators

	Q1 2023	12mth Forecast
Prime Rent (PHP psm pm)	1,442	↑
Vacancy	19.0%	↓
Market Balance	Landlord	Landlord

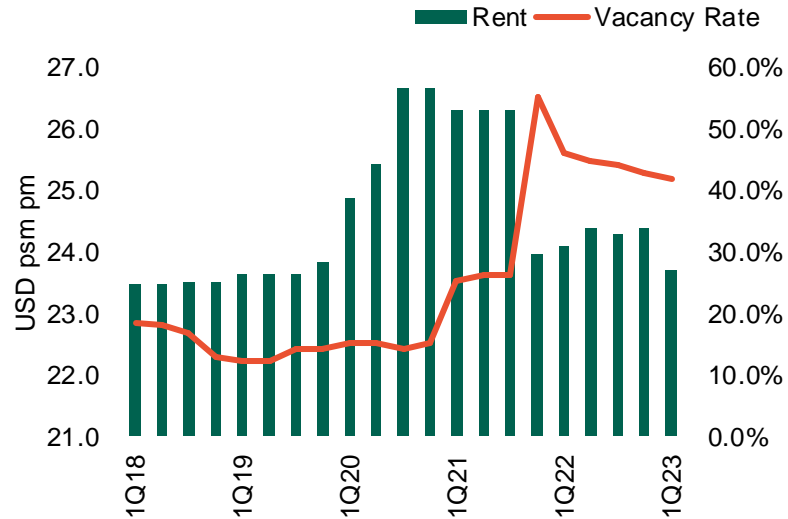


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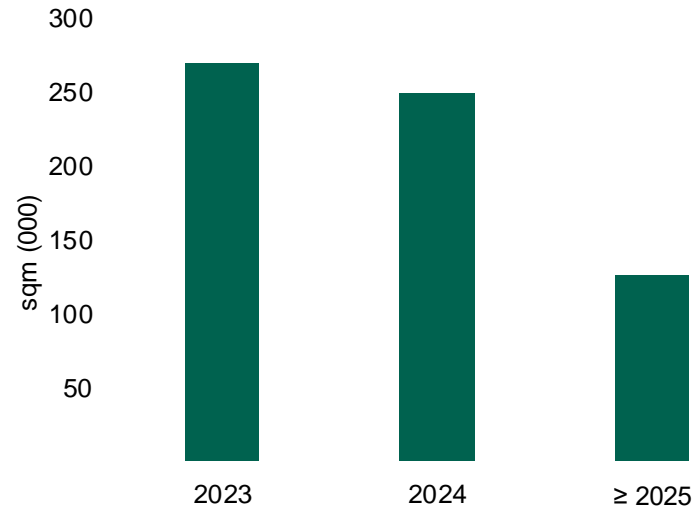
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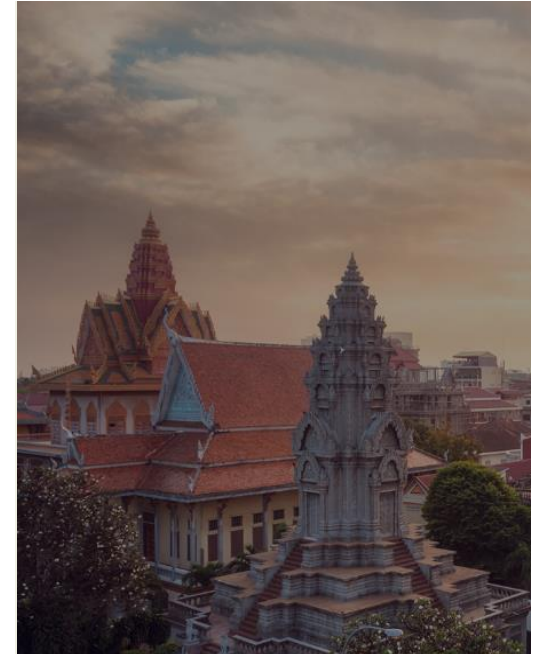


Economic Indicators

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

Real Estate Indicators

	Q1 2023	12mth Forecast
Prime Rent (US\$ psm pm)	23.7	↓
Vacancy	41.9%	→
Market Balance	Tenant	Tenant

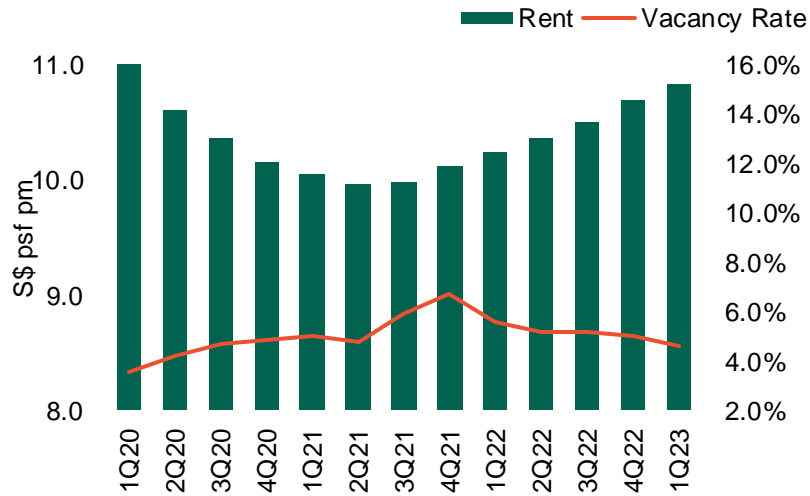


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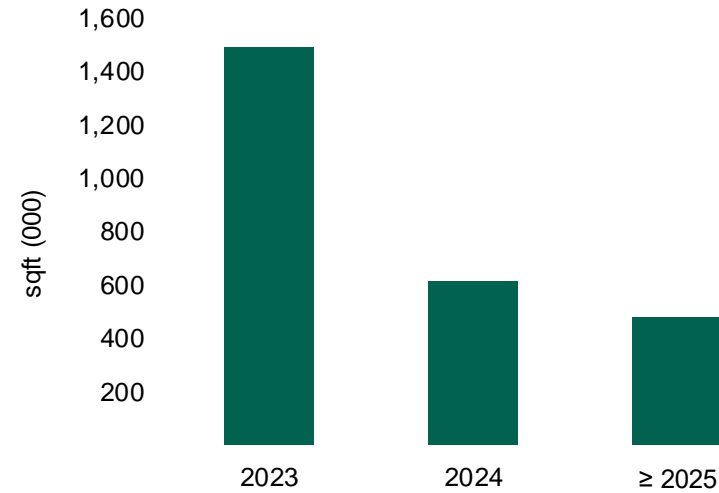
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Singapore

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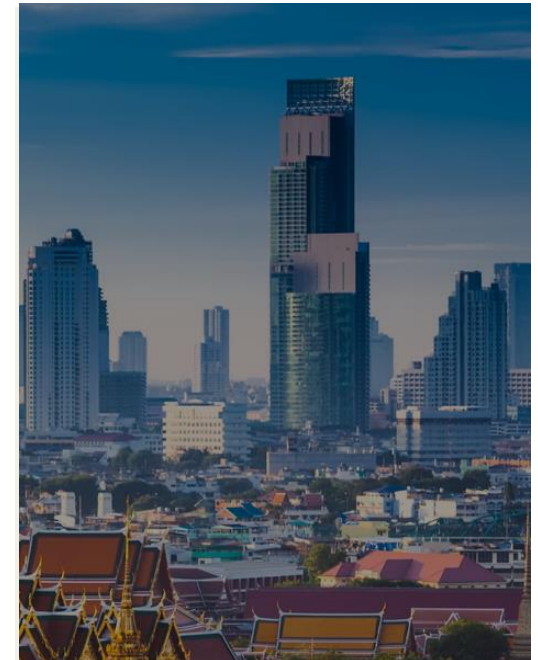


Economic Indicators

	2023F	2024F
GDP Growth	0.5%	2.5%
Unemployment Rate	2.4%	2.5%
Inflation	5.0%	3.1%

Real Estate Indicators

	Q1 2023	12mth Forecast
Prime Rent (S\$ psf pm)	10.83	↑
Vacancy	4.6%	↓
Market Balance	Landlord	Balanced

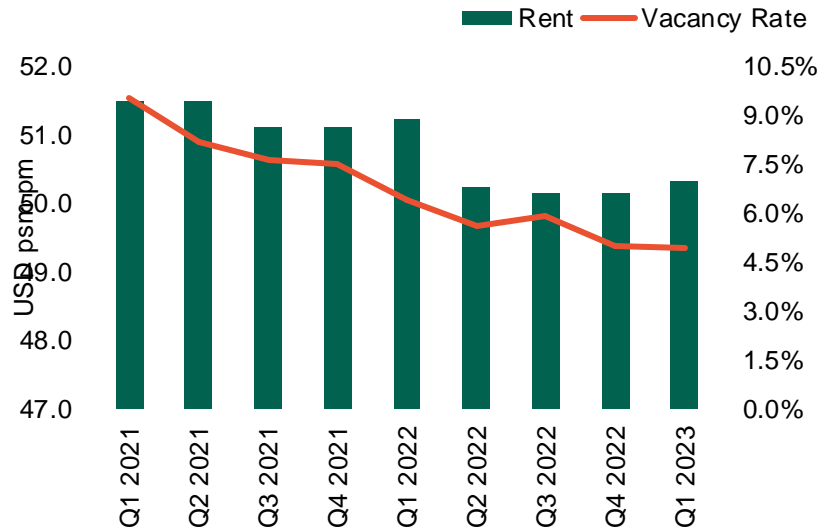


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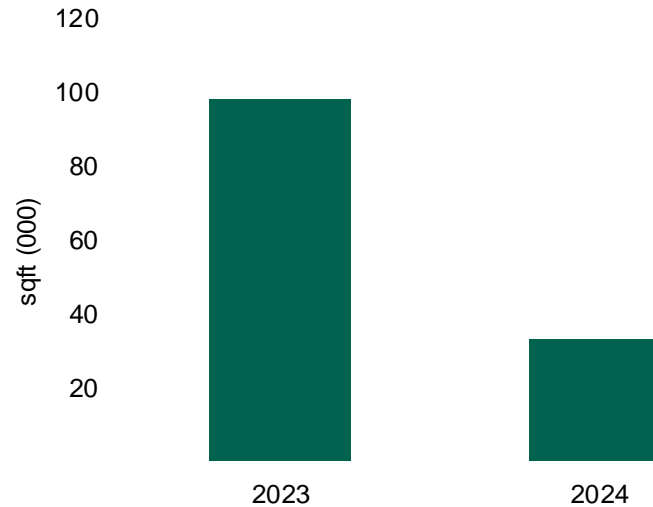
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Ho Chi Minh City

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	2023F	2024F
GDP Growth	6.5%	6.8%
Unemployment Rate	2.2%	2.3%
Inflation	4.5%	4.2%

Real Estate Indicators

	Q1 2023	12mth Forecast
Prime Rent (US\$ psm pm)	50.32	↓
Vacancy	4.9%	↑
Market Balance	Balanced	Tenant



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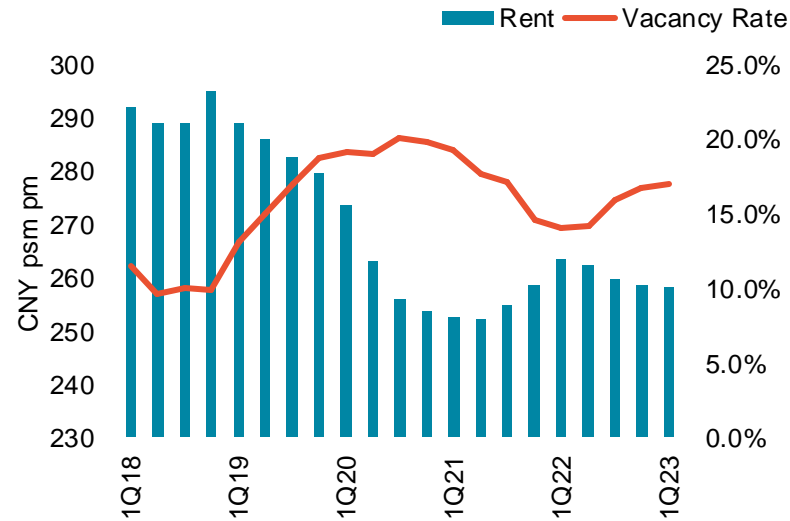
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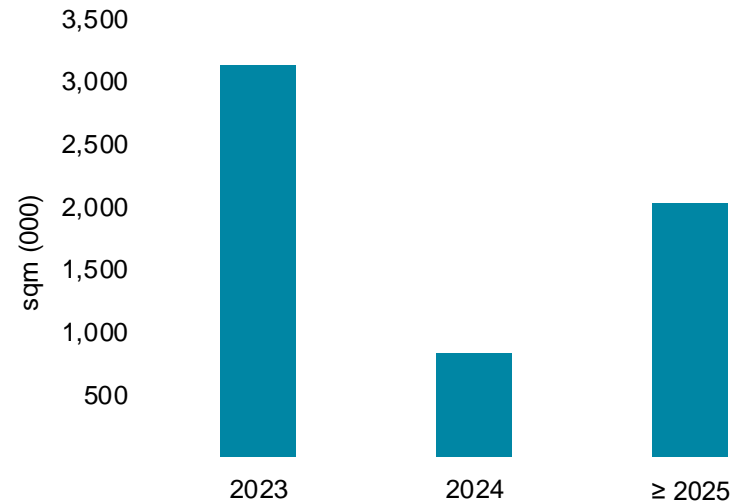
With the complete relaxation of restrictive measures in the Chinese Mainland, the impact of the pandemic has been dissipating, and early signs point to market activities picking up in Greater China. Although rental growth has yet to capture this optimism, the rate of negative growth has slowed as compared to prior quarters, with some Chinese cities even recording positive net absorptions. More leasing enquiries were also received in Q1 2023 in tandem with economic revival — but the majority did not translate to successful transactions, with businesses remaining cautious about expenses. With an influx of upcoming supply for the year, vacancy rate will continue to reign high in Greater China before market demand recovers. Over in Seoul, vacancy rates rose slightly by 0.2%, the first increase following seven consecutive quarters of decline. The overall office rent, however, still gained 2.5% quarterly, which we forecast will continue to expand to reflect inflation. Vacancy rate will most likely rise marginally on the back of new completions and rate hikes.

Shanghai

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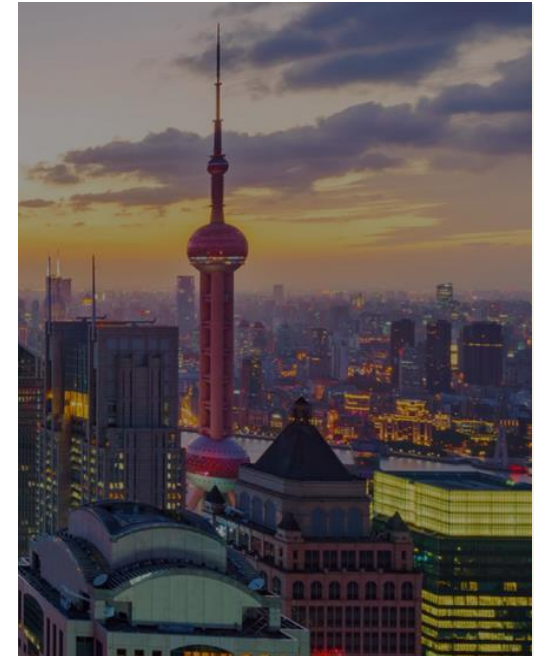


Economic Indicators

	2023F	2024F
GDP Growth	5.1%	5.0%
Unemployment Rate	3.6%	3.9%
Inflation	2.5%	2.3%

Real Estate Indicators

	Q1 2023	12mth Forecast
Prime Rent (CNY psm pm)	257.9	↑
Vacancy	16.9%	↓
Market Balance	Tenant	Tenant

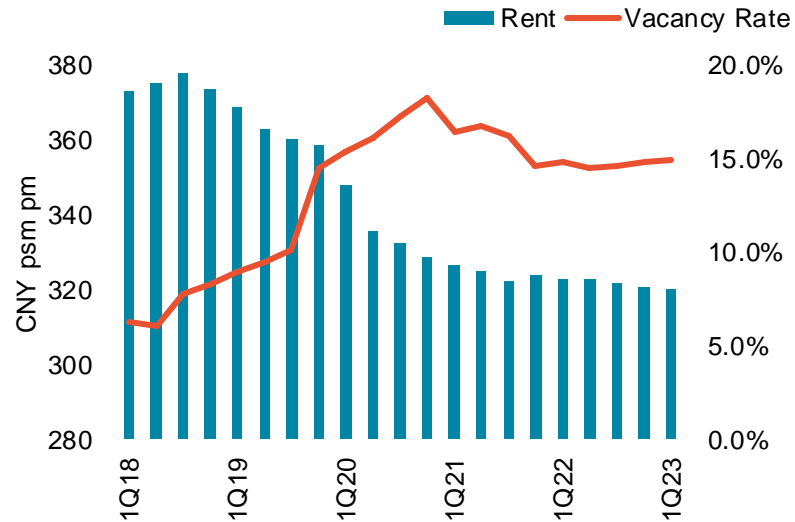


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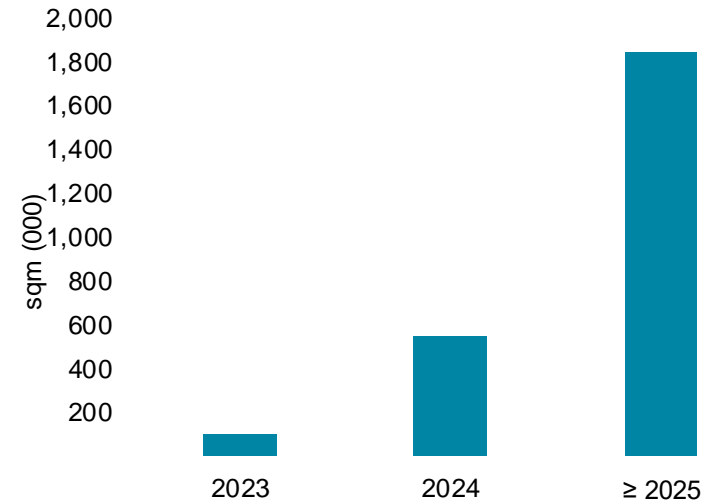
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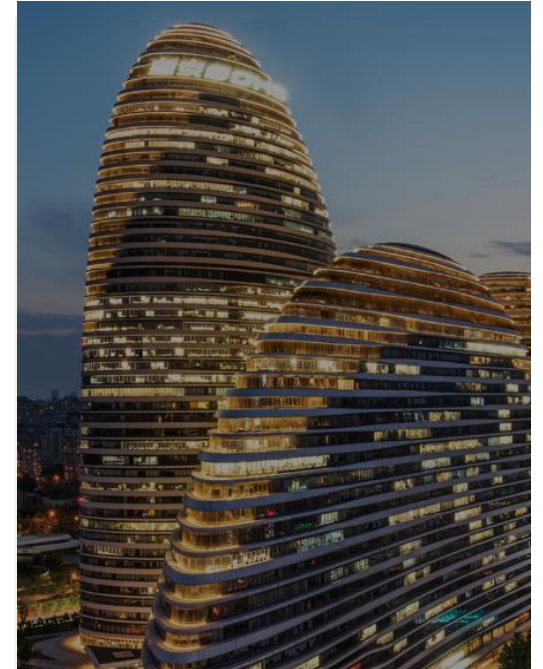


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Prime Rent (CNY psm pm)	320	→
Vacancy	14.9%	↑
Market Balance	Balanced	Tenant

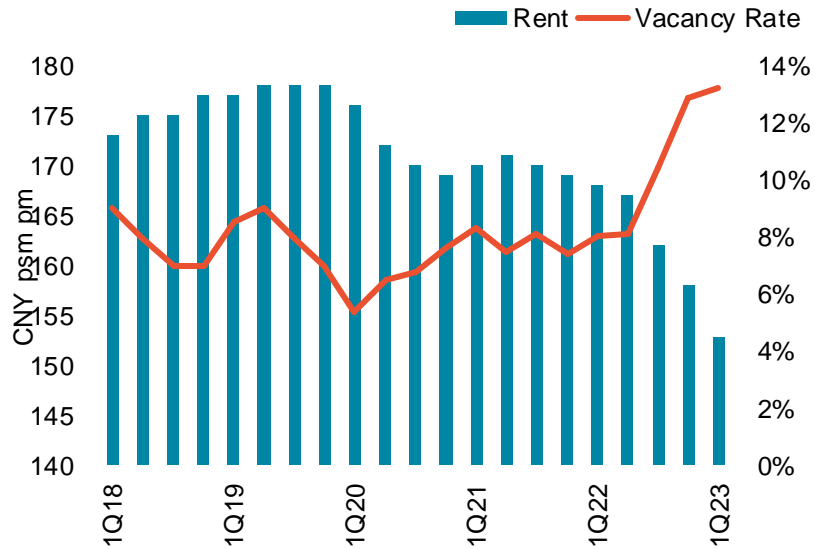


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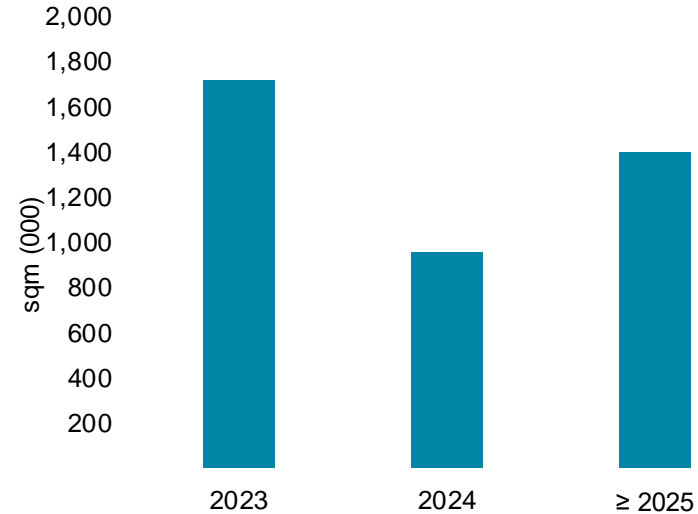
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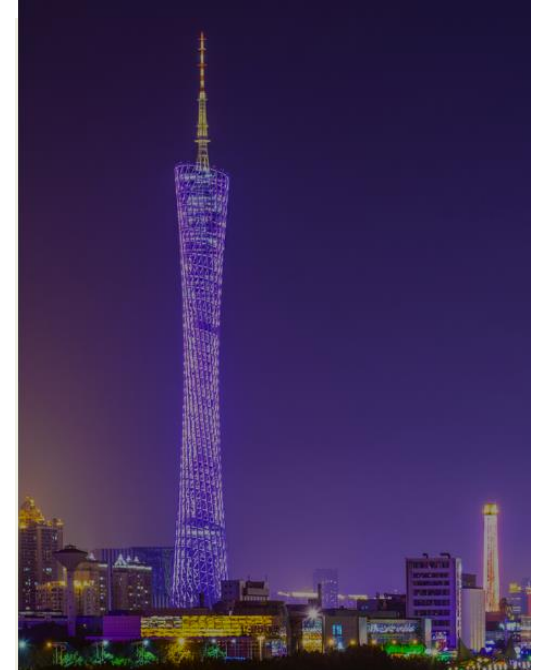


Economic Indicators

	2023F	2024F
GDP Growth	5.1%	5.0%
Unemployment Rate	3.6%	3.9%
Inflation	2.5%	2.3%

Real Estate Indicators

	Q1 2023	12mth Forecast
Prime Rent (CNY psm pm)	153	↓
Vacancy	13.2%	↑
Market Balance	Tenant	Tenant

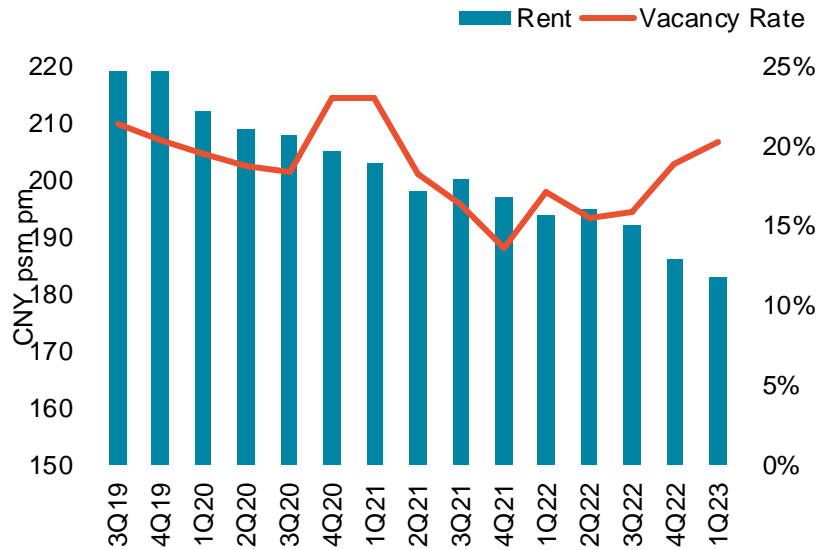


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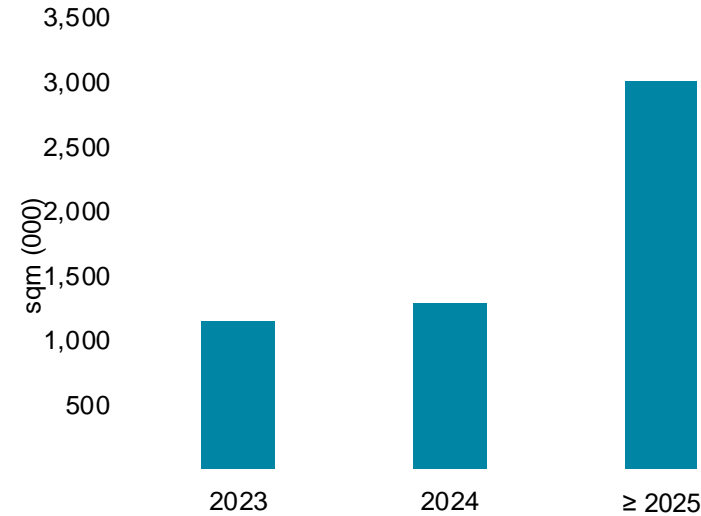
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Economic Indicators

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Real Estate Indicators

	Q1 2023	12mth Forecast
Prime Rent (CNY psm pm)	183	↓
Vacancy	20.2%	↑
Market Balance	Tenant	Tenant

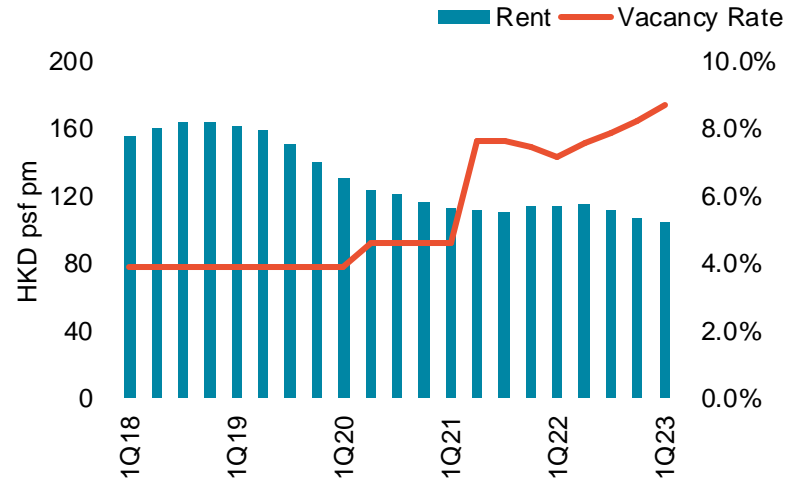


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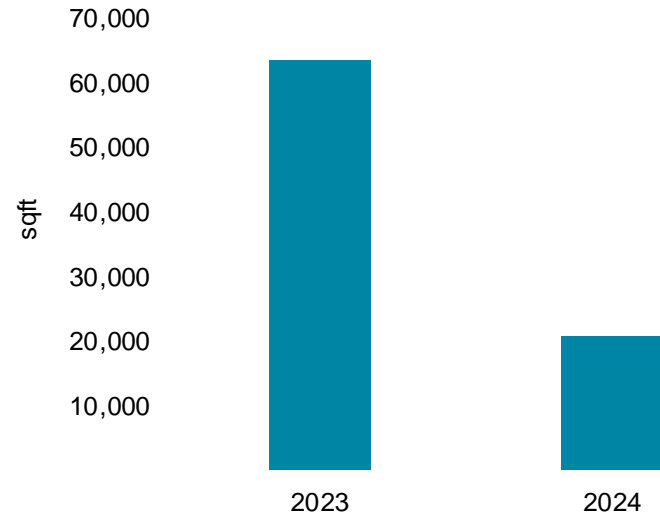
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*Grade A office space in prime area in Hong Kong Island, aka Central

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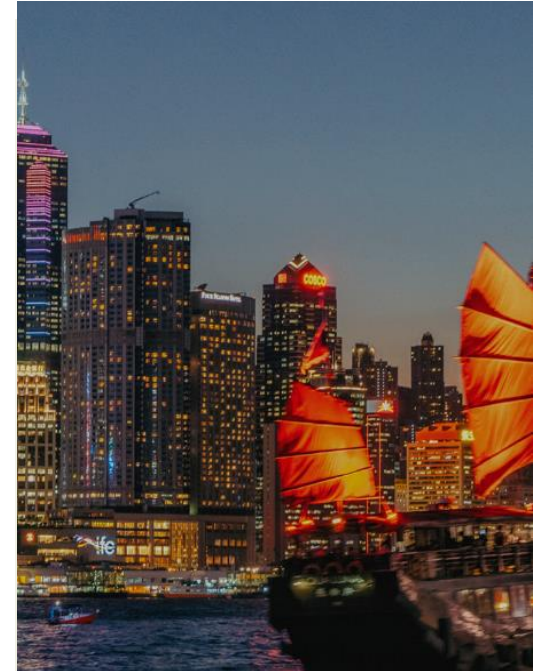


Economic Indicators

	2023F	2024F
GDP Growth	3.6%	3.7%
Unemployment Rate	3.3%	3.5%
Inflation	2.5%	2.1%

Real Estate Indicators

	Q1 2023	12mth Forecast
Prime Rent (HK\$ psf pm)	104.2	↓
Vacancy	8.7%	↑
Market Balance	Tenant	Tenant

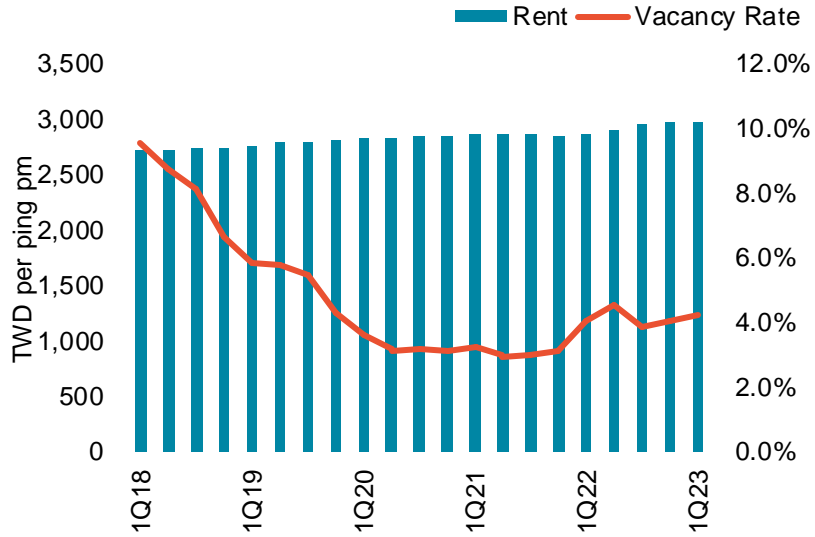


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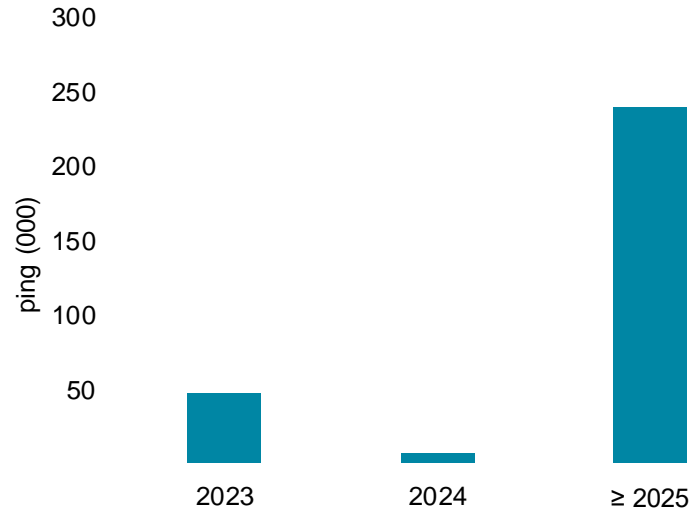
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Taipei

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Economic Indicators

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Unemployment Rate	3.6%	3.6%
Inflation	2.0%	2.0%

Real Estate Indicators

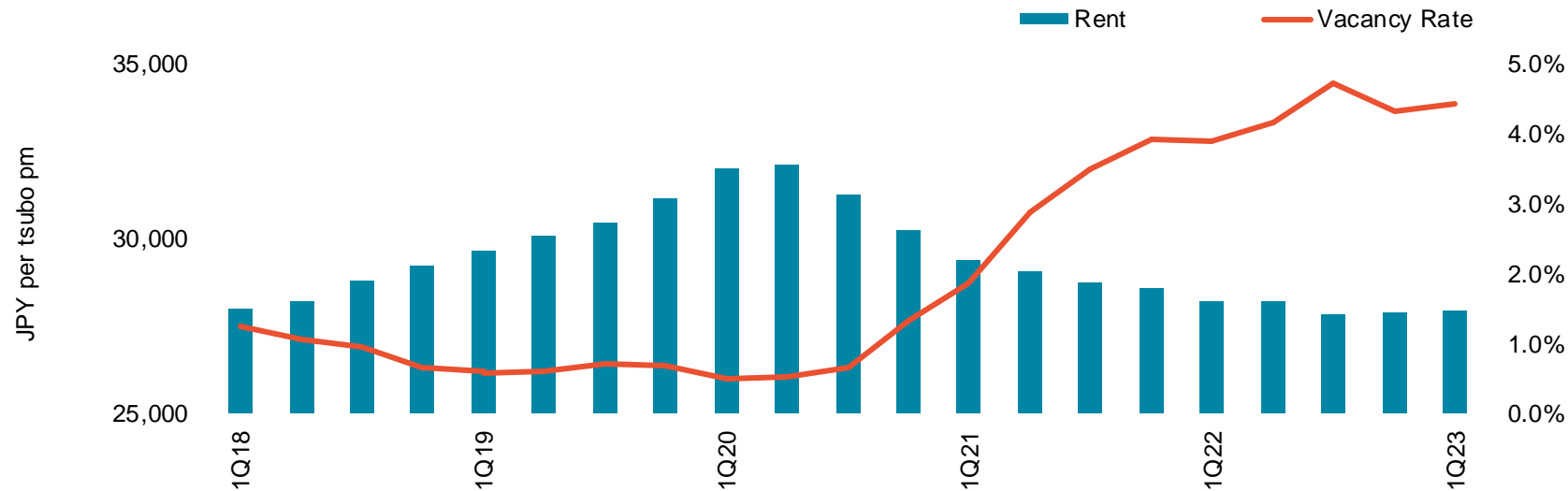
	Q1 2023	12mth Forecast
Prime Rent (TW\$ per ping pm)	2,968	↑
Vacancy	4.2%	→
Market Balance	Landlord	Landlord



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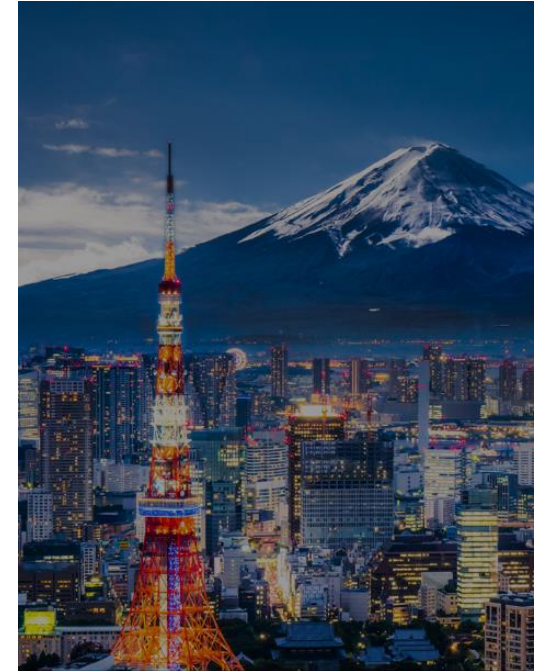


Economic Indicators

	2023F	2024F
GDP Growth	1.6%	1.0%
Unemployment Rate	2.4%	2.4%
Inflation	1.8%	2.0%

Real Estate Indicators

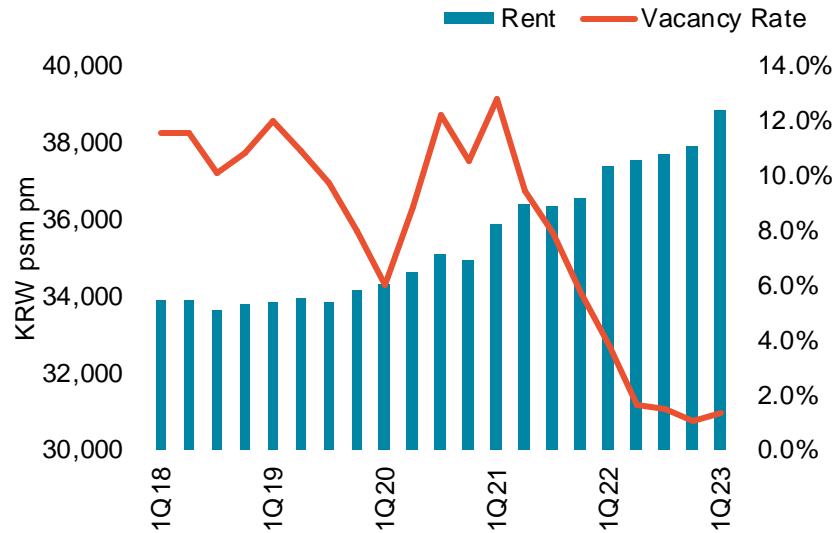
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Prime Rent (JPY per tsubo pm)	27,946	→
Vacancy	4.44%	→
Market Balance	Tenant	Tenant



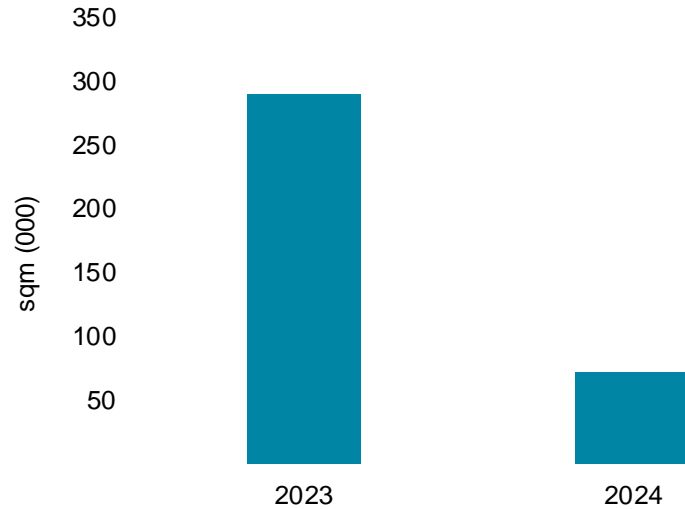
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Economic Indicators

	2023F	2024F
GDP Growth	2.0%	2.6%
Unemployment Rate	3.4%	3.3%
Inflation	3.2%	2.0%

Real Estate Indicators

	Q1 2023	12mth Forecast
Prime Rent (KRW psm pm)	38,824	→
Vacancy	1.30%	→
Market Balance	Landlord	Landlord



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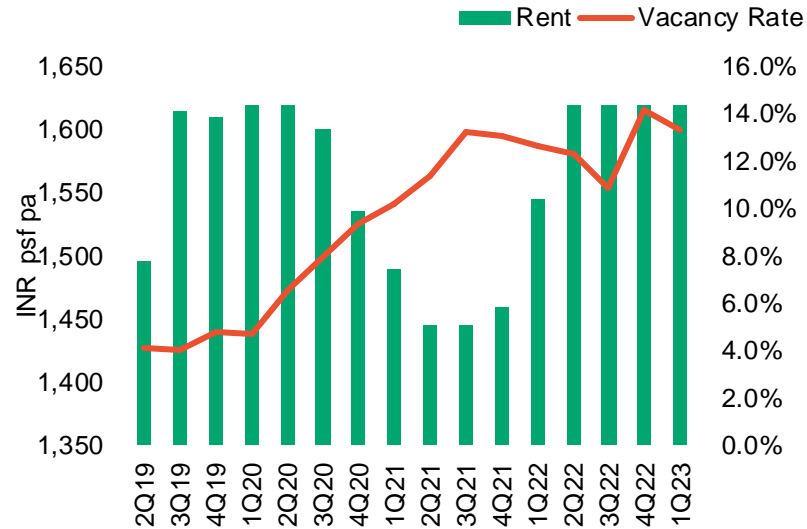
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South Asia

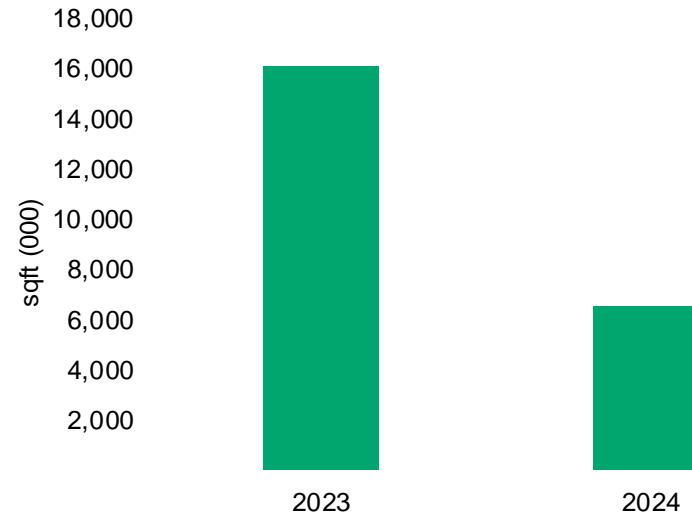
Despite an unfavourable global inflationary environment, the Indian economy weathered the storm well with prompt rate hikes and other timely interventions by the Central Bank to keep inflation under control. This backdrop of economic stability and development is mirrored by the Indian office market's comparatively steady leasing activities, where Bengaluru was the most active market for the first quarter of the year while occupier activities in Mumbai grew significantly YoY. Demand from flex space operators sustained this quarter, with notable transactions by the IT and BFSI sectors as supported by the 'back to office' transition. Along the same vein, rental and vacancy levels have stabilised or improved in both QoQ and YoY terms. Overall, the optimistic start to 2023 is laying the foundation for an encouraging office market performance for India.

Bengaluru

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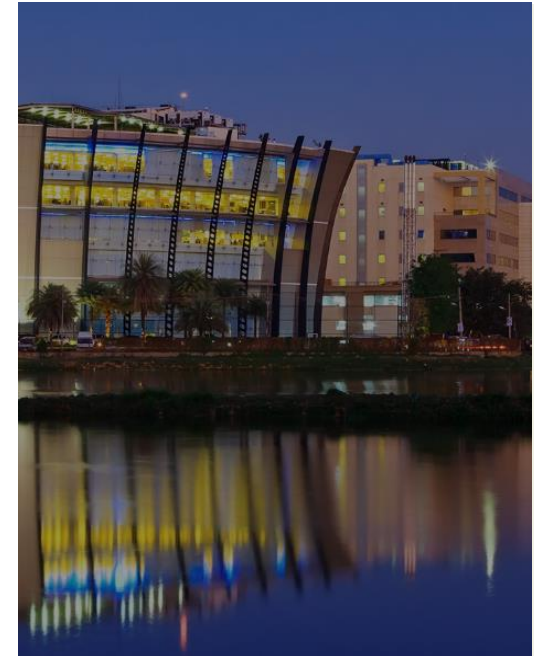


Economic Indicators

	2023F	2024F
GDP Growth	7.0%	6.4%
Unemployment Rate	NA	NA
Inflation	5.0%	4.5%

Real Estate Indicators

	Q1 2023	12mth Forecast
Prime Rent (INR psf pa)	1,620	→
Vacancy	13.3%	→
Market Balance	Tenant	Tenant

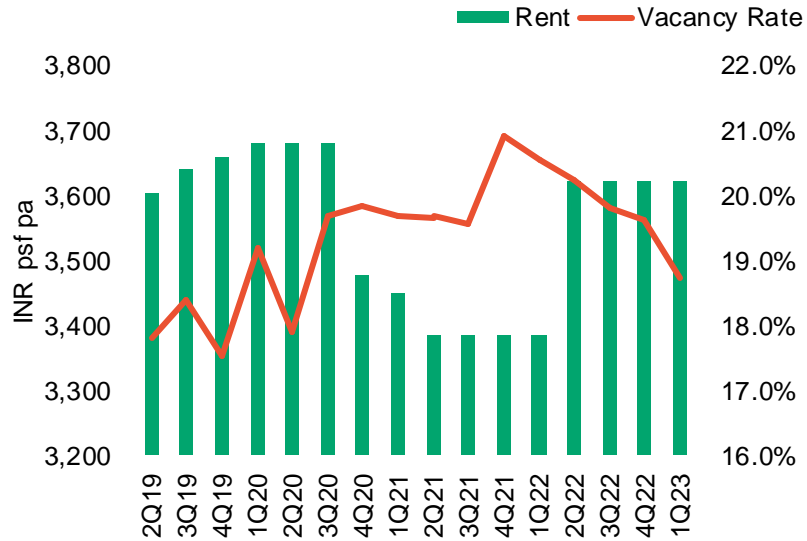


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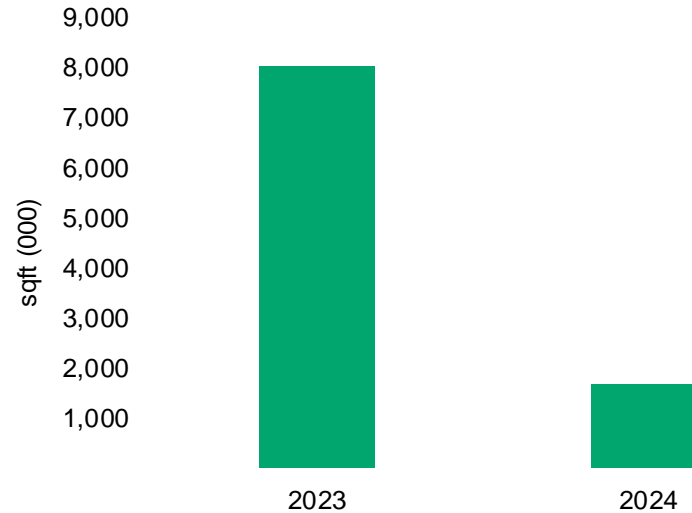
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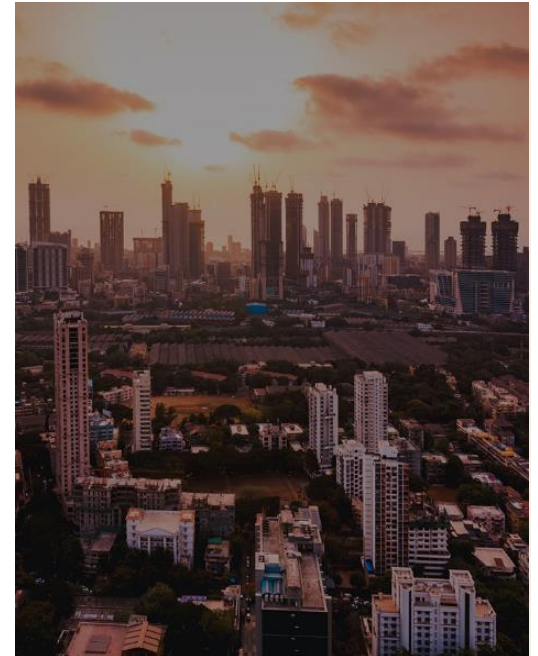


Economic Indicators

	2023F	2024F
GDP Growth	7.0%	6.4%
Unemployment Rate	NA	NA
Inflation	5.0%	4.5%

Real Estate Indicators

	Q1 2023	12mth Forecast
Prime Rent (INR psf pa)	3,622	→
Vacancy	18.7%	→
Market Balance	Balanced	Balanced

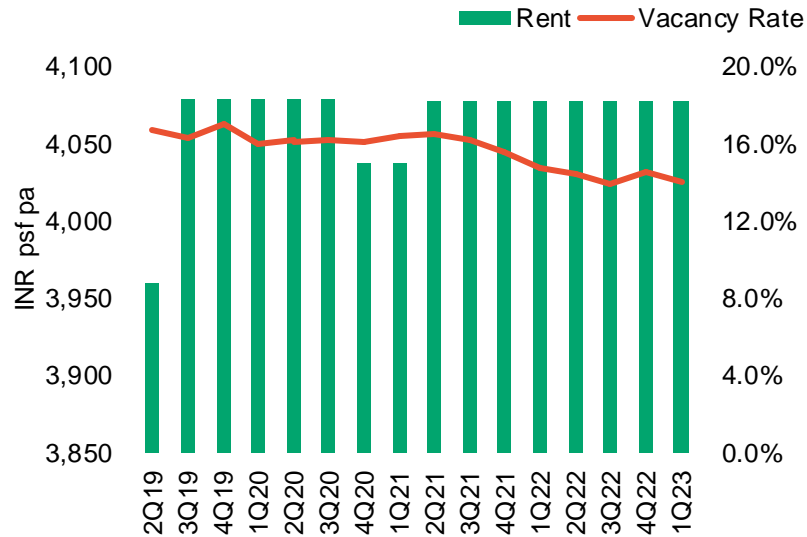


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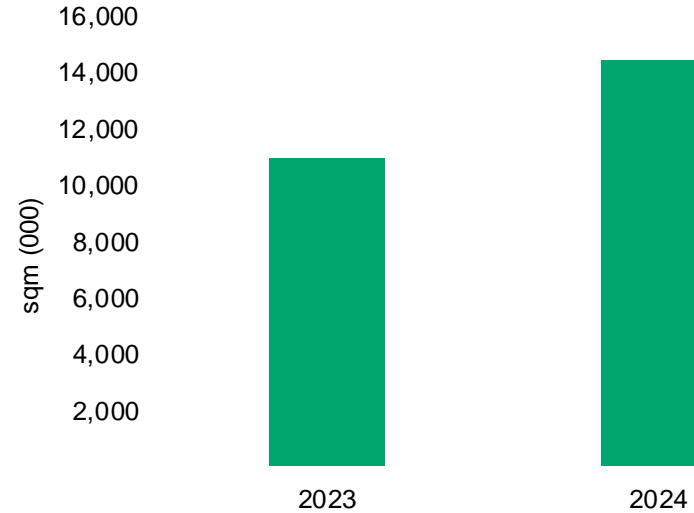
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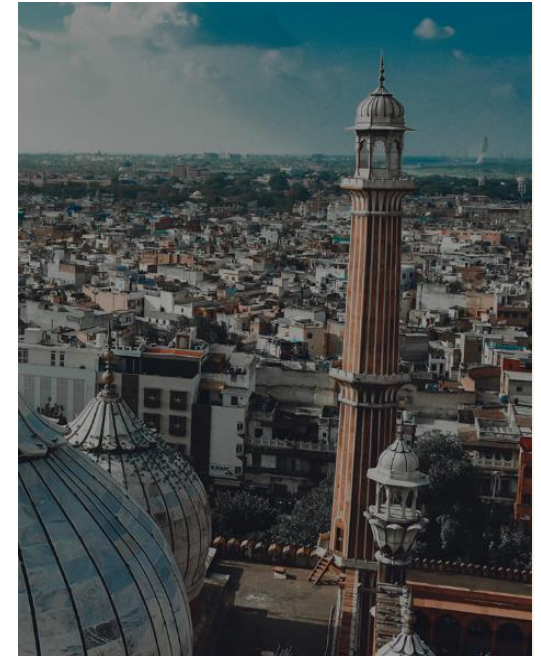


Economic Indicators

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

Real Estate Indicators

	Q1 2023	12mth Forecast
Prime Rent (INR psf pa)	4,078	→
Vacancy	14.1%	→
Market Balance	Balanced	Balanced



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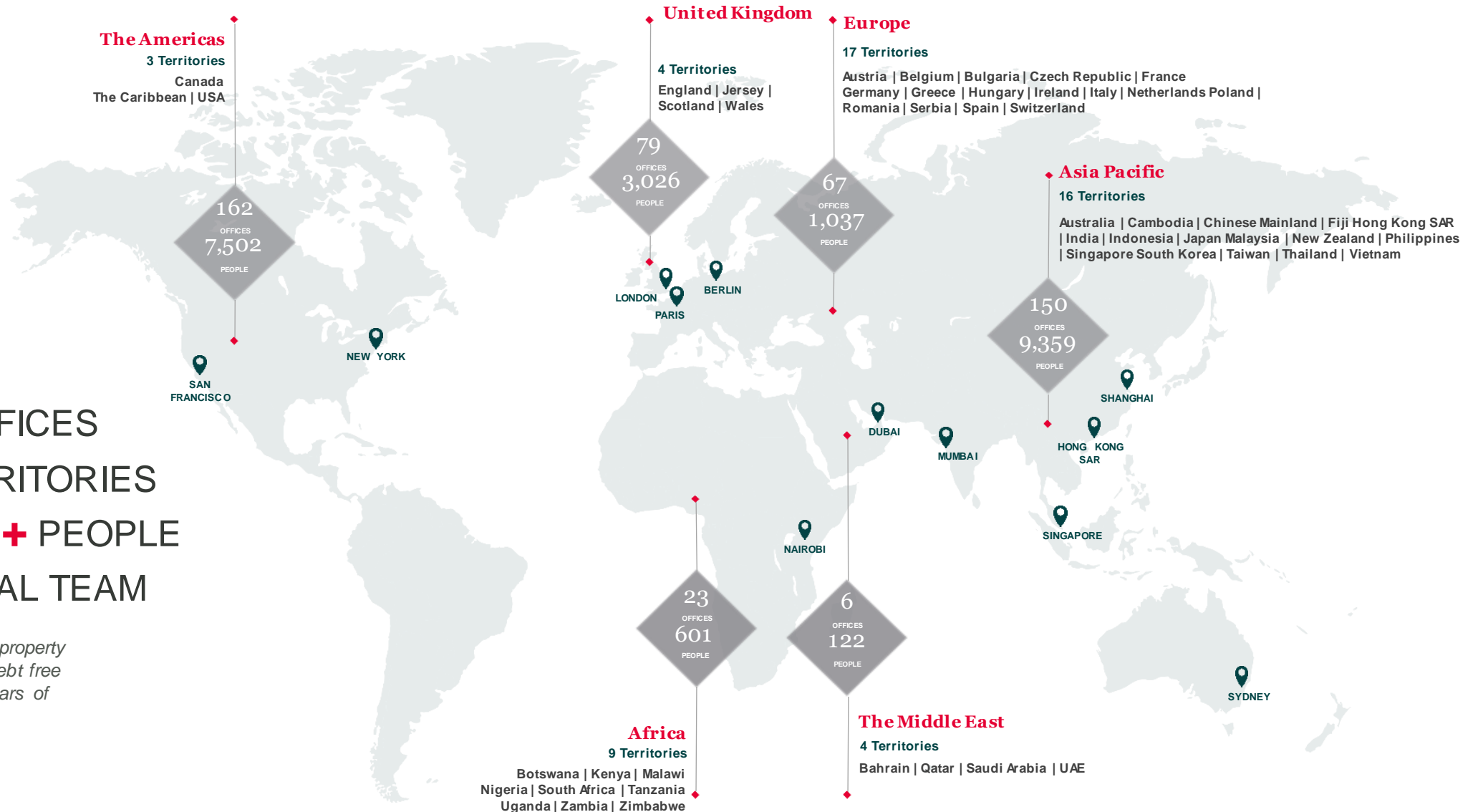
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