

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

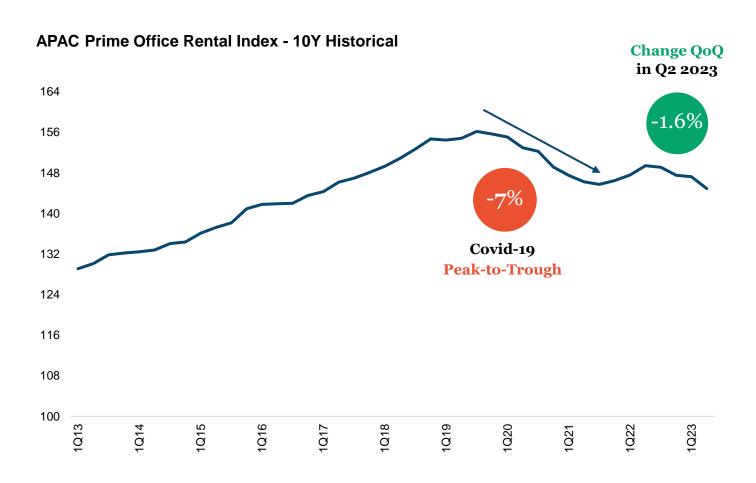
"Landlords in major office markets across the world are managing the effects of both an economic slowdown as well as a return-to-office that has stalled, particularly in the US. Markets in Asia-Pacific have clearly outperformed with higher office utilisation rates compared to other regions, and demand 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."

Tim Armstrong Global Head of Occupier Strategy and Solutions

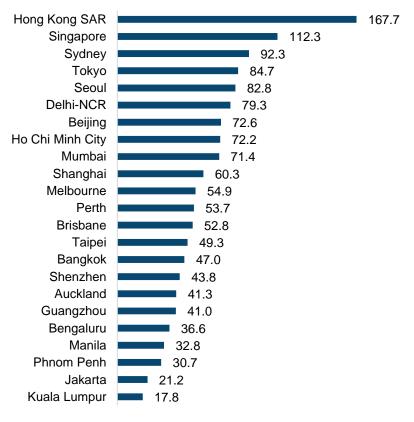
APAC Prime Office Rental Index



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



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



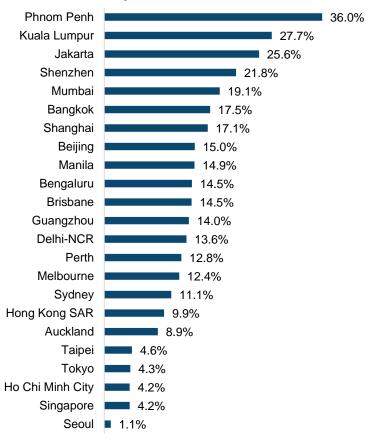
APAC Prime Office Vacancy Rate



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 14.0% 13.0% **Vacancy** rates since Q4 2018 Vacancy rate rose 12.0% marginally in Q2 2023 +0.25 11.0% pp 10.0% Q4 2015 Q4 2016 Q4 2018 Q4 2020 Q4 2014 Q4 2017 Q4 2019 Q4 2022 Q4 2021 Q4 2013

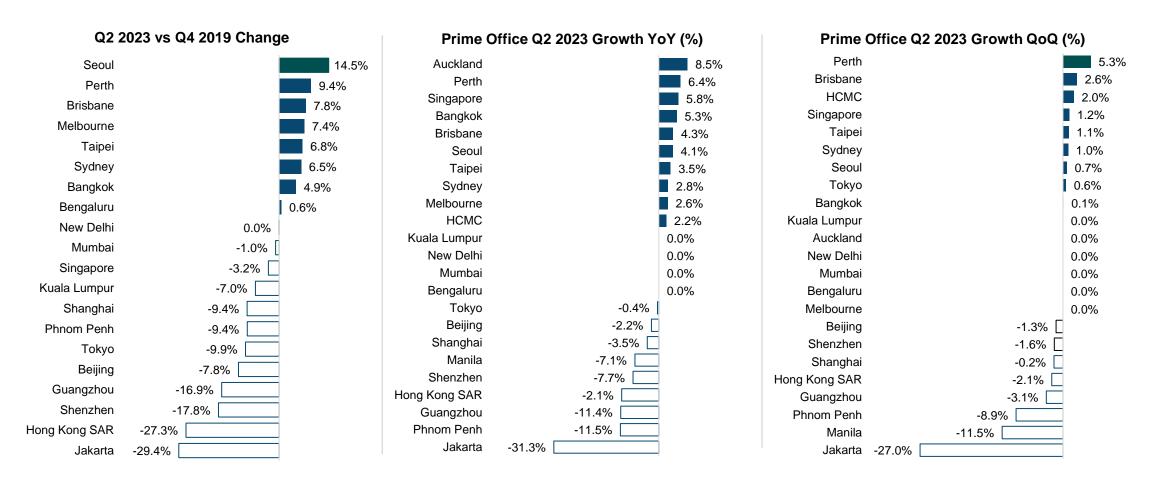
Q2 2023 Vacancy Rate



APAC Prime Rental Rates



Mainland Chinese markets remained soft in Q2 2023

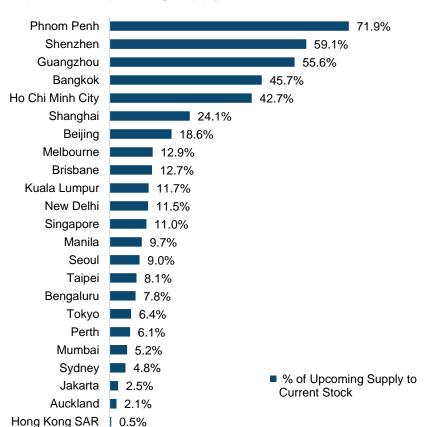


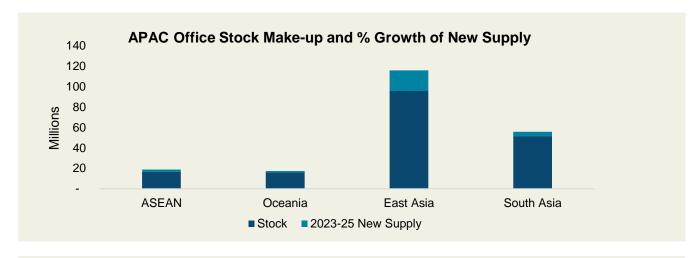
APAC Office Pipeline Supply

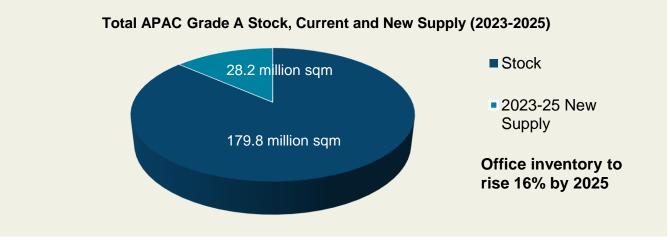


Extended flight-to-quality trend as new supply in 2023-24 hit a cyclical high

Proportion of Upcoming Supply to Current Stock







APAC 2023 Office Outlook



12-Month Rental Outlook

Decreasing

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

Phnom Penh

Unchanged

Auckland

Jakarta

Melbourne

Manila

Tokyo

Bengaluru

Beijing

Mumbai

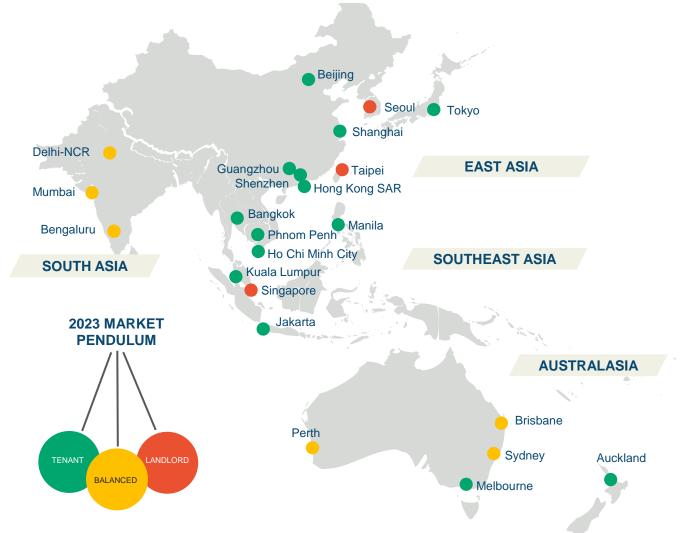
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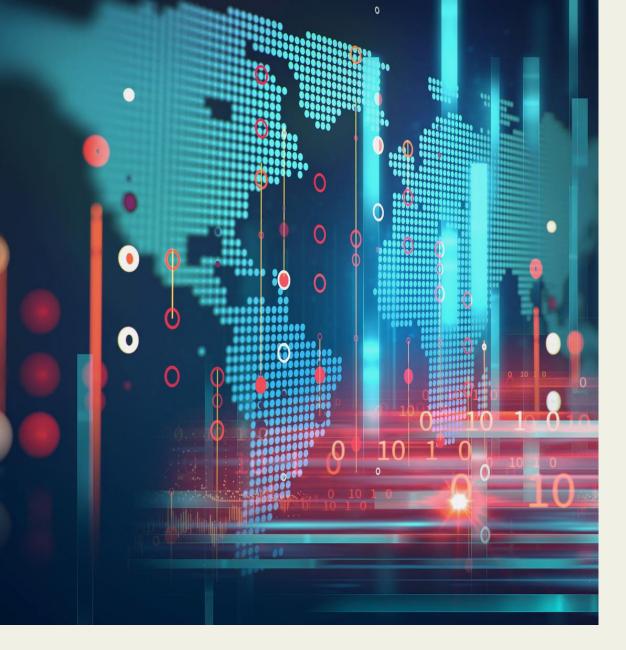
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Increasing

- Brisbane
- Perth
- Sydney
- Shanghai

- Taipei
- Bangkok
- Singapore







Market Dashboards

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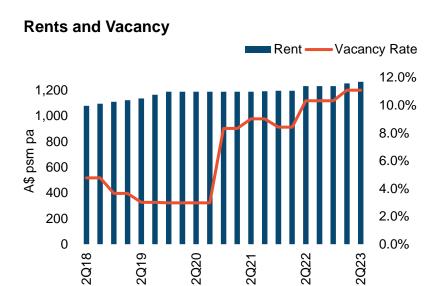


Oceania

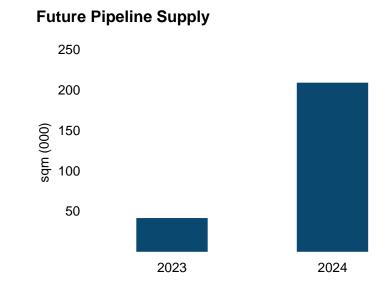
Despite elevated vacancies, rents across Oceania rose or remained unchanged, supported by robust demand for prime spaces. Incentives remained above pre-pandemic levels but across the continent's major markets, corporate tenants, focusing on the quality of their office footprint, are widening the rental 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





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%	\rightarrow
Market Balance	Balanced	Balanced



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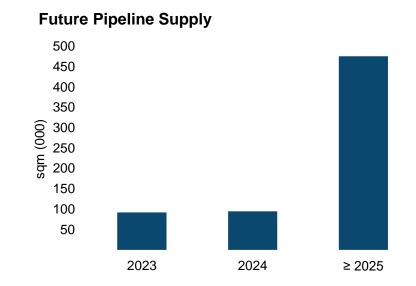
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Melbourne





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)	699	\rightarrow
Vacancy	12.4%	\rightarrow
Market Balance	Tenant	Tenant



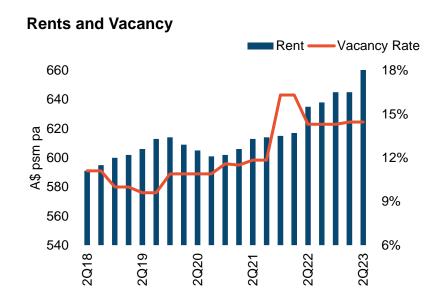
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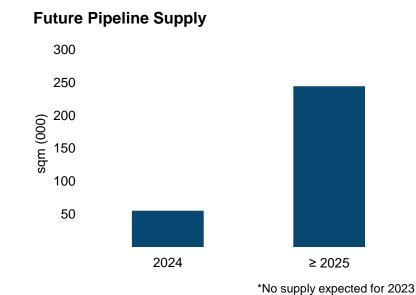
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Brisbane





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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)	662	↑
Vacancy	14.5%	↓
Market Balance	Balanced	Balanced



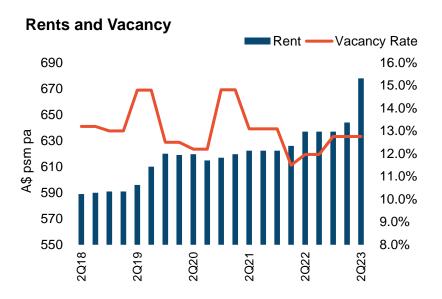
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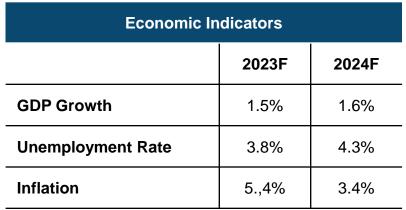
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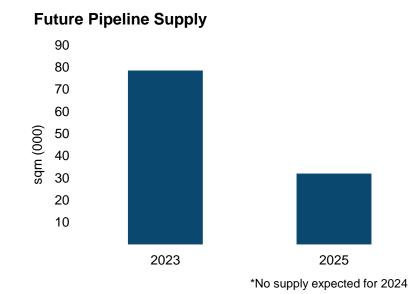
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Perth









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



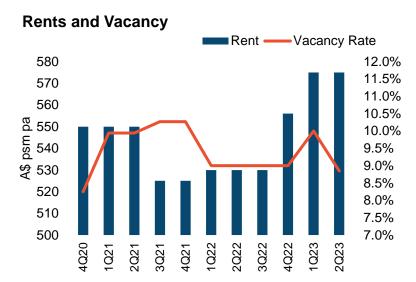
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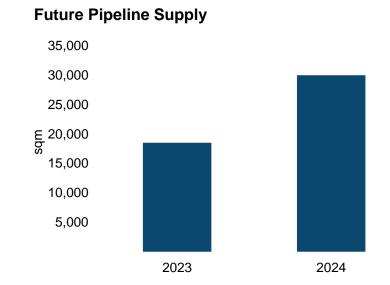
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Auckland





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	\rightarrow
Vacancy	8.9%	\rightarrow
Market Balance	Balanced	Balanced



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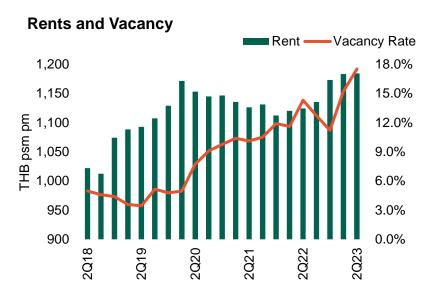


Southeast Asia

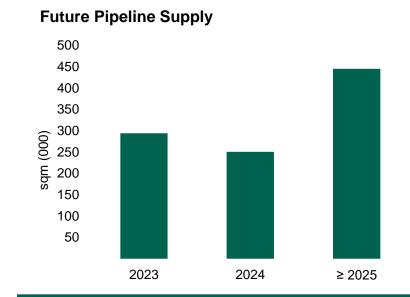
Rental growth in Southeast Asia's emerging markets is showing signs of moderation as an elevated supply pipeline erodes pricing power. However, rents in Ho Chi Minh City remain on an upward trend, as new supply in 2023, while substantial, is the first injection in over two years. Kuala Lumpur's market 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





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



Real Estate Indicators		
	Q2 2023	12mth Forecast
Prime Rent (THB psm pm)	1,184	\
Vacancy	17.5%	→
Market Balance	Tenant	Tenant



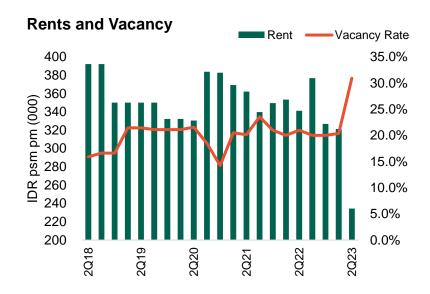
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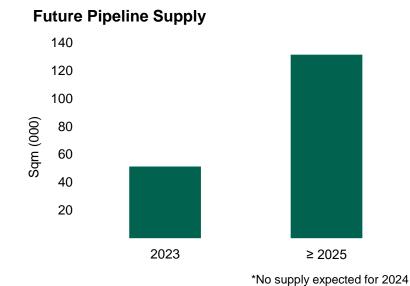
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Jakarta





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	\rightarrow
Vacancy	30.9%	\rightarrow
Market Balance	Tenant	Tenant



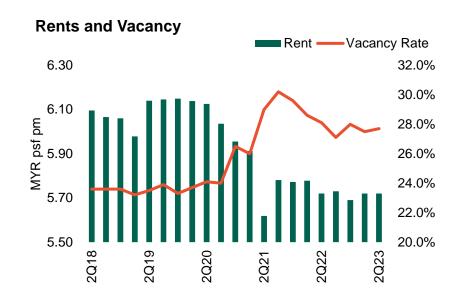
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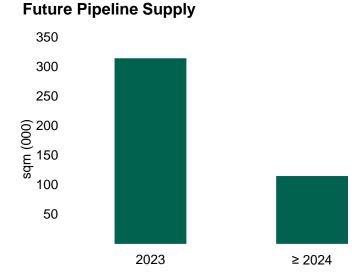
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Kuala Lumpur







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	\rightarrow
Vacancy	27.7%	\rightarrow
Market Balance	Tenant	Tenant



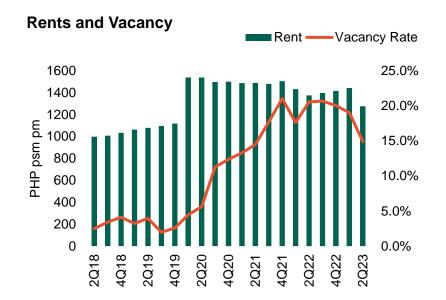
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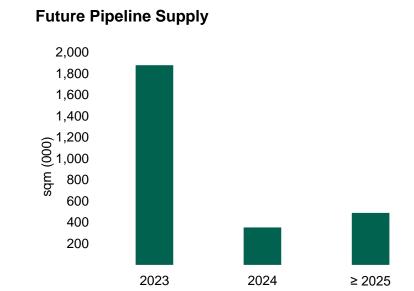
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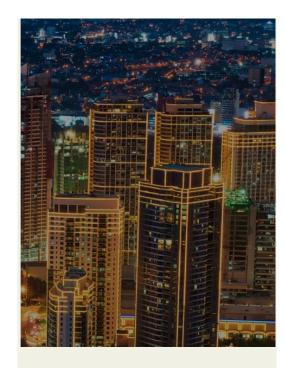




Economic Indicators		
	2023F	2024F
GDP Growth	6.0%	6.2%
Unemployment Rate	5.1%	5.1%
Inflation	6.2%	4.0%



Real Estate Indicators		
	Q2 2023	12mth Forecast
Prime Rent (PHP psm pm)	1,276	\rightarrow
Vacancy	14.9%	\rightarrow
Market Balance	Tenant	Tenant



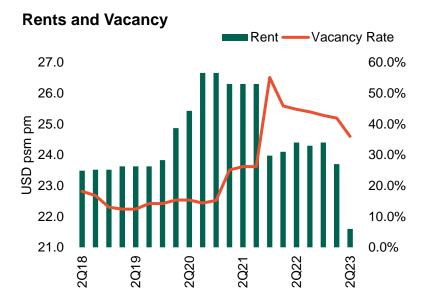
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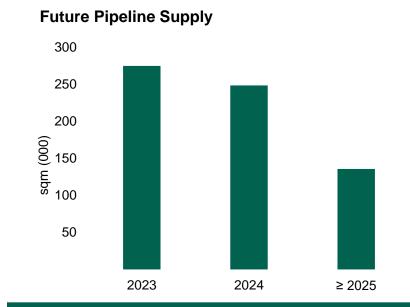
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Phnom Penh





Economic Indicators		
	2023F	2024F
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



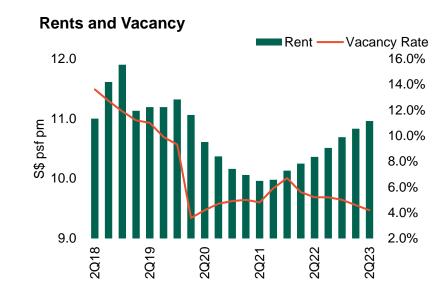
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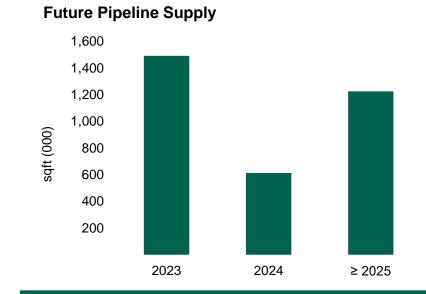
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Economic Indicators		
	2023F	2024F
GDP Growth	1.5%	2.1%
Unemployment Rate	2.1%	2.1%
Inflation	5.8%	3.5%



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



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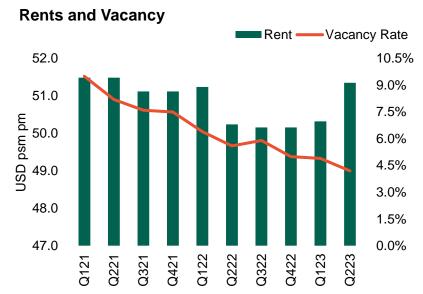
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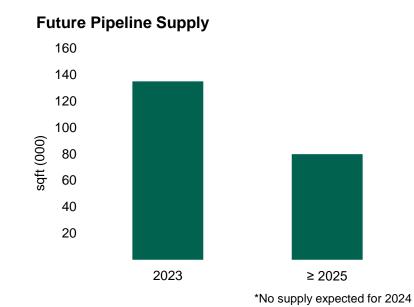
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Ho Chi Minh City





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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East Asia

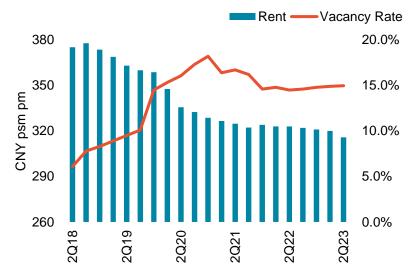
Office markets in the Chinese Mainland remained under pressure as rental declines showed little signs of bottoming, with vacancies staying stubbornly elevated. Prime rents in Hong Kong Island also softened, pressured by vacancies that clocked another high during the quarter. The faltering economic recovery 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.

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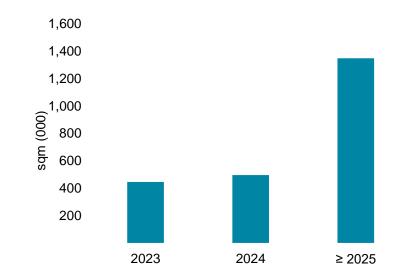


Rents and Vacancy



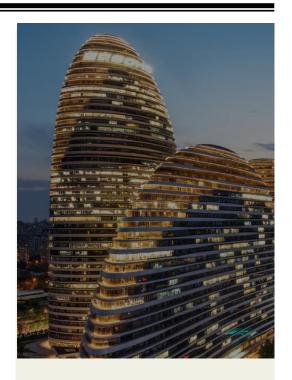
Economic Indicators		
	2023F	2024F
GDP Growth	5.2%	4.5%
Unemployment Rate	4.1%	3.9%
Inflation	2.0%	2.2%

Future Pipeline Supply



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	Q2 2023	12mth Forecast
Prime Rent (CNY psm pm)	316	\rightarrow
Vacancy	15.0%	↑
Market Balance	Tenant	Tenant



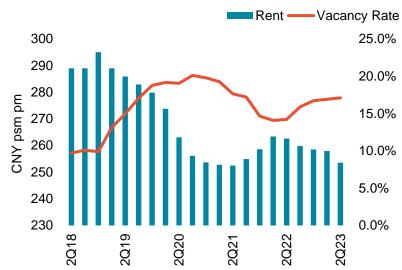
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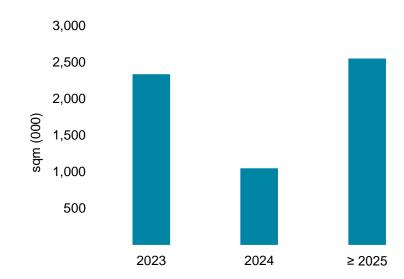




Economic Indicators

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

Future Pipeline Supply



Real Estate Indicators

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



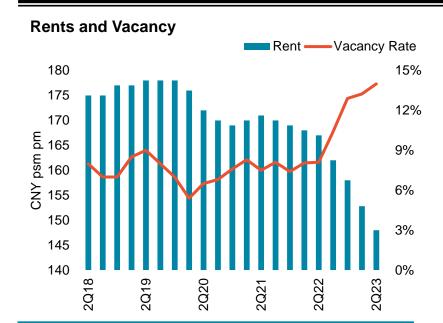
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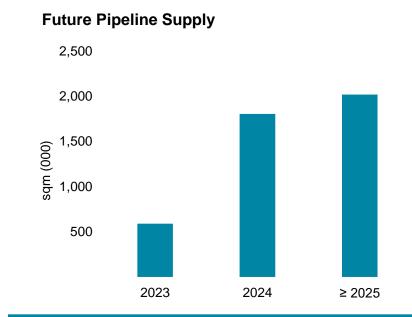
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Guangzhou





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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)	148	V
Vacancy	14.0%	↑
Market Balance	Tenant	Tenant



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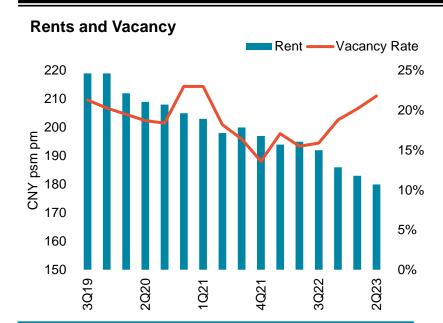
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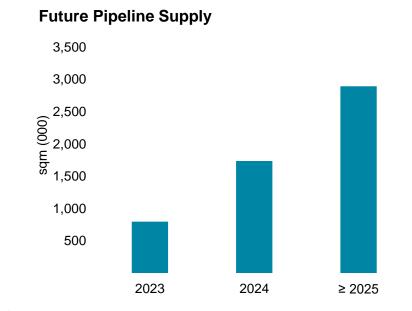
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Shenzhen



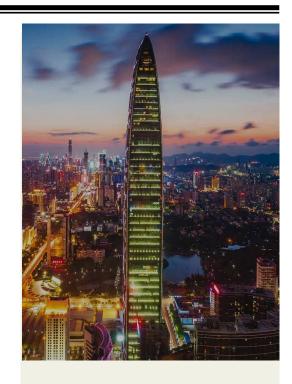


Economic Indicators		
2023F 2024F		
GDP Growth	5.2%	4.5%
Unemployment Rate	4.1%	3.9%
Inflation	2.0%	2.2%



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

Pool Estate Indicators



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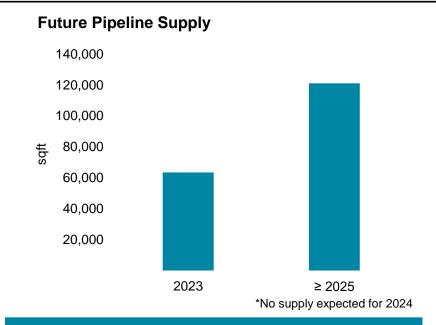
Hong Kong SAR





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

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

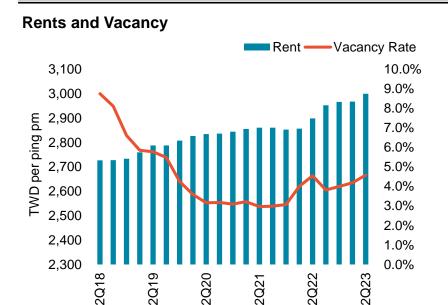


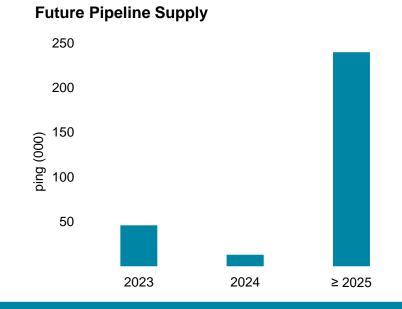
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Taipei







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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%	\rightarrow
Market Balance	Landlord	Landlord

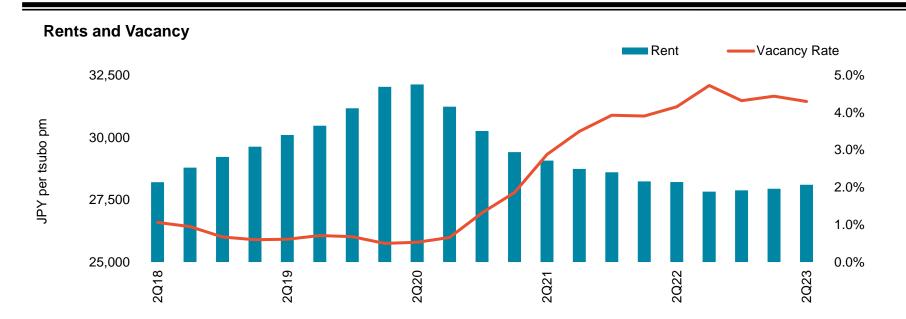


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Tokyo





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	\rightarrow
Vacancy	4.3%	↑
Market Balance	Tenant	Tenant



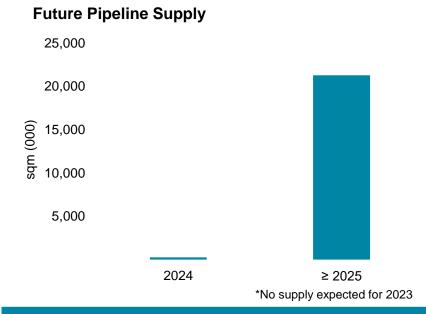
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Seoul







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	\rightarrow
Vacancy	1.1%	\rightarrow
Market Balance	Landlord	Landlord



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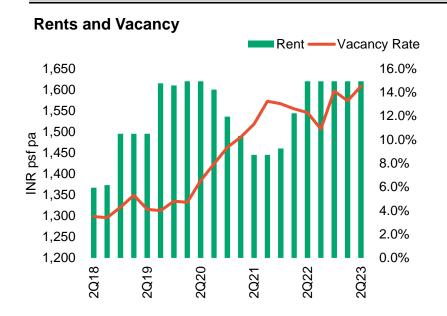


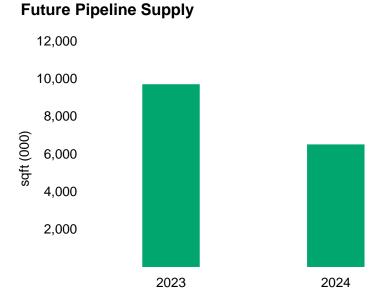
South Asia

India has emerged as the fastest growing large economy in the world. This undercurrent of economic stability and growth is also reflected in the relatively stable occupier activity seen in the Indian office market, as the country established itself firmly among the top outsourcing destinations with growth capital increasingly finding its way into the country. The shrinkage in leasing by the IT sector was compensated by the flex occupiers and Global Capability Centers. Notwithstanding the global economic headwinds, office space demand has remained extremely resilient while new supply, at a cyclical low, preserved an equilibrium that has kept rental levels stable across the country's major markets in Q2 2023, a trend that has run into its fifth consecutive quarter. These conditions are expected to remain sustained for the rest of 2023, which will keep landlord-tenant conditions neutral.

Bengaluru







Economic Indicators2023F2024FGDP Growth6.4%6.7Unemployment RateNANAInflation5.0%4.5%

Real Estate Indicators		
	Q2 2023	12mth Forecast
Prime Rent (INR psf pa)	1,620	\rightarrow
Vacancy	14.5%	\rightarrow
Market Balance	Balanced	Balanced



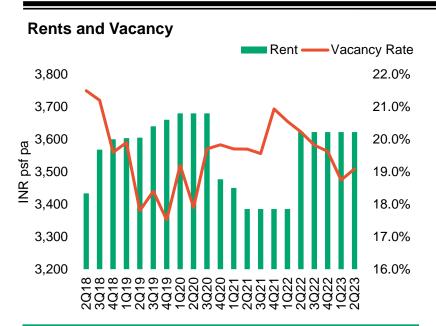
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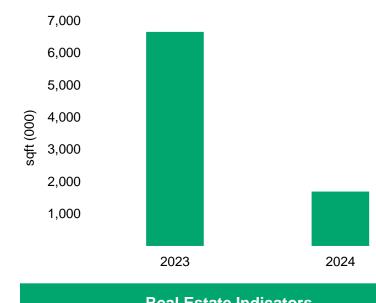
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Mumbai Metropolitan Region (MMR)







Future Pipeline Supply

Economic Indicators2023F2024FGDP Growth6.4%6.7Unemployment RateNANAInflation5.0%4.5%

Real Estate Indicators		
	Q2 2023	12mth Forecast
Prime Rent (INR psf pa)	3,622	\rightarrow
Vacancy	19.1%	\rightarrow
Market Balance	Balanced	Balanced

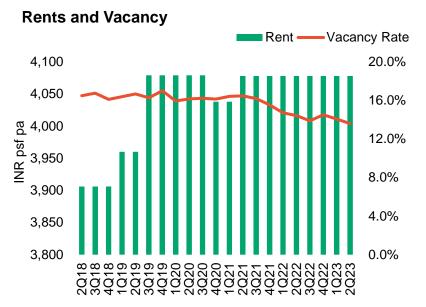


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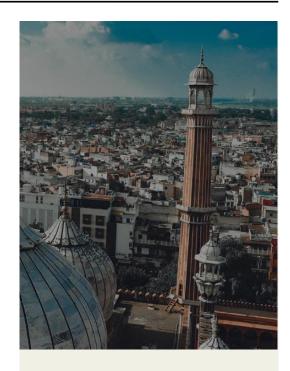




Future Pipeline Supply

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	\rightarrow
Vacancy	13.6%	\rightarrow
Market Balance	Balanced	Balanced



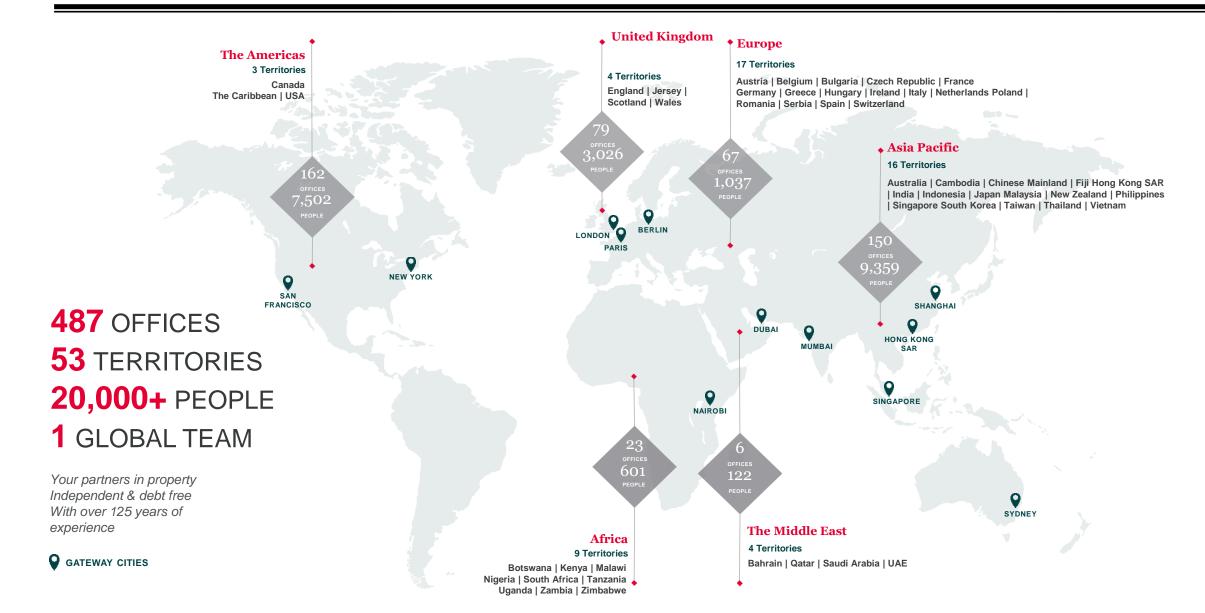
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