

2020-2021

# REVIEW & OUTLOOK

**French Property Markets** 







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## WHAT WE SAID A YEAR AGO

#### **ECONOMIC SITUATION: STILL UNCERTAIN**

- Economic slowdown
- Risks still numerous (Brexit, elections in the USA, social tensions in France, etc.)

#### **SUPPORT FOR ACTIVITY**

- Growing interest in the future hubs of the Grand Paris Express and in regional cities
- Interest rates: durably low
- Dynamism of international capital flows
- Raising of funds: from record to record?
- Investors' search for diversification

#### **QUESTIONS**

- Continued decrease of prime yields?
- Shortage of office space: what will the impact be on sums invested and investors' acquisition criteria?
- Will investors take more risk?
- · Confirmation of renewed interest in retail?









### WHAT **ACTUALLY** HAPPENED

### **ECONOMIC SITUATION: EVEN MORE UNCERTAIN**

- Covid-19: one of the worst crises in recent history
- Global economic recession
- Risks still numerous (social tensions in France and around the world, new outbreaks of diseases, etc.)

#### **FEWER SUPPORTS**

- Continued interest in the future hubs of the Grand Paris Express and in regional cities
- Interest rates: durably low
- Dynamism of international capital flows but some investors are less present
- Fund-raising slowed down by the crisis
- Increased investors' search for diversification

#### **QUESTIONS**

- Continued decrease of prime yields in the logistics sector
- Continued competition for the best assets, keeping pressure on prime yields
- Will investors take more risk? Increased selectivity of investors... but some are seizing opportunities for value creation
- Decrease in retail volumes after an excellent year in 2019







## **RESILIENCE** OF THE FRENCH INVESTMENT MARKET

Prior to 2020, the French commercial property market remained on a six-year upward trend, which peaked in 2019 with an investment volume of almost €40 billion. The Covid-19 epidemic

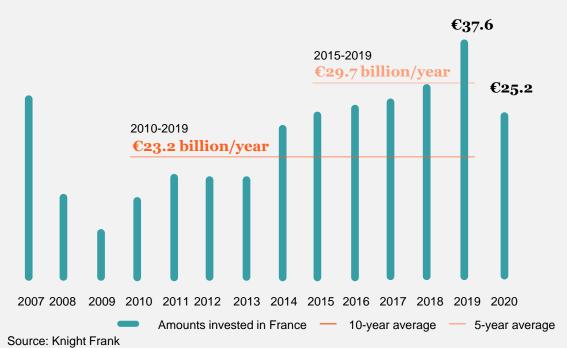
has broken this momentum, but has not stopped activity. **With 25.2 billion invested in 2020**, investment volumes in France have therefore dropped by 33% compared with the record

performance of 2019, but are still slightly higher by 8% than the ten-year average.

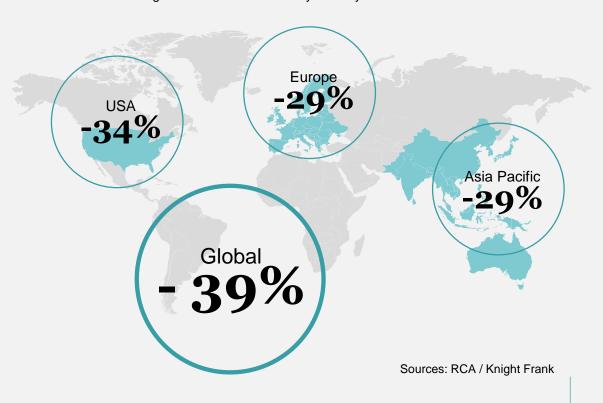
#### Above the ten-year average

Change in investment volumes in France,

All asset types (offices, retail, industrial), in billions of euros



Change in investment volumes year-on-year











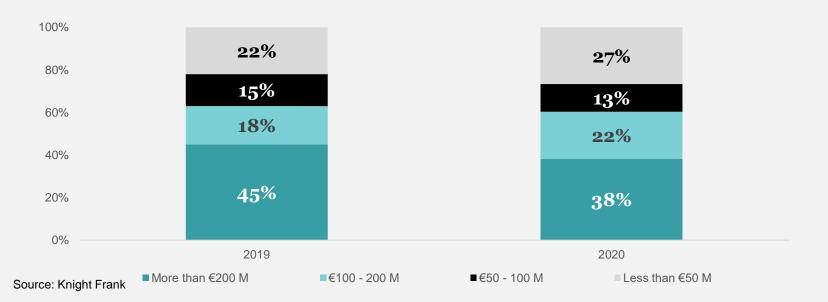
## LESSER ROLE OF **VERY LARGE** TRANSACTIONS

In 2019, the dynamism of large transactions directly contributed to the exceptional performance of the French market. In 2020, there were fewer such transactions: 66 transactions over €100 million and totalling €15.1 billion were recorded in France, compared with 88 totalling almost €24 billion in 2019.

Partially mitigated by the year-end signing by SWISS LIFE to buy the future ENGIE campus at La Garenne-Colombes, the decrease was particularly significant in the largest transactions category (those in excess of €500 million). Similarly, portfolio sales played a less decisive role, accounting for 19% of volumes invested in France in 2020 compared with 24% a year earlier.

#### A slightly more balanced market

Breakdown of investment volumes in France by amount category



700 transactions (920 in 2019) **2**7 > €200 M (37 in 2019) €9.5B (16.8 in 2019) 38% of volumes (45 % in 2019) 19% **Share of investment** volumes in portfolios

(24 % in 2019)





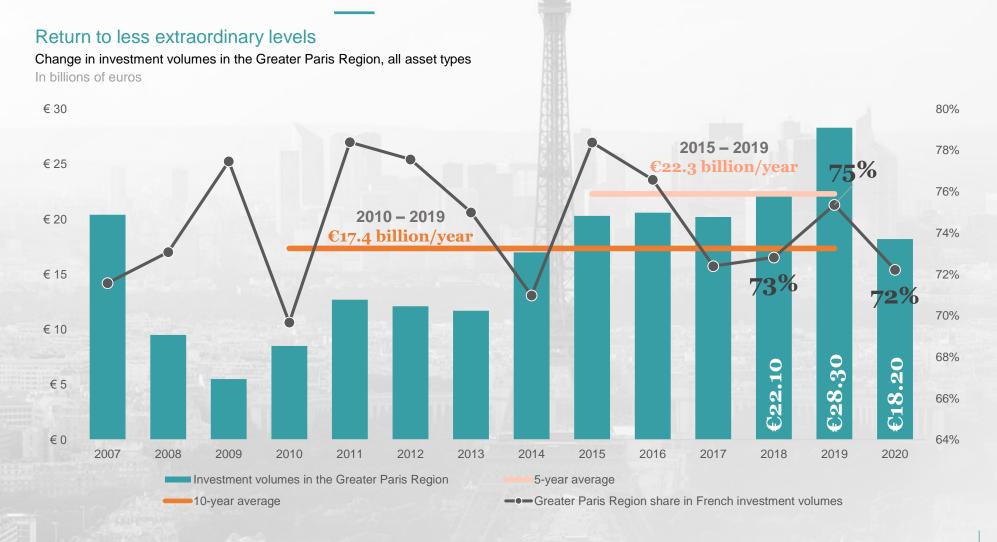




## THE GREATER PARIS REGION LOSES SOME OF ITS SHINE

The Greater Paris Region, which usually accounts for the vast majority of transactions in excess of €100 million, has logically suffered a greater drop in activity than the regional markets.

Consequently, 18.2 billion euros were invested in the Greater Paris Region in 2020, a 36% decrease year-on-year compared with -24% in the regions.











## RESPECTABLE PERFORMANCE FOR THE REGIONS

#### Lyon achieves its 2<sup>nd</sup> best year ever

Change in investment volumes in the regions, all asset types In billions of euros

€ 10 30%

€ 8

€ 6

€ 4

€ 2

€ 0

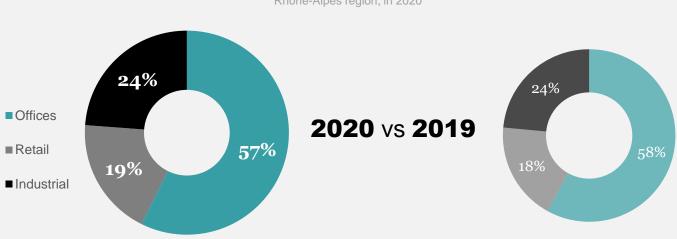
2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020

Investment amounts in the regions Rhône-Alpes Rhône-Alpes share

With a decrease of 24% compared with 2019, the regional markets record a more limited correction than the Greater Paris Region. The Rhône-Alpes region remains the most sought-after: almost €1.7 billion was invested there in 2020, a volume that has fallen over the year but which is still the second best performance in its history.

Investment volumes remain much lower in the other regions of France, with a reduced number of large transactions and a lesser presence of foreign investors, even if a few large transactions of offices or retail properties have been recorded in cities such as Lille, Marseille or Toulouse.













14%

### **OFFICES HOLD ONTO THEIR SHARE**

In 2019, offices smashed their record, with €26.2 billion invested in France. In 2020, this market sector was particularly impacted by the health crisis, **which exacerbated investors' caution** due to the deterioration of the lettings market and questions related to the boom in remote working.

As a result, **volumes fell sharply by 34% last year**: 17.4 billion euros were invested in this asset type, representing 69% of the entire French market. Despite this decrease, the share of office space is almost the same as the previous year, and is even slightly higher than its ten-year average.

## Breakdown of investment volumes in France, by asset type

14%

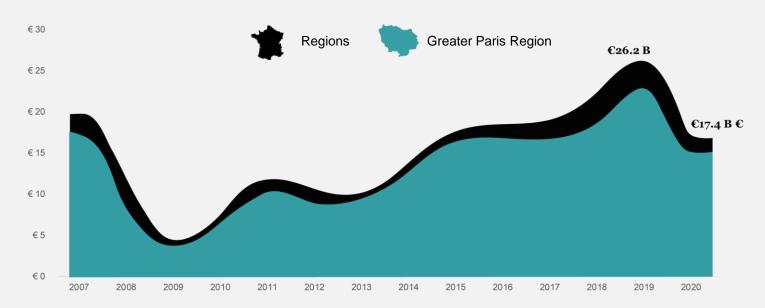
100%

90%

10%

#### End of the upward cycle

Change in investment volumes in offices in France, in billions of euros



80% 22% 16% 17% 70% 60% 50% 40% **70%** 69% 68% 30% 20% 10% 0% 2019 2020 10-year average Offices ■ Industrial Retail









## **EXAMPLES OF OFFICE TRANSACTIONS IN 2020**



Swiss Life | Harmony, La Garenne-Colombes



Allianz | CityLights (1 & 3), Boulogne-Billancourt



DTZ Investors | Aquarel, Issy-les-Moulineaux



La Française REP | 173-175 bd Haussmann, Paris 8



Ivanhoé Cambridge | Joya, Fontenay-sous-Bois



Primonial | M Campus, Meudon



La Française REM | 55 bd Charles de Gaulle, Malakoff



Amundi | #Curve, Saint-Denis









## OFFICES: SEVERAL MARKETS HOLDING UP

#### Paris is about average

Office investment volumes by geographical sector, in billions of euros

While the decrease in volumes concerned almost all the office sectors, the only exception was **the Southern Loop**, **with a net increase of 50% year-on-year** as a result of 7 transactions worth over €100 million, involving assets that were secured or due to be upgraded, such as "Espace Lumière", recently acquired by TISHMAN SPEYER.

Other sectors recorded a limited decrease in volumes. **This is the case of the Inner Northern Suburbs**, with a 7% drop year-on-year but a **22% increase compared to the ten-year average**. In Paris, activity also slowed, even if the completion in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of some large transactions, such as the sale by INVESCO of 173-175 boulevard Haussmann, limited the decrease in investment volumes (-13% year-on-year, all Parisian sectors included).



2020

202

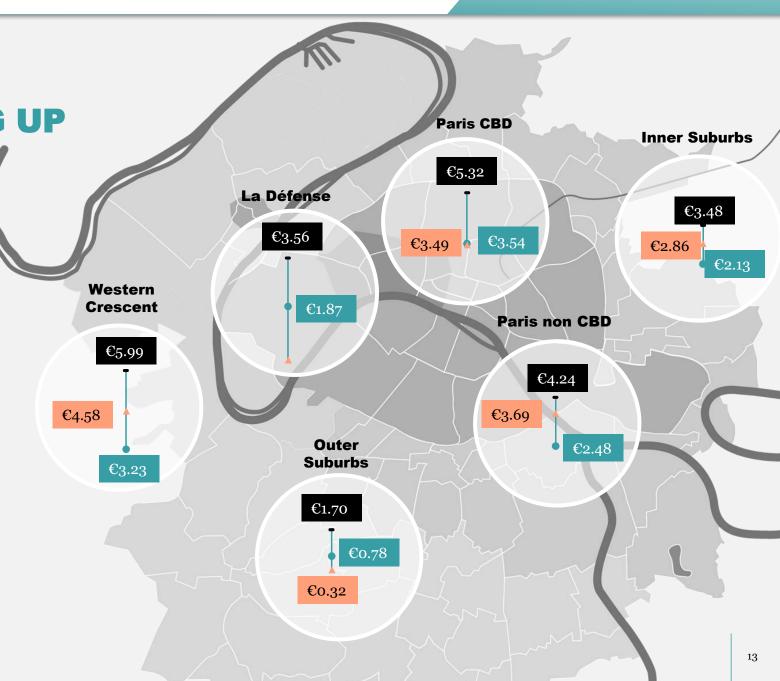
10-year average











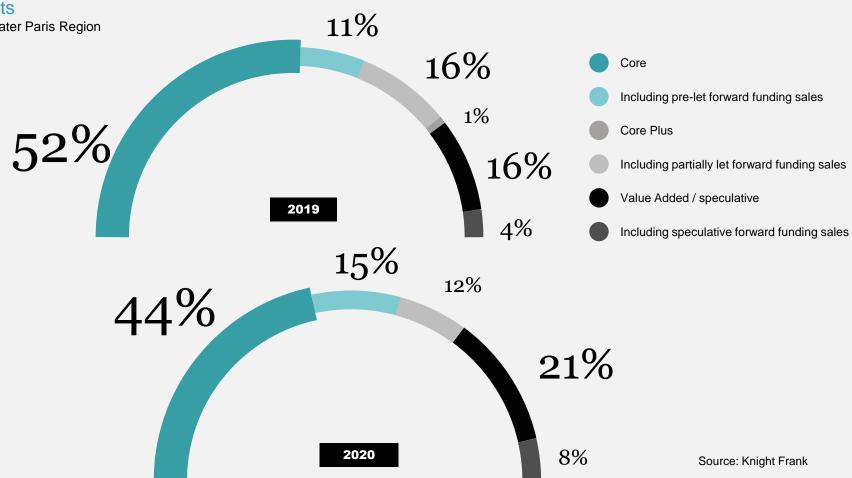
## **OPPORTUNITIES** TO BE SEIZED

A decrease in core, reflecting the lack of products

Breakdown of investment volumes in offices by risk type in the Greater Paris Region Transactions ≥ €20M

Investor caution has increased as a result of the health crisis, explaining the **appetite for quality assets secured by long leases**. As in 2019, however, activity was hampered by the limited number of core properties available for sale. The latter accounted for 59% of office investment volumes in the Greater Paris Region, a slight decrease compared with the previous year (63%).

Some players are willing to take more risk due to the readjustment of values or strong fundamentals in some markets. In Paris, for example, vacancy rates are much lower than in most other Greater Paris Region office hubs, and a significant proportion of projects under construction are pre-let, enabling investors to plan more comfortably for the future and to embark on major value creation projects. For example, TISHMAN SPEYER recently acquired the "Carré Saint-Germain" in Paris' 6th district, and the "Tour Cristal" in the 15th district.









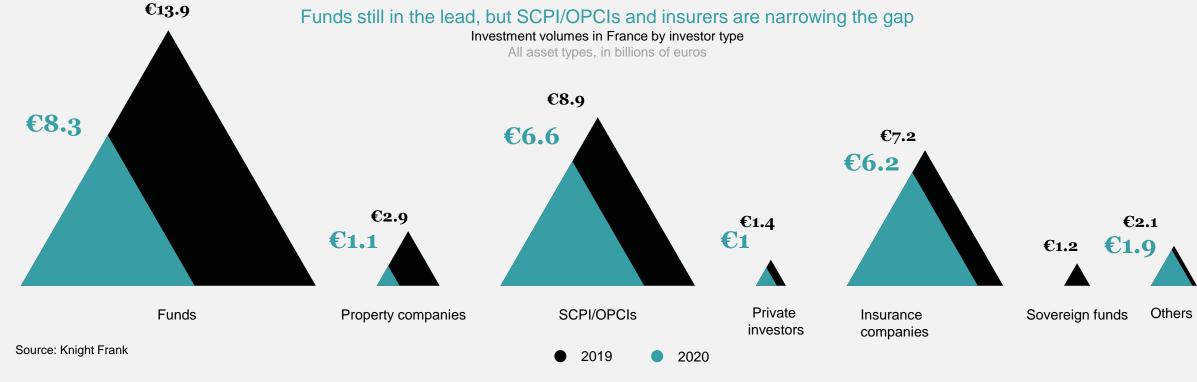


## TYPES OF INVESTORS: HIERARCHY UNCHANGED

Although sums invested and fund-raising fell sharply from one year to the next, SCPIs and OPCIs were very active, accounting for 26% of total investment volumes in

**France in 2020**, after 24% in 2019 and 19% in 2018. Nevertheless, investment funds remain the leading players in the market (33%).

Leading French insurers (CNP, UNOFI, COVEA, etc.) have also stood out by completing large transactions in the office and retail market.











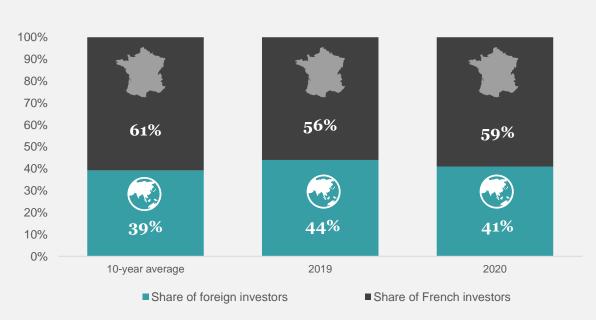
## FOREIGNERS: LESS PRESENT, BUT STILL ACTIVE

The French market remained the target of many foreign players in 2020. The latter accounted for a significant proportion of the sums committed in France, even if their share decreased (41% compared with 44% in 2019) due, in particular, to the **withdrawal of Asian investors**, who were directly impacted by **travel restrictions**.

It should be remembered that South Koreans accounted for nearly 10% of the volumes invested in 2019, whereas they were virtually absent in 2020. Other nationalities, by contrast, were at the origin of several major transactions, like the **Americans in the logistics and office sector**, or the Germans who are still fond of secure assets. The French, for their part, have increased their dominance, with a share of 59% compared to 56% in 2019.

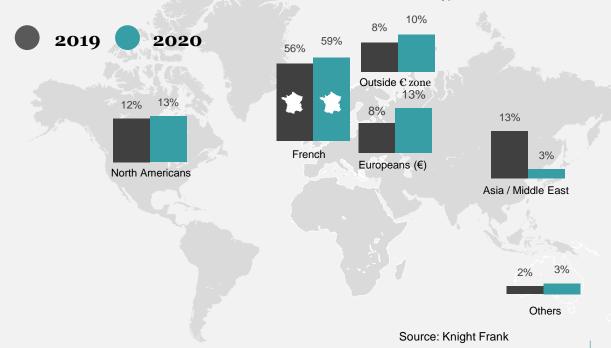
#### The French increase their dominance slightly

Change in the share of French and foreign investors
Out of the total volume invested in France, all asset types



#### Breakdown of investment volumes by nationality

Out of the total volume invested in France, all asset types









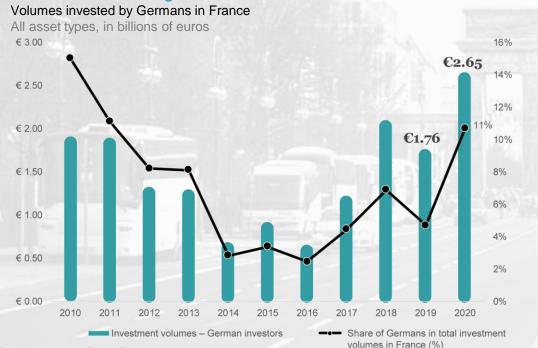


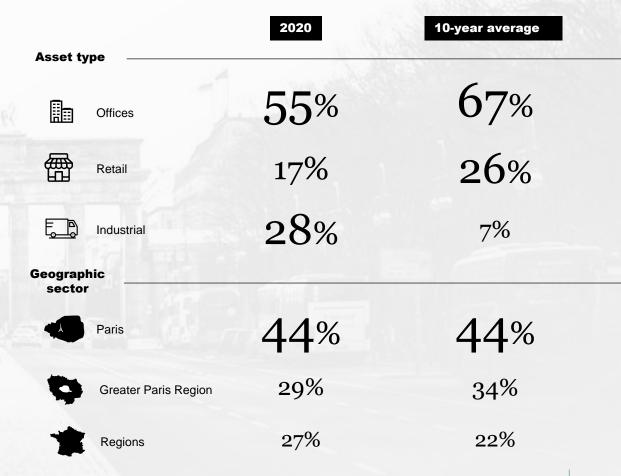
## **GERMANS** TAKE CENTRE STAGE

German investors are a historical player in the French investment market, and in 2020 they achieved their highest level of investment volume since 2007. German investors acquired more than €2.6 billion of assets in France last year, a sharp increase of 51% compared with

2019. While Greater Paris Region offices remain a prime target, the **Germans significantly increased their allocations to the logistics sector**, with several large transactions including the recent purchase by REAL IS of a logistics portfolio near Orleans.

#### Volumes at their highest level since 2010





## **RETAIL**: AT A CROSSROADS

Volumes invested in the French retail market totalled almost €4.3 billion in 2020, down 29% year-on-year and 12% compared with the ten-year average. This decrease was due to the sharp drop in the total number of transactions, which was offset by the completion of nine transactions in excess of €100 million. Two of these - the sale to BATIPART and COVEA of

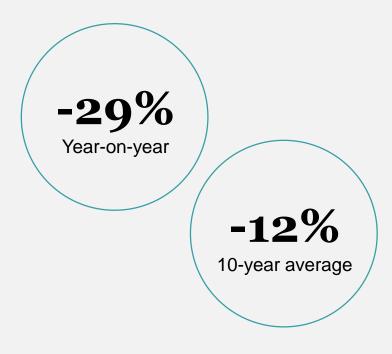
the ADEO portfolio and the sale of 54.2% of the shares in a shopping centre portfolio belonging to UNIBAIL-RODAMCO-WESTFIELD - accounted for almost a third of the total amount invested in retail. Although investors were already cautious before the health crisis, it has accelerated the ongoing transformations and exacerbated the questions about the future

of certain retail assets. As a result, investment suffered from a shallower market, due to the **smaller number of potential buyers** and tighter financing conditions. Faced with a lack of visibility and less favourable negotiating conditions for sellers, large offers were also withdrawn from the market.

#### Relatively stable share

Change in retail investment volumes in France In billions of euros, all retail formats included















## **EXAMPLES OF RETAIL TRANSACTIONS IN 2020**



Crédit Agricole Assurances / La Française | URW portfolio, France



Mata Capital | CIFA, Aubervilliers



Batipart / Covéa | ADEO portfolio, France



Tishman Speyer / PSP | Carré Saint Germain, Paris 6



BMO REP | 71-73 av. des Champs-Élysées, Paris 8



AEW Ciloger | Portfolio of 4 Monoprix shops, France



Invesco RE | 6-12 rue du Faubourg St-Honoré, Paris 8



Unofi | Printemps, Lille









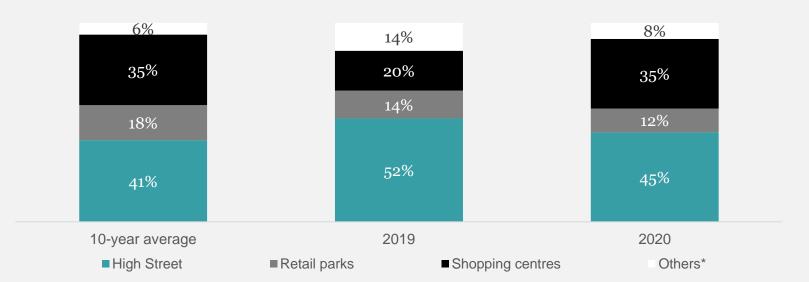
## SHOPPING CENTRES: INCREASE IS MISLEADING

The shopping centre sector was driven exclusively by acquisitions from French investors, with volumes up 18% yearon-year due to the disposal of the URW portfolio. Other centres were sold, but for smaller amounts, confirming the interest of

some specialist investors for properties in need of repositioning. For example, SOCIETE DES GRANDS MAGASINS bought the "SQY Ouest" centre in Montigny-le-Bretonneux from HAMMERSON, as well as a portfolio of eight assets in the regions. Sales have been rarer in the retail park market. Despite relatively low volumes, this market sector will continue to be closely watched by investors in the coming months due to being well adapted to the consequences of the health crisis and to consumer expectations.

#### No upheaval

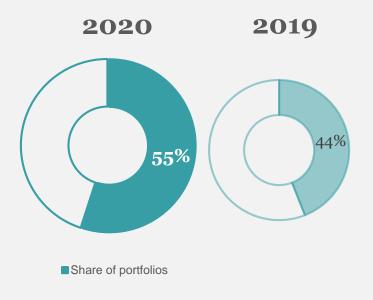
Retail investment volumes in France Breakdown by asset type



#### The leading role of portfolios

Share of volumes in portfolios

Out of all retail investment volumes in France



Source: Knight Frank \*Outlet centres, hypermarkets and supermarkets, non-divisible portfolios











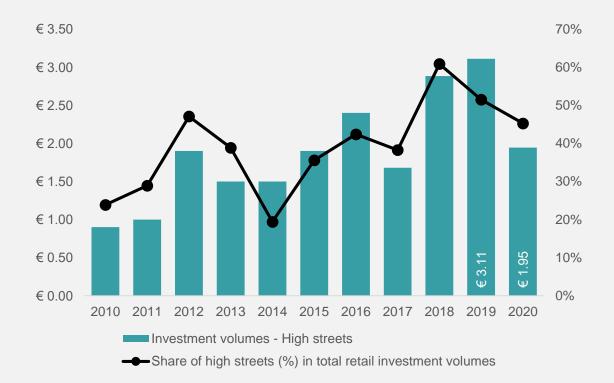
## HIGH STREETS: STILL ON TOP, BUT...

The greatest drop was in the high street retail sector. The sums invested there fell by 37% compared to 2019, in a context that is currently unfavourable to prime streets as a result of the sharp decrease in the number of foreign tourists. At the end of the year, however, the sale of two large mixed-use Parisian assets - 71-73 avenue des Champs-Élysées bought, by BMO REP, and 6-12 rue du Faubourg Saint-Honoré bought by INVESCO - helped boost volumes. These transactions also demonstrated the confidence of major international investors in the long-term appeal of the Paris market.

Outside of Paris, the largest sale of a single asset was completed in Lille, with the sale to UNOFI of the PRINTEMPS on rue Nationale for almost €100 million.

#### Less exceptional year for high streets

High street investment volumes in France, in billions of euros



TRANSACTIONS > €100 M

7 In 2019

**6** In 2020









## **CONVENIENCE AND FOOD SHOPS** ARE VERY POPULAR

Highly sought-after in recent years, local shops have also enjoyed **increased interest since the outbreak of the** 

**Covid-19 pandemic**. Following those undertaken in 2018 and 2019, new CASINO and MONOPRIX shop sales

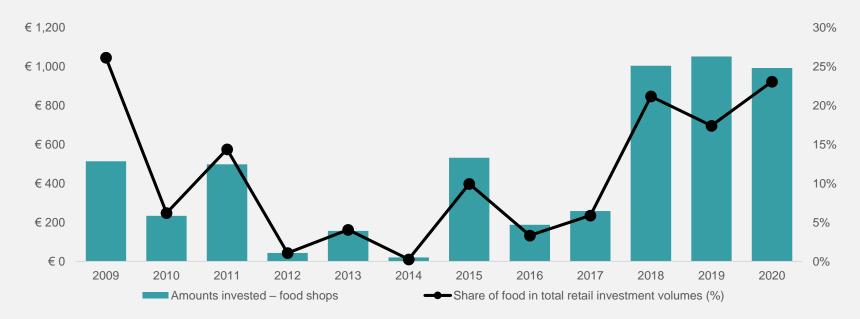
have thus boosted the French market in 2020, bringing the retail chain's total asset sales over the past five years to more than €3 billion.

## AMOUNT OF THE CASINO GROUP'S ASSET SALES

OVER THE PAST 5 YEARS IN FRANCE Total, all asset types combined

#### Market enthusiasm

Change in food shops investment volumes in France, in millions of euros All retail formats included













## **LOGISTICS**: STILL VERY MUCH IN DEMAND

With almost €3.5 billion invested, **investment volumes in the industrial premises market in 2020 fell by 35% year-on-year**, but needs to be put into perspective given the record level recorded in 2019 (€5.4 billion), which benefited in particular

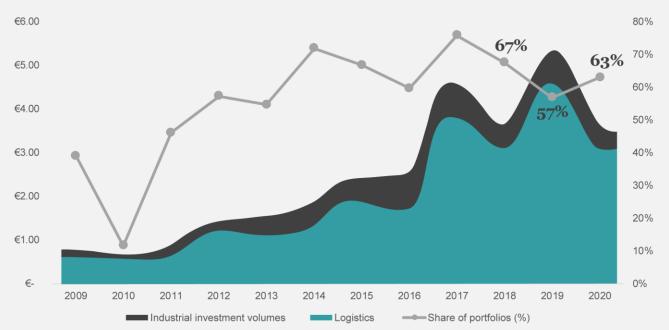
from an exceptional sale: the sale of the CARREFOUR portfolio to ARGAN for almost €900 million. In the light of the impact of the health crisis, the 2020 result is **more than respectable**. It is 116% higher than the ten-year average and is based on a **high** 

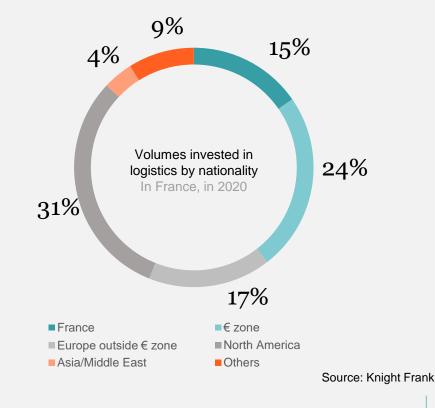
number of large transactions: 8 transactions in excess of €100 million were recorded, compared with 10 in 2019. The large transactions in 2020 exclusively involved logistics assets, most of which were sold to North American, British or German funds.

#### A very respectable result

Change in industrial investment volumes

In France, in billions of euros













## STRONG COMEBACK OF RESIDENTIAL

With uncertainty at an all-time high, the health crisis will have a lasting impact on allocation strategies, raising investors' awareness of the need to focus on adaptation to new uses and the reversibility of buildings. Furthermore, investors will increasingly target those assets that are assumed to be the most resilient. This trend heralds an acceleration of the diversification strategies already implemented in recent years in favour of logistics and, above all, residential properties (traditional or managed), whose share of total investment volumes is growing steadily in Europe.



RESIDENTIAL



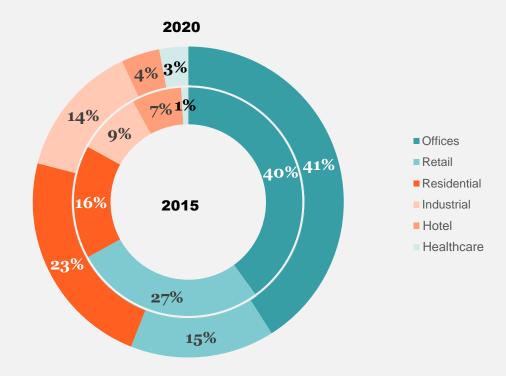
**CLINICS / EPHAD\*** \*Residential facility for dependent elderly persons



**DATA CENTRE** 

#### Investors accelerate their diversification strategy

Breakdown of property investment volumes by type in Europe



Source: RCA / Knight Frank







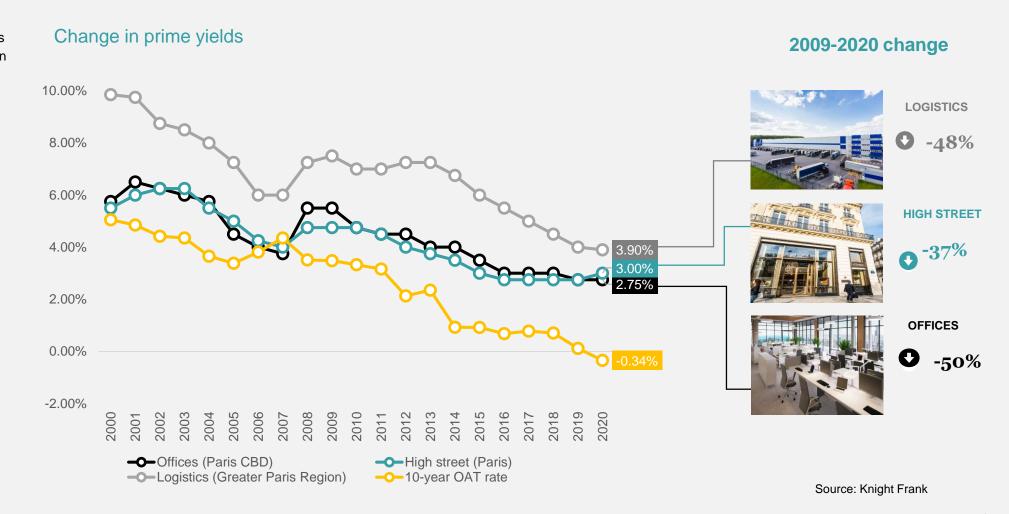




## **YIELDS: CONTINUED PRESSURE**

In 2020, the correction of prime yields was relatively limited and mainly seen in the retail sector. In the logistics sector, strong competition from investors and a lack of prime supply even led to a further compression of yields, which fell below the symbolic threshold of 4.00%.

In 2021, investors will remain very selective, favouring the most established geographical sectors and assets offering stable and secure rental income, which will sustain pressure on prime yields. In the Paris office market, prime yields could consequently remain below 3.00%.











## THE OUTLOOK FOR 2021... AND BEYOND

- LIMITED ACTIVITY IN THE 1<sup>ST</sup> HALF OF 2021
- WAIT-AND-SEE APPROACH BY INVESTORS
- DISCREPANCY BETWEEN THE EXPECTATIONS OF SELLERS AND BUYERS
- LACK OF CORE PRODUCTS AND DIVERSIFICATION ASSETS
- FUND-RAISING COULD DECREASE... BUT LIQUIDITY REMAINS HIGH
- NO OR VERY FEW FORCED SALES
- EVER INCREASING ATTENTION PAID TO ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL ISSUES (ESG)







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## **OFFICES**











## **OFFICES**

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AT IT LOWEST LEVEL FOR 20 YEARS

LARGE TRANSACTIONS: TAKE-UP VOLUME FELL BY MORE THAN HALF

THE EXCEPTION OF LA DEFENSE

PRIME RENT: NEW RECORD

IMMEDIATE SUPPLY: 5 YEARS OF DECREASE WIPED OUT

FUTURE SUPPLY: SHARP INCREASE IN THE SHORT TERM

BUT BALANCE IN THE LONGER TERM

VARYING IMPACTS DEPENDING ON THE AREA

WHAT SUPPORTS THE DEMAND

BREXIT: FEWER MOVEMENTS IN 2020

BREXIT: ALMOST 100 MOVEMENTS IN PARIS

COVID-19: CHANGE OF REVOLUTION?

MORE COMPLEX ORGANISATION

COWORKING: THWARTED DYNAMICS

COWORKING: SUPPLY STILL LIMITED IN THE SUBURBS

WHAT IS THE IMPACT ON OFFICE GEOGRAPHY?

A SOURCE OF CONVERSION INTO HOUSING?

SUMMARY MAP

THE OUTLOOK FOR 2021...AND BEYOND



## WHAT WE SAID A YEAR AGO

#### **ECONOMIC SITUATION: STILL UNCERTAIN**

- Slowdown in global growth
- · Resilience of the French economy?
- · Risks still numerous (Brexit, elections in the USA, social tensions in France, etc.).

#### THE MAIN DRIVERS OF DEMAND

- New ways of working
- · Increased search for flexibility and services
- Attracting and retaining talent (accessibility, wellness, etc.)
- Continued expansion of digital companies
- Continuation of streamlining initiatives for more "traditional" occupiers

#### **FUTURE SUPPLY AND MAIN AREAS OF DEVELOPMENT**

- Renewal of office stock in established office hubs (Paris, Western Crescent)
- Dynamism of areas on the edge of the capital (Parisian address, accessibility, quality of supply)
- Development of the Grand Paris hubs (Saint-Denis, Saint-Ouen, Fontenay-sous-Bois, Villejuif, etc.)





## WHAT ACTUALLY HAPPENED

#### **ECONOMIC SITUATION: STILL UNCERTAIN**

- Covid-19: one of the worst crises in recent history
- Global economic recession
- Resilience of the French economy thwarted by the health crisis
- Risks still numerous: new waves of the pandemic, company debt, social tensions in France and around the world, etc.), but vaccines give hope

#### THE MAIN DRIVERS OF DEMAND

- New ways of working
- Increased search for flexibility and services
- Attracting and retaining talent (accessibility, wellness, etc.): something that needs to be put into perspective given the deterioration of the job market?
- Expansion of digital companies in question
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- Increases in future deliveries, but building permits and building starts are beginning to decrease

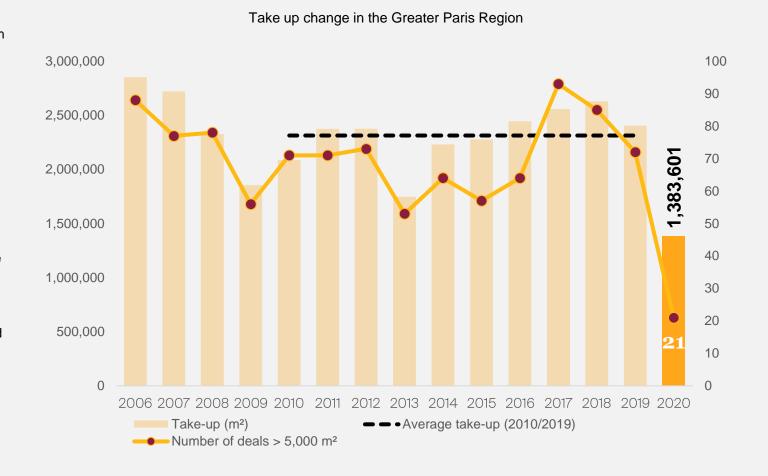




## AT ITS LOWEST LEVEL FOR 20 YEARS

After a 9% year-on-year fall in 2019, take-up fell by 42% in 2020, with barely 1.38 million sq m of office space let or sold to occupiers in the Greater Paris Region. This result, down 40% compared with the ten-year average, is the worst in the last 20 years.

This downturn is obviously linked to the Covid-19 pandemic and the lack of visibility on the health and economic situation. Companies have been very cautious since the first lockdown, and remain focused on preventing health risks and preserving their activity rather than redefining and implementing a real estate strategy.















## LARGE TRANSACTIONS: VOLUME FELL BY MORE THAN HALF

Small areas ( < 1,000 sq m) have fared best, with a 27% decrease year-on-year compared with -42% for medium-sized areas (1,000 to 5,000 sq m). The fall is even more marked for large areas, both in number, with 21 transactions over 5,000 sq m (compared with 72 in 2019), and in volume, with take-up of 404,000 sq m in 2020 compared with 887,000 sq m in 2019, and nearly one million sq m in 2018!

Large transactions account for just 29% of total takeup in 2020 compared with 40% on average over the last ten years. The decrease would have been much greater without two large transactions: TOTAL's lease of 125,000 sq m on "The Link" in La Défense and ENGIE's letting of a new 94,000 sq m campus in La Garenne-Colombes, which together account for 55% of the take-up volumes over 5,000 sq m in 2020.

# 21 transactions > 5,000 sq m (72 in 2019)



Smaller areas fared better

Take-up by area category in the Greater Paris Region

Out of total volume in sq m



**29%**of take-up
(**37%** in 2019)

404,000 SQ M

(**887,000 sq m** in 2019)











## **2020 LARGE TRANSACTIONS**

### Examples of transactions > 5,000 sq m

#### **PARIS**



**BOSTON CONSULTING** | L1VE PARIS 16<sup>th</sup> (20,000 sq m)



VYV | 62 RUE JEANNE D'ARC PARIS 13<sup>th</sup> (9,700 sq m)



**WEBHELP** | TOKO PARIS 17<sup>th</sup> (7,400 sq m)



**GOLDMAN SACHS** | 83 Av. MARCEAU PARIS 16<sup>th</sup> (6,500 sq m)



**MORNING** | HÔTEL DE LA MARINE PARIS 8<sup>th</sup> (6,100 sq m)

#### **SUBURBS**



**TOTAL** | THE LINK LA DÉFENSE (125,000 sq m)



**ENGIE** | RUE DES FAUVELLES
LA GARENNE-COLOMBES (94,300 sq m)



NEXITY | REIWA SAINT-OUEN (25,000 sq m)



**SOPRA STERIA** | LATITUDE LA DÉFENSE (21,600 sq m)



**VERSPIEREN** | #CURVE SAINT-DENIS (5,980 sq m)









## THE EXCEPTION OF LA DÉFENSE

With just over 200,000 sq m let, up 33% year-on-year, La Défense achieved an excellent performance, which needs to be put into perspective by the weight of TOTAL's letting of "The Link". Without this, the business district's performance would have been negative, although 32%

higher than its low point in 2002. The other office sectors show volumes down by 15 to 79% compared to 2019. In Paris, take-up fell by 43% in the CBD, but remains 29% higher than its low point in 2002. This relative resilience is based on the continued letting of small areas. The

effects of the health crisis on real estate demand were also cushioned by the wide diversity of Parisian occupier profiles.

#### Virtually across-the-board decreases

Change in take-up, in volume of sq m Between 2019 and 2020

Paris CBD **-43**% Paris Non CBD -39% La Défense -49% Western Crescent

Inner suburbs

Outer suburbs

Source: Knight Frank

#### One of La Défense's best years Change in take-up, in volume of sq m



The Link Total 125,000 sq m

-60%

-48%







### PRIME RENT: NEW RECORD

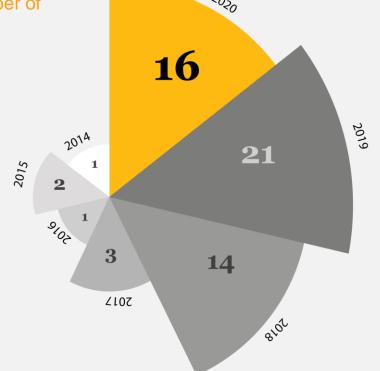
In 2020, several consulting and finance companies let some of Paris' finest assets, pushing up the prime rent. As a result, the prime rent stands at €940/sq m/year and is 10% higher than its previous record of 2019.

The increase in prime rent contrasts with the stabilisation of the average rent. While the latter remains high, the growing gap between prime and average rents provides a better measure of the impact of the health crisis, and illustrates the growing distinction between exceptional assets and the rest of the market.

#### Continued high number of prime transactions Number of transactions

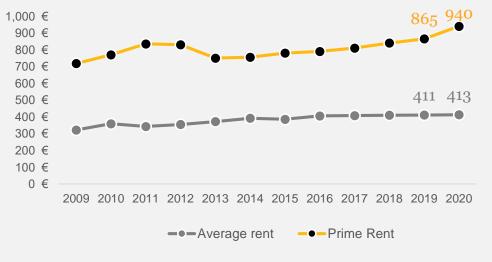
≥ €800 /sq m/year

In Inner Paris. on areas ≥ 500 sq m



#### Increasing gap between prime and average

Change in prime and average rents in the Greater Paris Region In €/sq m/year



Average rent: weighted average of all transactions over the last 12 months (all areas and qualities combined) Prime rent: weighted average of 5 transactions >500 sq m at the highest rents for the last 12 months (of all grades)







## IMMEDIATE SUPPLY: FIVE YEARS OF DECREASE WIPED OUT

The volume of immediate supply in the Greater Paris Region totalled 3.57 million sq m at the end of the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2020, a vacancy rate of 6.5% and **an increase of 31%** year-on-year due to the acceleration in properties being vacated and the drop in demand. Nevertheless, availability remains **11% below the previous high point in 2014**.

**Supply doubled in Paris**, pushing the vacancy rate from 2.1% in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2019 to 4.1% one year later. The vacancy rate in the CBD rose from 1.4% to 4%.

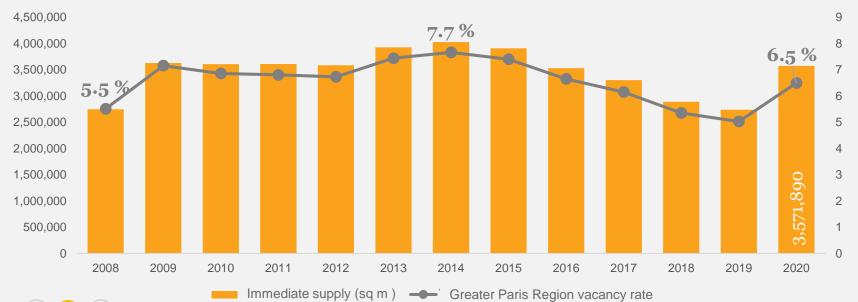
Outside of Paris, the immediate supply has increased the most in La Défense, with a vacancy rate of almost 10%

compared with 4.9% a year ago. Elsewhere, the volume of immediate supply is progressing more moderately, with an increase of between 18% in the Western Crescent and 31% in the Inner Suburbs.

#### 31% increase in immediate supply in 2020

Change in available supply and vacancy rate

In the Greater Paris Region, as a %















## FUTURE SUPPLY: SHARP INCREASE IN THE SHORT TERM

More than 130 projects > 5,000 sq m are currently under construction in the Greater Paris Region for a total of 2.5 million sq m, **63% of which is still available**. Future supply is fairly contained in Paris CBD, with a 55% preletting rate, and in sectors such as Paris South or the

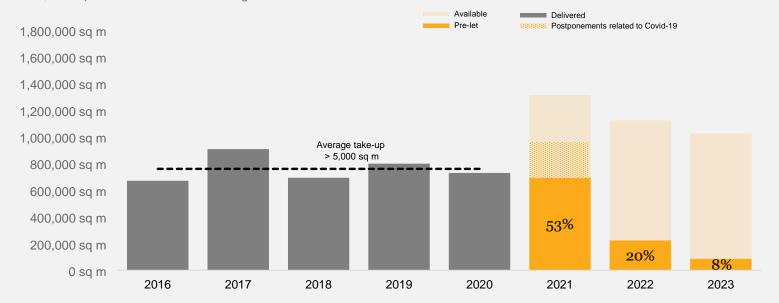
Southern Loop. Other office hubs are much better supplied, such as La Défense (more than 250,000 sq m of office space still available) and the Inner Northern Suburbs (342,000 sq m). Given the current lack of visibility, it is difficult to predict how long it will take for the Greater

Paris Region market to return to balance. That said, the last few months have already seen a decrease in building starts and building permit applications, as well as a scaling down of certain development projects.

### Delivery peak in 2021

#### Delivery of new or redeveloped areas

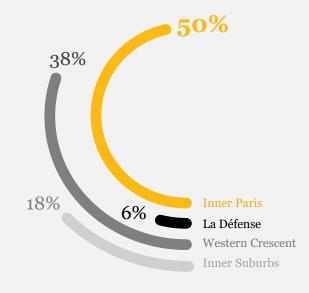
> 5,000 sg m in the Greater Paris Region



#### Paris in balance

#### Pre-letting rate by geographical sector

Office supply to be delivered by the end of 2023 (building permits submitted / building permits accepted / under construction)









## BUT BALANCE IN THE LONGER TERM

### Development areas

Map of new/redevelopments projects > 5,000 sq m to be delivered in the Greater Paris Region between 2021 and 2023

### Future trends:



#### Decrease in building starts

(with the exception of certain future Grand Paris Express hubs)



 $\textbf{Resizing} \ \text{of office projects} \\$ 

(growth in remote working, search for savings, etc.)



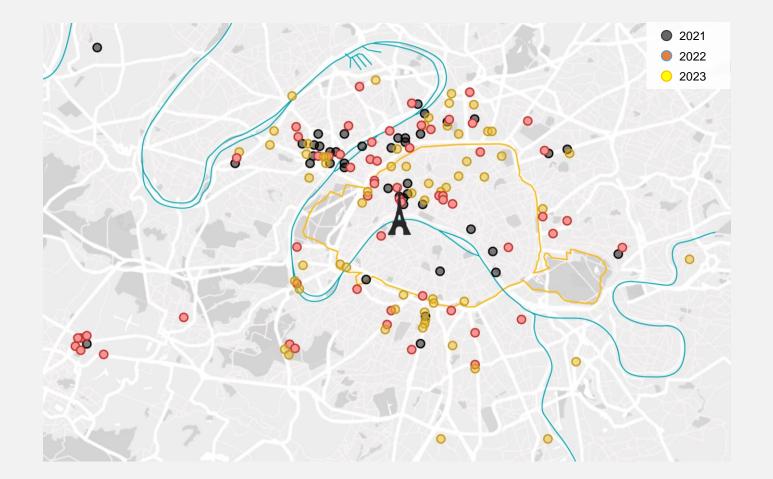
Stagnation of the Greater Paris Region office stock?











## **VARYING IMPACTS** DEPENDING ON THE AREA

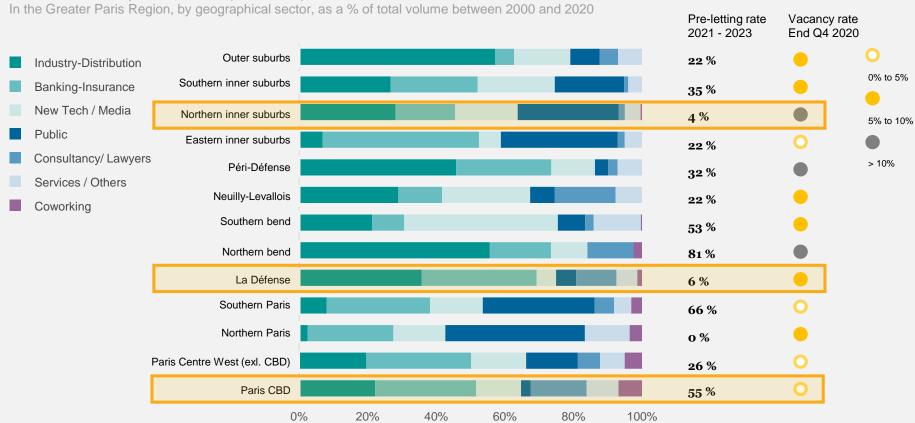
An analysis of the distribution of takeup > 5,000 sq m by activity makes it possible to identify **the sectors potentially most exposed to variations in business demand** and to the shock of the Covid-19 pandemic.

In addition to having a fairly limited future supply, Paris CBD is characterised by the wide variety of its occupiers, which protects it from sectoral crises and should enable it to maintain a certain appeal despite the health crisis.

The question of the absorption of supply arises more for sectors with less varied occupier profiles and with a low proportion of pre-lettings of new projects.

## Supply/demand imbalance: sectors with varying degrees of exposure

Share of each activity sector in take-up > 5,000 sq m









## WHAT SUPPORTS THE DEMAND?

A crisis does not mean the end of real estate movements. While the outbreak of the Covid-19 pandemic virtually paralysed the large areas market in 2020, and although rental activity will remain fairly weak in the first half of 2021, companies should gradually implement their new real estate strategy that takes into account the impact of the health crisis.

Despite the health and economic uncertainty, the Greater Paris Region office market has several mainstays, both fairly traditional (search for savings, growth in certain activities, transport projects, etc.) and more novel (changes in lifestyles and working methods).



**SEARCH FOR SAVINGS**Immediate needs for streamlining
Mergers / Consolidations



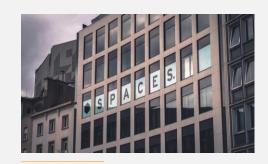
**GRAND PARIS EFFECT**Project progress (L14, Eole, etc.)
Quality/price of the real estate supply



BREXIT EFFECT

New movements

Implementation of ongoing projects



SEARCH FOR FLEXIBILITY
Coworking / Flex-office
Solutions offered by landlords



**RESILIENT SECTORS**New technologies, finance, consulting, public sector, etc.



**NEW LIFESTYLES**Bringing living and working places closer together
New residential pathways







## **BREXIT: FEWER MOVEMENTS IN 2020**

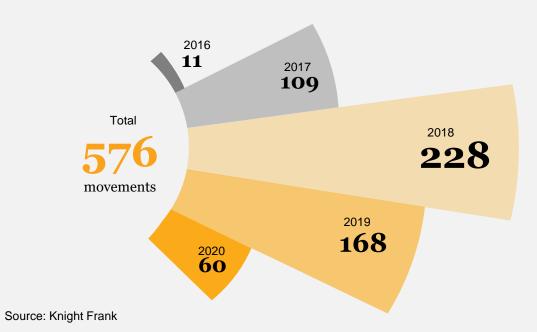
Following the peak in 2018, and a slight slowdown in 2019, **Brexit-related movements were much rarer in 2020**, with 60 definite or potential projects. This sharp decrease is not surprising. Between the referendum in 2016 and the end of

2019, many companies had already made arrangements to continue to access the European market after Brexit. The decrease in the number of movements observed in 2020 can also be explained by the Covid-19 outbreak which, adding to

the uncertainty surrounding negotiations between London and the EU, forced some players to postpone their Brexit-related setting-up or relocation projects.

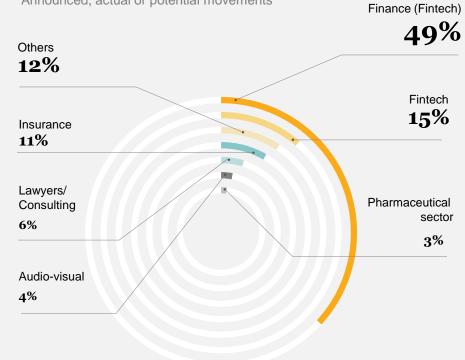
#### Sharp decrease in the number of movements

Chronological changes in Brexit-related movements in Europe Announced, actual or potential movements



#### Finance: two thirds of movements













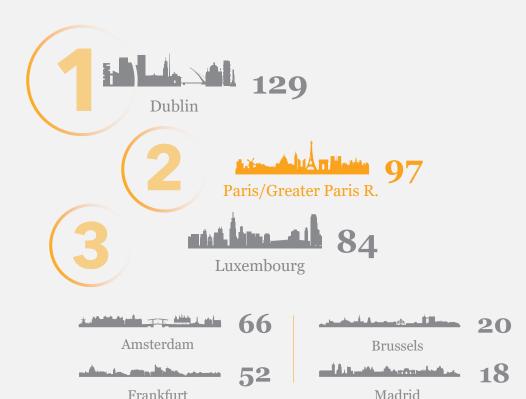
## **BREXIT: ALMOST 100 MOVEMENTS IN PARIS**

Paris has around thirty fewer movements than Dublin but has confirmed its second place and widened the gap with Luxembourg in 2020. 18 new projects were identified in 2020, bringing the total number of Brexit-related movements since 2016 to 97.

A traditional and almost exclusive target of international finance and major Anglo-Saxon law firms, the CBD remains the preferred destination for Brexit-related movements in France. This sector accounts for 84% of the number of relocation, setting-up or expansion projects registered since 2016 in the Greater Paris Region, far ahead of La Défense (6%) and other Parisian districts outside the CBD.

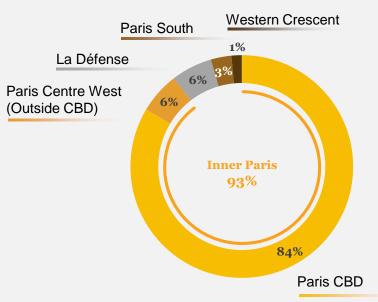
#### Paris confirms its second place

Geographical distribution of Brexit-related movements in Europe Announced, actual or potential movements, by city



#### The CBD first and foremost

Breakdown of movements by geographical sector In number of movements in the Greater Paris Region











## **COVID-19: CHANGE OR REVOLUTION?**

Before the outbreak of the health crisis, some major structural changes had already begun to profoundly transform companies' demand and expectations in terms of office space design. Among these factors, **the digital revolution played a** 

**key role**, bringing flexibility to companies and contributing to the growth of remote working and the emergence of more collaborative ways of working. The effects of this revolution are likely to be amplified by the health crisis, even if other

structural or cyclical factors also need to be taken into account. **In the very short term**, companies will thus be focused on the continuity of their activity and streamlining their real estate.

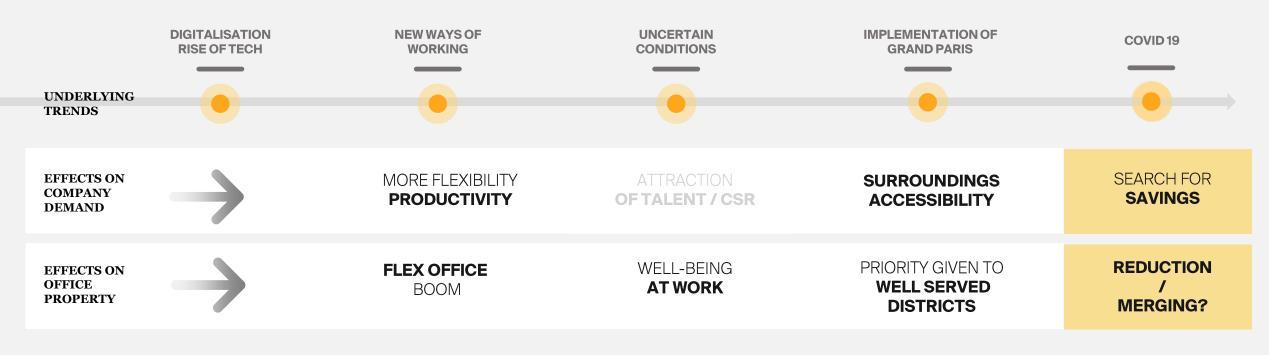








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## MORE COMPLEX ORGANISATION

While the French remain attached to the office, many of them have been able to experiment with remote working on a large scale, and it is likely that after the pandemic employees will want to keep this flexibility in their daily lives. Such a development would signal the end of the "one size fits all" office, a standardised space that all employees have to live

with, in favour of a more complex organisation offering much more flexibility to employees. Within this new framework, employees would alternate between different work settings, adapted to different roles and professional relationships, and to more blurred boundaries between the "professional" and "personal". Once the crisis is over,

some tasks would continue to be carried out at home or in third places close to the employees' homes; other types of space – company headquarters, local or regional offices, coworking areas, etc. – being favoured for tasks or moments involving more social interaction (training, work in project mode, etc.).

#### **PRE COVID-19**

OFFICES

90%

10%

REMOTE WORKING

One size fits all, or nobody?





Source: Knight Frank / Images: Freepik

#### **POST COVID-19**

## **More choices**

offered to employees

Workplace as a service







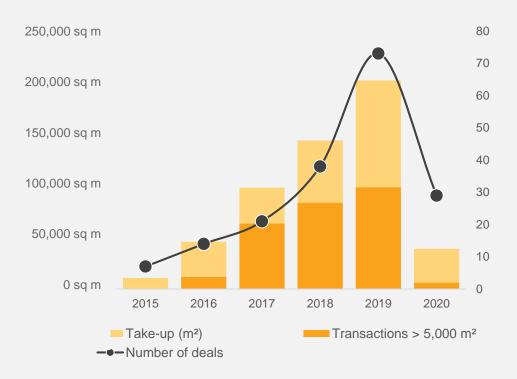
## **COWORKING: THWARTED DYNAMICS**

While long-term trends are quite favourable to flex-offices, the areas rented by coworking space providers fell sharply in 2020 (-81% year on year), following a record year in 2019. In addition to the difficulties associated with the health situation, market players have had to "digest" the large number of square metres leased in recent years.

Only one movement > 5,000 sq m was recorded in 2020 in the Greater Paris Region (MORNING in the "Hôtel de la Marine"), compared with 11 in 2019. Small and medium-sized areas therefore accounted for the bulk of coworking transactions in the Greater Paris Region, explaining the sharp 52% decrease in the average size of let space.

#### Decrease in volumes absorbed

Change in take-up by coworking space providers In the Greater Paris Region



#### Sharp decrease in areas

Average area of coworking space providers leases
In the Greater Paris Region



-52% year-on-year







## COWORKING: SUPPLY STILL LIMITED IN THE SUBURBS

Paris accounts for 73% of the volumes let by coworking operators since 2015, including a dominant share (40%) in Paris CBD. The trend remained the same in 2020 due in particular to several DESKEO leases in the capital. With the

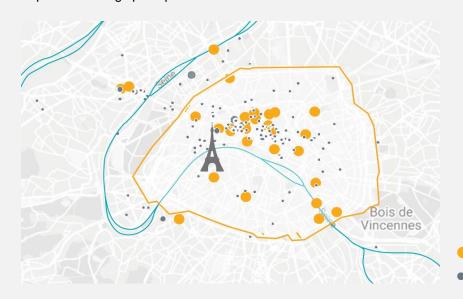
exception of La Défense and a few Western Crescent towns, the other markets remain for the time being relatively unaffected by the coworking phenomenon. With the health crisis and the boom in remote working, **could the trend be** 

Areas > 5,000 sq m
Areas < 5,000 sq m

reversed and see the development of third spaces as close as possible to where employees live?

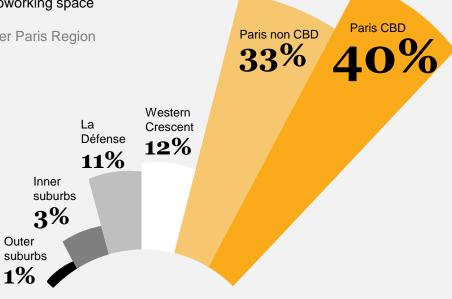
#### A very Parisian phenomenon

Map of coworking space providers leases since 2015



Geographical distribution of coworking space providers leases since 2015

% of total volume in the Greater Paris Region











## WHAT IS THE IMPACT ON OFFICE GEOGRAPHY?

The expansion of coworking outside the most central areas of the conurbation would be a sign of the beginning of a decentralisation of the office market, which is still

very concentrated in Paris and the major office hubs of the Hauts-de-Seine department. In the long term, other factors could encourage a moderate rebalancing of the office

geography of the Greater Paris Region (growth of remote working, improved public transport in the suburbs, demographic growth in the Inner and Outer Suburbs, etc.).

#### From a very polarised market...

Share of Paris and Hauts-de-Seine in the Greater Paris Region, all areas combined

#### **PRE-COVID SITUATION**



57% of office stock





73 % of 2000-2020 take-up



61% of future new and refurbished available supply

Projects started or not started, with or without building permit (2021-2025)

Source: Knight Frank

## ...to a more balanced situation?

#### **POST-COVID TRENDS**

- Rise of remote working / more autonomy given to employees
- New **aspirations** (flexibility, local, etc.)
- Demographic dynamics of the peri-urban area
- Traffic restrictions in Paris
- Public transport improved in the suburbs
- Search for **cost reduction** by companies
- Development of **third places** outside Paris







5% and +

0% to 5%

-5% to 0%

## A SOURCE OF CONVERSION INTO HOUSING?

While the health crisis is driving up the vacancy rate, the new market context seems more favourable to the **transformation of obsolete offices into housing**. This type of project seems particularly appropriate in towns that are **less central or less well connected to public transport**, which have a large office stock that is partly unsuited to the needs of companies.





**NEW RESIDENTIAL PATHS** 

**HOUSING CRISIS** 



**GROWTH IN REMOTE WORKING** 

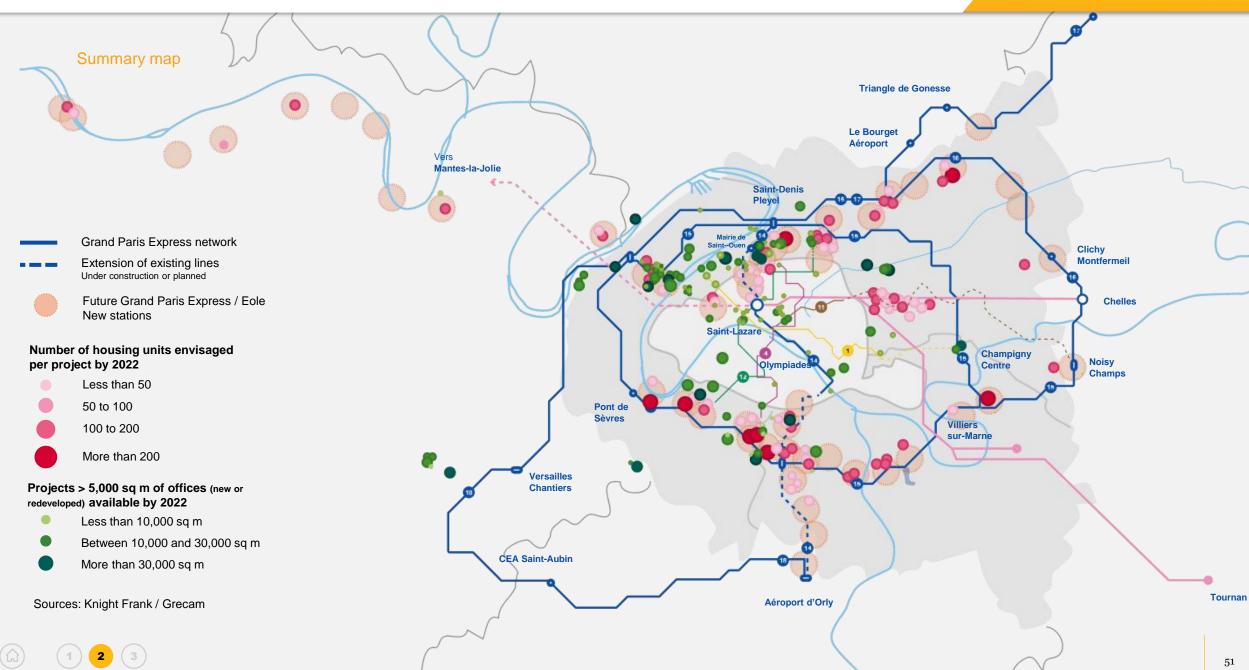


Sources: Knight Frank / INSEE (\*Average population change between 2012 and 2017)









# THE OUTLOOK FOR 2021... AND BEYOND

- COMPANIES GIVE PRIORITY TO THE CONTINUITY OF THEIR ACTIVITY
- SUSTAINED SLOWDOWN IN TAKE-UP
- EMPLOYEES STILL WANT TO RETURN TO THE OFFICE, BUT WANT MORE FLEXIBILITY
- WHAT DOES THE FUTURE HOLD FOR THE 3/6/9 LEASE?
- NO REVOLUTION, BUT AN INTENSIFICATION OF THE TRENDS ASSOCIATED WITH THE **DIGITALISATION OF WORK**
- COST-CUTTING STRATEGIES FAVOURING CERTAIN SUBMARKETS IN THE INNER SUBURBS
- CUSHIONED SHOCK IN PARIS (DIVERSITY OF COMPANIES, MORE RESISTANT SECTORS OF ACTIVITY, "FLAGSHIP BUILDINGS", ETC.)
- MODERATE REBALANCING OF THE OFFICE GEOGRAPHY
- HEALTH CRISIS: NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR OFFICE TRANSFORMATION?







**2020 REVIEW**AND 2021 OUTLOOK

# RETAIL









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#### A CONTEXT THAT REMAINS UNCERTAIN

- Social tensions
- Economic slowdown
- Increase in purchasing power: consumption potential limited by consumer choices?

#### **RETAILERS / LETTINGS MARKET**

- Winning sectors: catering, sport and leisure (climbing, virtual reality, etc.), low-price retailers, second-hand, urban formats, etc.
- Dynamism of the luxury market
- A street to watch: rue de Rivoli
- Continued arbitration of the least profitable sites
- Moderate correction of rental values

### **RETAIL PROJECTS**

- Mixed uses
- Continued slowdown in the creation of new shopping centres
- Start of a slowdown in deliveries of retail parks?
- Municipal elections, moratoriums and retail bashing: what are the impacts on developments?







## WHAT ACTUALLY HAPPENED

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- Economic slowdown exacerbated by the health crisis
- Decrease in purchasing power: a consumption potential limited by consumer choices, the downturn in the job market and household caution

#### **RETAILERS / LETTINGS MARKET**

- Winning sectors: fast food, sport and leisure (climbing, virtual reality, etc.), low-price retailers, second-hand, urban formats, etc.
- Luxury: virtual disappearance of the international clientele and a decrease in the number of openings
- A street to watch: rue de Rivoli, awaiting the opening of IKEA and the Samaritaine
- Continued arbitration of the least profitable sites, exacerbated by the health crisis
- Sometimes significant correction of rental values in all market categories

#### **RETAIL PROJECTS**

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## **MACRO-ECONOMIC** CONTEXT

The current pandemic and economic forecasts do not point to a rapid and general recovery of retail activity.

Nevertheless, there are signs of a gradual improvement, starting with the launch of vaccination campaigns, the success of which could help to restore household confidence which was shaken at the end of 2020 by the increase in the number of infections. Indeed, improved consumer confidence and a significant drop in Covid-19 cases are the prerequisites for any lasting recovery in consumption, which could be boosted by the use of savings accumulated by the French in 2020.

#### Consumer confidence: halting change

Consumer opinion

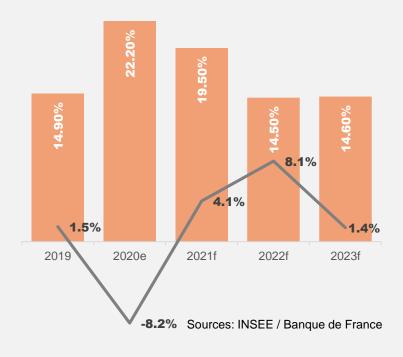
Synthetic indicator - CVS-CJO data



## Savings: a key factor in the recovery

Household consumption and gross disposable income As a %, annual average





Source: INSEE









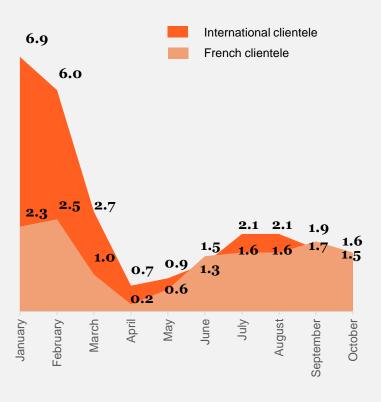
## TOURISM AT A STANDSTILL

A clientele has been missing since the outbreak of the health crisis: that of foreign visitors, who accounted for nearly half of the tourists in Paris in 2019 and often generate the majority of sales for retailers in the centre of the capital.

Non-Europeans, who are usually the most high-spending tourists, have accounted for a particularly significant loss of income for the luxury sector, which will still have to do without a good part of this lucrative income in 2021.

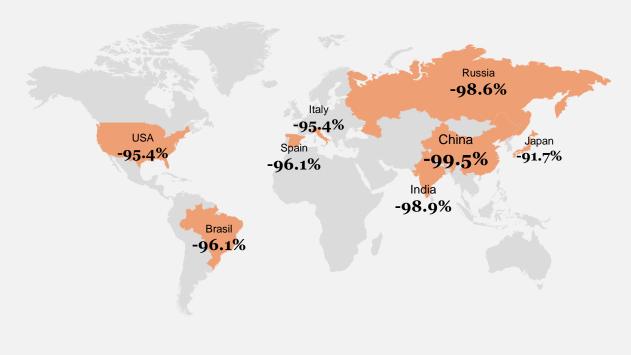
#### Sharp drop in international tourism

Number of tourist overnight stays in the Greater Paris Region in 2020 In millions



#### No improvement in the short term

Forecasts of flight bookings at Paris airports, by origin, January to March 2021 Year-on-year change as a %







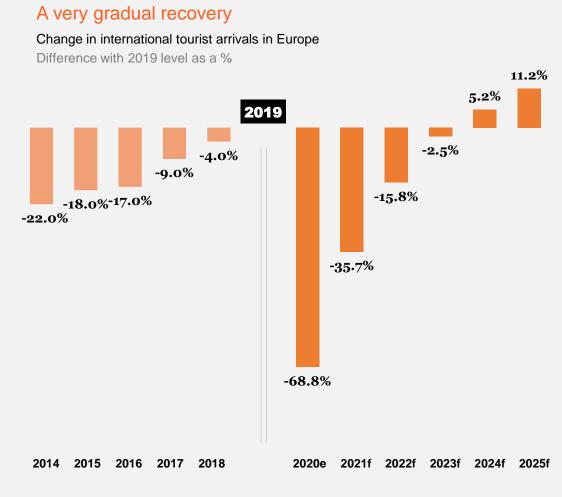


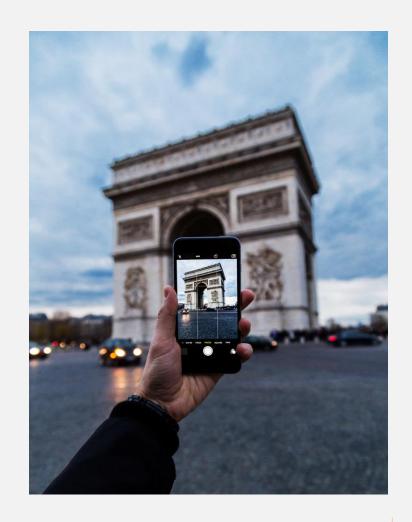


## WHEN WILL TOURISTS RETURN?

Despite the launch of vaccination campaigns, the health situation will not return to normal for many months, especially as the sharp rise in the number of infections worldwide has imposed new travel restrictions in some countries.

The resumption of international passenger movements is therefore expected to be slow and laborious, with a still very low number of arrivals in Europe in 2021, and a gradual recovery in 2022 and 2023.



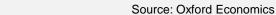








Source: UNWTO



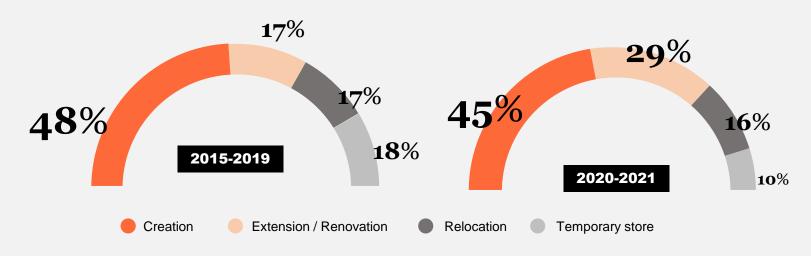
## LUXURY: A MODERATE DECREASE

In 2020, 29 luxury shops opened in Paris, compared with 34 in 2019, and 42 on average over the last five years. Given the impact of the health crisis, this predictable decrease has nevertheless remained moderate due to the completion of projects begun well before the outbreak of the pandemic.

Furthermore, openings at the end of 2020 and the relatively large number of ongoing projects (nearly thirty) indicate that the luxury players are managing to project themselves into the post-Covid future and remain relatively confident about the appeal of the Parisian market in the long term.

#### Tendency to improve what is already in place

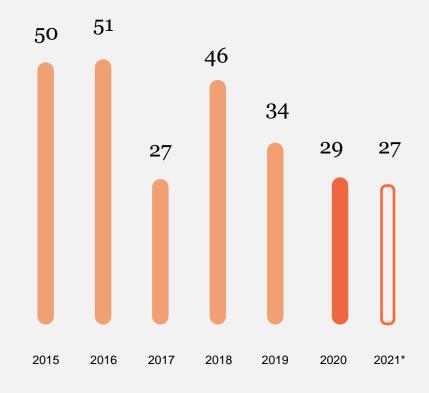
Breakdown of luxury shop openings in Paris, by type



Source: Knight Frank

## Almost 30 openings in 2020

Number of luxury shop openings in Paris









<sup>\*</sup> Estimate as at 31st December 2020.

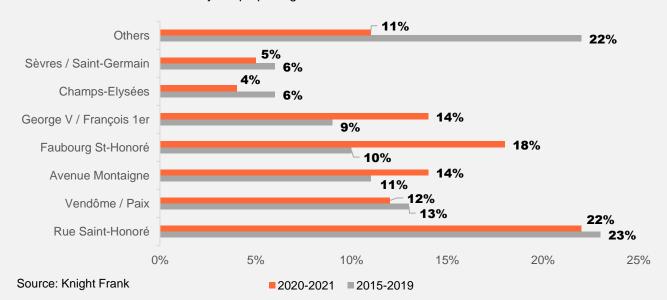
## LUXURY: PRIORITY GIVEN TO HISTORICAL STREETS

After hitting a peak number of openings in 2019, rue Saint-Honoré remained the main target for luxury retailers in 2020, with 7 openings compared with 11 the previous year. The coming months should enable this street to strengthen its appeal, even though it has largely completed its move upmarket and there will be fewer openings in the coming years.

Other streets will see an increase in the number of openings, such as rue du Faubourg Saint-Honoré, which has been neglected for some time in favour of rue Saint-Honoré, but which nevertheless benefits from its status as a historic Parisian luxury street, larger areas and more advantageous location costs for retailers as a result of revised rental values.

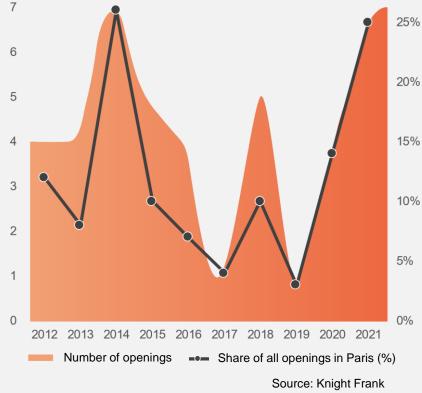
#### Rue Saint-Honoré remains on top

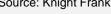
Share on the total number of luxury shop openings in Paris



## Faubourg's awakening?

Change in luxury shop openings on rue du Faubourg Saint-Honoré











## FOCUS ON **SOME PARISIAN** STREETS

Certain Parisian districts are doing well. This is the case of streets frequented by residents with high purchasing power, such as rue de Passy or some of the streets in the west and on the Left Bank that are popular for their food shops (rue Poncelet, rue de Lévis, rue Cler, etc.).

The demand for retail premises remains relatively sustained, contrary to the streets which are more exposed to the boom in working from home or the drop in tourist numbers. The impact is particularly significant for districts also characterised by a high share of shops in sectors directly affected by the health crisis, such as restaurants, or those in decline, such as fashion. The health crisis has accentuated the difficulties of streets such as avenue de l'Opéra, rue de Rennes and boulevard Saint-Michel, where **the vacancy rate is now close to 13%**, even though several premises were already empty before the health crisis.

Rue de Passy

Immune to the crisis?

#### Vacancy rate

End 2019 **1.2**%

and 2020  $\mathbf{0.6}\%$ 

Recent / expected openings Balibaris, De Fursac, Altermundi, Guerin, Cyrillus, Jimmy Fairly, etc.

Recent / expected closures Manfield, Kookai, Celio, San Marina, etc. Rue Saint-Honoré
Waiting for tourists to return...

#### Vacancy rate

End 2019 **2.0**%

and 2020 6.1%

Recent / expected openings
Dior, Versace, Delvaux, Loewe,
Burberry, David Yurman, Ermenigildo
Zegna, Maje, etc.

Recent / expected closures Tom Ford, Dsquared2, Tumi, Baldinini, Manoush, Sportmax, Kiehl's, etc.

### **Boulevard Saint-Michel**

One of the most affected

#### Vacancy rate

End 2019 **4.3**%

End 2020 **12.9**%

Recent / expected openings Sephora, Normal, Carrefour Express, CBD Store, Haagen Dazs, King Jouet, Pita Pit, etc.

Recent / expected closures Gibert, Promod, Boulinier, Mac, Gap, etc.

Source: Knight Frank

NB 1: Rue Saint-Honoré (between rue Royale and rue des Pyramides), rue de Passy (between rue de Boulainvilliers and place du Costa Rica), boulevard Saint-Michel (between place Saint-Michel and place Edmond Rostand). NB 2: the vacancy figure does not include shops temporarily closed due to the health crisis, but takes into account pop-ups and premises open on the date of the survey but that are known to be vacant in the very short term.









## RENTAL VALUES: DOWNWARD PRESSURE

Although the number of prime transactions is limited, recent transactions and ongoing negotiations have shown that **rents were adjusted on certain key streets** in the second half of 2020. The trend is expected to continue in 2021, and will be more or less depending on the positioning of each street and its dependence on international customers.

While a further increase in vacancies is expected on certain streets, a more or less significant adjustment in rental values could nevertheless facilitate the take-up of empty premises.



**Tourists** 



Commuters



Locals

Source: Knight Frank

NB : Rental value = decapitalised rent + assignment

(right to lease/business)











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## MAJOR **OPENINGS**

## Examples of openings in paris

#### 2020

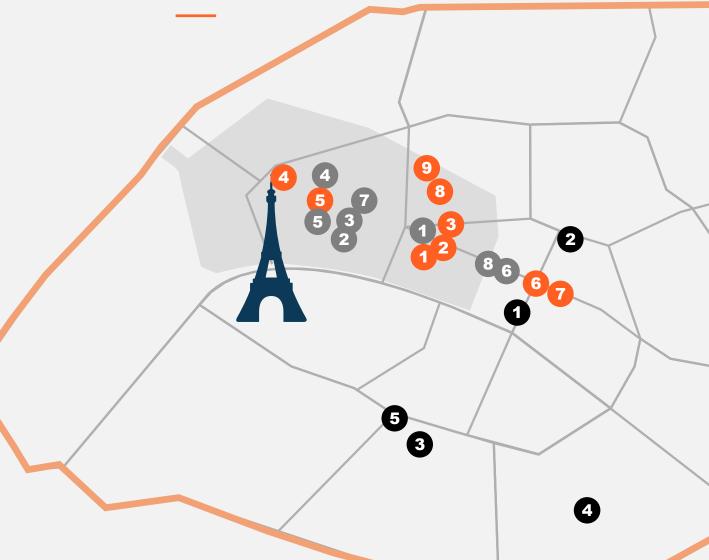
- Dior
- Versace
- Bulgari
- Moncler
- Nike
- JD Sports
- Skechers
- Huawei
- Sephora

### 2021

- Burberry
- Dior
- Dolce & Gabbana
- Lacoste
- Kith
- Ikea
- Restauration Hardware
- Uniqlo

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## A LANDSCAPE IN TURMOIL

The safeguard and administration procedures recorded since the start of the health crisis concern players in a wide range of sectors, whose shops cover all types of area (from small towns to large cities) and all formats (from city centre high street to shopping centres to retail parks). **No market sector has**  therefore been spared by the closures, which demonstrates the severity of the impact of the health crisis. Nevertheless, most retailers and a majority of shops have been taken over for the time being. Out of the 4,200 shops that have been taken over since the start of the crisis, 73% are expected to remain

open, according to reports. This high rate confirms the relevance of the physical distribution model, even if the future is precarious or uncertain for around 1,100 shops, with significant consequences in terms of jobs.

Examples of retailers that have been taken over, liquidated or are under safeguard

procedure since the start of the health crisis

RETAILERS	STATUS	NUMBER OF SHOPS**
LA HALLE	TAKE OVER	•
CAMAÏEU	TAKE OVER	
celio*	ADMINISTRATION	•
KIDILIZ	LIQUIDATION***	
ORCHESTRA	TAKE OVER	
COURTEPAILLE	TAKE OVER	
NAF NAF	TAKE OVER	
CONFORAMA	TAKE OVER	
CASA	RESTRUCTURING	
UN JOUR AILLEURS	LIQUIDATION	
MAXI TOYS	TAKE OVER	
ANDRE	TAKE OVER	

RETAILERS	STATUS	NUMBER OF SHOPS**
BIO C BON	TAKE OVER	
AGATHA	ADMINISTRATION	
PHILDAR	TAKE OVER	
PARASHOP	TAKE OVER	
DEVIANNE	TAKE OVER	
PACIFIQUE PÊCHE	TAKE OVER	
ALINEA	TAKE OVER	
TIE RACK	TAKE OVER	
ATELIERS NA	LIQUIDATION	
ACCESSORIZE	TAKE OVER	
JB MARTIN	LIQUIDATION	
PAULE KA	ADMINISTRATION	

> 200 > 100 > 20

## \*Situation as at 31st December 2020. \*\*In France, before safeguard proceedings, administration, liquidation or takeover. \*\*\*Assets taken over by seven companies. Sources: Knight Frank / Codata

## Three quarters of shops taken over

Breakdown of shops of brands/retailers that have been taken over, as a %



Sources: Knight Frank / Others









## KEY STREAMLINING FACTORS

The number of closures is expected to increase in 2021. The increase will be primarily due to the growing difficulties of retailers, which will also be fuelled by streamlining measures implemented in the context of acquisitions. Indeed, the last few months have concentrated the French retail market into the hands of a smaller number of players, encouraging them to reduce the number of duplicate shops and favour the best locations.

This restructuring of the retail stock will also be accentuated by **the trade-offs related to the boom in online sales**, and by the solutions found by certain players to optimise their network through associations between brands, whether or not they are part of the same group.



# MARKET CONCENTRATION

Retailer difficulties
Take overs / Acquisitions



# RETAILER ASSOCIATIONS

Shop-in-shops Bi-stores



## **RETAILER CAUTION**

Short-term leases Measured expansion

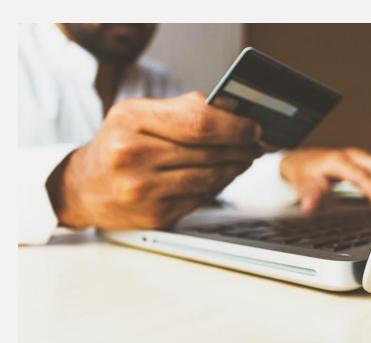


# ONLINE RETAIL BOOM



# NEW CONSUMPTION PATTERNS

Thriftiness Second hand Rentals / Subscriptions











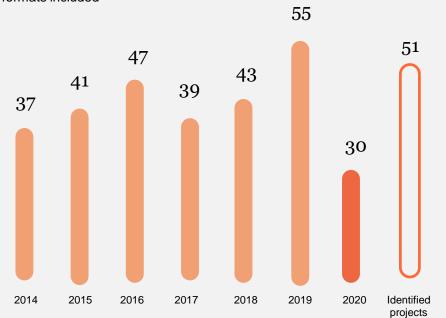
## FEWER **NEWCOMERS**

The health crisis has forced many players to curb their international expansion, with only 30 foreign brands opening their first shop in France in 2020, after 55 in 2019. The decrease was greater in Paris than in the rest of France: only 14 newcomers were counted, compared with 37 in the previous year.

In 2021 and 2022, the improvement in the health situation and the gradual return of foreign tourists could, however, allow a rebound in the arrivals of new players, especially as the number of projects identified is significant.

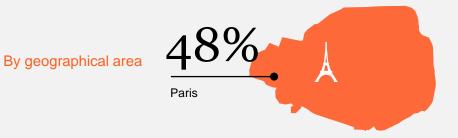
## Sharp decrease in 2020

Number of first arrivals in France, all formats included



#### Paris (temporarily) loses ground

In France, out of the total volume of new arrivals in 2020, as a %



High streets



Regions



Greater Paris Region (excl. Paris)





Shopping centres

21%



Others

16%

Source: Knight Frank







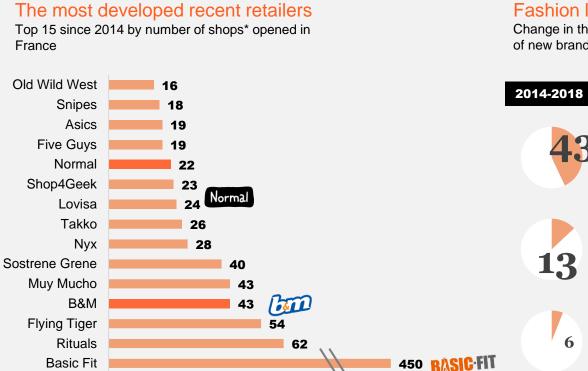
Source: Knight Frank

By format type

## FEWER **NEWCOMERS**

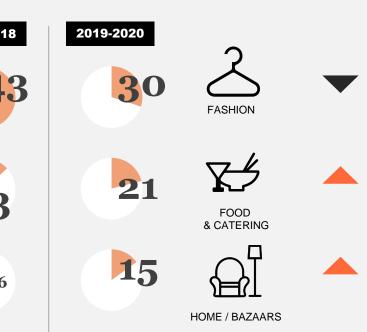
Among the new foreign brands arriving in France since 2014, Basic Fit is the one whose network has developed the most. More recently arrived in France (2019), two brands stood out in 2020 due to their sustained rate of openings: B&M and Normal, whose expansion confirms the success of low-cost concepts.

The other significant development is the reduction in the share of fashion retailers among new arrivals, while home furnishings and restaurant and food concepts remain very dynamic.





Change in the share of each activity sector in the number of new brands arriving in France



Sources: Knight Frank / Retailer websites (\*Number at the end of 2020)

Most recent arrivals (2019)

Sources: Knight Frank / Retailer websites







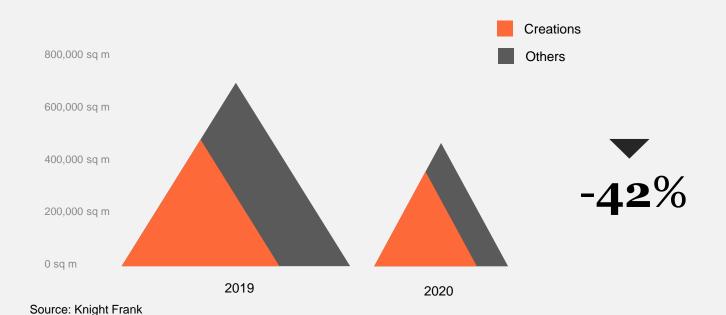


The current context is less favourable to the marketing of retail space, which, in addition to the **delays in works due to the first lockdown**, and a **political and legislative context** that is more unfavourable to soil artificialisation, explains the sharp decrease in the opening of new projects in 2020.

Taking all formats together (shopping centres, retail parks, town centre clusters, outlet centres, etc.), just over 420,000 sq m were inaugurated last year in mainland France, representing a sharp 42% decrease compared to 2019.

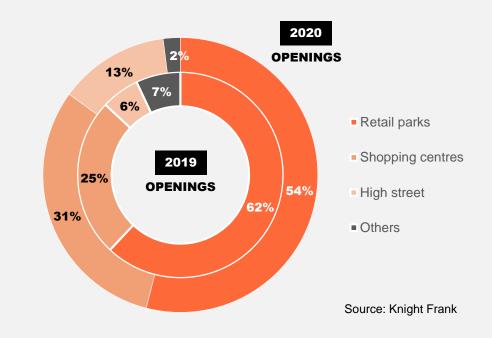
#### Sharp decrease in openings

Openings in France, all formats included, volume in sq m



#### Decrease in the share of retail parks

Breakdown by opening format in France, out of total volume as a %









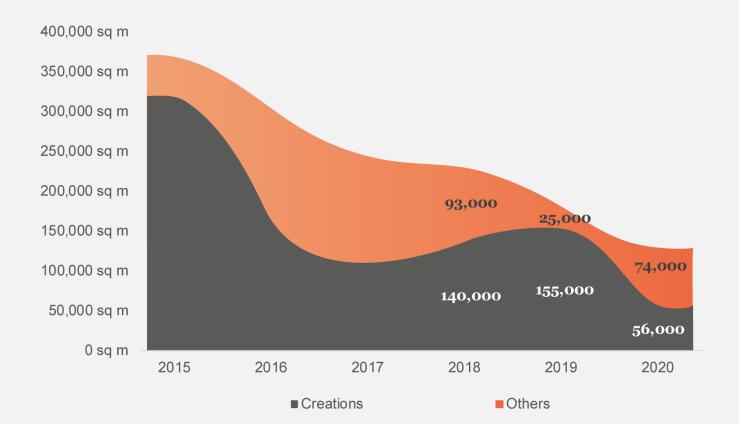


With 130,000 sq m inaugurated in 2020, down 28% year-on-year and 51% compared with the average over the last five years, production of new shopping centre sq m's continued to decrease last year.

2020 also confirmed the decrease in the total number of projects, as well as the drastic reduction in the number of creations from scratch, mainly represented in 2020 by the opening of Lillenium in Lille.

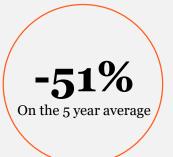
## New threshold reached for shopping centres

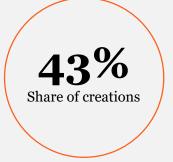
Shopping centre openings in France In sq m



## 2020 openings in France

Out of the total volume, in sq m













In 2021, the inauguration of new areas could be higher, but will be inflated by the delivery of several projects initially planned for 2020, the vast majority of which will again consist of refurbishment and extension projects, such as Ateliers Gaité and Italik (Italie 2) in Paris, the completion of the extension of La Part-Dieu in Lyon and the extension of the Carrefour centre in Nice Lingostière.

2020 opening

2021 opening

Opening planned for 2020 but postponed to 2021

## Examples of shopping centre openings and projects in France

YEAR	CENTRE	CITY	TYPE	AREA (SQ M)
2020	LILLENIUM	Lille (59)	Creation	56,000
2020	MON GRAND PLAISIR	Plaisir (78)	Extension / Redevelopment	37,000
2020	LA PART-DIEU (LA LANTERNE)	Lyon (69)	Extension	19,000
2021	ÉVRY 2 (LE SPOT)	Évry (91)	Extension / Redevelopment	33,000
2021	LES TROIS FONTAINES	Cergy (95)	Extension / Redevelopment	33,000*
2021	LES ATELIERS GAITÉ	Paris (75014)	Extension / Redevelopment	27,800
2021	CARREFOUR NICE LINGOSTIÈRE	Nice (06)	Extension / Redevelopment	12,000
2021	LA PART-DIEU (FOOD COURT)	Lyon (69)	Extension	10,000
2021	CAP 3000 (CORSO)	Saint-Laurent-du-Var (06)	Extension	8,600
2021	ITALIK (ITALIE 2)	Paris (75013)	Extension	6,400
2021	SHOP'IN PACÉ	Pacé (35)	Extension	3,800

Source: Knight Frank /\* Opening in 2020 of a 3,600 sq m food court







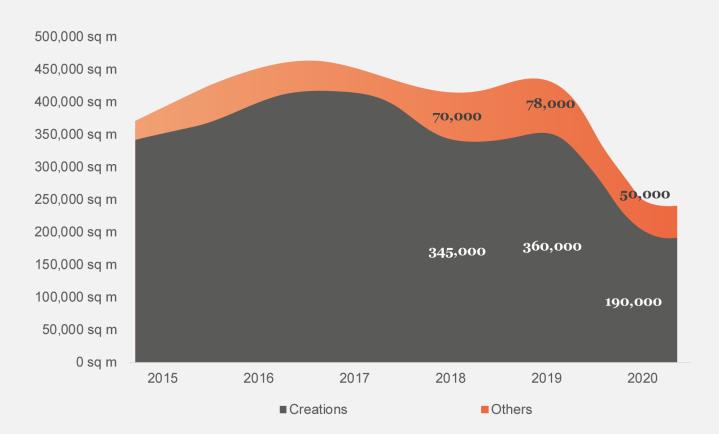
While retail park openings have averaged between 350,000 sq m and 600,000 sq m annually for the last ten years, **less than 250,000** sq m were opened in 2020. It is necessary to go back to the very beginning of the 2000s to find a lower volume, but that time was the beginning of this open-air retail complex format.

The abrupt halt in 2020 was the result of a combination of factors, including increased letting difficulties, delays in works related to the first lockdown, and a political and legislative context that was much more unfavourable to the artificialisation of the land and the creation of new projects on the outskirts of towns.

Source: Knight Frank

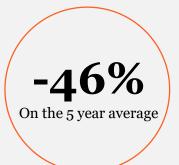
## An unprecedented slowdown in the retail park market

Retail park openings in France In sq m



## 2020 openings in France

Out of the total volume, in sq m



78%
Share of creations







The sharp decrease in openings recorded in 2020 may not continue into 2021, especially as major projects have been announced, a significant portion of which nevertheless concern the redevelopment or extension of existing retail zones ("Shopping Promenade Cœur d'Alsace" near Strasbourg, "Maine Street" near Le Mans, "Zone des Gravières" near Metz, etc.).

The trend is therefore towards a slowdown in new developments, which could also be accelerated by **new project cancellations following those already recorded in 2020**.

2020 opening

2021 opening

Opening planned for 2020 but postponed to 2021

## Examples of retail park openings and projects in France

YEAR	CENTRE	TOWN	TYPE	AREA (SQ M)
2020	STEEL	Saint-Étienne (42)	Creation	70,000
2020	FRUNSHOPPING	Pollestres (66)	Creation	23,000
2020	L'ÎLE ROCHE	Sallanches (74)	Creation	12,500
2020	L'ESCALE	Hautmont (59)	Creation	12,000
2020	LE CHAUDRON	Pornic (44)	Creation	12,000
2020	POP'A AUTUN	Autun (71)	Creation	10,900
2020	ORGEVAL 2 / PARC DE LA PRAIRIE	Coulommiers (77)	Extension	8,500
2021	SHOPPING PROMENADE COEUR D'ALSACE	Vendenheim (67)	Redevelopment	66,000
2021	SHOPPING PROMENADE CLAYE-SOUILLY	Claye-Souilly (77)	Creation	46,000
2021	MAINE STREET	Ruaudin (72)	Redevelopment	27,000
2021	LA SABLIÈRE	Aurillac (15)	Creation	25,000
2021	ACTISUD / ZONE DES GRAVIÈRES	Moulins-lès-Metz (57)	Extension / Redevelopment	17,700









## SUPPLY IS BEING RENEWED

Despite its difficulties, fashion remains a key pillar of the retail property market. In particular, it accounts for a significant proportion of the tenant mix of new retail projects. Other sectors are playing an increasingly

important role, such as food and catering, and household goods and bazaars, which is reflected in the expansion of retailers and concepts that are relatively new.

Sources: Knight Frank / Retailer websites/ \* Including sportswear brands.

#### Action continues their expansion

Breakdown of the tenant mix of projects opened in 2019 and 2020

All retail formats, in number of retailers in France



## Action

Majority / totality of openings in retail parks

Majority / totality of openings in shopping centres



Openings

Intersport Maxi Zoo

**Armand Thierry** 

Stokomani Besson Darty Columbus Café Generale Jennyfer Mango d'Optique Tape à l'Œil Blackstore Maisons du Monde Basic Fit Coiff & Co

**Optical Center** Jysk La Halle Vapiano

Bleu Libellule

Chaussea



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Food - Catering

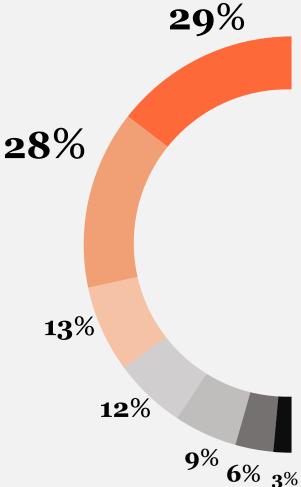
Home - Bazaars

Services

Health - Beauty

Culture - Leisure - Sport\*

Others



Sources: Knight Frank / Shopping centre websites

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## SUPPLY IS BEING RENEWED

Examples of retailers continuing to expand\*







































































# THE OUTLOOK FOR 2021... **AND BEYOND**

- WILL THE FRENCH USE THEIR **SAVINGS ACCUMULATED** IN 2020?
- WHEN WILL TOURISTS RETURN?
- WILL CONSUMPTION HABITS ASSOCIATED WITH THE HEALTH CRISIS PERSIST?
- DESIRE TO CONSUME = **DESIRE TO GO SHOPPING**?
- CONTINUATION OF THE **POINT OF SALE REVOLUTION** (DELIVERY, COLLECTION POINT, PREPARATION, COMMUNICATION, ETC.)?
- WHAT IS THE FUTURE FOR LARGE AREAS (RESIZING OF RETAIL PROJECTS, FLAGSHIPS, ETC.)?
- WHAT ARE THE PROSPECTS FOR FUTURE RETAIL WASTELANDS (CHANGES OF USE, REGULATIONS, ETC.)?





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