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## INTRODUCTION



# **Hot topics**

- o High inflation and a resurgence in business insolvencies.
- o Rising operating costs (energy, wages, ILC indexation, property tax, etc.).
- o The future of Casino and major changes in the distribution sector.
- The continued expansion of the discount, leisure, sportswear and fast food sectors.
- o The downturn in organic produce, food and mid-range fashion.
- o The transformation of retail parks and shopping centres.
- o The Rugby World Cup and the forthcoming 2024 Olympic Games in Paris.
- o International tourism, back to pre-Covid levels in Paris.
- The resilience of the retail investment market, despite volumes being adversely affected by the increase in interest rates.

# Old news (almost)

- o "Retail bashing" and fears that physical retail will disappear.
- o The "quick commerce" phenomenon, plagued by an unprofitable business model and administrative constraints.
- o Covid-19 and health protection measures, despite the resurgence of the epidemic.
- The new post-Covid residential migration trends and the supposed decline of major cities.
- o The metaverse and the virtual future of commerce.





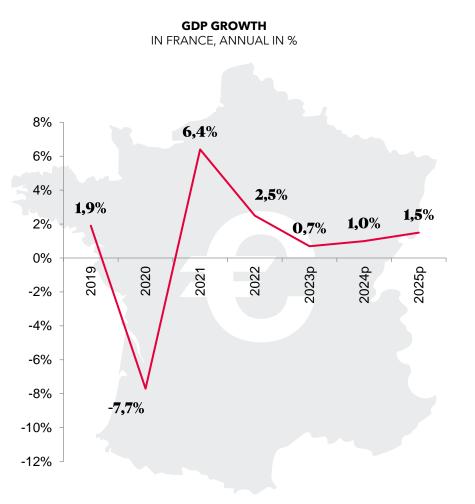


## A STRONG ECONOMY, BUT A LESS FAVOURABLE OUTLOOK



In the 1<sup>st</sup> half of 2023, **the French economy showed its resilience.** After a very slight 0.1% rise in GDP in Q1 2023, it grew by 0.5% in Q2 thanks to an increase in exports, industrial production and business investment.

However, a slowdown is expected in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of 2023 (+0.1% in 3Q and then +0.2% in Q4). Business conditions have consequently fallen below their long-term average, while the government's objective of reducing the State deficit means that public spending will no longer support the economy to the same extent. A rebound in consumption therefore seems unlikely, despite inflation rates slowly declining. Finally, the labour market is set to deteriorate, although the unemployment rate will rise only moderately in 2024 and 2025 to around 7.5% (8.5% in 2019).



#### Source: Banque de France, Projections macroéconomiques.

# **EVOLUTION OF UNEMPLOYMENT RATE**IN MAINLAND FRANCE, IN %





## SPENDING DRIES UP, FOOD SECTOR PLUNGES



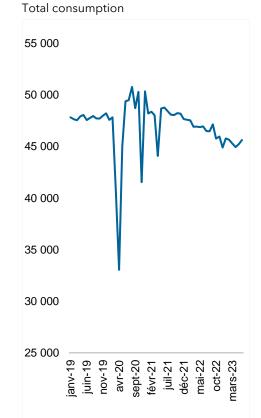
Having gained 2.1% in 2022, household consumption is expected to **fall slightly by 0.1% in 2023.** 

While total consumption of goods has fallen only moderately compared with the summer of 2022 (by around 3%) and has remained virtually stable since January, some items have seen a very sharp drop. This is particularly true of the food sector, where **spending has plummeted** to a level not seen since the early 2000s due to the marked rise in prices.

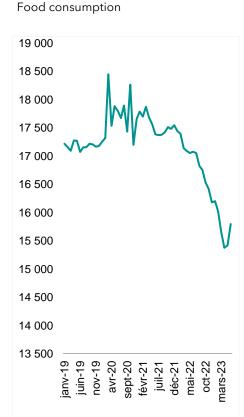
In the supermarket sector, food prices (including drinks) are continuing to rise, even though **the increase has slowed in recent months** (+13.1% year-on-year in July 2023, compared with +15.8% in April 2023).

#### **CONSUMPTION OF GOODS IN FRANCE**

PER MONTH IN MILLIONS OF EURO



Source: INSEE





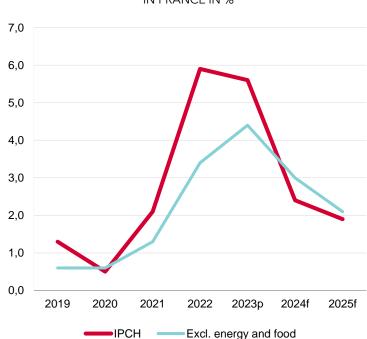
## **SLOW DECLINE IN INFLATION**



Inflation continues to erode household purchasing power and to weigh on consumption, particularly for less affluent in France, who are **having to make more and more difficult choices day to day.** After soaring at the start of 2022 and then stabilising at high levels from the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of last year, price rises have certainly been more moderate in recent months (+4.3% year-on-year in July compared with +6% in Q1 2023). Over 2023 as a whole, however, consumer prices could rise by more than 5% year-on-year (+11.9% in the food sector).

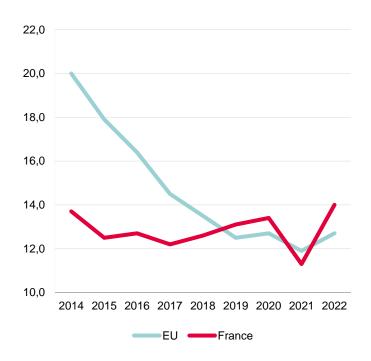
## CONSUMER PRICE INDEX ANNUAL INCREASE

IN FRANCE IN %



#### SOCIAL AND MATERIAL DEPRIVATION RATE

IN FRANCE & THE EU IN %



Source: Banque de France, Projections macroéconomiques.

Sources: INSEE, Eurostat

# EFFECTS OF INFLATION ON BUYING HABITS AND THE RETAIL MARKET

- Decline in spending and the amount of average shopping baskets.
- o Increasing pressure to make tough choices (between products, brands, etc.).
- The hunt for the best prices and bargains, which is benefiting discount chains and own-brand distributors.
- Changes in eating habits (smaller quantities consumed, less fresh produce, decline in organic produce, fewer meals eaten outside of the home, etc.).
- o Fall in spending on beauty products.
- Reduced use of the car for shopping, in favour of local retailers.
- An increase in shoplifting (+14% by 2022 in France), which is cutting into retailers' incomes and increasing the cost of security.

## MORALE STILL VERY LOW



Last summer, consumer confidence hit a ten-year low as a result of the outbreak of the Russian-Ukrainian war and soaring inflation. A year on, morale in France has only barely improved despite the slight fall in inflation and the resilience of the job market. It is still well below the long-term average, which partly explains why the savings rate has remained high (16.8% in Q1 2023 compared with 14.7% at the end of 2019).

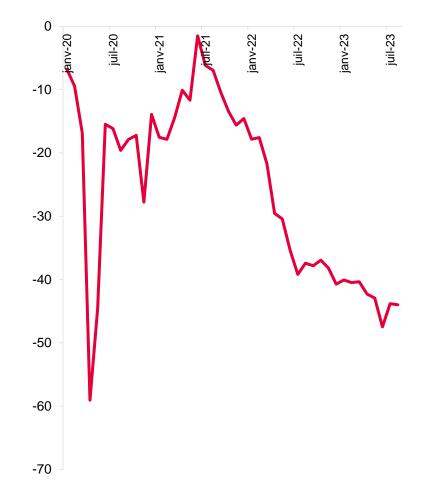
#### **CONSUMER CONFIDENCE**

IN FRANCE, COMPOSITE DATA



#### **POSSIBILITY TO MAKE SIGNIFICANT PURCHASES**

IN FRANCE, SINCE THE OUTBREAK OF COVID-19





Source: INSEE

## OTHER FACTORS BESIDES INFLATION



While the impact of inflation remains the primary cause of the current drop in consumption, other more structural factors are influencing changes in purchasing behaviours.

While anti-consumerism is still far from a mainstream trend, the desire to consume "less but better" is gaining in popularity. Awareness of the climate crisis and certain societal trends ("work less to live better", "industrial relocation", etc.) are influencing consumer choices motivated by ethical consumption rather than imposed by rising prices. This is not necessarily reflected in overall spending patterns, but it undoubtedly favours certain types of products and distribution channels (short circuits, second-hand goods,

bulk, Made in France, etc.). Other structural changes are shaping new behaviours or reinforcing certain purchasing patterns. Major demographic trends (the rise in single-parent households, an ageing **population**, etc.), for example, support local retailers or require a rethink of customer services, while the individualisation of **society**, for example, supports the development of the health, leisure and wellbeing sectors.

FOCUS ON...

#### CLIMATE CRISIS: WHAT IMPACT ON CONSUMPTION AND THE RETAIL MARKET?

#### Examples of current or long-term consequences

- o Increased price volatility, higher cost of living for consumers (energy, food, environmental taxes) and higher overheads for retailers.
- o Fall in consumption of certain categories of products (meat).
- New geographical trends: tourist regions and destinations less popular because they are too subject to extreme weather (heatwaves, drought), city centres less accessible by car (introduction of low-emission zones), suburban areas disadvantaged by rising energy costs (individual heating, petrol), etc.
- Worsening of household morale set to last ("eco-anxiety", tough financial decisions due to the cost of living), increased political tensions and social fracturing.
- o Self-imposed frugality favouring non-purchasing (repair, donation, etc.) and benefiting certain product formats and categories (local and short circuits, second-hand, bulk, made in France, etc.).
- o Retailers encouraged to adapt their range of services (recycling, repair and hire of products) and their communication (traceability of products, refusal to promote special offers).



## **UNEVEN PERFORMANCES**



#### **EVOLUTION OF MAJOR BUSINESS INDICATORS**

BY FORMAT AND PRODUCT CATEGORY IN FRANCE

Specialised retail sales

+3.0%

In value for H1 2023 over one year

-0.5%

In volume for H1 2023 over one year

Source: Procos

Footfall in shopping centres

+3.7%

In H1 2023 over one year, all centres combined

**-0.7%** 

In H1 2023 over one year for hypermarkets

Source: Quantaflow

**Clothing sector** sales

+1.5%

January-August total over one year

**-7%** 

January-August total compared with the same period in 2019

Source: Alliance du Commerce, Retail Int

Footfall in retail parks

+8.4%

January-July total over one year

**-7.2**%

January-July total over one year in the Greater Paris Region

Source: Fact, mytraffic

**Online business** sales

+8.3%

**Products and services** In Q2 2023 over one year

**-1.0**%

Products alone (excl.services) In Q2 2023 over one year

Source: Fevad

+11.4%

January-July total over one year

+10.1%

January-July total over one year in the Greater Paris Region

Source: Fact, mytraffic

Footfall in city centres

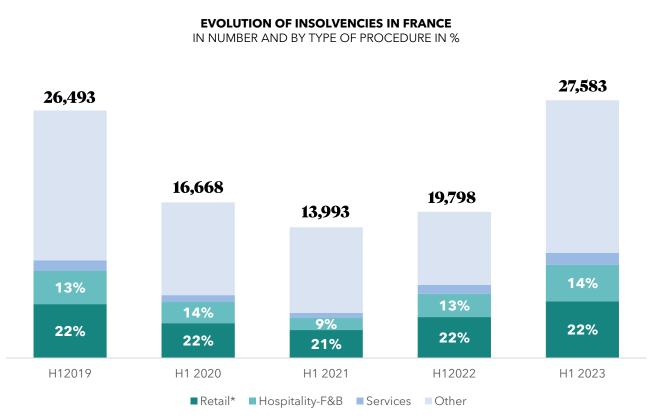




## **INCREASE IN BUSINESS INSOLVENCIES**



Hitting their lowest point in 2020, business insolvencies rose again in 2021, then accelerated sharply in 2022 and 2023, exceeding their pre-Covid level in the first half of the year. Reflecting greater financial difficulties and the end of government support measures ("PGE"), **court-ordered liquidations are more frequent**, and many SMEs and mid-cap companies are affected. While various sectors have been hit, such as construction and services, the retail sector has been particularly weakened by the fall in consumption and the **rise in operating costs** (raw materials, salaries, property tax, commercial rents due to the rise in the ILC indexation, etc.).





+32%

of insolvencies in all sectors compared to the **H1 2019-2023** average



+39%

insolvencies in the **retail** sector compared to **H1 2022** 



Examples of **sectors most affected**: F&B/catering, car sales and repairs, hairdressers, beauticians, etc.

Sources: Altares, Banque de France / \*Also includes sales outside shops (distance selling, sales at marketplaces, etc.).



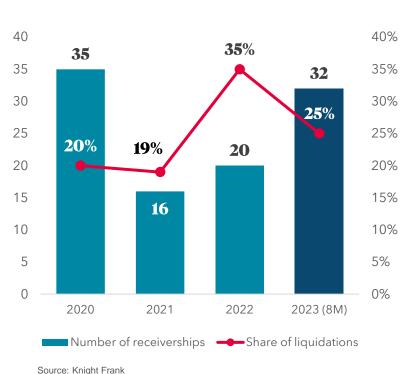
## RECEIVERSHIPS ALMOST DOUBLING IN ONE YEAR

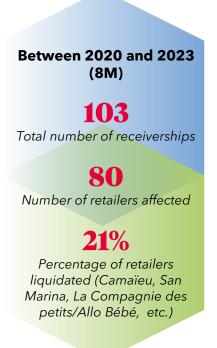


Knight Frank has identified **103 receivership proceedings in the retail and F&B sectors** in France between 2020 and 2023 (at the end of August). While this number fell sharply in 2021 and 2022, it has increased since the beginning of 2023 (32 at the end of August) and **could by the end of the year exceed 2020's total**, which was very high due to the impact of the pandemic. **A total of 80 retailers were involved in these 103 receivership processes**, including several heavyweights in French distribution across a variety of sectors such as fashion (Camaïeu, La Halle, etc.), furniture (Conforama), toys (La Grande Récré) and catering (Courtepaille).

#### **EVOLUTION OF THE NUMBER OF RECEIVERSHIPS IN FRANCE**

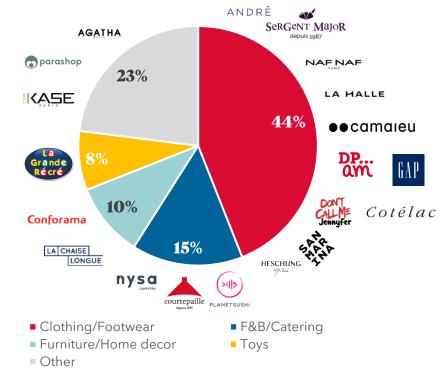
RETAIL AND F&B BRANDS





#### **BREAKDOWN OF RECEIVERSHIPS BY PRODUCT CATEGORY**

SHARE OF THE TOTAL NUMBER OF RETAILERS AFFECTED BY A RECEIVERSHIP SINCE 2020 IN FRANCE AND EXAMPLES



Source: Knight Fr



## **OVER 3,000 STORE CLOSURES**



Only a minority of these receiverships have resulted in the liquidation of a retailer. However, their impact on the property market is far from negligible, given the reduction in the number of retail outlets to which they give rise. Of the 8,800 stores initially accounted for by the 80 retailers under receivership in France, **3,200 have closed, including a considerable number represented by certain brands** such as Camaïeu. While a number of the shops closed have been re-let, others are still vacant and available on the market, posing the **risk of a long-lasting increase in vacancies in the least sought-after retail zones and regions in France** (declining town centres and shopping centres, second-tier retail zones). Nevertheless, **5,600 of these 8,800 stores were still open on September 1st 2023, 89% of which had kept the same name** and 11% of which had changed their name or were due to change it as part of a takeover.

TOTAL NUMBER OF SHOPS IN FRANCE **BEFORE** RECEIVERSHIPS\*



Source: Knight Frank /\*Of the 80 brands involved in a receivership since 2020.

TOTAL NUMBER OF SHOPS IN FRANCE **AFTER** RECEIVERSHIPS



shops still open, including:

- o 89% of shops still under the same name
- 11% of shops having changed or due to change name as part of a takeover

3,200

Number of shops closed

Still vacant or already re-let (excluding takeover by another chain)

#### **EXAMPLES OF TAKEOVERS**

NUMBER OF SHOPS TAKEN OVER OUT OF THE TOTAL NUMBER







**127** (139)







**72** (125)







**42** (45)







**9** (12)

## **FOCUS ON THE FASHION SECTOR**



While several sectors are experiencing difficulties, the clothing and footwear sector accounts for **the largest proportion of receiverships recorded since 2020**, representing 44% of the total number of retailers. Fashion also accounts for 55% of the total number of stores of brands affected by a receivership since 2020, i.e., 4,800 out of a total of 8,800 sales outlets, spread fairly evenly across retail formats and town sizes. **The majority of shops are still open or have been taken over**. The situation could deteriorate however, as **fashion (one of the sectors most exposed to changes in buying habits)** has seen a veritable tidal wave of receiverships and liquidations since the start of 2023 (Jennyfer, Naf Naf, Sergent Major, Burton, etc.).

#### **FASHION REPRESENTS:**

44%

of the total number of retailers involved in receiverships in France since 2020 (35 out of 80)

**55** %

of the total number of shops belonging to retailers affected by a receivership in France since 2020 (4,800 out of 8,800)

**53**%

of all liquidations\* since 2020 (Camaïeu, San Marina, Pause Café, etc.)



Source: Knight Frank /\*Figures as of September 1st 2023 calculated on the basis of the most recently published ruling for each retailer.

# BREAKDOWN OF THE 4,800 SHOPS BELONGING TO FASHION RETAILERS AFFECTED BY A RECEIVERSHIP SINCE 2020

OF THE TOTAL NUMBER OF SHOPS

BY FORMAT		BY POPULATION SIZE	
HIGH STREETS	31%	< 50,000 INHAB.	24 %
SHOPPING CENTRES	<b>30</b> %	50,000 TO 100,000 INHAB.	16 %
RETAIL PARKS	<b>37</b> %	100,000 TO 250,000 INHAB.	16 %
OTHER*	2%	> 250,000 INHAB.	44%

Source: Knight Frank /\*Fashion outlets, train stations and airports.



## **NEW ENTRANTS: 10 YEARS OF NEW ARRIVALS**



#### **NEW INTERNATIONAL RETAILERS ARRIVING IN FRANCE**

IN FRANCE BETWEEN 2014 AND 2023

**436** 

new entrants recorded in France since 2014



Italy provided the largest contingent of new retailers (19%), ahead of the United States (16%) and the United Kingdom (8%). **63**%

opened their 1st shop in Paris

**74%** 

have opened on high streets

**33**%

are part of the fashion sector

**30%** 

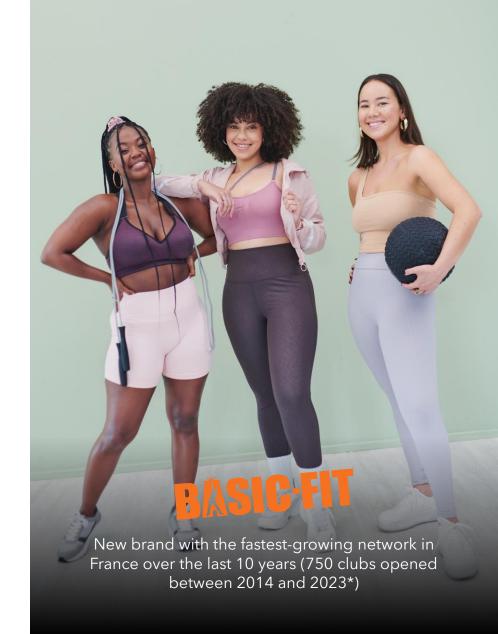
no longer have any shops in France\*

**4%** 

have a network of over 20 stores\* in France

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account for 46% of shops still open in France (Basic Fit, B&M, Rituals and Normal)\*.



Source: Knight Frank / \*As of September 1st 2023.



## **NEW ENTRANTS: AN ALMOST RECORD YEAR IN 2023**

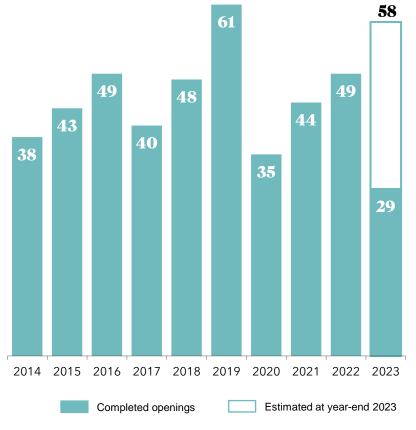


In 2022, the number of arrivals of new foreign retailers rose for the second year running, after falling sharply in 2020 due to the pandemic.

The upward trend continues in 2023. 29 new entrants have been recorded since January, compared with 23 for the same period last year, including several luxury and top-ofthe-range retailers (Jovadi, Dita, Palm Angels, etc.) as well as a discount heavyweight (German brand Tedi).

A further 29 new entrants are expected between now and the end of December. A testament to the attractiveness of the French market, 2023 could reach the record set in **2019** (61 new arrivals).

#### TREND IN THE NUMBER OF NEW FOREIGN ENTRANTS IN FRANCE, SINCE 2014\*



Source: Knight Frank / \*excluding department store corners

### **Openings as of September 1st**

**Examples in France** 





















#### Arrivals expected in the coming months

**Examples in France** 















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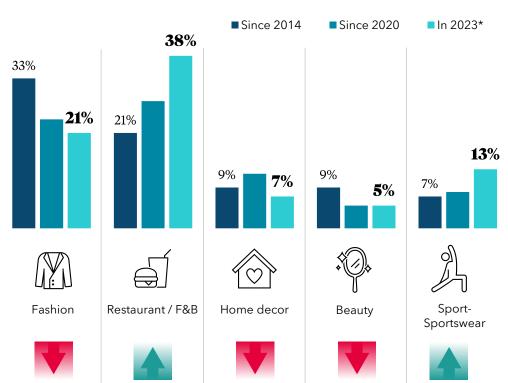
## **NEW ENTRANTS: MORE AND MORE F&B**



Analysis by product category confirms the two main trends observed since the outbreak of the pandemic: **the boom in the F&B sector**, making up almost 40% of all new entrants planned for 2023, and the continuing decline in the fashion sector, although this should be **put into perspective by the dynamism of the sportswear sub-sector**, illustrated by the first directly-operated shops for On Running, Alo Yoga and Arc'Teryx. These retailers are all planning to open in prime neighbourhoods or districts of the capital, with Paris accounting for a growing proportion of the first openings of new entrants in 2023 (83%, compared with an average of 64% over the last 10 years).

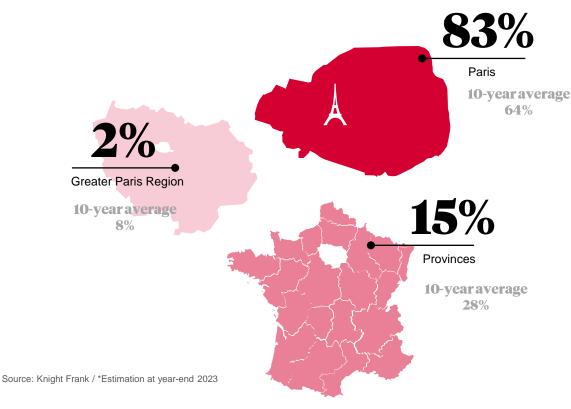
#### MOST SIGNIFICANT CHANGES BY PRODUCT CATEGORY

BREAKDOWN OF NEW RETAILERS BY SECTOR OF ACTIVITY IN FRANCE AS A % OF THE TOTAL NUMBER OF RETAILERS



#### **GEOGRAPHICAL BREAKDOWN**

OF FIRST OPENINGS BY NEW FOREIGN RETAILERS IN FRANCE IN 2023\*



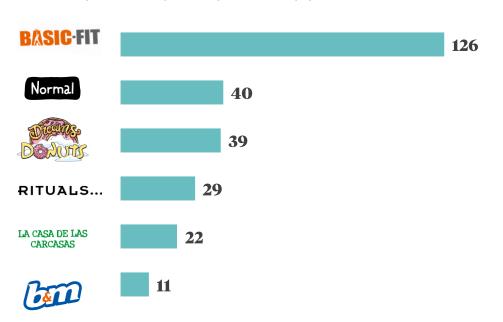
## **NEW ENTRANTS: BASIC FIT...AND OTHERS**



With **750 clubs opened since 2014 in France**, Basic Fit remains at the top of the list of new entrants\* that have expanded the most in 10 years. The pace continues unabated, with the fitness chain opening 126 new sites over the last 12 months, representing **26% of all stores opened by new entrants over the period**. Basic Fit is ahead of **Normal, whose expansion also remains strong**, with the Danish discounter opening 40 shops in the space of a year, and now boasting around a hundred outlets in France. These two brands are among the few new entrants to have more than 20 sales points in France: in addition to Basic Fit and Normal, we should also mention Dreams Donuts, who have been expanding very rapidly in recent months, and Rituals, who arrived in France in 2015 and are continuing to expand their network.

#### MORE THAN 120 CLUBS OPENED IN ONE YEAR BY BASIC FIT

NEW ENTRANTS OPENING THE LARGEST NUMBER OF OUTLETS IN FRANCE BETWEEN SEPTEMBER 2022 AND SEPTEMBER 2023\*



#### ONLY 4% OF NEW ENTRANTS HAVE MORE THAN 20 SHOPS



Sources: Knight Frank and retailers / \*New retailers arriving in France since 2014

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## A WIDE RANGE OF DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS



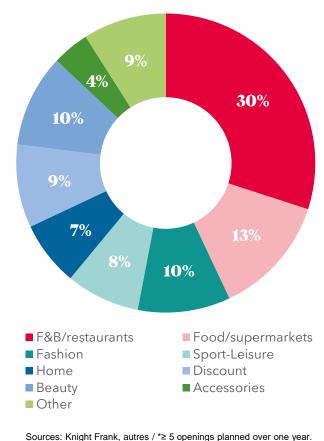
While the influx of new foreign brands is accelerating, many players already established in France are also continuing to expand.

The number of projects remains particularly high in the F&B sector, which accounts for 30% of the expansion plans scheduled for 2023 recorded by Knight Frank. This high proportion can be explained in particular by the continuing development of franchising (turnover and number of outlets up by 11% and 7% year-on-year in 2022 in France, all sectors combined). The food sector is also buoyant, although **some** activities are running out of steam. This is the case with organic produce, where the leaders (Naturalia, Biocoop, etc.) are currently streamlining their networks as a result of falling sales (-9% in 2022 in their specialised networks, -13% between January and July 2023 in supermarkets).

Several other sectors are expanding: discount (Action, Easy Cash, Normal, Tedi, etc.), pet shops (Tom & Co, Animalis, Maxi Zoo, etc.) and sports, sportswear and leisure (JD Sports, L'Orange Bleue, Fitness Park, etc.).

#### **BREAKDOWN OF EXPANSION PLANS BY BUSINESS SECTOR**

OUT OF THE TOTAL NUMBER OF RETAILERS ANNOUNCING EXPANSION PLANS IN FRANCE SINCE 2020\*



#### SECTORS WHOSE DEVELOPMENT IS ONGOING OR **ACCELERATING**









Sport-Leisure Beauty

Pet shops

#### SECTORS WHERE DEVELOPMENT IS SLOWING DOWN





Organic

Real estate agencies

Home decor



## THE F&B SECTOR CONTINUES ITS EXPANSION



Despite an unfavourable environment (inflation limiting restaurant visits and squeezing margins, recruitment difficulties, etc.), **F&B groups and chains are continuing to expand their businesses** in France (sales up 26.3% year-on-year in 2022, number of restaurants up 4.2%).

Several sectors remain dynamic, such as burgers (McDonald's, Burger King, Les Burgers de Papa, etc.), bakery (Ange, Feuillette, etc.) and **fast food**, Asian or otherwise (Pitaya, Pokawa, etc.).

The expansion of the F&B sector is also illustrated by the **broadening of brand portfolios** (such as Napaqaro with Popeyes or Groupe Bertrand with Pitaya, Itsu and Volfoni), alongside the development of new concepts (Marie Blachère cafés), the **repositioning of certain brands** (Léon Fish Brasserie, Hippopotamus) and the relaunch of certain chains (Quick, Exki).

#### **MOST DEVELOPED CHAINS IN FRANCE**

TOTAL NUMBER OF RESTAURANTS BY THE END OF 2022\*

CHAIN	NUMBER
MC DONALD'S	1,525
MARIE BLACHÈRE	734
DOMINO'S PIZZA	480
BURGER KING	476
SUBWAY	390
BUFFALO GRILL	350
SUSHI DAILY	331
KFC	323
BRIOCHE DORÉE	284
V AND B	256
O'TACOS	254
LA MIE CALINE	242
ANGE	225
LA PANETIÈRE	220
DEL ARTE	209
STARBUCKS	204

Sources: Panorama B.R.A. 2022 / Knight Frank / \*incl. in transit areas

## **EXAMPLES OF RESTAURANT CHAINS WITH EXPANSION PLANS**IN FRANCF





































































## **OTHER GROWTH SECTORS**

#### **EXAMPLES OF BRANDS WITH EXPANSION PLANS**

IN FRANCE, EXCLUDING RESTAURANTS



Discount

















Sport/Leisure

















Clothing/ **Sportswear** 

















Beauty/Health /Optical











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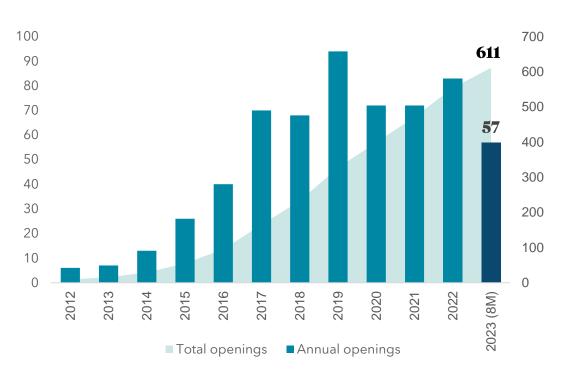
## **DNVB: BETWEEN EXPANSION AND STREAMLINING**



Dating back to the early 2010s, the growth of DNVBs remains a relatively modest phenomenon on the scale of the French retail market. In total, 140 DNVBs\* have opened **611 directly-operated shops in 12 years, including almost 60 since the start of 2023.** The Jimmy Fairly eyewear brand remains by far the most developed, with 87 shops in France, some fifteen more than last year. Cabaïa is also stepping up its expansion, with around ten new stores, while **other DNVBs are slowing down their openings or streamlining their networks.** 

#### **DNVB DIRECTLY-OPERATED SHOPS OPENED**

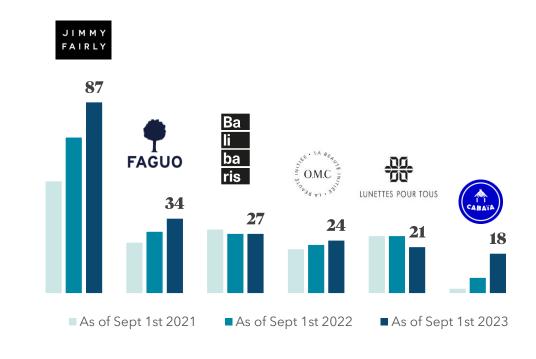
TOTAL NUMBER PER YEAR IN FRANCE



Sources: Knight Frank, DNVB websites /\*Out of a panel of 600 DNVBs monitored by Knight Frank.

#### **DNVBs WITH THE MOST EXTENSIVE NETWORKS**

IN FRANCE, IN TERMS OF THE NUMBER OF DIRECTLY-OPERATED SHOPS



Sources: Knight Frank, DNVB websites



## **DNVBS: BETWEEN EXPANSION AND STREAMLINING**



Paris and its greater surrounding area still accounts for the majority of DNVB's directly-operated shops. After several years spent expanding their network there, DNVBs are now turning more towards regional centres and major foreign cities to develop and conquer new markets. For the first time since Knight Frank began recording DNVB store openings, the Paris area has fallen behind the regional and international markets (24% of all openings recorded in 2023, compared with 47% regionally and 29% abroad).

#### **LOCATIONS**

OF THE TOTAL NUMBER OF DNVB SHOPS	All existing shops	Openings in 2023 *		All existing shops	
PARIS REGION	<b>47%</b>	24%	HIGH STREETS	87%	
REGIONAL	41%	47%	SHOPPING CENTRES	8%	
INTERNATIONAL	12%	29%	OTHER	<b>5</b> %	

Source: Knight Frank / \*Figures as of September 1st 2023



## **DNVBS: BETWEEN EXPANSION AND STREAMLINING**



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Over the last few months, several factors have been limiting the development ambitions of DNVBs. With rising raw material prices pushing up production costs, tighter financing conditions, increased competition and a fall in purchasing power which, as in the organic sector, is turning some French consumers away from ethical consumption, the **difficulties are mounting and forcing some DNVBs to rationalise their network. Nevertheless, the trend remains positive**: there have been just 14 closures since the start of 2023 in France, compared with 57 openings over the same period.

#### **EXAMPLES OF OPENINGS AND PROJECTS**

RECORDED IN FRANCE SINCE THE BEGINNING OF 2023

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DNVB	ADDRESS	CITY		
BALIBARIS	39A FLORAL STREET	LONDON		
BOBBIES	2 RUE DES ARCHERS	LYON		
ANJA	31 RUE DU FOUR	PARIS 6		
CABAIA	19 RUE SAINT-JEAN	CAEN		
POLETTE	73 RUE DE L'ANGE	NAMUR		
FAGUO	27 RUE DU MIDI	VINCENNES		
HORACE	20 RUE PARADIS	MARSEILLE		
IZIPIZI	53 KING'S ROAD	LONDON		
HORACE	CENTRE COMMERCIAL ITALIE 2	PARIS 13		
TIKAMOON	7 PLACE DES VICTOIRES	PARIS 2		
JIMMY FAIRLY	FORUM DES HALLES	PARIS 1		
YSE	21 RUE CREBILLON	NANTES		
ОНМҮСКЕАМ	52 AVENUE LOUISE	IXELLES		
VEJA	CALLE DEL BARQUILLO, 44	MADRID		

Source: Knight Frank Openings in Paris

#### **DNVBs NOT IMMUNE TO CLOSURES**

**CLOSURES RECORDED IN FRANCE** 

NUMBER OF CLOSURES RECORDED

IN 2023 (8M)

**SINCE 2017** 

SECTORS HARDEST HIT IN 2023\*



**Fashion** 57% of closures



29% of closures

EXAMPLES OF RETAILERS CLOSING SHOPS IN 2023





L / U N I F O R M
MAISON STANDARDS

DNVBs HAVING CLOSED THEIR ONLY SHOP IN 2023



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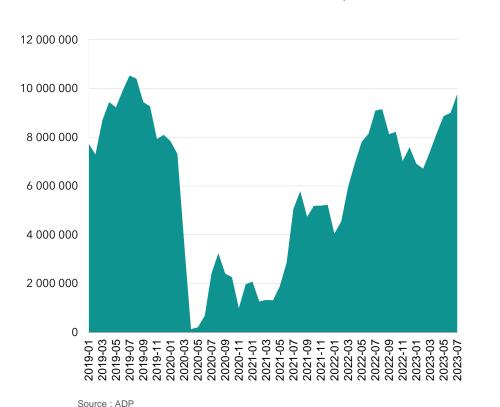


## FOREIGN TOURISTS: AS MANY AS BEFORE THE HEALTH CRISIS



The rebound in tourist numbers in Paris continues. Between January and July, 56.9 million passengers travelled through Paris airports, representing a year-on-year jump of 22% and 90.5% of the traffic for the same period in 2019. International tourists were particularly present this summer (6.6 million, up 8% on summer 2022 and also up 8% on 2019), thanks in particular to the return of certain nationalities such as the Chinese, Brazilians and Koreans, who should be even more numerous in 2024.





# MAIN NATIONALITIES SUMMER VISITOR NUMBERS IN THE PARIS REGION IN 2023\* Share June-August 2023 Vs June-August 2022







Source: Flux Vision, Orange Business Services / \*Daytime traffic

## ESTIMATED TOURISM CONSUMPTION IN THE PARIS REGION

AS OF H1 2023

# 9.5 billion €

+ **27** % Compared to H1 2022

- 6 % Compared to H1 2019

Source: Choose Paris Region

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## THE CHAMPS-ÉLYSÉES IS BUZZING



Sportswear continues to be a cornerstone of the Paris retail market. The most recent deals include Swiss brand On Running's lease of the former Nespresso premises in the Marché Saint-Germain, New Balance and Arc'Teryx in the Marais, and Adidas and JD Sports on the Champs-Élysées. A major target for sportswear brands and distributors, the Champs-Elysées offers retailers excellent visibility, amplified by the increase in international tourism and the forthcoming 2024 Olympic Games.

The avenue is also a prime location for the opening of luxury flagship stores. Kering will soon unveil the Saint Laurent flagship at no. 123, Richemont is preparing the arrival of its Panerai and IWC watch brands at nos. 120 and 73, and LVMH is leading two emblematic projects for Dior and Louis Vuitton at nos. 101 and 103.

#### **EXAMPLES OF RECENT TRANSACTIONS AND OPENINGS IN PARIS**

RETAILER	ADDRESS	AREA M <sup>2</sup>
ADIDAS	88 AVENUE DES CHAMPS-ÉLYSÉES, PARIS 8	3,680
JD SPORTS	118 AVENUE DES CHAMPS-ÉLYSÉES, PARIS 8	1,560
POLENE	2 ROND POINT DES CHAMPS ÉLYSÉES, PARIS 8	1,190
LEVIS	44 AVENUE DES CHAMPS-ÉLYSÉES, PARIS 8	870
CALVIN KLEIN	44 AVENUE DES CHAMPS-ÉLYSÉES, PARIS 8	850
DIESEL	223 RUE SAINT-HONORÉ, PARIS 1	780
CIFONELLI	35 RUE FRANÇOIS 1er, PARIS 8	740
URBAN OUTFITTERS	102 AVENUE DES CHAMPS-ÉLYSÉES, PARIS 8	680
ISSEY MIYAKE	28 RUE FRANÇOIS 1er , PARIS 8	470
DOPPELGANGER	41 RUE DE RIVOLI, PARIS 1	460
CUPRA	1 BOULEVARD DE LA MADELEINE, PARIS 1	430
COURRÈGES	27 RUE DES FRANCS BOURGEOIS, PARIS 4	410
ON RUNNING	13 RUE CLÉMENT (MARCHÉ ST-GERMAIN), PARIS 6	400
IWC	73 AVENUE DES CHAMPS-ÉLYSÉES, PARIS 8	400
ARC'TERYX	42 RUE DES FRANCS BOURGEOIS, PARIS 4	360
NEW BALANCE	13 RUE DES ARCHIVES, PARIS 4	360
PANERAI	120 AVENUE DES CHAMPS-ÉLYSÉES, PARIS 8	320
SEPHORA	125 AVENUE VICTOR HUGO, PARIS 16	250
FUSALP	44 AVENUE GEORGE V, PARIS 8	200

KNIGHT FRANK TRANSACTION



Source: Knight Frank

**SURFACE** 

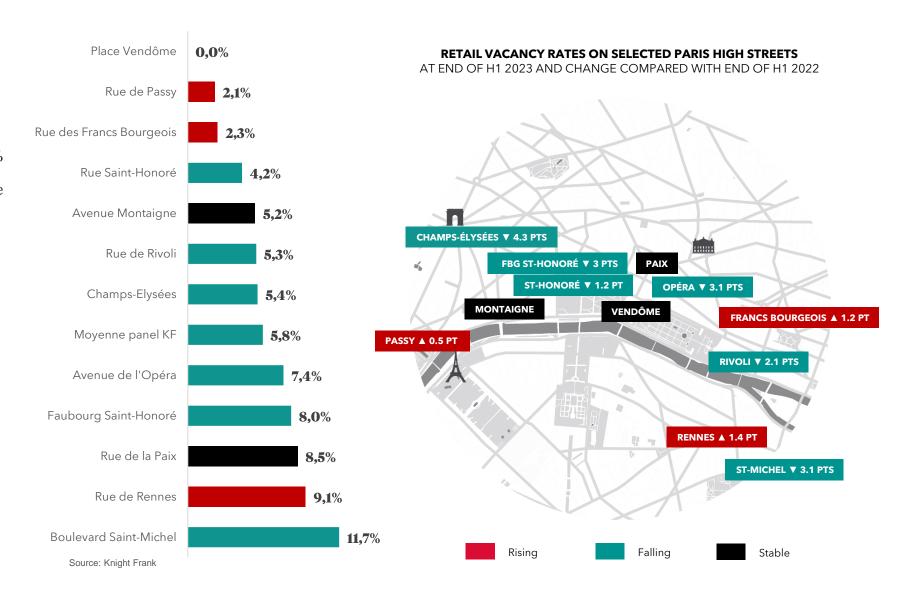
## **VACANCY RATE: THE DOWNWARD TREND CONTINUES**



The strength of the Paris market is also confirmed by the smaller number of opportunities available on the 12 high streets monitored by Knight Frank.

At the end of the 1st half of 2023, the average vacancy rate was **5.8%**, **compared with 6.8% a year ago and 9% two years previously**. After rising at the height of the pandemic, the vacancy rate dropped rapidly on these 12 streets. In recent months, **the trend has remained positive despite a more fragile economic climate**.

One of the sharpest falls has been seen on boulevard Saint-Michel, where the vacancy rate has fallen from 19.7% two years ago to just under 12%. This downward trend is also continuing on avenue de l'Opéra, rue de Rivoli, the Champs-Elysées and rue Saint-Honoré. Vacancy rates have stabilised on most other high streets, but **further drops are expected between now and the end of 2023**.





## PRIME RENTAL VALUES STABLE



Falling or stable vacancies on most Parisian high streets and fairly sustained demand from retailers explain why prime rental values have remained at the levels seen at the same time last year. In some particularly sought-after sectors, these values may come under upward pressure and **even exceed their pre-Covid levels** due to the scarcity of space suited to retailer demand, such as in the Marais district. **Values are more volatile on other streets**, such as boulevard Saint-Michel or rue de Rennes.

#### **PRIME RENTAL VALUES IN PARIS**

IN €/M²/YEAR ZONE A

STREET/AREA	ARRONDISSEMENT	PRIME RENTAL VALUE H1 2019	PRIME RENTAL VALUE H1 2022	PRIME RENTAL VALUE H1 2023	LEVEL OF DEMAND 2023	RISK OF CORRECTION 2023-2024
AVENUE DES CHAMPS-ÉLYSÉES	Paris 8	16,000 - 20,000	13,000 - 15,000	13,000 - 15,000	• • •	•
AVENUE MONTAIGNE	Paris 8	12,000 - 15,000	11,000 - 13,000	11,000 - 13,000	• • •	•
RUE SAINT-HONORÉ	Paris 1	12,000 - 15,000	10,000 - 12,000	11,000 - 13,000	• • •	•
FAUBOURG SAINT-HONORÉ	Paris 8	12,000 - 15,000	10,000 - 12,000	10,000 - 12,000	• •	•
BOULEVARD HAUSSMANN	Paris 8 / 9	5,000 - 6,000	4,000 - 5,000	4,000 - 5,000	• •	• •
FRANCS BOURGEOIS / VIEILLE-DU-TEMPLE	Paris 3 / 4	4,000 - 5,000	4,000 - 5,000	4,000 - 5,000	• • •	•
SÈVRES / SAINT-GERMAIN	Paris 6 / 7	3,000 - 4,000	2,500 - 3,500	2,500 - 3,500	• • •	•
BD MADELEINE / CAPUCINES	Paris 1 / 2/ 8 / 9	3,000 - 4,000	2,500 - 3,500	2,500 - 3,500	• •	• •
RUE DE RIVOLI	Paris 1 / 4	2,000 - 3,000	2,000 - 3,000	2,000 - 3,000	• •	•
RUE DE RENNES	Paris 6	2,000 - 3,000	2,000 - 3,000	2,000 - 3,000	• •	• •

Source: Knight Frank

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## NEW URBAN PLANNING: A MORE RESTRICTIVE REGULATORY FRAMEWORK



Adopted by the Paris City Council on June 5<sup>th</sup> 2023, the "PLU Bioclimatique\*", which must be definitively approved by the end of 2024-beginning of 2025, reinforces the City Council's desire to protect local shops through a number of measures including:

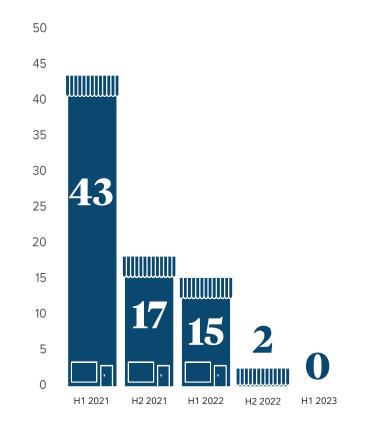
- The addition of an extra 13 km to the 305 km of streets already protected in the previous PLU (urban planning regulation), where shops at ground level may not change use or sub-use in the case of new buildings or major restructuring;
- Enhanced protection for cultural businesses (antique dealers and art galleries, bookshops, etc.);
- The protection of certain streets or districts (boulevard Saint-Michel, Sainte-Marthe district).

• Implementation of the "Foncière commerces" scheme to facilitate the establishment of businesses in the "new local economy" (cultural, food, urban logistics, social economy).

In addition to these measures, there is a strong desire **to restrict the development of new uses**, in particular by drastically regulating "quick commerce", even though dark stores are now a marginal phenomenon that is steadily losing momentum.

Now considered as "warehouses", dark stores and dark kitchens will be banned on land where there is residential use, and premises at ground level cannot be converted to this use.

# EVOLUTION OF THE NUMBER OF DARK STORE OPENINGS IN PARIS



# NUMBER OF QUICK COMMERCE OPERATORS IN PARIS





Source: Knight Frank / \*The full Knight Frank study on the PLU is available here: https://www.knightfrank.fr/research/paris-sera-toujours-paris-juin-2023-10275.aspx



## IMPACT OF THE NEW LIMITED TRAFFIC ZONE (ZTL)?



Over the past few years, the Mayor of Paris has introduced a number of measures to reduce the use of combustion-powered vehicles, including the reconfiguration of rue de Rivoli and its ban on private cars, paid parking for motorised two-wheelers, and a new traffic plan for the Marais district etc.

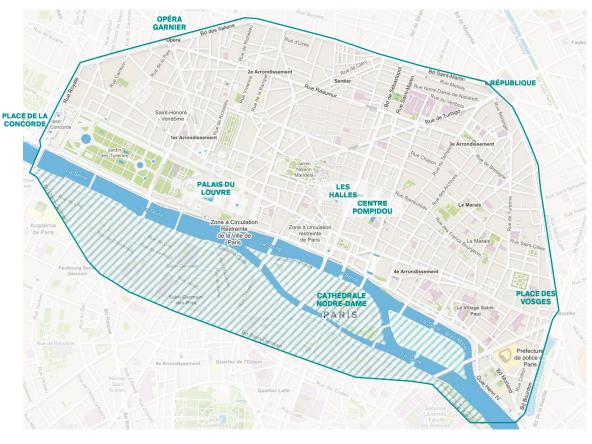
These measures will be supplemented in 2024 by a more restrictive but highly localised scheme, a "limited traffic zone" (ZTL) covering the centre of Paris, the scope and implementation date of which have yet to be specified. The impact of this ZTL on commercial activity, which retailers are apprehensive about, is still difficult to determine. However, only through-traffic will be prohibited, and it will be possible to drive into the zone to work, make deliveries and visit shops.

In addition, the **traffic restrictions** and road improvements previously put in place in certain

districts such as rue de Rivoli or the Marais, which are frequented by local customers and foreign tourists alike, do not seem to have hindered their activity.

On the other hand, traffic restriction measures could have **more serious** consequences for town centres in regional areas as their characteristics differ from those of the Paris market (greater importance of the suburbs, lesser role played by foreign tourists, etc.). For example, around forty towns and cities are affected by the introduction by the end of 2024 of a "low emission zone" (ZFE-m) restricting the circulation of the heaviest-polluting vehicles.

#### POTENTIAL PERIMETER FOR THE PARIS LIMITED TRAFFIC ZONE



Initial perimeter

Zones potentially removed from the perimeter

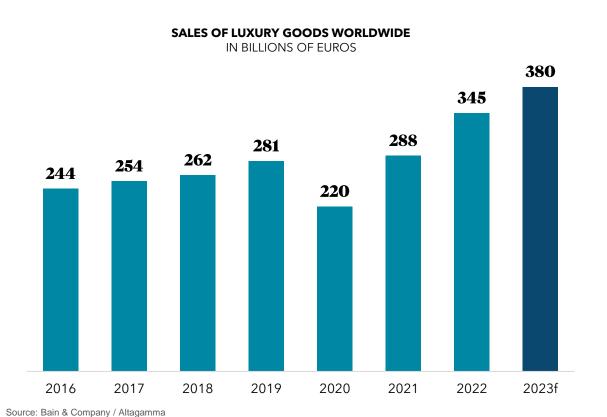
Source: Ville de Paris



## **LUXURY GOODS: FURTHER SALES GROWTH IN 2023**



Despite a highly uncertain economic and geopolitical context, dominated by the boom in inflation and the outbreak of war in Ukraine, sales of luxury goods worldwide reached a **new record in 2022.** They are set to rise again in 2023, as indicated by the year-on-year **increase of around 10% recorded in the 1st quarter**. Despite fears of a slowdown in the United States, the luxury goods market is benefiting in particular from the **continuing revival in international tourist arrivals worldwide** (up 86% year-on-year in Q12023), the **end of the zero-Covid policy in China** and the success of **certain product categories (watches and jewellery).** 



#### **GROWTH IN LUXURY SALES BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREA**

H1 2023 VS H1 2022 IN % OF SALES

	Globally	Europe*	Americas**	Asia***
LVMH MOÈT HENNESSY. LOUIS VUITTON	+ 17%	+ 22%	+ 3%	+ 23%
KERING	+ 2%	+4%	-23%	+ 22%
HERMÈS PARIS	+ 22%	+ 21%	+ 21%	+ 24%

Source: Group financial communication / \*Western Europe for Kering / \*\*USA for LVMH /\*\*\*Asia, excluding Japan



# **FEWER NEW OPENINGS IN PARIS**



After two years of sustained growth, the **number of luxury shops opening in Paris will fall in 2023**. Nevertheless, luxury continues to extend its influence, thanks to **a number of emblematic flagships openings** and the development of projects in other sectors, such as **culture and heritage** (the future Cartier Foundation opposite the Louvre), **hotels** (the future Louis Vuitton hotel) and **fine dining and spirits** (the Moët Hennessy/Caravan bar at 165 bd Saint-Germain). This growing influence is also reflected in the **adoption of luxury codes** by traditionally less upmarket brands, such as in the sports and outdoor sector.

# LUXURY SHOPS OPENED IN PARIS IN NUMBER PER YEAR\* 48 50 50 46 34 35 28 27 27 27

2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021 2022 2023f

Source: Knight Frank / \*Creations, renovations-extensions, transfers and pop-up shops.

## **BREAKDOWN BY TYPE** OF ALL LUXURY SHOP OPENINGS IN PARIS 2023 50% 21% 21% 19% 5-y average 40% 26% **15%** 10-y average 46% 22% **15% 17**% ■ Extension/Renovation Relocation ■ Pop-up store Creation Source: Knight Frank

# MORE AND MORE PROJECTS ON THE CHAMPS-ELYSÉES



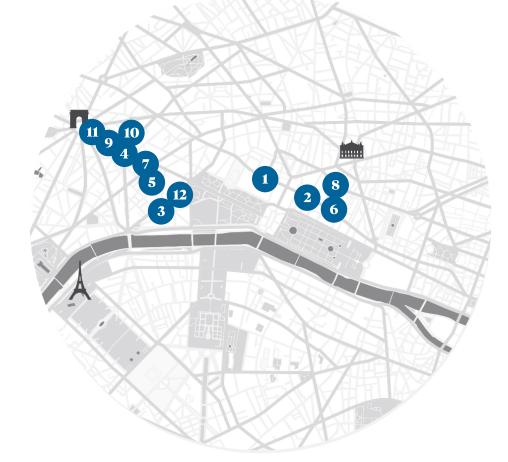
Fewer openings does not mean less emblematic openings. The major groups (LVMH, Kering and Richemont in particular) are continuing to expand their shops or create new flagships to offer their brands a more beautiful setting. This trend is particularly visible on the Champs-Élysées, where the upmarket trend is becoming more pronounced on both pavements, with a high proportion of new creations. The historic luxury locations, meanwhile, continue to be dominated by extensions or relocations, such as Bottega Veneta, Loewe, Saint Laurent and Valentino on Avenue Montaigne.

#### **EXAMPLES OF RECENT AND UPCOMING MAJOR STORE OPENINGS**

**LUXURY SHOPS IN PARIS** 

#	RETAILER	ADDRESS	ARROND.
1	ALAÏA	15 rue du Faubourg Saint-Honoré	75008
2	ALEXANDER MCQUEEN	372 rue Saint-Honoré	75001
3	BOTTEGA VENETA	12 avenue Montaigne	75008
4	DIOR	101 avenue des Champs-Élysées	75008
5	GOYARD	66 rue François 1 <sup>er</sup>	75008
6	GUCCI	235 rue Saint-Honoré / 12-14 rue de Castiglione	75001
7	IWC	73 avenue des Champs-Élysées	75008
8	LANGE & SÖHNE	1 rue de la Paix	75002
9	LOUIS VUITTON	103 avenue des Champs-Élysées	75008
10	PANERAI	120 avenue des Champs-Élysées	75008
11	SAINT LAURENT	123 avenue des Champs-Élysées	75008
12	VALENTINO	35 avenue Montaigne	75008

Open as of September 1st 2023





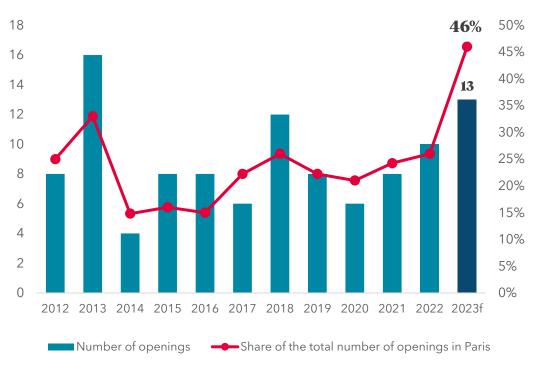
Source: Knight Frank

# RENEWED ACTIVITY IN THE GOLDEN TRIANGLE



Rue Saint-Honoré and the Triangle d'Or\* dominate the Paris luxury market, accounting for 43% of the total number of luxury shops opening in Paris between 2015 and 2022. Their share will increase significantly in 2023 (61%). While there will be fewer openings on rue Saint-Honoré, where the supply has shrunk significantly, **the revival of the Golden Triangle is set to gather further momentum: 13 new stores are expected to open there this year**, mainly concentrated on avenue Montaigne (Valentino, Loewe, etc.) and rue François 1er (Goyard, Lotus, etc.). On the other hand, there has been little activity outside the main luxury districts of the Right Bank, and this will continue to be the case next year.

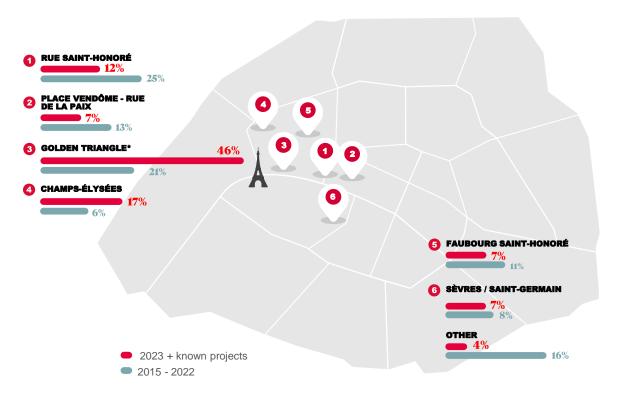
# NUMBER OF LUXURY SHOPS OPENED IN THE GOLDEN TRIANGLE\*



Source: Knight Frank / \*Excl. Champs-Élysées.

## BREAKDOWN BY STREET/NEIGHBOURHOOD

OF TOTAL OPENINGS IN PARIS





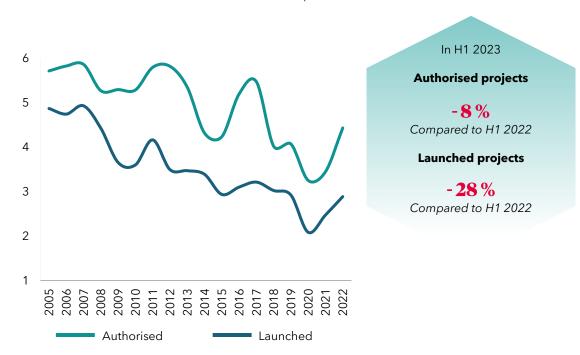
# STEADY DECLINE IN NEW CREATIONS, IN FAVOUR OF EXISTING BUSINESSES



After plummeting in 2020 as a result of the outbreak of the pandemic, approvals and launches of new retail premises rose again in 2021 and 2022. This trend will not continue in 2023. The maturing of assets, **the mounting pressure of liquidation and the tightening of regulations are drastically limiting the creation of new premises from scratch**, particularly those involving large surface areas. The trend in the number of projects authorised by the CNAC is just one illustration of the decline in new developments: with a total of 39 authorisations in H1 2023, **they are down by 38% compared with the same period in 2022** and by 45% compared with the peak in 2017. The average surface area of projects authorised by the CNAC reached 2,111 m<sup>2</sup>, an increase of 37% over one year but a decrease of 66% compared with 2017.

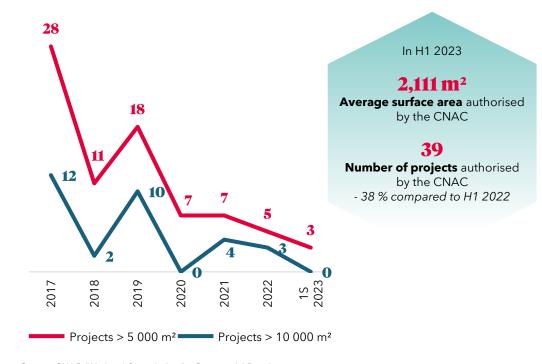
#### NEW RETAIL CREATIONS AUTHORISED AND ALREADY UNDER CONSTRUCTION

IN MAINLAND FRANCE, IN MILLIONS OF M<sup>2</sup>



#### Source: Sitadel

# NUMBER OF PROJECTS > 5,000 M² AND > 10,000 M² AUTHORISED BY THE CNAC\* IN MAINLAND FRANCE

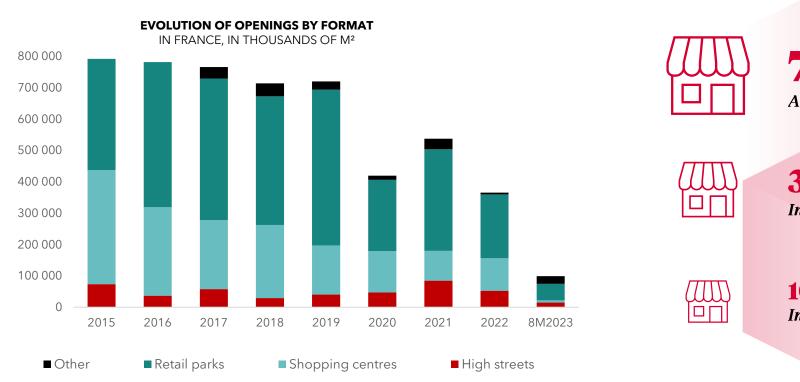


Source: CNAC /\*National Commission for Commercial Development

# **OPENINGS AT AN ALL-TIME LOW**



The downward trend in new m² openings that began in 2020 was confirmed in 2022, with 366,000 m² opened in France, compared with an average of 755,000 m² over the five years preceding the Covid-19 epidemic. The fall has accelerated since the start of 2023, with **100,000 sq. m opened in eight months**, including the 20,000 sq. m for the Giverny outlet village in Normandy. Over 2023 as a whole, the volume of openings could approach last year's level. In the longer term, there is still considerable potential for development, but difficulties with marketing and financing, as well as legal recourses, **have led to the postponement or cancellation of several projects, many of which were initiated long before the pandemic** (Zone de la Poterie in Ferney-Voltaire, Open in Saint-Genis-Pouilly, the La Cavalerie outlet village in Aveyron and Val Tolosa near Toulouse, which was launched almost 20 years ago).



755,000 m<sup>2</sup> Annual average 2015-2019 366,000 m<sup>2</sup> In 2022 100,000 m<sup>2</sup> In 2023 (as of September 1st)

Source: Knight Frank



# **SHOPPING CENTRES: LOWEST LEVEL**



In 2022, the drop in new shopping centre openings stabilised at around 100,000 m², with **around ten completed projects (only 21% of which were new creations)**. After a sluggish start to 2023 (fewer than 10,000 sq. m opened), the volume of openings will pick up and could approach 2022 levels. This will be essentially made up of more or less significant extensions, in particular to increase the restaurant offer, such as Grand Place in Grenoble or Evry 2 ("Le Spot").

#### **SHOPPING CENTRES OPENED IN FRANCE**

IN M2, MAINLAND FRANCE





Source: Knight Frank



# SHOPPING CENTRES: PRIORITY GIVEN TO RENOVATIONS AND EXTENSIONS



#### **EXAMPLES OF SHOPPING CENTRE OPENINGS**

IN FRANCE IN 2023-2024

CENTRE	TOWN	TYPE	SURFACE AREA (M²)
BOOM BOOM VILLETTE*	Paris (75019)	Redevelopment-Transformation	24,000
LE SPOT	Evry (91)	Redevelopment-Extension	20,000
GRAND PLACE	Grenoble (38)	Redevelopment-Extension	16,400
ODYSSEUM	Montpellier (34)	Redevelopment-Extension	15,200
LECLERC	Laon (02)	Transfer-Extension	14,300
CNIT	Puteaux (92)	Extension	10,100
SQY OUEST	Montigny-le-Bretonneux (78)	Redevelopment	8,300
BEAULIEU	Nantes (44)	Extension	4,200

Open or partially open by the end of August 2023

Source: Knight Frank / \*Ex Vill'Up



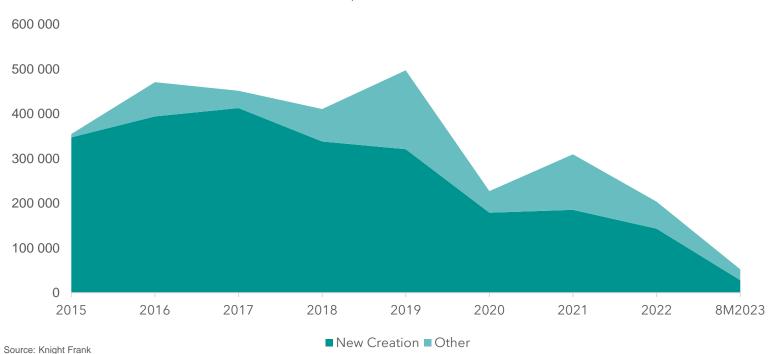
# **RETAIL PARKS: RECORD LOWS**

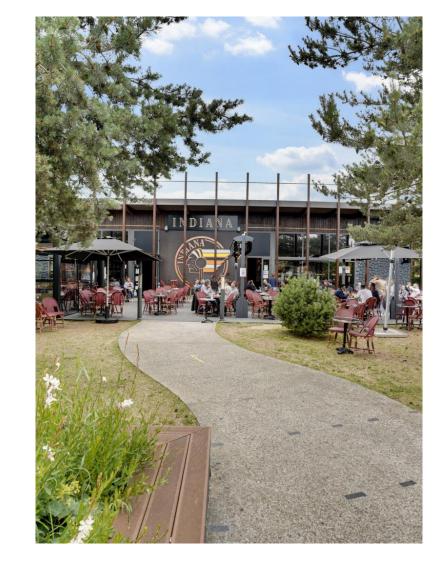


While they totaled on average nearly 450,000 m² in France during the five years preceding the pandemic, the openings of new retail parks saw their **volume almost halved** between 2020 and 2022. The decline continues in 2023, so much so that **deliveries could reach a historic low**. Barely 52,000 m² have opened since January and less than 120,000 m² are potentially expected by the end of the year, mainly in the form of projects between 5,000 and 10,000 m². Among the most significant are the finalization of the Otium project in Dreux (one of the rare projects created from scratch) and the extension of the Vigie area near Strasbourg.

#### **RETAIL PARKS OPENED IN FRANCE**

IN M2, MAINLAND FRANCE







# **RETAIL PARKS: FEW LARGE-SCALE PROJECTS**



#### **EXAMPLES OF OPENINGS OF RETAIL PARKS**

IN FRANCE IN 2023-2024

CENTRE	TOWN	ТҮРЕ	SURFACE AREA (M²)
NEYRPIC	Saint-Martin-d'Hères (38)	Creation	34,300
ОТІИМ	Dreux (28)	Creation	21,500*
CAP KOAD	Bain-de-Bretagne (35)	Creation	13,000
LA NEF	Le Havre (76)	Creation	13,000
O'CENTRE	Vendenheim (67)	Redevelopment-Extension	12,480
LE MASCARET (RIVES D'ARCINS)	Bègles (33)	Extension	12,000
LES RIVES DU LOT	Cahors (46)	Creation	11,500
ZAC DE MONTVRAIN 2	Mennecy (91)	Redevelopment-Extension	11,000
LA VIGIE	Geispolsheim (67)	Extension	10,000
ZONE COMMERCIALE DES SOARNS	Orthez (64)	Extension	9,200
LE MONKY	Laval (53)	Creation	7,000
LES PRÉS BLANCS	Herbignac (44)	Creation	6,000

Open or partially open by the end of August 2023

Source: Knight Frank / \*In addition to the opening of a restaurant complex in 2021



## THE PERFECT TIME FOR TRANSFORMATION



Now is clearly the time for transformation. This is not a new thing, particularly for shopping center owners who for several years have been:

- increasing the number of projects intended to adapt their assets by **opening them up to new uses** (coworking, medical, etc.);
- reducing the space allocated to hypermarkets to vary the offer and optimise rental income, like Mercialys;
- or even restructuring retail sites **to turn them into mixed-use urban development projects** like Altarea or Nhood.

However, it is true that **the timing has never been better** to rethink retail parks and shopping centres: the regulatory context (zero net artificialisation), combined with social (localised housing shortages) and climate change are **encouraging operators to make the most of their assets.** 

This movement has recently been illustrated by some major initiatives from distributors, developers and holding companies (see opposite), as well as the launch by the government of a **national programme for the transformation of retail parks and shopping centres.** 

#### **MULTIPLE CHALLENGES**

Meeting **new regulatory requirements** and the challenge of **climate change** (Zero Net Artificialisation, energy efficiency, etc.)

Promoting the urban integration of retail zones and mitigating the risk of retail vacancy

Responding to new consumer expectations and demographic changes (ageing, etc.)

**Supporting the growth** of the suburbs and meeting the needs of the population (housing, proximity, accessibility)

Ensuring the **financial viability** of the projects: cost of construction, acceptable rents for retailers, etc.

Understanding retail zones in all their diversity (size, performance, catchment, etc.)

#### **RECENT INITIATIVES**



Announcement in July 2023 of a partnership covering **76 town centre and gateway sites** representing a surface area of 800,000 sq.m to be upgraded as part of mixed-use urban development projects, including the creation of 12,000 housing units and 17,000 sq.m of hotel space. The holding vehicle will be set up by Q1 2024 at the latest and will be **80% owned by Carrefour and 20% by Nexity**.







Launch at the end of 2022 of an **investment vehicle** with an initial capacity of €200m to transform the peri-urban zones of cities into **new mixed-use** neighbourhoods. Implemented in early 2023, this vehicle is 40% owned by Banque des Territoires, 30% by CDC Habitat and 30% by Frey. In June, this partnership was solidified with the announcement of a first project in Montigny-lès-Cormeilles (95).

Source: Carrefour, Nexity Source: Frey



## THE PERFECT TIME FOR TRANSFORMATION



FOCUS ON...

#### THE NATIONAL PROGRAMME FOR THE TRANSFORMATION OF RETAIL ZONES

Nearly a year after the launch of a working group, on **September 11th 2023**, the government presented its plan to transform retail zones based on the following observation: rooted in French consumer habits, retail zones on the outskirts of towns and cities are faced with **numerous economic**, **social**, **environmental and urban challenges**.

**The aim** is to kick-start the transformation of retail zones through experiments conducted alongside local authorities, retailers and all stakeholders, while incorporating a strong environmental, architectural and scenic dimension.

#### Three measures

- A standards framework in the Green Industry Bill to speed up and secure transformation operations
  (authorisation of projects that deviate from urban planning rules, use of innovation permits, transfer of
  commercial rights within a commercial zone, etc.).
- o Large-scale experimentation: **a €24 million tender process** to select around twenty "pilot projects", finance pre-configuration studies and provide technical support.
- o Creation of **a government task force** to provide support for winning projects, draw attention to regulatory obstacles, pool experience, lead a national community, etc.

#### **Timetable**

November 2023 / Early 2024: two-phase selection of projects and start of support, publication of an operational guide and launch of the national network for transforming retail zones.



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Source: Government, « Un nouvel horizon pour les zones commerciales », press release





# **KEY FIGURES**





	8M 2023	8M 2022	Annual evolution
Volumes invested in retail in France	2.0 bn €	3.5 bn €	
Share of retail outlets* (%)	27%	25%	
Number of transactions > €100m	5	10	
Share of investment volume in the Paris Region** (%)	71%	58%	
Share of foreign investors** (%)	34%	30%	
Prime yield high streets	3.75%	3.00%	
Prime yield shopping centres	5.25%	4.25%	
Retail parks prime yield	5.75%	5.00%	
Prime yield high streets  Prime yield shopping centres	3.75% 5.25%	3.00% 4.25%	

<sup>\*</sup>As a percentage of total volume invested in France, all asset classes combined.
\*\*As a percentage of total volume invested in France, in retail property.



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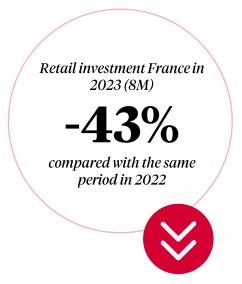
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# SHARP DROP IN VOLUMES INVESTED



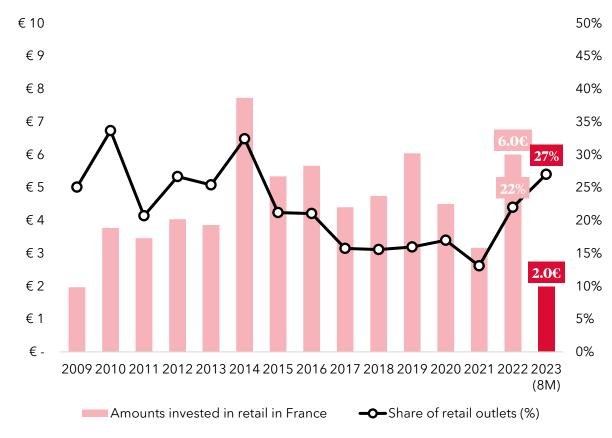
After an excellent start to the year, **activity has since slowed down significantly**. Following 1.3 billion in Q1 2023, then 600 million in Q2, just under 100 million were invested in the retail market in July and August. **This amount brings the sums invested since January to 2 billion euro** compared to 3.5 billion a year ago.

The 2022 performance was, however, exceptional, boosted by the completion of 10 transactions exceeding 100 million euro (compared to only 5 since the start of 2023). By the end of the year, a few large transactions should nevertheless be finalised. Furthermore, **the 2023 result would exceed last year's for the same period if all the acquisitions made on behalf of Kering and LVMH were taken into account** (101 Champs-Élysées, 19 rue François 1er, 12-14 rue de Castiglione / 235 rue Saint-Honoré and 35-37 avenue Montaigne), totaling just under two billion euro.



## **VOLUME OF RETAIL INVESTMENT**

IN FRANCE, IN BILLIONS OF EUROS



Source: Knight Frank



# A VERY PARISIAN YEAR



Already high in 2022 (nearly 3 billion euro invested over the whole year), the amounts invested in the Greater Paris Region's retail market will remain significant in 2023 with 1.4 billion euro invested during the first eight months of the year. This amount accounts for **71% of the volumes invested in retail in France** due to a few major transactions including the **purchase in Q2 by AEW of "Passy Plaza"** in the 16<sup>th</sup> arrondissement of Paris.

This is not to say that the market is at a standstill in regional areas, despite volumes invested remaining relatively low (around 600 million euro). **Investors' appetite for the outskirts is still apparent**, illustrated by the sale to IREIT Global of a portfolio of 17 B&M stores and several sales of hypermarkets, commercial outlets and retail parks, albeit for relatively modest prices.



#### **GEOGRAPHICAL BREAKDOWN OF RETAIL INVESTMENT VOLUMES**

IN FRANCE, AS A % OF TOTAL VOLUME

	2023 (8M)	i	2022 (8M)
Paris	<b>56</b> %		<b>34</b> %
Greater Paris Region	<b>15</b> %		24%
Regions	28%	*	<b>37</b> %
Non divisible portfolios	1%		<b>5</b> %

Source: Knight Frank

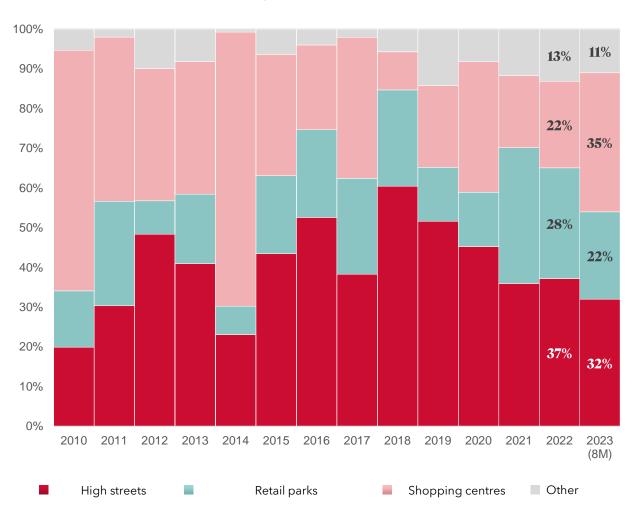


# SHOPPING CENTRES: BACK IN THE LIMELIGHT



#### **BREAKDOWN OF RETAIL INVESTMENT VOLUMES BY ASSET CLASS**

IN FRANCE, AS A % OF TOTAL VOLUME



Shopping centres account for the largest share of retail investment volumes at the end of August 2023, thanks to the disposals of "Italie Deux" and "Passy Plaza". Their share will remain high between now and the end of the year, as a number of transactions are in the process of being sold or have recently been finalised, involving centres of more or less significant sizes ("Place d'Armes" in Valenciennes, acquired by the Groupe Strauss).

The share of investments made up by high streets is declining. After **a few significant transactions in Q1 2023 in Paris** (35-37 avenue Montaigne\*, "Italik" in the 13th arrondissement, Castorama shop in the 15th arrondissement, etc.), activity in the following months was limited to a few modest disposals in Paris and regional areas.

**PACs (retail parks) account for 22% of the volume invested** since the start of 2023. While investors still have a healthy appetite for the outskirts, the record performance of 2022 (€1.6 billion invested in France) will not be repeated this year.



Share of shopping centres on total retail investment in France in 2023 (at end August)

Compared with 22% in 2022

Source: Knight Frank \*Represented by the flagship leased to Valentino..

# FRENCH INVESTORS CONSOLIDATE THEIR LEAD



While French investors accounted for just over half of retail investment volumes in Q1 2023, **their share increased to 66% at the end of August, thanks in particular to AEW's purchase of Passy Plaza**. Only a very small number of transactions were completed by foreign investors. **Europeans remain by far the most present**, thanks to the significant contribution of Ingka Centres' acquisition of "Italie Deux" in Q1.

The sale of "Italie Deux" also boosted the share of property companies. Without it, funds and SCPI/OPCIs would be well ahead. In terms of the number of transactions, SCPIs were the most active, particularly in the outskirts for small amounts, mostly under €15 million. They have also been behind more significant transactions, such as AEW's purchase of Passy Plaza. Private investors also stood out, in all types of format (shopping streets, suburbs, shopping centres).

# **RETAIL INVESTMENT VOLUME BY NATIONALITY** RETAIL INVESTMENT VOLUME BY TYPE OF INVESTOR IN FRANCE, IN 2023 (AT END OF AUGUST), AS A % OF TOTAL VOLUME IN FRANCE, IN 2023 (AT END OF AUGUST), AS A % OF TOTAL VOLUME SCPI / OCPI 25% France Property companies Europe excl. EU zone 19% Private Other Funds 17% 30% Other Source: Knight Frank Source: Knight Frank

# **EXAMPLES OF TRANSACTIONS**



#### **EXAMPLES OF RETAIL TRANSACTIONS IN FRANCE IN 2023**

Address / Asset	Туре	Town	Vendor	Buyer	Price
Italie Deux (75 %)	SC	Paris 13 <sup>th</sup>	AXA IM	INGKA CENTRES	
35-37 avenue Montaigne (Valentino)	HS	Paris 8 <sup>th</sup>	FONCIÈRE DU TRIANGLE D'OR	KERING	
Portefeuille de centres de marques	OTH	France	AEW (CNP)	MATA CAPITAL	
Italie Deux (25 %) + Italik	SC / HS	Paris 13 <sup>th</sup>	HAMMERSON	INGKA CENTRES	
Passy Plaza	SC	Paris 16 <sup>th</sup>	GENERALI	AEW	
Portefeuille B&M	RP	France	TIKEHAU	IREIT GLOBAL	
Castorama, 9-15 bd de Grenelle	HS	Paris 15 <sup>th</sup>	PRIMONIAL REIM	BLACK SWAN REAL ESTATE CAPITAL	
Place d'Armes	SC	Valenciennes (59)	-	GROUPE STRAUSS	
62 avenue des Champs-Élysées*	HS	Paris 8 <sup>th</sup>	PRIVÉS	FINAMAS	
Hôtel de Coulanges, 35-37 rue des Francs Bourgeois	HS	Paris 4 <sup>th</sup>	PRIVÉS	GROUPAMA GAN REIM	
L'Île Roche	RP	Sallanches (74)	LES ARCHES MÉTROPOLE	BNP PARIBAS REIM	
Retail park, Zone de Cap'Nor	RP	Tollevast (50)	FERIDIS	ROCHE DUBAR	
Les Jacobins	SC	Le Mans (72)	AXA / AEW	OTHRYS AM	
Portefeuille Magnolia	HS	France	COFINIMMO	SOREMI	
Portefeuille de jardineries	RP	France	COLLIERS GI	ATLAND VOISIN / MYSHARECOMPANY	
Retail Park	RP	Saint-Malo (35)	SCBSM	ATLAND VOISIN	
Hypermarché Casino	HYP	Saint-Doulchard (18)	CASINO	GROUPE STRAUSS	
Carrefour Market, 26 ter bd C. Flammarion	HS	Marseille (13)	PRIVÉS	LA FRANÇAISE	
170 boulevard Haussmann	HS	Paris 8 <sup>th</sup>	PRIMONIAL REIM	FIDUCIAL GERANCE	
Trois commerces, Zone de Mérignac Soleil	RP	Mérignac (33)	KLÉPIERRE	RIVAGE AM	
llo 23	HS	Clermont-Ferrand (63)	QUARTUS	ALTIXIA REIM	
El Centre del Mon	SC	Perpignan (66)	SOFIDEC	URBAN PREMIUM	

Source: Knight Frank /\*Mixed asset - partial disposal in 2022

NB: HS high street, RP retail park, SC shopping centre, HYP hypermarket, OTH other

< 50M€ 50-100M€ 100-200M€ > 200M€



Italie Deux, Place d'Italie, Paris 13<sup>th</sup>



Passy Plaza, Rue de Passy, Paris 16<sup>th</sup>



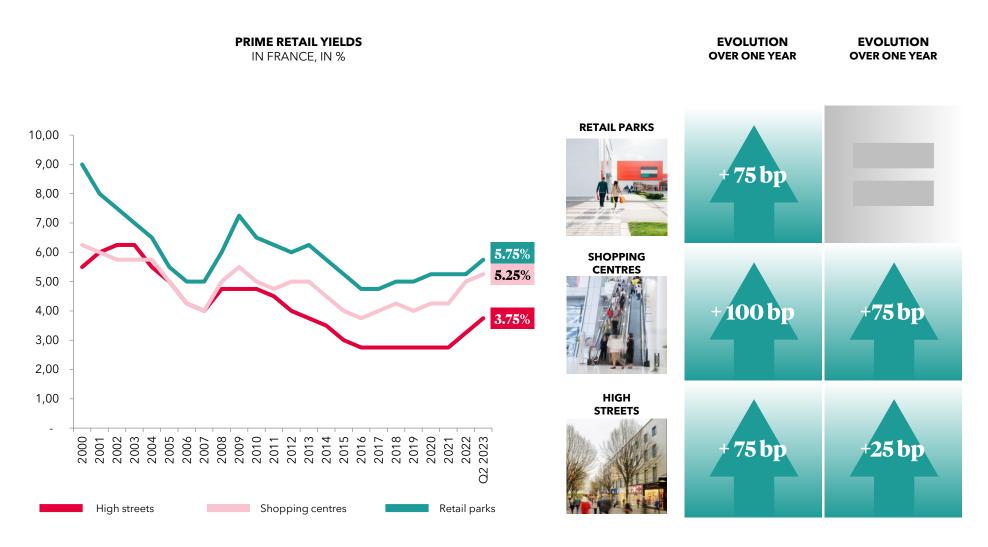
Place d'Armes, Valenciennes (59)

# **GENERALISED DECOMPRESSION**



The decompression of prime yield rates that began in the second half of 2022 has continued since the start of 2023. Over one year, prime yields have risen by 75 basis points for Parisian high street and retail parks, and by 100 basis points for regional shopping centres.

Although the rise in interest rates is still hampering activity, the **adjustment in values is now sufficiently pronounced** to convince investors to reinvest in the outskirts or the shopping centre segment, or to cautiously increase their exposure to these asset classes.



Source: Knight Frank





# **OUTLOOK**



# **Questions for 2024**

- Will the French economy continue to **hold up against the downturn** in the international economy?
- Are some fast-growing sectors at risk of **saturation** (discount, sportswear, fast food, etc.)?
- After a year marked by protests and riots against pension reform, should we fear a **resurgence of social and political tensions**?
- What **impact will the introduction of "ZFE" and "ZTL"** projects have on commercial activity in Paris and the city centres of major urban areas?
- Will the 2024 Olympics **adversely affect commercial activity** in the centre of Paris during the event (as was the case in London during the 2012 Olympics)?
- o Will the **residential property crisis** worsen? What impact will it have on the retail market (lower consumer confidence, real estate agency closures, lower sales in the home furnishings and decoration sector, etc.)?
- Will inflation fall more sharply and **interest rates stabilise**, helping to revive the investment market?

# ...and to be followed up in the longer term

- o **Making assets more environmentally friendly**: a necessity in the face of the climate crisis but a difficult equation to solve (complexity of the tertiary sector legislation, landlord/retailer relationships, higher service charges, etc.).
- o **AI: a revolution** on the way for the physical retail sector?
- Will the acceleration of climate change reshuffle the cards in the retail market (price volatility, lasting inflation, lower consumer confidence, less frequented destinations, etc.)?
- o Will **anti-consumerism** become ingrained in French buying habits?
- Will **criticism of "over-tourism"** grow and eventually limit the consumer potential of certain destinations?
- Will the dynamic growth of medium-sized towns continue and help to sustain the pace of retailers' expansion plans?
- How could France's 'demographic trough' (a long-term fall in the birth rate) affect its retail market?



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