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Asia-Pacific Overview

Q12022

0.8%

QoQ growth for Asia-Pacific Rental Index in Q1 2022

Shanghai

Recorded the highest YoY growth in Q1 2022

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Tracked cities recorded stable or increasing rents in Q1 2022

Optimistic
Expectations for 2022
office outlook

As cities grapple with the outbreak of Omicron well into the first few months of 2022, expectations for recovery remained bullish but with slight optimism. People are now getting used to living and working in an endemic era, and governments are prepped to co-survive with more variants that might emerge.

For Q1 2022, Knight Frank's Asia-Pacific Prime Office Rental Index observed a 0.8% growth quarter-on-quarter (QoQ), sustaining the positive gain of Q4 2021. On an annual basis, the overall index is up 0.2% year-on-year (YoY),the second consecutive rise following the quarter prior. Overall, vacancy remains elevated at 13.1%, similar to that of Q4 2021.

Currently, office rents are presumed to have reached their trough, and landlords are also gradually increasing their asking rents in tandem to the returning demand.

With the positive sentiments we observed from the past 2 quarters, we expect the same trends to play out for the rest of 2022. Tenants in the tech industry continue to seize the opportunity for premium quality spaces in the CBD at a low rent.

These factors indicate general confidence for the Asia-Pacific office sector, with rents expected to sustainably increase in 2022.

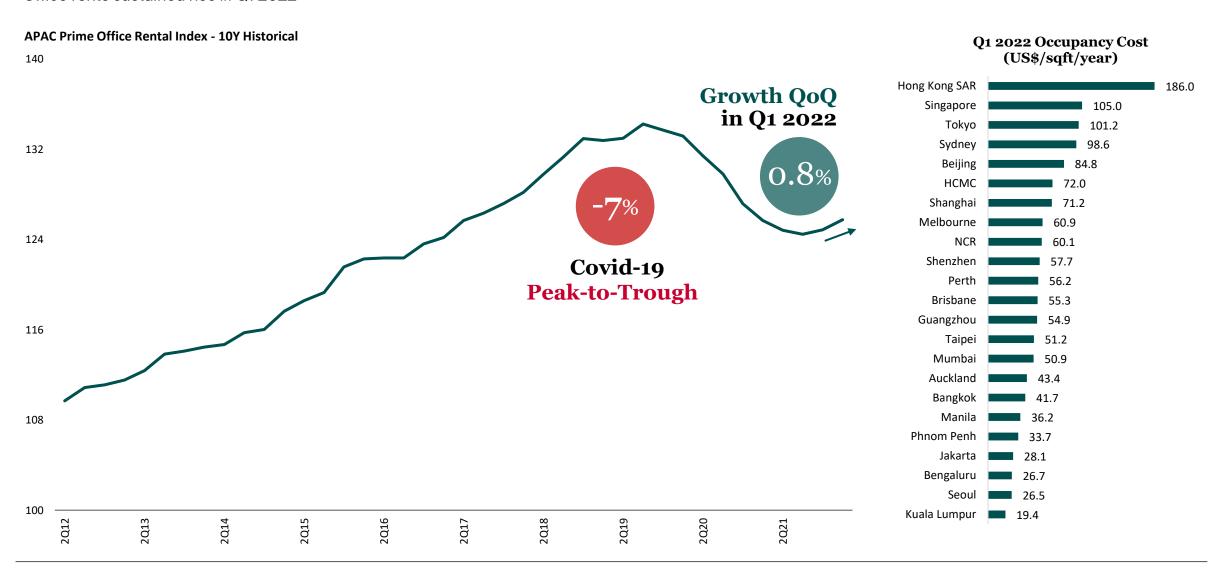
"Optimism at the start of the year was tempered by multiple resurgences of COVID-19 which resulted in Hong Kong and several tier-1 Chinese Mainland markets re-tightening movement restrictions. The sustained economic recovery post-COVID in the region is also challenged by the Russia-Ukraine war which led to the surge in energy prices and inflationary pressure. As such, the growth forecasts for the region could be lower than what have been projected. Nevertheless, the Asia-Pacific market is not as directly impacted by the macroeconomic uncertainties as the other regions. Particularly in countries where there is sustained optimism over re-opening, corporates are choosing to take more decisive leasing decisions in view of the rising material costs and construction delays."

Tim Armstrong
Global Head of Occupier Strategy and Solutions



APAC Prime Office Rental Index

Office rents sustained rise in Q1 2022

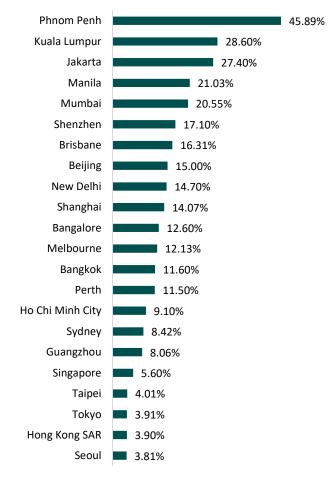


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APAC Prime Office Vacancy Rate



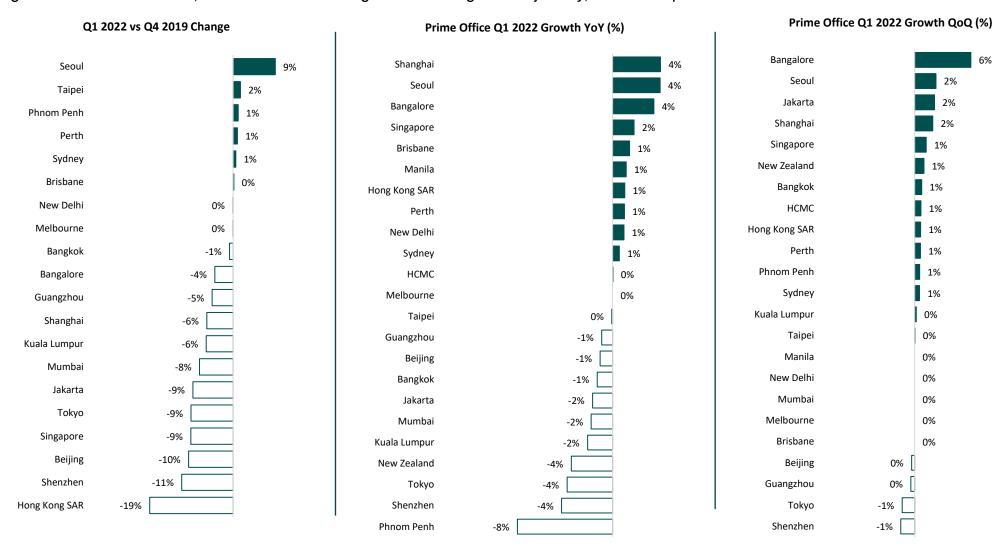
Q1 2022 Vacancy Rate





APAC Prime Rental Rates

Following the trend from Q4 2021, more cities are moving out of the negative trajectory, into stable positive rent reversion

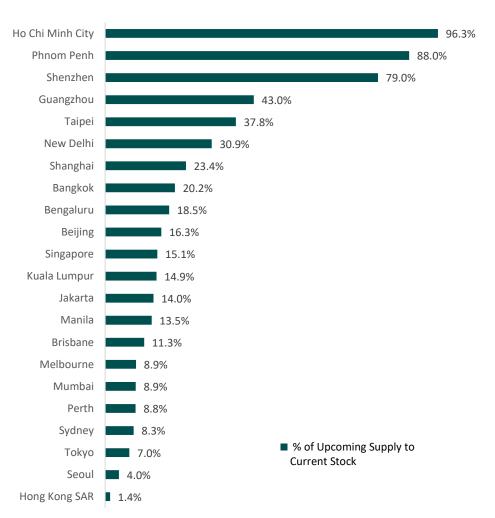


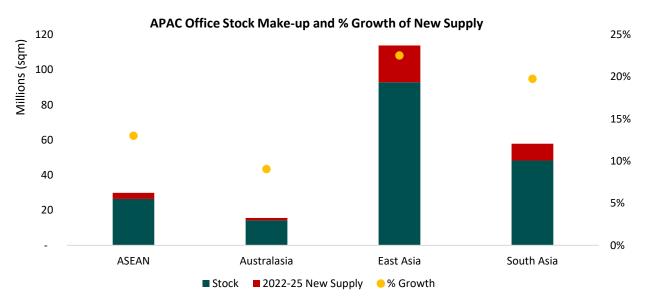


APAC Office Pipeline Supply

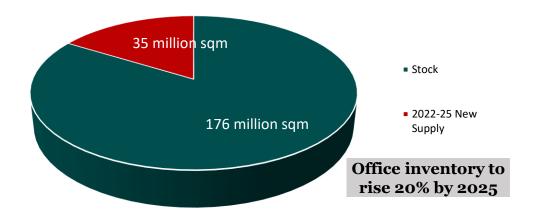
East Asia continues to lead the growth of new office supply, followed by South Asia with the bulk of supply coming from HCMC and Phnom Penh

Proportion of Upcoming Supply to Current Stock





Total APAC Grade A Stock, Current and New Supply (2021-2025)



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APAC 2022 Office Outlook

12-Month Rental Outlook

Decreasing

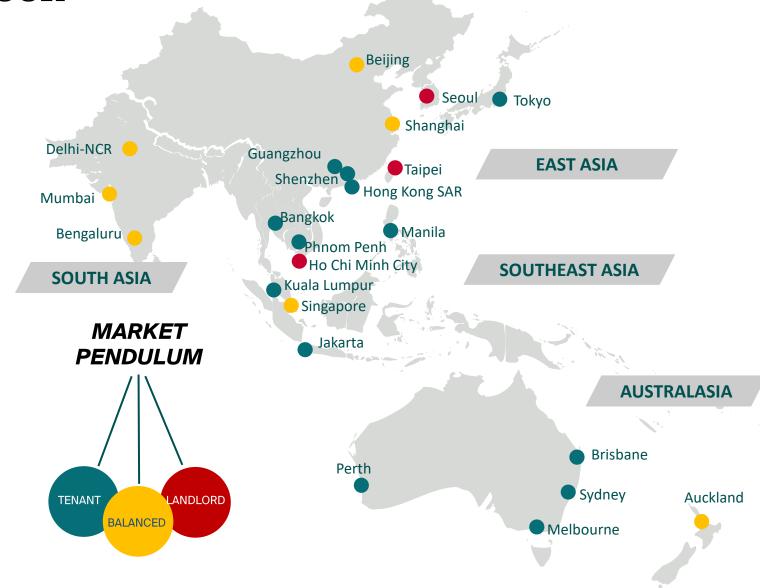
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- Shenzhen
- Tokyo
- Jakarta

- Bangkok
- Kuala Lumpur
- Manila

Unchanged

- Guangzhou
- Taipei
- Delhi-NCR
- Mumbai
- Phnom Penh
- Increasing
- Brisbane
- Melbourne
- Perth
- Sydney
- Beijing
- Shanghai
- Hong Kong SAR

- Seoul
- Bengaluru
- Singapore
- Ho Chi Minh City



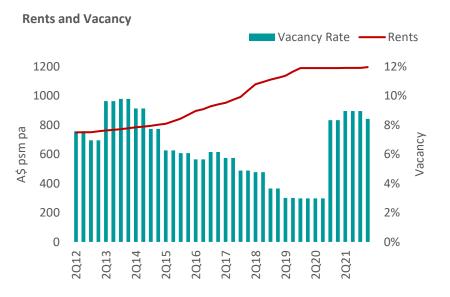


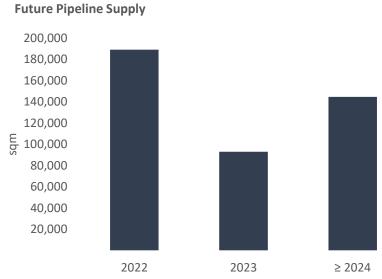


Oceania

Overall rents in the region trended up slightly in Q1 2022 as incentives plateaued in multiple cities. The negative impact on rents and incentives seen over the past two years have likely ceased on the back of improved sentiments and demands from the reopening of international borders, rising employment, and the push from the government in resuming work activities in the CBD. As such, leasing activity was boosted, driven by demand from the financial and professional service sectors. However, the direction of movement of vacancy rates varied as some cities, like Melbourne and Sydney, expect more supply to hit the market in 2022 before tapering off beyond. Similarly, Auckland enjoyed rental growth and is expected to continue this trend in 2022 as premium office supply only enters the market in 2023.

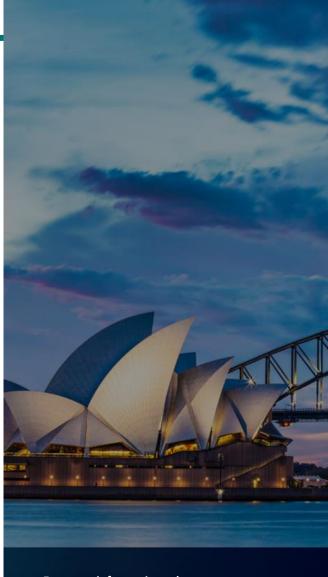
Sydney





Economic Indicators		
	2022F	2023F
GDP Growth	4.1%	2.6%
Unemployment Rate	4.8%	4.7%
Inflation	2.1%	2.2%

Real Estate Indicators		
	Q1 2022	12mth Forecast
Prime Rent (A\$ psm pa)	1,196	↑
Vacancy	8.4%	\rightarrow
Market Balance	Tenant	Tenant

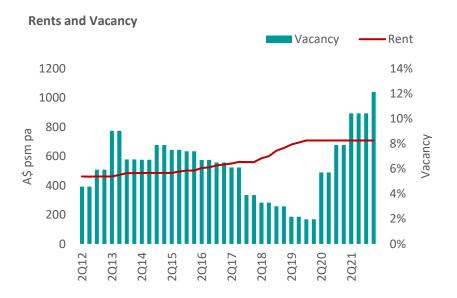


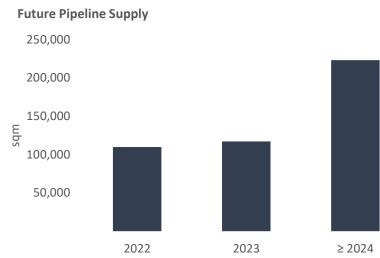
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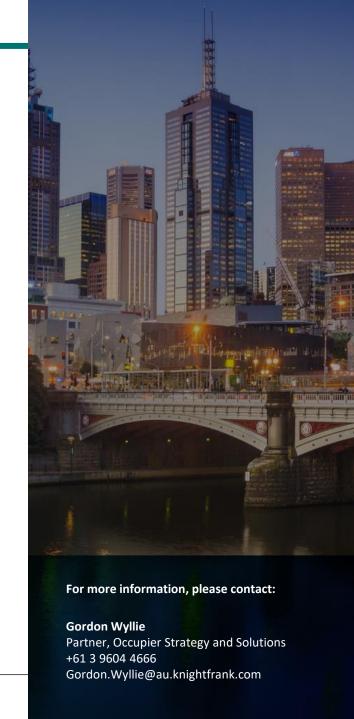
Melbourne



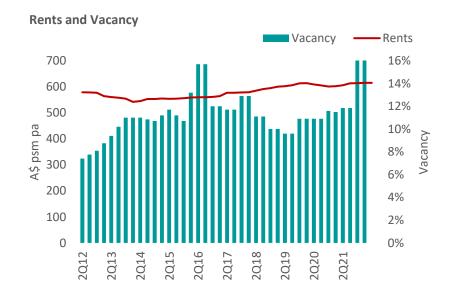


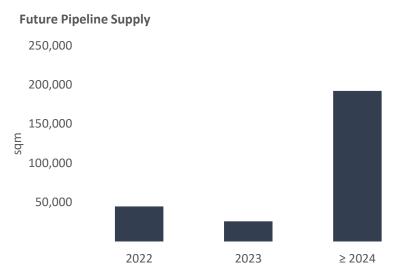
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	2022F	2023F
GDP Growth	4.1%	2.6%
Unemployment Rate	4.8%	4.7%
Inflation	2.1%	2.2%

Real Estate Indicators		
	Q1 2022	12mth Forecast
Prime Rent (A\$ psm pa)	708	↑
Vacancy	12.1%	\
Market Balance	Tenant	Tenant



Brisbane





Economic Indicators		
	2022F	2023F
GDP Growth	4.1%	2.6%
Unemployment Rate	4.8%	4.7%
Inflation	2.1%	2.2%

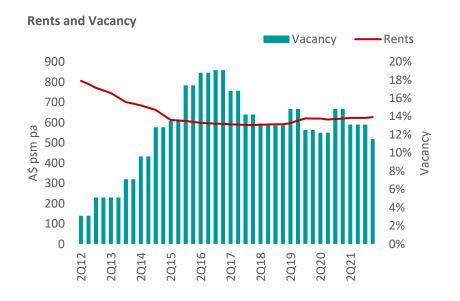
Real Estate Indicators		
	Q1 2022	12mth Forecast
Prime Rent (A\$ psm pa)	617	\uparrow
Vacancy	16.3%	\downarrow
Market Balance	Tenant	Tenant

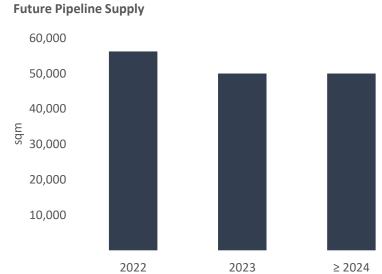


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Perth





Economic Indicators		
	2022F	2023F
GDP Growth	4.1%	2.6%
Unemployment Rate	4.8%	4.7%
Inflation	2.1%	2.2%

Real Estate Indicators		
	Q1 2022	12mth Forecast
Prime Rent (A\$ psm pa)	626	↑
Vacancy	11.5%	\
Market Balance	Tenant	Tenant



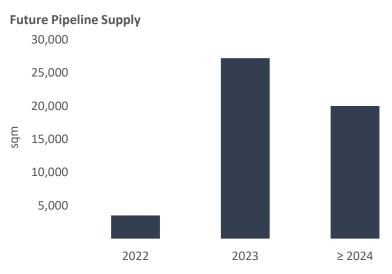
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Auckland





Economic Indicators		
	2022F	2023F
GDP Growth	3.3%	1.7%
Unemployment Rate	4.4%	4.7%
Inflation	2.2%	2.0%

Real Estate Indicators			
	Q1 2022	12mth Forecast	
Prime Rent (NZ\$ psm pa)	530	\rightarrow	
Vacancy	10.3%	\downarrow	
Market Balance	Balanced	Balanced	

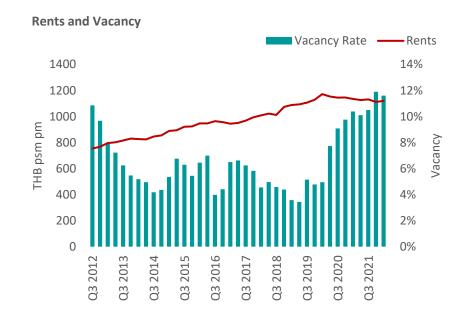


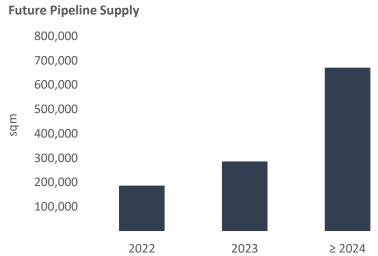


Southeast Asia

While the latest major variant, Omicron, affected Southeast Asia (SEA) just like any other region, lockdowns were generally not imposed in many cities as the population learned to live through the endemic. GDP rose in all the SEA cities tracked by the Index, indicating that business sentiments is indeed slowly recovering, and we will continue to observe this positive trajectory in the months to come. Across the board, all SEA cities tracked recorded stable or increasing rents in the new quarter. Rental growth has reversed, and average rent has clinched an uptick of 0.7% QoQ. Jakarta leads the office market recovery at 2% QoQ growth, followed by Singapore at 1%. Vacancy stays elevated with only Phnom Penh, Bangkok and Ho Chi Minh City registering a slight improvement. For now, we expect SEA's office sector to sustainably rebound as it gathers pace. Rents are likely to have reached a trough.

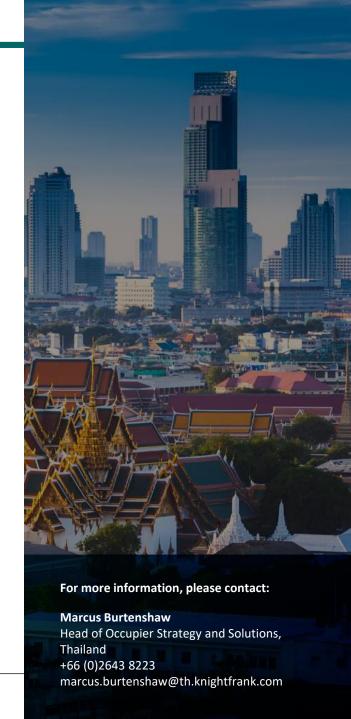
Bangkok





Economic Indicators		
	2022F	2023F
GDP Growth	4.5%	4.0%
Unemployment Rate	N/A	N/A
Inflation	1.3%	1.1%

Real Estate Indicators			
	Q1 2022	12mth Forecast	
Prime Rent (THB psm pm)	1,057	\rightarrow	
Vacancy	11.6%	\downarrow	
Market Balance	Tenant	Tenant	



Jakarta



Economic Indicators		
	2022F	2023F
GDP Growth	5.9%	6.4%
Unemployment Rate	6.0%	5.6%
Inflation	2.8%	3.2%

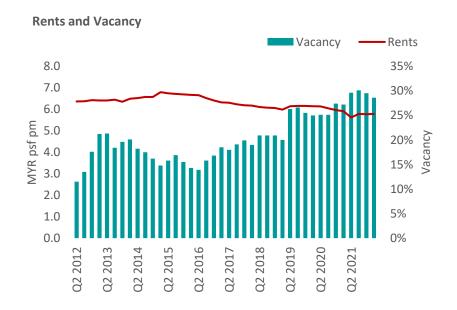
Real Estate Indicators		
	Q41 2022	12mth Forecast
Prime Rent (IDR psm pm)	302,359	\downarrow
Vacancy	23.0%	\rightarrow
Market Balance	Tenant	Tenant

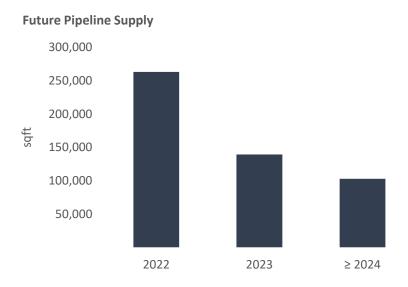


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Kuala Lumpur





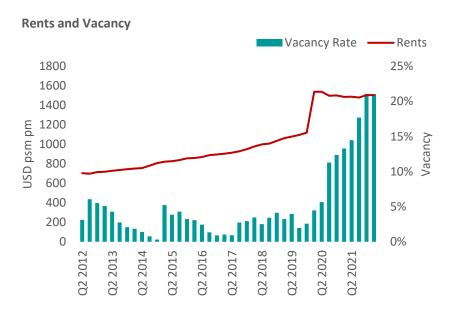
Economic Indicators		
	2022F	2023F
GDP Growth	6.0%	5.7%
Unemployment Rate	4.5%	4.3%
Inflation	2.0%	2.0%

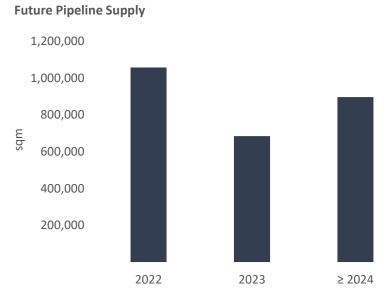
Real Estate Indicators		
	Q1 2022	12mth Forecast
Prime Rent (MYR psf pm)	5.78	\
Vacancy	28.6%	↑
Market Balance	Tenant	Tenant



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Manila



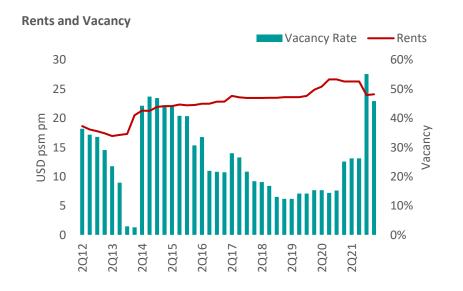


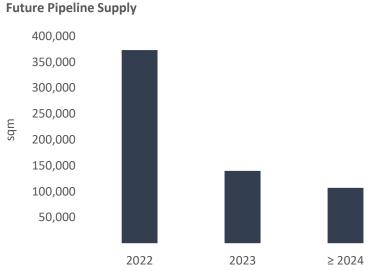
Economic Indicators		
	2022F	2023F
GDP Growth	6.3%	7.0%
Unemployment Rate	6.8%	6.0%
Inflation	3.0%	3.0%

Real Estate Indicators		
	Q1 2022	12mth Forecast
Prime Rent (PHP psm pm)	1,504	\
Vacancy	21.0%	↑
Market Balance	Tenant	Tenant



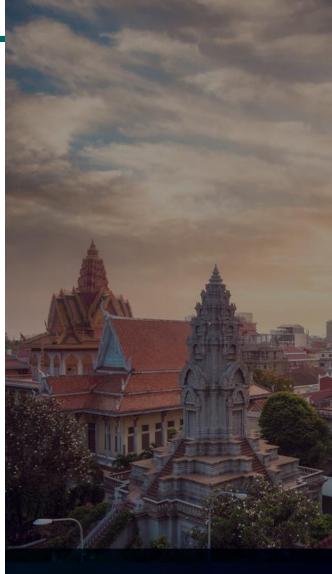
Phnom Penh





Economic Indicators		
	2022F	2023F
GDP Growth	5.7%	6.4%
Unemployment Rate	N/A	N/A
Inflation	3.2%	3.0%

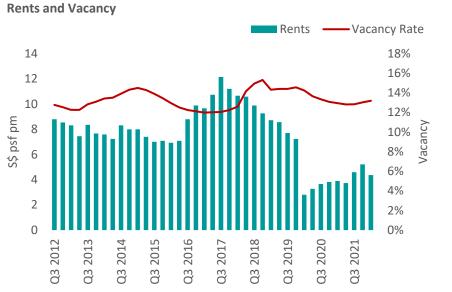
Real Estate Indicators		
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Prime Rent (US\$ psm pm)	24.1	\rightarrow
Vacancy	45.9%	\downarrow
Market Balance	Tenant	Tenant

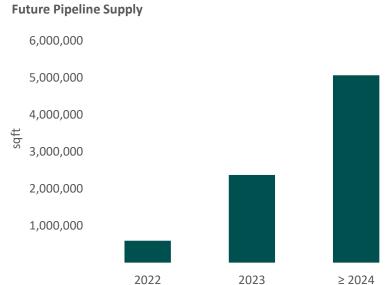


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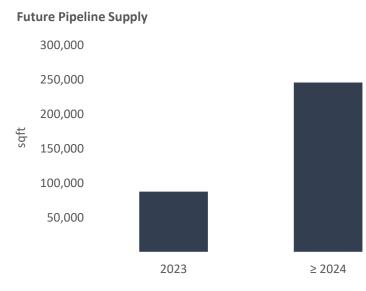
Economic Indicators		
	2022F	2023F
GDP Growth	3.2%	2.7%
Unemployment Rate	2.5%	2.4%
Inflation	1.5%	1.5%

Real Estate Indicators		
	Q1 2022	12mth Forecast
Prime Rent (S\$ psf pm)	10.25	↑
Vacancy	5.6%	\
Market Balance	Balanced	Balanced



Ho Chi Minh City





Economic Indicators		
	2022F	2023F
GDP Growth	6.6%	6.8%
Unemployment Rate	2.4%	2.3%
Inflation	2.3%	3.2%

Real Estate Indicators		
	Q1 2022	12mth Forecast
Prime Rent (US\$ psm pm)	47.8	↑
Vacancy	9.1%	↑
Market Balance	Landlord	Landlord

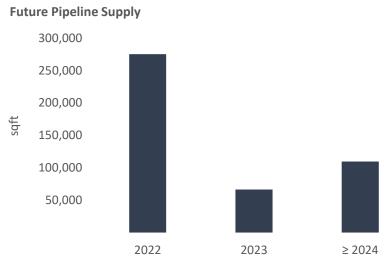


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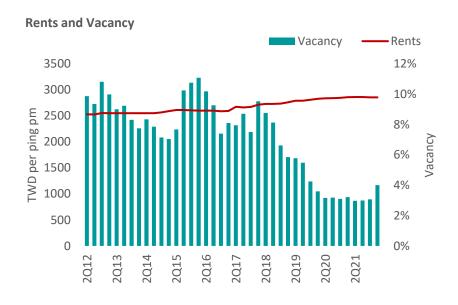


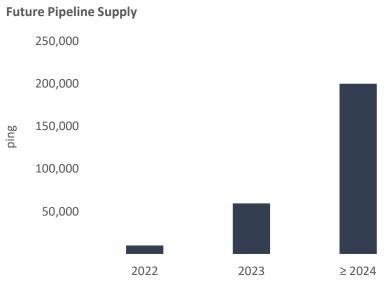
Economic Indicators		
	2022F	2023F
GDP Growth	3.5%	3.1%
Unemployment Rate	4.6%	4.2%
Inflation	2.1%	2.3%

Real Estate Indicators		
	Q1 2022	12mth Forecast
Prime Rent (HK\$ psf pm)	114	↑
Vacancy	7.2%	↑
Market Balance	Tenant	Tenant



Taipei



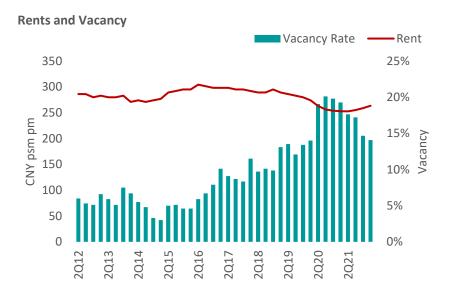


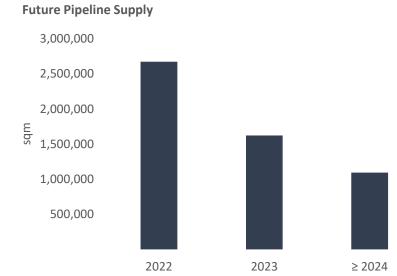
Economic Indicators		
	2022F	2023F
GDP Growth	3.3%	2.6%
Unemployment Rate	3.6%	3.6%
Inflation	1.5%	1.4%

Real Estate Indicators		
	Q4 2021	12mth Forecast
Prime Rent (TW\$ per ping pm)	2,854	\rightarrow
Vacancy	4.0%	\rightarrow
Market Balance	Landlord	Landlord



Shanghai



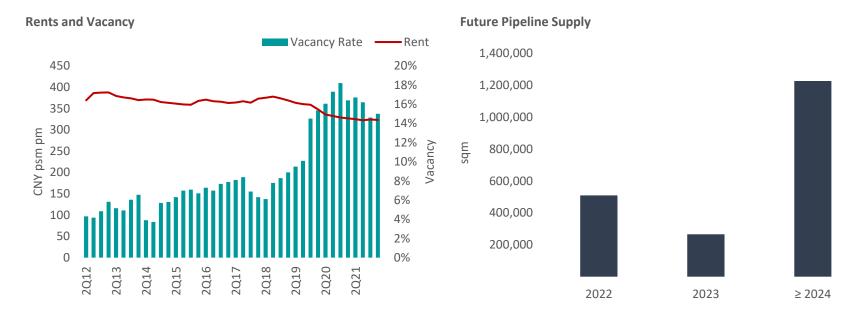


Economic Indicators		
	2022F	2023F
GDP Growth	5.6%	5.3%
Unemployment Rate	3.7%	3.6%
Inflation	1.8%	1.9%

Real Estate Indicators		
	Q1 2022	12mth Forecast
Prime Rent (CNY psm pm)	263	↑
Vacancy	14.1%	↑
Market Balance	Balanced	Balanced



Beijing

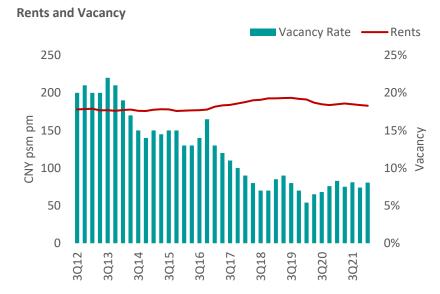


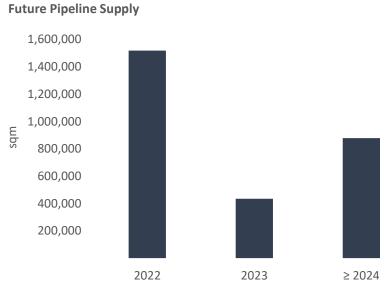
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GDP Growth	5.6%	5.3%
Unemployment Rate	3.7%	3.6%
Inflation	1.8%	1.9%

Real Estate Indicators		
	Q1 2022	12mth Forecast
Prime Rent (CNY psm pm)	323	↑
Vacancy	15.0%	↑
Market Balance	Balanced	Balanced



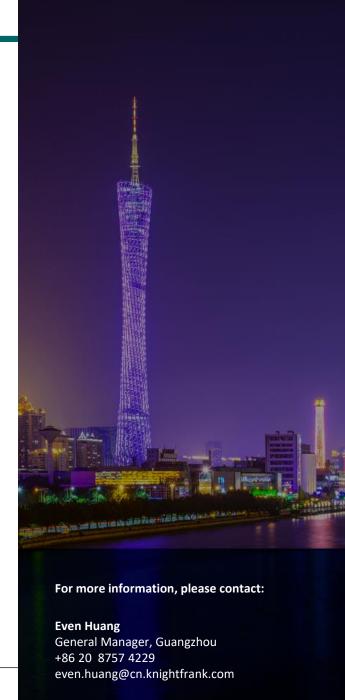
Guangzhou





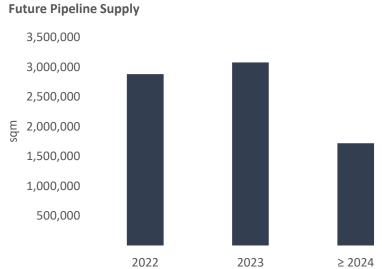
Economic Indicators		
	2022F	2023F
GDP Growth	5.6%	5.3%
Unemployment Rate	3.7%	3.6%
Inflation	1.8%	1.9%

Real Estate Indicators		
	Q1 2022	12mth Forecast
Prime Rent (CNY psm pm)	183	\rightarrow
Vacancy	8.1%	↑
Market Balance	Tenant	Balanced



Shenzhen



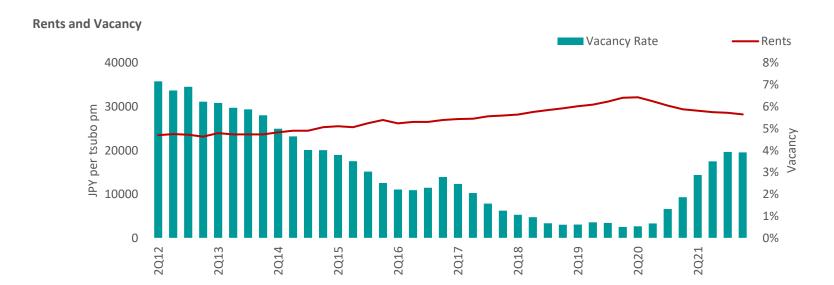


Economic Indicators		
	2022F	2023F
GDP Growth	5.6%	5.3%
Unemployment Rate	3.7%	3.6%
Inflation	1.8%	1.9%

Real Estate Indicators		
	Q1 2022	12mth Forecast
Prime Rent (CNY psm pm)	194	\downarrow
Vacancy	17.1%	↑
Market Balance	Tenant	Tenant



Tokyo

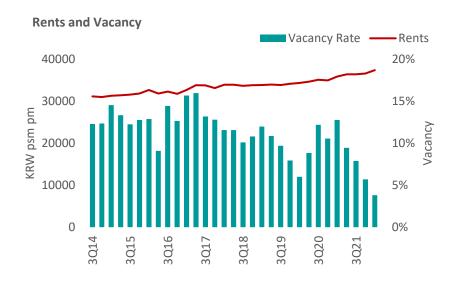


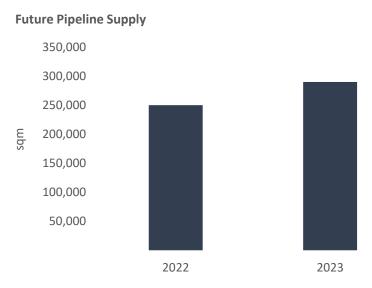
Economic Indicators			
	2022F	2023F	
GDP Growth	3.2%	1.4%	
Unemployment Rate	2.4%	2.3%	
Inflation	0.5%	0.7%	

Real Estate Indicators		
	Q1 2022	12mth Forecast
Prime Rent (JPY per tsubo pm)	28,240	\downarrow
Vacancy	3.9%	\uparrow
Market Balance	Balanced	Tenant



Seoul





Economic Indicators		
	2022F	2023F
GDP Growth	3.3%	2.8%
Unemployment Rate	3.7%	3.7%
Inflation	1.6%	1.6%

Real Estate Indicators		
	Q1 2022	12mth Forecast
Prime Rent (KRW psm pm)	37,354	↑
Vacancy	3.8%	\
Market Balance	Landlord	Landlord

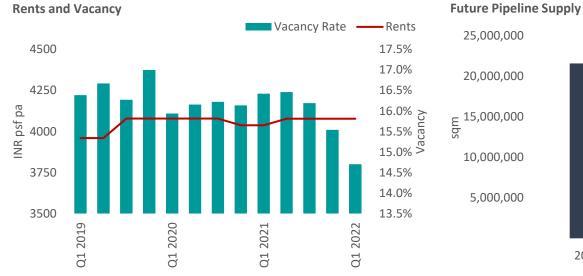






In a comparable fashion to the previous quarter, National Capital Region (NCR) and Mumbai maintained their office rents in Q1 2022. Bengaluru is once again the outlier as it recorded 5.8% of rental growth, an early sign of recovery as IT companies stream back into the city. Tech companies lead most of the demand for leasing activities and will continue to do so in the few years to come. The robust leasing is in tandem with how occupiers in India began allowing employees to return after a lapse of two years with vaccination rate increasing to slightly over 70%. Going into the rest of 2022, we forecast that more employers will open up their workplaces, boding well for the office market in India's Tier-1 cities.

Delhi-NCR



		2022F	2023F	
Ed	conomic Ind	icators		
Q1 2019	Q1 2020	Q1 2021	Q1 2022	
3500	50	21	14.0% 13.5%	
3750			14.5%	0
Sd. 4000		Ш	15.5% 15.0%	Vacal

Economic Indicators			
	2022F	2023F	
GDP Growth	8.5%	6.6%	
Unemployment Rate	NA	NA	
Inflation	4.9%	4.3%	

Real Estate Indicators		
	Q1 2022	12mth Forecast
Prime Rent (INR psf pa)	4,078	\rightarrow
Vacancy	14.7%	\rightarrow
Market Balance	Balanced	Balanced

2023

2022



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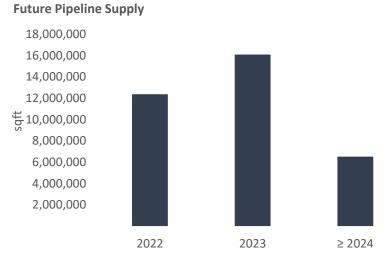
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Bengaluru





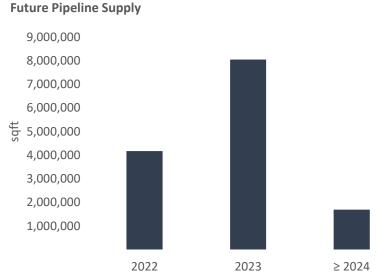
Economic Indicators		
	2022F	2023F
GDP Growth	8.5%	6.6%
Unemployment Rate	NA	NA
Inflation	4.9%	4.3%

Real Estate Indicators		
	Q1 2022	12mth Forecast
Prime Rent (INR psf pa)	1,544	↑
Vacancy	12.6%	\downarrow
Market Balance	Balanced	Balanced



Mumbai Metropolitan Region (MMR)





Economic Indicators		
	2022F	2023F
GDP Growth	8.5%	6.6%
Unemployment Rate	NA	NA
Inflation	4.9%	4.3%

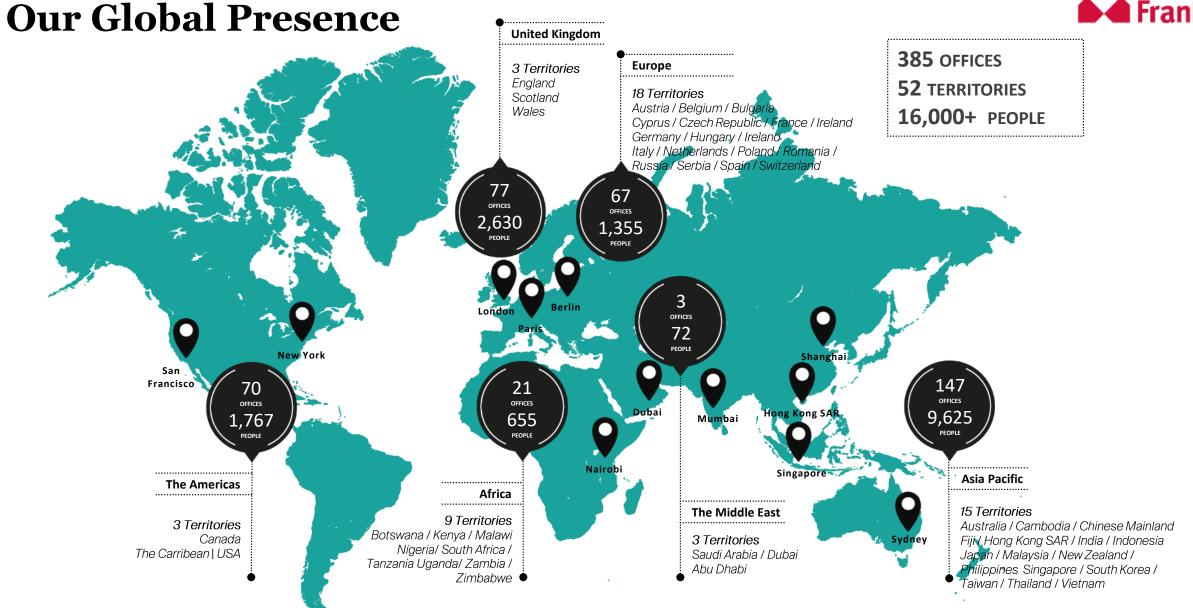
Real Estate Indicators		
	Q4 2021	12mth Forecast
Prime Rent (INR psf pa)	3,385	\rightarrow
Vacancy	20.6%	\
Market Balance	Balanced	Balanced



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