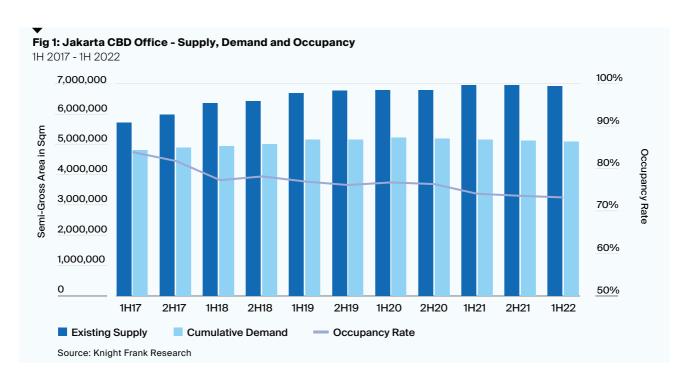


Jakarta CBD Office Market Overview

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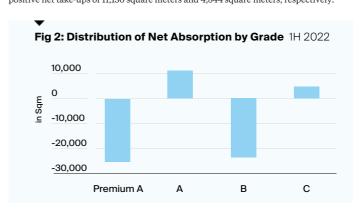
The improving pandemic situation in early part of 2022 has led employees to gradually return to office, along with the resurgent of market activities. However, excess new supply and double-digit vacancies will put further downward pressure on rents.

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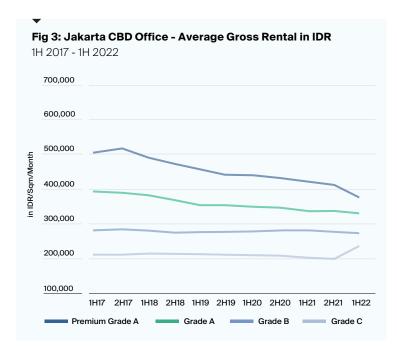
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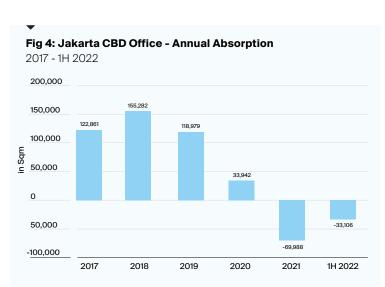
The cumulative total office stock in the Jakarta CBD decreased negligibly year-on-year by 0.2% to 6,933,502 square meters with two removed projects (Menara Taspen and Wisma UIC) under re-development and the addition of Sarinah re-opening after renovation during the first half of 2022. The rental office stock was recorded at 4,795,200 square meters of which 25% was Premium Grade A, 62% was Grade A, 11% was Grade B and 2% was Grade C. Approximately 539,147 square meters of the total new office supply in the pipeline with five projects underway are expected to enter the market in 2023 and 54% of the new supply will be concentrated in the submarket of Thamrin.

Following four consecutive periods of negative net absorption since the second half of 2020, the overall occupancy has experienced its downward trend, dropping to 73.3% in the first half of 2022 and leaving a total of 1,850,653 square meters of vacant spaces. The continuing trend of flight to quality and several building re-developments were partly reflected in the net absorption figures for the first half of 2022. Grade A Premium and Grade B buildings recorded the largest negative net take-ups of 25,363 square meters and 23,718 square meters, respectively; While Grade A and Grade C showed small positive net take-ups of 11,130 square meters and 4,844 square meters, respectively.



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Note: pledges made after publication of manifestos are included where possible

As the Omicron wanes, the lifting of mobility and travel restrictions and re-opening of international borders have exhibited a positive recovery momentum for the Jakarta office market. Leasing transactions during the first half of 2022 primarily involved companies from the Information Technology (IT), Fintech, Mining, Insurance and Agrobusiness sectors.

The total average asking base rental in Rupiah terms has posted a continued downward trend, decreasing by 5.6% (yoy) to Rp239,110 per square meter per month in the first half of 2022, the lowest level since 2013. Meanwhile, Grade Premium A buildings experienced the highest average asking base rental reduction of -14.1% (yoy) in Rupiah terms. With the new supply until 2023 equivalent to 7.8% of existing stock and set against subdued market conditions leading to rising vacancy, rental values are poised to remain under pressure with landlords competing to attract new occupiers and retain existing tenants. Total service charges in Rupiah terms witnessed an increase of 1.9% (yoy) to Rp92,824 per square meter per month. Service charges are expected to continue to increase at a gradual growth pace, considering higher minimum wages, basic electricity tariffs and fuel prices.

Given a limited primary supply, a stagnant market and decreased rental performances, the average asking price of overall CBD strata-title office buildings in the first half of 2022 decreased slightly by 0.47% (yoy) in Rupiah terms to Rp49.3 million per square meter and 1.79% (yoy) in U.S. Dollar terms to US\$3,343 per square meter.

With business sentiments returning to normalcy after the intensity and impact of the Omicron-variant came under control, most companies have focused on returning to normal office settings as face-to-face interactions are strongly believed toward a stronger workplace synergy. However, hybrid working models remain to become the norm due to lingering variant effects of the pandemic. Demand for office space is expected to slowly improve, supported by the resilient economic growth in the second quarter of 2022. However, the challenges of rising inflationary pressures and recession risks in the post-pandemic may undermine the leasing momentum recovery in the near term.



"With the ample of new supply in the pipeline and double-digit vacancies, developers are expected to remain in a "wait and see" approach with no new office projects likely to launch in the near term."



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