Prague Office Market



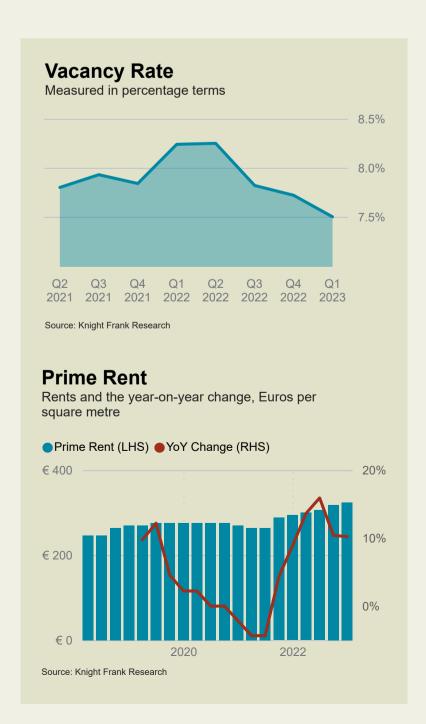
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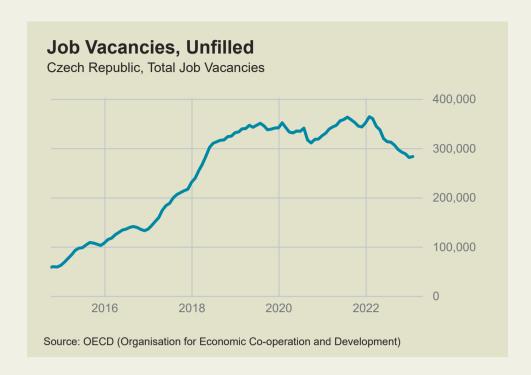
The Prague office market performed fairly well in Q1 2023, with vacancy continuing to tick downwards from its recent peak of 8.25% in Q2 2022. The figure was recorded at 7.5% this quarter, down 22 bps from last quarter. This is despite the large volume of new completions in Q1 of 37,981 sqm, a robust 62% above the Q1 average.

The market saw 137,841 sqm of take-up this quarter, also well above the 5-year first quarter average for the metric. This is the highest Q1 take-up volume recorded in the last 10 years. However, a large portion, close to 45% of the transactions, were found to be renegotiations. Prior to 2020, this figure was usually below 40%.

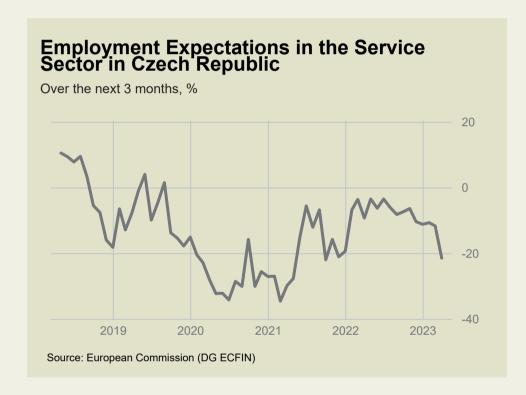
Prime rents have increased again in Q1 to €324 psqm per annum, representing 10.2% growth year-over-year. They have been steadily on the rise since a recent low of €264 psqm in Q3 2021.

The under construction pipeline is very limited, with approximately 90,000 sqm scheduled for completion in 2023 and only 50,000 sqm in 2024. No construction commencements have been observed in the last three quarters. As a large proportion of the pipeline under construction is already pre-let, the only option for potential new occupiers is anticipated to soon be second-hand office space. As such, prime rents can be expected to rise and the market balance may tip in landlords' favour in coming years.

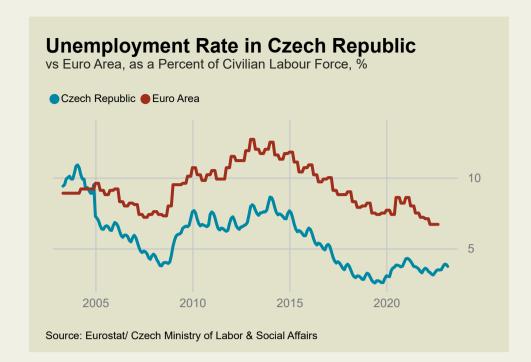
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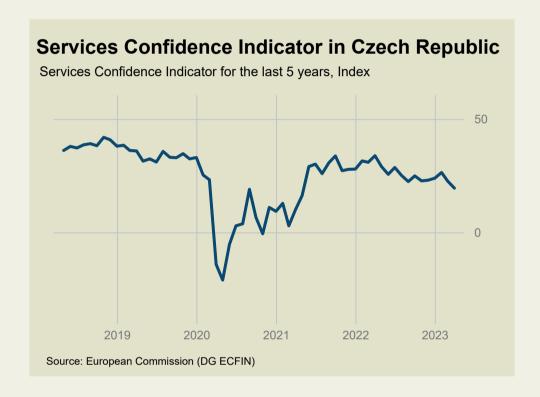
The number of unfilled job vacancies in the Czech Republic has been falling in 2022 as the pace of hiring demand slows amid economic uncertainty.



Amid the anticipated labour market conditions, service sector employment expectations continued to tick downwards in Q1 2023.



The unemployment rate in the Czech Republic remains the lowest in the Euro Area. It increased to a two-year high of 3.9% in January, and has since fallen back down to 3.7% in March. At these levels it is still well below the ten-year average of 4.8%.



Service sector confidence fluctuated slightly in Q1 2023 but remains below pre-pandemic levels as high inflation weighs on consumer spending.

We like questions, if you've got one about our research, or would like some property advice, we would love to hear from you.

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