# Sydney Industrial Precincts

Q2 2024

This report provides a precinct-by-precinct quarterly update of the Sydney industrial market

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# Investment

# Improving transaction volumes as Institutional investors acquire assets in sought-after locations

**5.25%** 

Super prime yield Stable q/q Up by 50 bps y/y

**5.46%** 

Prime yield Stable q/q Up by 39 bps y/y

**6.38%** 

Secondary yield Stable q/q Up by 62 bps y/y

### **KEY TRENDS**

- Investment volume across Sydney ticked up in Q2, with 28 assets traded and \$939 million recorded, taking the half-year transaction turnover to \$1.4 billion.
- Recovering investment activity has been backed by institutional investors acquiring facilities in sought after locations. Significant transactions include Goodman buying 28-40 Lord St, Botany for \$170 million, 263 King St, Mascot for \$72 million and 247 King St, Mascot for \$75 million; Arrow Capital purchasing 7-15 Gundah Rd, Mt Ku ring-gai for \$102 million.
- Yields remain stable over the quarter at 5.46% for prime and 6.38% for secondary. Average yields have now softened by 160 bps for prime and 200 bps for secondary, since mid 2022.
- With the economic environment becoming clearer and more encouraging, institutional investors are back to acquisition mode.
- Yields appear to have stabilised and are expected to hold firm over the remainder of 2024.

# Sydney industrial investment volume

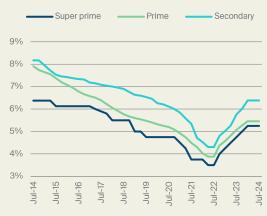
A\$ million (sales, A\$10m+)



Source: Knight Frank Research, RCA

### Sydney industrial yields

By grade, average %



Source: Knight Frank Research

### **Recent Significant Sales**

Property	Precinct	Price (\$m)	) Size (sqm)	\$/sqm	Purchaser	Vendor	Yield (%)	WALE
28-40 Lord St, Botany	South	170.0	31,923	5,325	Goodman	Dexus	6.14	4.7
7-15 Gundah Rd, Mt Kuring-gai	North	101.8	32,844	3,100	Arrow Capital	ESR JV GIC	6.28	2.5
247 King St, Mascot	South	75.0	10,852	6,911	Goodman	Pittwater Industrial	5.50	0.3
133 Vanessa St, Kingsgrove	South West	55.8	13,102	4,255	Blackstone	Charter Hall	5.88	0.7
275 Kurrajong Rd, Prestons	South West	40.0	9,197	4,349	Bachechi Bros.Realty Inc	Fife Capital	5.25	9.5

# **Outer West**

Solid demand for speculative space despite easing leasing activity



# 58k

**▲** 118k

Sqm leasing take-up in Q2

Sqm vacancy in Q2 Up by 17% q/q

Spec development accounted for 40%



**10.8%** 

Prime net face rent Stable q/q Up by 2.5% y/y Incentives for both prime and secondary
Stable q/q



**5.50%** 

Sqm new supply expected in 2024 42% completed in H1

Prime yield Stable q/q Up by 45 bps y/y

### **KEY TRENDS**

- Take-up volume fell to a year low at 57,517 sqm in Q2, consisting of 40% speculative deals backed by DB Schenker securing c.17,400 sqm speculative space in Oakdale West Industrial Estate.
- Vacancy rose 17% over the quarter to c.118,000 sqm, accounting for 47% overall vacancy in Sydney.
- Net face rents have held flat since Q4 2023, with prime rent standing at \$203/sqm and secondary at \$168/sqm.
- The first half of 2024 saw c.261,000 sqm of new space delivered to the market. With a further 358,000 sqm under construction, the new development in 2024 is expected to achieve the historical high of 619,356 sqm.
- Completions in Q2 include WH3 in Elevation at Greystanes (28,000 sqm) and WH9 in Aspect Industrial Estate (65,000 sqm)
- Yields stabilised at 5.50% for prime and 6.45% for secondary.

# Outer West industrial leasing take-up '000sqm by type Existing Speculative Prelease 1,000 800 400 200

2021

Source: Knight Frank Research

2023

2024



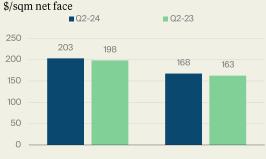
Source: Knight Frank Research

### **Outer West industrial rents**

2018

2019

2020



Source: Knight Frank Research

### **Outer West industrial land values**



# South West

# Rising vacancy presenting opportunity for occupiers



# 47k

83k

Sam leasing take-up in Q2

Sqm vacancy in Q2 Down by 2% q/q

27% below 5-year average



**11.6%** 

Prime net face rent Stable q/q Up by 2.7% y/y

Prime incentive Stable q/q Up by 200 bps y/y



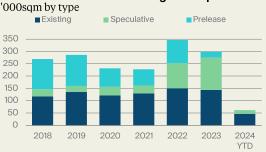
5.65%

Sqm new supply expected in 2024; 63% completed in H1 Prime yield; Stable q/q Up by 60 bps y/y

### **KEY TRENDS**

- Leasing volume in Q2 totalled 46,866 sqm, comprising 31% speculative deals and 69% of existing space.
- Tenant demand in Q2 was led by manufacturers and wholesalers, taking up a combined 58% of space over the quarter. This includes Cosentino committing c.13,000 sqm in Crossroads Logistics Centre, Casula.
- Total available space was reported at a similar level in Q1 at c.83,000 sqm, while the existing prime vacancy lifted by 28% in Q2.
- Net rent averaged \$190/sqm for prime and \$115/sqm for secondary, with incentives holding at 11.6% and 12.0% respectively.
- Over 71,000 sqm new space has been brought to the market in H1 2024, including preleased WH9 (c.23,000sqm) at Moorebank Intermodal Precinct. The further 41,000 sqm under construction will bring the development pipeline in 2024 to over 113,000 sqm.
- Yields have held stable over the quarter at 5.65% for prime and 6.38% for secondary.

# South West industrial leasing take-up



Source: Knight Frank Research

## **South West vacancy**



Source: Knight Frank Research

### South West industrial rents



Source: Knight Frank Research

### South West industrial land values



Source: Knight Frank Research

# Inner West

# The only precinct vacancy remains lows



# 44k

Sqm leasing take-up in Q2

74% above 3-year average



# \$214/sqm

Prime net face rent Stable q/q Up by 4.9% y/y



Sqm new supply expected in 2024 25% lower than 2023



# 14k

Sqm vacancy in Q2 Stable q/q 59% below 3-year average



# 8.3%

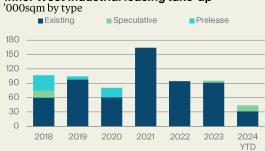
Prime incentive Stable q/q Stable y/y



# 5.25%

Prime yield; Stable q/q Up by 25 bps y/y

# Inner West industrial leasing take-up



Source: Knight Frank Research

## **Inner West vacancy**



Source: Knight Frank Research

### Inner West industrial rents



### Source: Knight Frank Research

### **KEY TRENDS**

- Leasing activity in Q2 recorded 43,672 sqm, well above the 3-year average of 25,000 sqm.
- Manufacturing, as the most active sector over the quarter, contributed 46% of total take-ups, supported by Pac Trading taking c.11,200 sqm in Goodman's Rosehill Industrial Estate.
- The robust leasing demand kept the vacancy at the lowest among precincts. With vacancies normalising in other submarkets, available space in Inner West remains well below the 3-year average.
- Average prime net face rent reported at \$214/sqm. Secondary rent averaged at \$176/sqm. Incentives across both prime and secondary grades averaging at 8%
- Two major developments WH A1-A3 in Chullora Distribution Centre and 2 Christina Road, Villawood are taking the pipeline to c. 70,000sqm in 2024.
- Yields averaged 5.25% for prime and 6.22% for secondary.

### Inner West industrial land values



# South

# Multi-storey warehouses lead the supply pipeline in 2024



# 12k



Sqm leasing take-up in Q2

65 % above 5-year average

Sqm vacancy in Q2 Up by 22% q/q



# \$328/sqm

**5.0%** 

Prime net face rent Stable q/q Up by 5.6% y/y Prime incentive Stable q/q Stable y/y



# 64k

**4.88%** 

Sqm new supply expected in 2024 15% completed in H1

Prime yield Stable q/q Up by 24 bps y/y

### **KEY TRENDS**

- Occupier demand in the 'last mile' precinct has been dominated by transport/logistic operaotrs.
- Availability increased by 22% over the quarter to 33,500 sqm, the highest vacancy level in three years.
- Premium rents are still achieved in the precinct, with current prime rental spreads to Other West at 38%, South West at 42% and Inner West at 35%.
- Prime net face rents averaged \$328/sqm and secondary averaged \$268/sqm. Incentives averaged 5% for prime and 8% for secondary.
- Supply additions in 2024 are expected to reach 65,407sqm, of which, multi-level facilities Ascent on Bourke and Portal will see 27,500sqm and 17,600sqm on the market.
- Completions in H1 2024 include WH2 (c.10,000sqm) in MCP28, Banksmeadow.
- Yields averaged 4.88% for prime and 5.88% for secondary.

### South industrial leasing take-up 000sqm by type Speculative Prelease 100 80 60 40 20 2018 2019 2020 2021 2022 2023 2024

Source: Knight Frank Research



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### **Data Digest**

Prime Grade: Asset with modern design, good condition & utility with an office component 10-30%. Located in an established industrial precinct with good access.

Secondary Grade: Asset with an older design, in reasonable/poor condition, inferior to prime stock, with an office component between 10-20%.

Take-up: Take-up represents the absorption of existing assets, speculative developments, or pre-commitments

Vacancy Methodology:

This analysis collects and tabulates data detailing vacancies (5,000m<sup>2</sup>+) within industrial properties across all of the Sydney Industrial Property Market. The buildings are categorised into 1) Existing Buildings – existing buildings for lease. 2) Speculative Buildings – buildings for lease which have been speculatively constructed and although have reached practical completion, still remain vacant. 3) Spec. Under Construction – buildings for lease which are being speculatively constructed and will be available for occupation within 12 months.

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