

# Asia-Pacific H1 2023 Logistics Highlights

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Despite flagging GDP growth in the Chinese Mainland and a less-than-optimistic outlook for the global economy, logistics real estate in Asia-Pacific (APAC) has continued to defy economic headwinds, supported by resilient demand from e-commerce, 3PL players as well as manufacturers.

The delivery of new supply continues to remain short of demand levels, with strong pre-commitments observed in several markets. While e-commerce demand is normalising, optimisation of the sector's logistics footprint has driven demand for modern facilities. Preference for institutional-grade facilities in core areas and last-mile locations continued to fuel leasing activity in the region, while China+1 strategies also saw ongoing expansions by major manufacturers in Southeast Asia.

Powered by the acceleration in rental growth in Manila, overall rents in APAC maintained their upward trajectory to grow by an average of 10.4% year-on-year in H1 2023. Supply-heavy Jakarta is the only market to buck the overall regional trend to report falling rents. However, near-term momentum indicated by half-yearly rental growth in H1 2023 slowed to 4.8%, compared to 5.3% six months ago.

With the huge volume of supply expected in the Chinese Mainland, rents in Beijing and Shanghai are expected to soften in tandem with rising vacancy rates for the rest of 2023. While the persistent shortage of quality spaces is likely to keep rents moving higher in the region in H2 2023, the pace will remain restrained by a cautious occupier base.

#### 10.4%

YoY growth for Asia-Pacific Rental Index in H1 2023

### Manila

Recorded the highest semi-annual rental growth

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Tracked cities recorded stable or increasing rents in H1 2023

### Tempered Optimism

Expectations for H2 2023

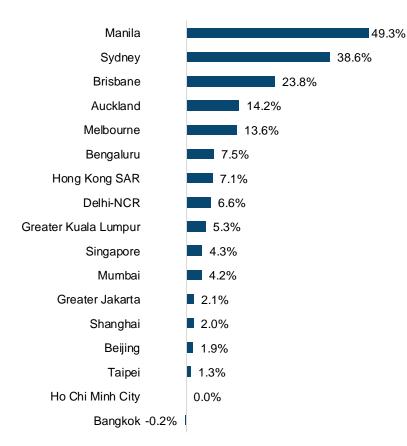
"Even as the Asia-Pacific logistics sector continues to be characterised by resilient demand, underpinned by the long-term appeal for quality spaces, we see the pace remaining restrained by a cautious occupier base. In the medium term, rising interest rates and slowing growth remain key concerns for the region, impacting consumer spending and consumption. Consequently, businesses are expected to maintain reduced inventory levels and streamline their supply chains, leading to a moderation in sector demand and creating prospects for sub-leasing-leasing opportunities"

Tim Armstrong Global Head of Occupier Strategy and Solutions

### **APAC Logistics Rents**



#### Rental growth in the region strengthens as Manila's rents accelerate



#### **Rental Growth Year-on-Year**



#### Rental Growth Half-Yearly

Demand for logistics remain resilient despite economic headwinds



3PLs and manufacturing sectors sustain leasing activity



Rents expected to remain on an uptrend in H223

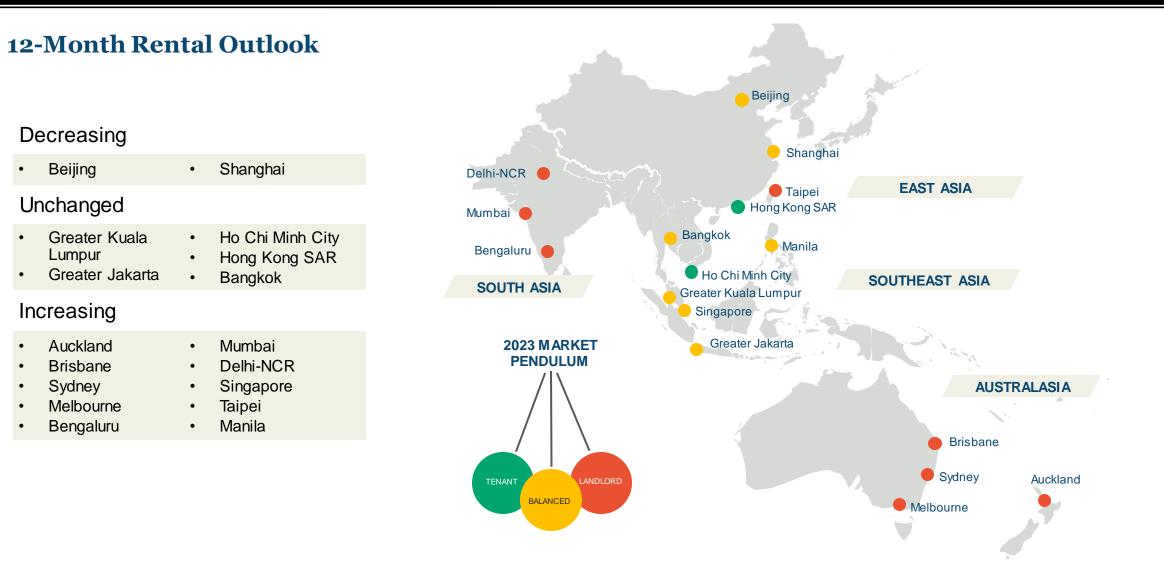


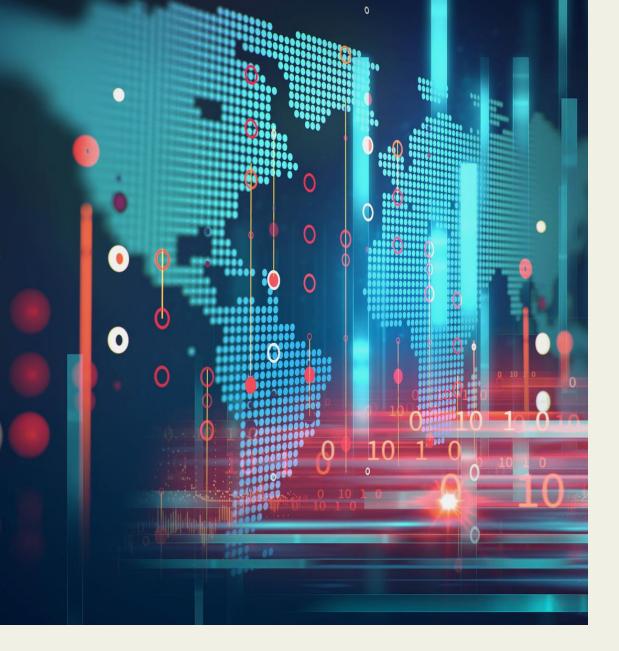
Specialist / well-located facilities will be beneficiaries of supply chain optimisation / modernisation

\*India tracks by Financial Year (April-March period) and is thus excluded from this chart

### **APAC 2023 Logistics Outlook**









## **Market Dashboards**

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## Australasia

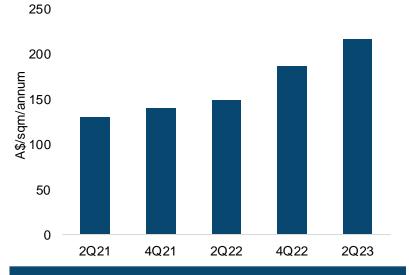
Limited availability is driving broad-based rental growth as vacancy rates across the Eastern Seaboard continue to sit at record-low levels. Incentives continued to decline in 2023 and currently average at 10% which stimulated strong rises in effective rents. Despite a peak in the development cycle in 2023, with each of the three major markets expecting 8-900,000 sqm of new supply, over 50% of the pipeline is already pre-committed. This limits the amount of speculative space entering the market, which is unlikely to significantly alleviate the current undersupply situation. These conditions were also mirrored in Auckland where continued rental growth remains driven by tight vacancy rates at just 1.0%, which has been intensified by the short supply of land.

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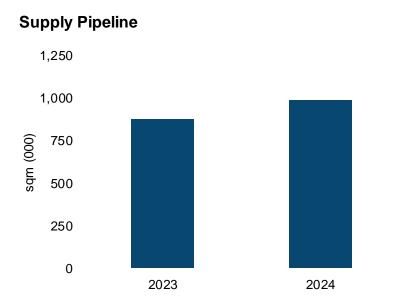
## Sydney



Net Effective Rents



Economic Indicators					
2023F 2024F					
GDP Growth	1.5%	1.6%			
Unemployment Rate	3.8%	4.3%			
Inflation	5.4%	3.4%			



Real Estate Indicators					
H1 2023 12 mth Forecast					
Prime Rent (A\$ psm pa)	237	¢			
Market Balance	Landlord	Landlord			

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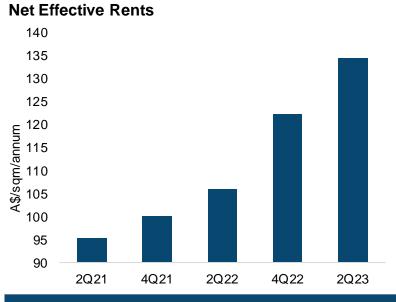
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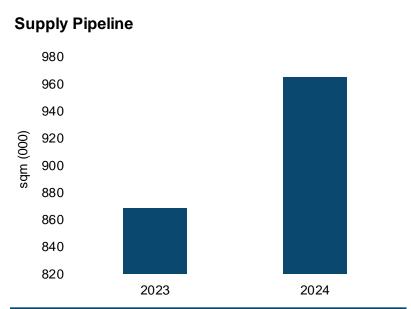
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### Brisbane





Economic Indicators					
2023F 2024					
GDP Growth	1.5%	1.6%			
Unemployment Rate	3.8%	4.3%			
Inflation	5.4%	3.4%			



Real Estate Indicators					
H1 2023 12 mth Forecast					
Prime Rent (A\$ psm pa)	153	¢			
Market Balance	Landlord	Landlord			



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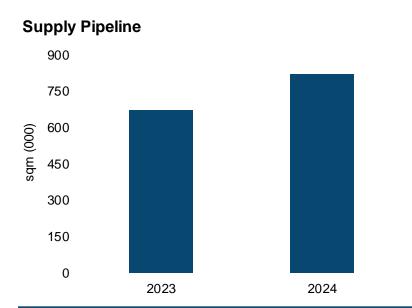
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### Melbourne



Net Effective Rents

Economic Indicators					
2023F 2024F					
GDP Growth	1.5%	1.6%			
Unemployment Rate	3.8%	4.3%			
Inflation	5.4%	3.4%			



Real Estate Indicators					
H1 2023 12 mth Forecast					
Prime Rent (A\$ psm pa)	131	¢			
Market Balance	Landlord	Landlord			



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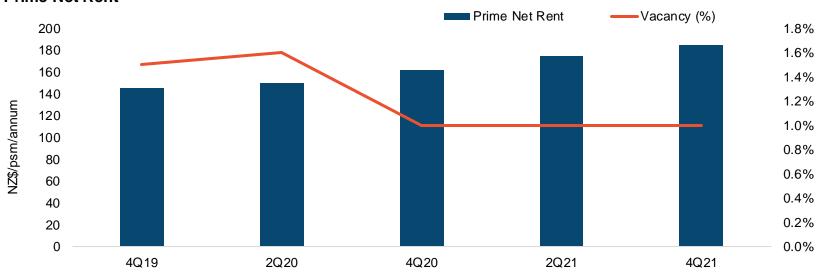
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### Auckland

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#### Prime Net Rent



Economic Indicators					
2023F 2024F					
GDP Growth	1.1%	0.9%			
Unemployment Rate	4.3%	5.3%			
Inflation	5.5%	2.6%			

Real Estate Indicators					
H1 2023 Forecast					
Prime Rent (NZ\$ psm pa)	185	<b>↑</b>			
Vacancy	1.0%	$\rightarrow$			
Market Balance	Landlord	Landlord			



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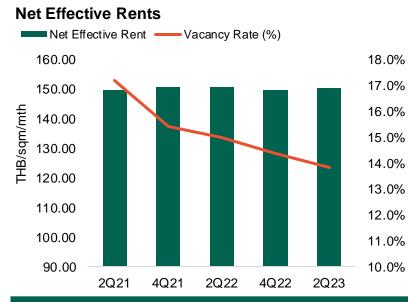
# Southeast Asia

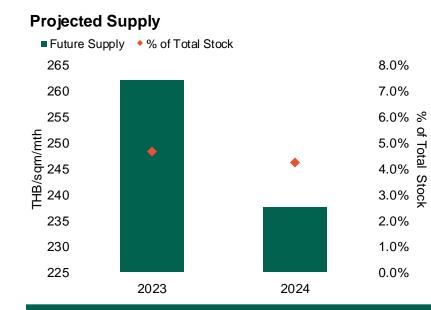
Most SEA cities tracked recorded stable or improved rents, with Manila exhibiting the highest rental growth yearon-year in the Asia-Pacific, fueled by sustained demand from the e-commerce and FMCG industries. Philippine economic authorities estimate that the number of online sellers has surged from 1,700 in March 2020 to over 90,000 since. Despite a slowing manufacturing sector, median rents in Singapore also rose due to the limited quality supply amid persistent high demand as a result of global supply chain disruptions. Rental levels in Kuala Lumpur were also stable against a backdrop of robust demand for modern spaces, which offset the delivery of over a million sqft of new warehouse space. With the substantial delivery of new supply in the city's eastern corridor, Jakarta is the only market in the region to observe a marginal softening in rents.

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### Bangkok







Economic Indicators					
2023F 2024F					
GDP Growth	3.4%	3.6%			
Unemployment Rate	N/A	N/A			
Inflation	2.8%	2.0%			

Real Estate Indicators					
H1 2023 Forecast					
158	$\rightarrow$				
13.8%	$\rightarrow$				
Balanced	Balanced				
	H1 2023 158 13.8%				



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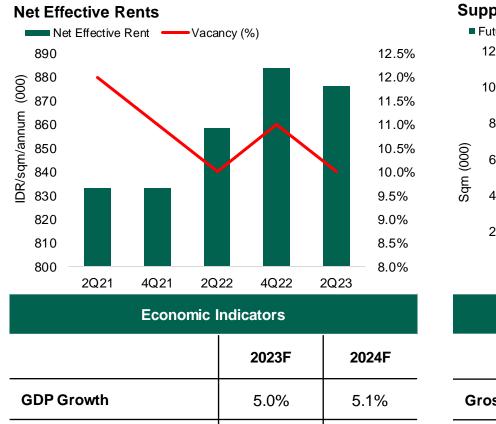
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Source: Knight Frank Research, Macrobond

### **Greater Jakarta**





5.3%

4.4%

5.2%

3.0%

Su	pply Pipeli	ne				
	Future Supply	♦ % of	Total Stock			
	120				9.0%	
	100	•	l		8.0%	
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		2023		≥2025		

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Real Estate Indicators					
H1 2023 Forecast					
Gross Rent (IDR psm pa)	899,460	$\rightarrow$			
Vacancy	10%	$\rightarrow$			
Market Balance	Balanced	Balanced			



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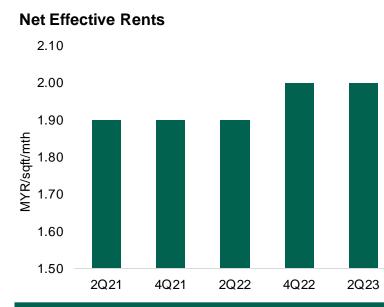
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**Unemployment Rate** 

Inflation

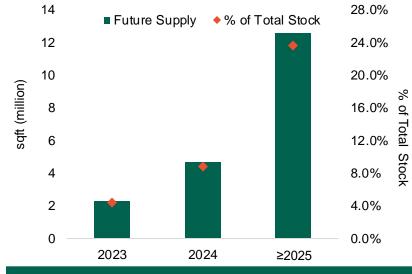
### **Greater Kuala Lumpur**





Economic Indicators				
2023F 2024F				
GDP Growth	4.0% - 5.0%	4.9%		
Unemployment Rate 3.5% 3.3%				
Inflation	2.8% – 3.8%	2.8%		

#### Supply Pipeline



Real Estate Indicators				
H1 2023 12 mth Forecast				
Prime Rent (MYR psf pm)	$\rightarrow$			
Market Balance	Balanced	Balanced		



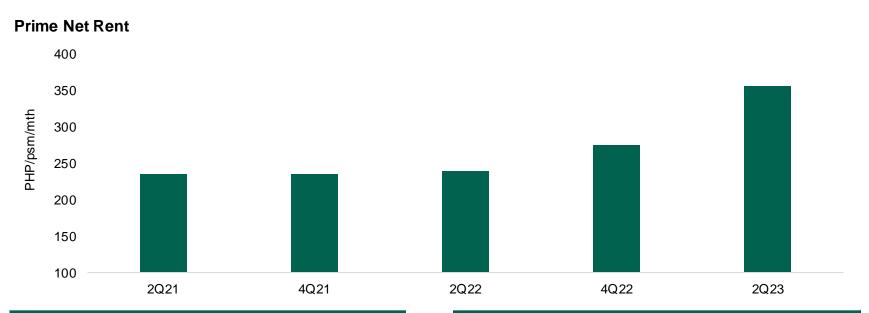
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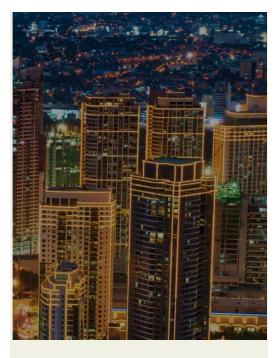
### Manila





Economic Indicators				
2023F 2024F				
GDP Growth	6.0%	6.2%		
Unemployment Rate 5.1% 5.1%				
Inflation	6.2%	4.0%		

Real Estate Indicators				
H1 2023 Forecast				
Prime Rent (PHP psm pm)	357	Ţ		
Market Balance	Balanced	Balanced		



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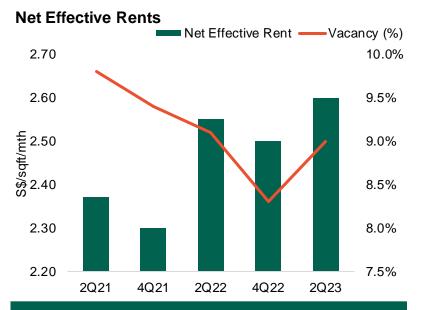
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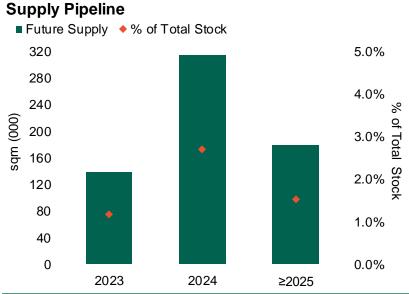
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## Singapore





Economic Indicators					
2023F 2024F					
GDP Growth	1.5%	2.1%			
Unemployment Rate 2.1% 2.1					
Inflation 5.8% 3.8					



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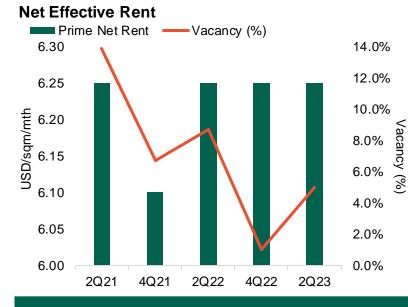
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Real Estate Indicators				
		H1 2023	12 mth Forecast	
Prime Rent (S\$ psf pm)	)	2.60	Ť	
Vacancy		9.0%	Ť	
Market Balance		Balanced	Balanced	

Source: Knight Frank Research, Macrobond

Ho	Chi	Minh	City
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Economic Indicators			
	2023F	2024F	
GDP Growth	6.5%	6.8%	
Unemployment Rate	2.4%	2.4%	
Inflation	4.5%	4.2%	

Real Estate Indicators				
H1 2023 Forecast				
Prime Rent (US\$ psm pm)	6.25	$\rightarrow$		
Vacancy	5.0%	$\rightarrow$		
Market Balance	Tenant	Tenant		

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2023	2024	0.078

**Supply Pipeline** 

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sqm (000)

■ Future Supply ◆ % of Total Stock

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6.0%





## East Asia

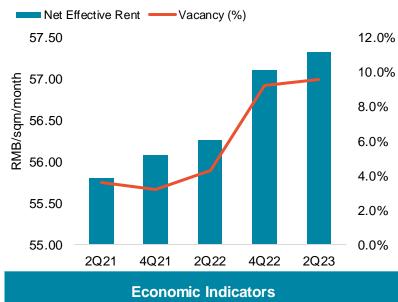
Despite flagging economic growth in the Chinese Mainland, logistics demand remained healthy, led by 3PL players and its manufacturers. Leading companies in the chemical and apparel industries, emphasising supply chain configuration, also sealed large leases in Shanghai's core warehousing areas. However, rental growth slowed with the ramp up in new supply. Record new supply amounting to 776,000 sqm from five new projects were delivered in Shanghai in H1 2023, while an estimated 200,000 sqm will complete in Beijing in H2 2023. While Hong Kong's market remains supported by tight vacancies and sizeable transactions from logistics end-users, the expected delivery of over 4 million sqft of new supply at Cainiao Smart Gateway in Q3 2023 will render conditions more favourable to tenants. Meanwhile, demand for logistics space in Taipei has benefitted from the reshaping of global supply chains.

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## Beijing



#### **Net Effective Rents**



	2023F	2024F
GDP Growth	5.2%	4.5%
Unemployment Rate	4.1%	3.9%
Inflation	2.0%	2.2%

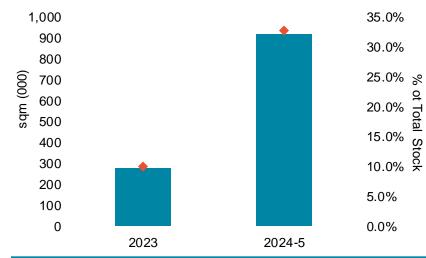
#### Supply Pipeline

Future Supply 
% of Total Stock

Prime Rent (CNY psm pm)

Vacancy

**Market Balance** 



**Real Estate Indicators** 

H1 2023

59.10

9.6%

Balanced

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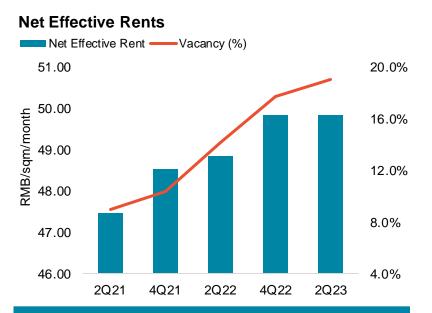
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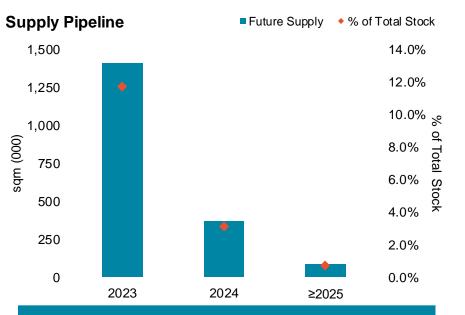
Balanced

### Shanghai





Economic Indicators			
	2023F	2024F	
GDP Growth	5.2%	4.5%	
Unemployment Rate	4.1%	3.9%	
Inflation	2.0%	2.2%	



**Real Estate Indicators** 

Prime Rent (CNY psm pm)

Vacancy

**Market Balance** 

H1 2023

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Balanced

12 mth

Forecast

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	2024F	2023F
Prime Rent (HK\$ psf pm)	3.7%	3.6%
Vacancy	3.3%	3.4%
Market Balance	2.1%	2.3%

12 mth

Forecast

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Tenant

H1 2023

15.00

1.3%

Tenant

ents		Supply Pipeline	■ Future Supply	♦ % of Total Stock
ent — Vacancy (%)	7.0%	600		12.0%
_	6.0%	500	•	10.0%
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	3.0%			
	2.0%	200		4.0% Stock
	1.0%	100		2.0%
4Q21 2Q22 4Q22 2Q23	0.0%	0		0.0%
Economic Indicators		2	2023 202 Real Estate Indicators	

### Hong Kong SAR

**Net Effective Rents** 

15.5

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**GDP Growth** 

Inflation

2Q21

**Unemployment Rate** 

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Net Effective Rent — Vacancy (%)



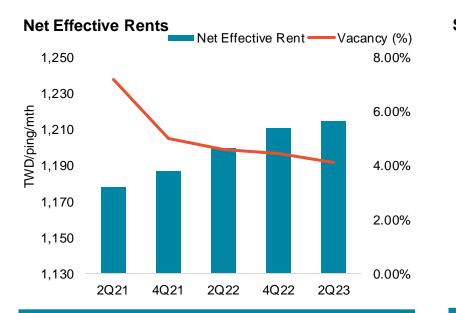


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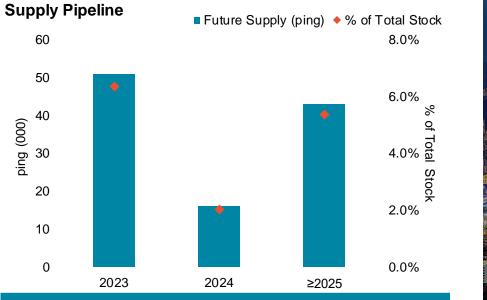
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### Taipei





Economic Indicators				
	2023F	2024F		
GDP Growth	2.0%	2.6%		
Unemployment Rate	3.6%	3.6%		
Inflation	2.0%	2.0%		



**Real Estate Indicators** 

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Landlord



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# **South Asia**

Demand in the three main Indian warehousing markets continues to be sustained at near-record levels. Mumbai and Bengaluru experienced healthy growth in leasing transaction volumes as vacancies tightened rapidly through the last six months. Activity in Delhi-NCR slowed marginally albeit from the high base set in the previous period. Rents continued to rise in the first half of 2023 due to sustained demand and an increase in input costs. Although e-commerce demand was observed to have decreased, manufacturing and 3PL players have plugged the gap. However, as consumer demand continues to remain strong, the e-commerce sector is expected to stage a recovery once excess capacities built up during the pandemic are absorbed.

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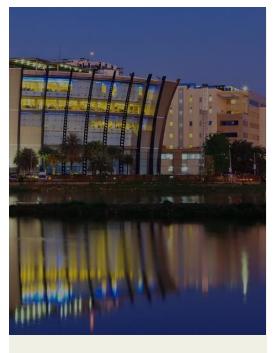
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INR/sqft/mth	19.50								
/sqft	19.00								
INR	18.50								
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			2023F	2024F				FY2023	12 mth Forecast
G	DP Growth		6.4%	6.7	Prime	e Rent (INR p	sf/mth)	21.50	1
Ur	nemployme	nt Rate	NA	NA	Vacar	псу		15.8%	Ļ
Inf	flation		5.0%	4.5%	Marke	et Balance		Landlord	Landlord

**Net Effective Rents** 

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**Unemployment Rate** 

FY2019

**Economic Indicators** 

2023F

6.4%

NA

5.0%

FY2020

2024F

6.7

NA

4.5%

FY2021

Real Estate Indicators				
	FY2023	12 mth Forecast		
Prime Rent (INR psf/mth)	20.20	↑ (		
Vacancy	9.7%	Ļ		
Market Balance	Landlord	Landlord		
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## **Delhi-NCR**

**Net Effective Rents** 

20.00 19.50 19.00

18.50 18.00 17.50 17.00 16.50 16.00 15.50

**GDP Growth** 

Inflation

INR/sqft/mth

FY2022	FY20	23	
Real Estate	Indicators		
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Inflation		5.0%	4.5%	Market Balance		Landlord	Landlord	
Unemployment Rate		NA	NA	Vacancy		10.3%	Ļ	
GDP Growth		6.4%	6.7	Prime Rent (INR psf/mth)		23.06	↑	
			2023F	2024F			FY2023	12 mth Forecast
Economic Indicators				Real Estate Indicators				
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	18.50							
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	19.50							
INR	20.00							
INR/sqft/mth	20.50							
	21.00							
	21.50							
	22.00							

### Mumbai

#### **Net Effective Rents**

22.50



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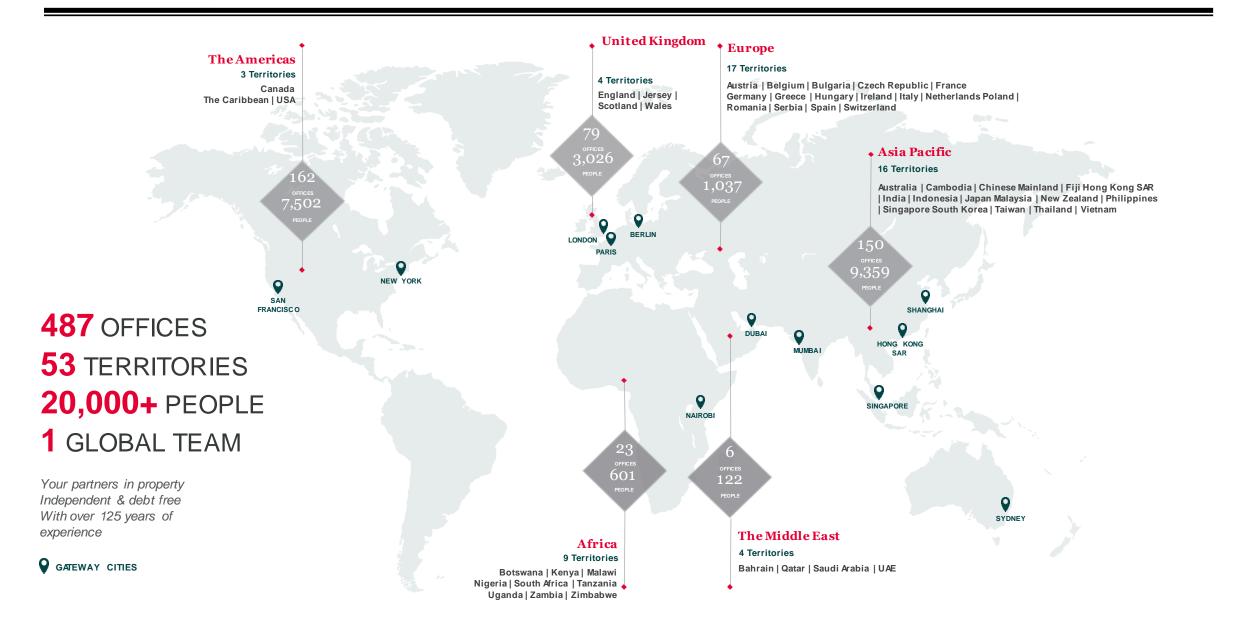
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