

FIGURES | FINLAND OFFICE | Q2 2024

# Subdued investment in the first half of the year

OFFICE INVESTMENT VOLUME IN H1 2024

€0.32bn ттм

-59% (y-o-y %)

€103mn H1/2024

-53% (y-o-y %)

#### INVESTMENT MARKET KEY FIGURES IN H1 2024

Cross-border share

Vs. 67% (5-year avg.)

Share of total investment

Vs. 27% (5-year avg.)

HMA Share

5.25%

Prime yield

Vs. 22 (5-year avg.) Vs. 76% (5-year avg.)

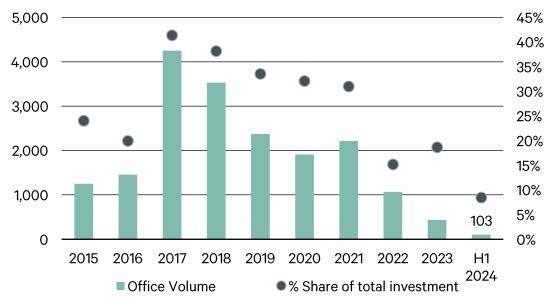
Number of transactions

Vs. 5.25% in Q1 2024

#### Office investment market

- The first half of the year was guiet in the office investment market with investment totaling a mere €103 million, down 53% (y-o-y). The largest transactions landed outside the HMA, accounting for 22% of the transaction volume in the capital city region. 37% of the total investment came from international investors. The most notable deal during the first half of the year was VVT's purchase of a 13,100 sgm prime office property in central area of Tampere from Sponda.
- The repricing of the office market has stabilized, with the prime yield remaining at 5.25% and the prime yield outside of the CBD at 6.00%. The office market volume is expected to remain modest in 2024 as investors remain selective in their approach to new office investments. The anticipated easing in interest rates and increased availability of financing are expected to boost investor appetite, particularly for prime higher quality office buildings in key submarkets.

## OFFICE INVESTMENT VOLUME AND SHARE OF TOTAL INVESTMENT 2015-2024



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#### HELSINKI METROPOLITAN AREA KEY FIGURES

Prime rent

Vacancy rate

Net take-up (sam)

1,700 sqm (Q1 2024)

Pipeline in 2024 (sqm)

**▲**€52

14.7%

**-19,600** 

**112,000** 

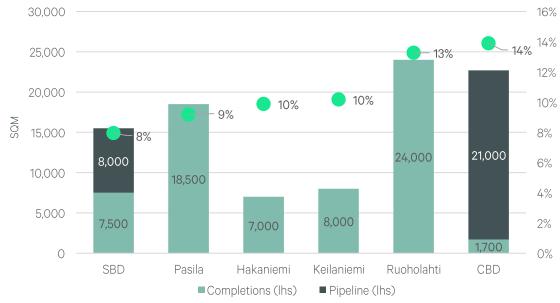
€50 (Q1 2024) 14.5% (Q1 2024)

80,000 sqm (10-year avg.)

## Office occupier market

- The prime rent in the CBD rose to €52 per sqm reflecting continued high demand for prime office space in central key locations. The HMA office vacancy rate increased by 0.2 %-points to 14.7% with a negative net take-up of 19,600 sqm in Q2. The highest net take-up was recorded in Ruoholahti (2,500 sqm), SBD (1,600 sqm), and Hakaniemi (1,100 sqm), while Pitäjänmäki saw the lowest net take-up (-6,500 sqm). Despite the increase in the vacancy rate, the occupier market remained active with several relocations during the second quarter.
- Several notable developments, such as We Land in Ruoholahti, Wood City in Jätkäsaari and Ilmalan Aura in Pasila, were completed during Q2. Construction of the new office development project, Pasilan torni, is set to begin in August. The project, which will provide a total of 43,000 sqm of new office space, is expected to be completed in early 2028. The mobile operator Elisa Oyj has signed as the anchor tenant in the building. Peab and AFRY signed a letter of intent to construct new headquarters for AFRY in Leppävaara. The engineering company plans to relocate all 1,500 employees, which are currently spread across five different offices.

### COMPLETIONS, PIPELINE (2023-2024) AND VACANCY RATES IN SELECTED SUBMARKETS



The completions and pipeline include new office buildings and conversions to office space Source: CBRE Research, KTI Property Information Ltd, Helsinki Research Forum, Statistics Finland

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