# MARKETBEAT

## **GREECE**

Office Q3 2022





### **ECONOMIC INDICATORS**Q3 2022

5.3%
GDP growth rate for 2022

Unemployment Rate September 2022

Inflation rate September 2022



### **INVESTMENT MARKET:** Volatility grows in investment albeit a positive environment.

In the third quarter of 2022 the office market was responsible for an investment volume of € 50 mil, low compared to an anticipated year end minimum of € 300 mil, which is 30% higher than that of the previous year. Harder financing climate results in higher return requirements among real estate investors, as risk increases, and volatility grows. However, the revitalised tourism sector and authorities' support measures mitigated the impact, leading to increased activity in the sector at year end. Despite the global challenges, Greece is outperforming EU peers avoiding a recession. Structural improvements and reforms have improved the economy's resilience to shocks. A strong tourism sector, domestic consumption and investment will drive a healthy real GDP growth of around 5.3% in 2022 higher than the euro area average at 2.2%, while growth for next year is seen at 1.8%.(Moody's analytics). During the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter the management team of Alpha Bank chose the Dimand -EBRD- Premia Properties scheme, as the preferred investor for the Skyline project. The portfolio includes approximately 575 owned and reclaimed properties, worth approximately €500 m with 50 high value assets mainly offices.

### **SUPPLY & DEMAND: Quality remains the priority requirement.**

The Greater Athenian office market registered 15 new lease deals in a total take-up volume of 20,000 sq.m bringing the year-to-date volume at 53,000 sq.m at approximately the same levels as 2021. Transactions in general are taking longer to be concluded and the majority of occupiers prefer to renew their current leases with or without space reduction. Kifisias Ave at Athens north, reached the highest share of take-up in the third quarter mainly influenced by the future occupation of PWC to new state-of-the-art offices of total area of 22.500 sqm. Pipeline under construction for the next 3 years accounts for 140,000 sq.m, of which 18% are already pre-let. With respect to sectors, State authorities, services businesses and ITT firms played the leading roles in terms of the demand for office space representing some 65% of the total transacted. After the increase of 10% in second semester of 2021, prime rents remain stable since then. The upcoming rental reviews in this inflationary environment are expected to increase pressure on occupiers that are not protected by governmental 3% cap on rent increases and consequently accelerate the trend of scaling down in the search for cost savings.

### OUTLOOK: Prime and average rents remained stable over the past year.

The benchmark prime rent has remained stable over the past year, standing at € 25/sq m/month. It is expected that rents will be challenged in 2023 due to the delivery of new offering, rising inflation which is putting further upward pressure on rents and combined however with shortage of quality and well-located office space in Athens.

### TAKE UP/DELIVERIES



### **OVERALL VACANCY & PRIME RENT**



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### **MARKET STATISTICS ATHENS**

SUBMARKET	INVENTORY (SQM)	AVAILABILITY (SQM)	OVERALL VACANCY RATE(%)	YTD OVERALL TAKE-UP(SQM)	UNDER CNSTR ONGOING (SQM)	DEVELOPMENT IN THE PIPELINE(SQM)	PRIME RENT* (€/SQM/MNTH)	PRIME YIELD*
CBD & CBD periphery	1,750,000	157,500	9.00	21,000	25,864	62,077	€25.00	5.80
Athens North East(Kifisias Ave, Attiki Odos, Mesoghion)	1,850,000	166,500	5.88	19,000	28,000	34,000	€25.00	6.00
Athens North(E75)	60,000	5,400	19,00	1,800	0,00	0,00	€16.00	7.00
Athens South(Syngrou, Vouliagmenis)	1,000,000	90,000	7.20	7,000	15,500	173,750	€22.00	6.30
Piraeus Port	280,000	25,200	14.00	1,200	16,000	0,00	€18.00	6.90
Other	150,000	13,500	18.00	2,000	0	16,000	€13.00	7.50
TOTALS	5,090,000	458,100	10.80	52,000	85,364	296,827	€19.80	6.58

<sup>\*</sup>Rental rates & yields reflect average prime

#### **KEY LEASE TRANSACTIONS Q3 2022**

PROPERTY	SUBMARKET	TENANT	SQM	TYPE
Kifisias Ave	North Athens	PWC	11,000	New lease
Michalakopoulou Ave	CBD fringe	State	1,000	New lease
Agisilaou str	North Athens	Pharma	1,212	New lease
Har. Trikoupi	CBD	Technology	1,076	New lease

<sup>\*</sup>Renewals not included in leasing statistics

### **KEY SALES TRANSACTIONS Q3 2022**

PROPERTY	SUBMARKET	SELLER / BUYER	SQM	PRICE (€)
12 klm National Rd Athens Lamia	Athens Northeast	Private party/Dromeus Capital	14.868	11,570,100
1, Artemidos str	Athens North East	Hellenic Properties/Eeverty	6,200	confidential
59-61, Akadimias str	Athens CBD	Bank of Greece/Hellenic Competition commission	8,379	9,500,000

### **KEY CONSTRUCTION COMPLETIONS YTD 2022**

PROPERTY	SUBMARKET	MAJOR TENANT	SQM	DEVELOPER
Syggrou & Lagoumitzi	Athens South	TBC	15,000	Dimand

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