# MARKETBEAT

## **GREECE**

Office Q1 2023



# YoY Chg 12-Mo. Forecast 6.24% Vacancy Rate 40,000 Take-Up sqm €25.00

### **ECONOMIC INDICATORS Q1 2023**

Prime Rent. PSQM

YoY 12-Mo. Forecast

1.2%
GDP growth rate for 2023

10.8%

Unemployment Rate

**4.6%**Inflation rate March 2023



#### **INVESTMENT MARKET:** increased investment volume fueled by two transactions.

Office investment volumes reached € 170 million in Q1 2023, largely driven by the pre-contract completion, for the sale of PWC new headquarters along Kifisias Ave, to Eurobank at € 74.4 million and the agreement for the construction of 30,000 sqm Piraeus courts building, by Dimand, at € 81 million. Also, Trastor Reic announced the acquisition of three buildings owned by Pireaus bank and specifically a listed 2,579 sqm building along 5 Korai str in CBD, a 1,337 sqm office building in Chalandri and a 2,835 sqm three-story building along Lavriou str in Peania. The upcoming presidential elections during May 2023 and the increasing financing costs result in a more challenging investment market, with most of the investors taking a wait-and-see position.

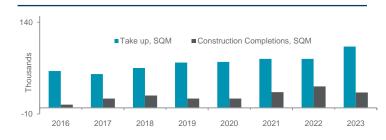
#### **SUPPLY & DEMAND: Quality remains the priority requirement.**

Leasing activity reached almost 40,000 sqm in the first quarter of 2023, surpassing the 5-year average for this period of the year by almost 50%. Buildings with quality grades A- and B represented 80% of the take-up with only 20% in the A+ category due to low availability. However, albeit with a dynamic start in 2023, the office market is surrounded by cyclical uncertainties with the most active sector the Business Services and the State authorities. Building completions were almost muted in the quarter while more than 50% of the letting transactions have been recorded in CBD submarket. Inflation, interest rate, and cost increases add to the uncertainty among office occupiers. The occupiers are adapting differently to the alternative ways of working with some downsizing due to low space utilization as a result of high levels of hybrid work, while others are expanding due to new hirings. There are also discrepancies in demand between the submarkets with Athens northeast and CBD attracting the majority of the new inquiries with vacancies increasing in the decentralized locations.

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

In the office segment, demand is focused on attracting and retaining talent, adjusting to the hybrid working model, and trying to increase the return to office rate by opting for high-spec buildings with flexible spaces and amenities which address factors such as sustainability and well-being. Older space is marketed following appropriate investment in refurbishment. The threshold at 3%, previously imposed on the rent readjustment rates applicable to commercial and professional leases for 2022, shall continue to apply in 2023.

#### TAKE UP/DELIVERIES



#### OVERALL VACANCY & PRIME RENT



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#### **MARKET STATISTICS ATHENS**

| SUBMARKET   | INVENTORY<br>(SQM) | AVAILABILITY<br>(SQM) | OVERALL<br>VACANCY RATE(%) | YTD OVERALL<br>TAKE-UP(SQM) | UNDER CNSTR<br>ONGOING<br>(SQM) | DEVELOPMENT<br>IN THE<br>PIPELINE(SQM) | PRIME RENT*<br>(€/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<br>Ave, Attiki Odos,<br>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 Q1 2023**

| PROPERTY      | SUBMARKET    | TENANT          | SQM   | TYPE      |
|---------------|--------------|-----------------|-------|-----------|
| Mesoghion Ave | CBD fringe   | State authority | 5,326 | New lease |
| Syntagma      | CBD          | State           | 8,981 | New lease |
| Kato Kifisia  | Athens North | Media           | 3,000 | New lease |
| Ilia Iliou    | CBD fringe   | Telecom         | 3,376 | New lease |

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

#### **KEY SALES TRANSACTIONS Q1 2023**

| PROPERTY                            | SUBMARKET        | SELLER / BUYER              | SQM    | PRICE (€)  |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------|--------|------------|
| 65 Kifisias Ave                     | Athens Northeast | Dimand /Eurobank            | 16,500 | 74,400,000 |
| Agiou Dionisiou(Daskalaki property) | Pireaus          | Dimand/Pireaus municipality | 36,000 | 80,900,000 |
| 5 Korai str                         | Athens CBD       | Pireaus Bank/Trastor Reic   | 2,579  | 7,540,000  |

#### **KEY CONSTRUCTION COMPLETIONS YTD 2023**

| PROPERTY      | SUBMARKET         | MAJOR TENANT       | SQM   | DEVELOPER  |
|---------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------|------------|
| Anthousis str | Athens North East | Technology/Banking | 3,500 | New Eleven |

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