

DATA CENTRE UPDATE







Under Construction **202 MW**



Vacancy 15%

Hong Kong Market Map



Market Overview

Construction continues at a rapid pace throughout Hong Kong, with familiar operators Equinix, Digital Realty, SUNeVision (via their iAdvantage subsidiary) and PCCW/Vantage (more below) joined by new entrants GDS and Mapletree Investments with their initial local builds. The move into Hong Kong for GDS is long-awaited; after building a massive portfolio of data centers across mainland China in primary and secondary locations, the listed real estate investment trust (REIT) has started a first project with several more under consideration. Singapore fund Mapletree has become a global data center investor over the past several years, mainly focused on the United States but choosing to build an initial hyperscale-sized project in Fanling. Industrial powerhouse ESR Cayman will soon be joining the fray, closing on a site earlier this year in Kwai Chung and in planning for an initial 40 MW build as the company begins constructing a pan-Asia data center platform. The nearly 202 MW under construction reflects the current scenario locally; although 15% vacancy is higher than many other primary markets, much of this is spread across the market in small availabilities with few large-capacity options available for the largest cloud services. With Hong Kong a key battleground for all major cloud services from both the United States and mainland China (Amazon Web Services, Microsoft Azure, Google Cloud, Alibaba, Tencent, Huawei Cloud, Kingsoft), each requires ever-growing large capacity to serve the local array of financial services companies, government agencies, and multinationals with their primary or regional deployments. While in several markets many of these cloud services may compete with their national compatriots, Hong Kong is one of the few global primary locations that offers direct competition among all. With the considerable capital flowing into Hong Kong and continued tightness in several other pan-Asia Pacific markets, expect continued strength in development and increases in connectivity options through 2022.

Corporate-Level Investment

Rumors suggested in the last edition of this report of an imminent sale of the PCCW data center portfolio turned out to be correct, with DigitalBridge signing to acquire the operational platform for HK\$5.8 billion with plans to add the assets to their rapidly-growing Vantage Data Centers company. This deal alongside the concurrent acquisition of Agile Data Centers in other markets across the Asia-Pacific region provides a rapid market entry for Vantage, who began in the United States, later expanded to Canada and now throughout Europe. PCCW mainly leases their Hong Kong-focused portfolio, with additional locations in Guangzhou and Kuala Lumpur, and will provide Vantage with an upcoming 40 MW build in Tsuen Wan.

Locally based Gaw Capital recently formed their own new venture named Data Center First, choosing to target the rapidly emerging market of Batam in Indonesia. Chosen due to its proximity to Singapore, this initial project at the new Nongsa Digital Park benefits from its location as a special economic zone with associated tax benefits. Gaw Capital had previously partnered with Centrin Data in the Shanghai area and is now looking for investments across the greater region.

Ecosystem Developments

- Amsterdam Internet Exchange Hong Kong (AMS-IX HK) has added access to Alibaba Cloud locally, providing public or
 private peering options for the global cloud service. The exchange offers a variety of options for connecting to major cloud
 platforms, and recently reached a new traffic peak in springtime.
- Equinix signed an exciting new client in springtime to their HK4 data center, with Precision Robotics signing on to assist with the continued development of their high-end surgical robots. The robotics firm cited the Nvidia DGX A100 system deployment that assist with analytics and artificial intelligence.
- **Tencent** added another location in Hong Kong, expanding their local presence to three locations. The major cloud service continues expansion across the world, with new sites in Bangkok, Frankfurt, and Tokyo also coming online.
- NTT has added a new option known as Global Data Centre Interconnect, a network fabric providing access to an array of
 cloud services, exchanges, and much else. Hong Kong joined Singapore and Bangkok as initial markets for this service,
 with global rollout planned over time.
- Zenlayer added several new cloud networking routes at mid-year, with new local options linking Hong Kong to both Tokyo
 and Singapore. The cloud services provider continues to add data centers and connectivity worldwide, now operating out of
 180 locations.
- HGC Global Communications now provides access to Google Cloud Partner Interconnect, offering direct connectivity to
 the global cloud platform. At launch HGC emphasized the rapid speed and redundancy available across the local network
 in Hong Kong.

Construction Update

OPERATOR	LOCATION	PROJECT	TOTAL POWER (MW)	STAGE / EST. DELIVERY
Equinix	Tsuen Wan	HK1 (Phase 13A)	4	Under Construction / Q3 2021
	Tsuen Wan	Sha Tsui Road Project	40 (est)	Under Construction / Q4 2022
GDS	Kwai Chung	HK1	7.9	Under Construction / Q2 2022
	Kwai Chung	HK2	20 (est)	Under Construction / Q4 2023
SUNeVision	Tsuen Wan	TWTL 428	10 (est)	Under Construction / Q4 2022
	Tseung Kwan O	TKOTL 131	50	Under Construction / Q4 2022
	Fanling	11 On Chuen St	10	Under Construction / Q4 2022
PCCW	Tsuen Wan	Tsuen Wan	40	Under Construction / Q4 2022
	Shatin	Goodman Logistics Ctr	20 (est)	Under Construction / Q4 2022
Mapletree	Fanling	FSSTL 268	50	In Planning / Q4 2024
ESR	Kwai Chung	ESR Kwai Chung	40	In Planning / Q4 2024
China Mobile	Shatin	STTL 613	80 (est)	In Planning / Q4 2024

Recent Hong Kong Land Sales

PROPERTY	SALE DATE	LOCATION	PRICE (HKD MILLION)	UNIT PRICE (HKD PSF, GFA)	PURCHASER
11 Wing Yip St	May-21	Kwai Chung	1,800	6,126	ESR
57-61 Ta Chuen Ping St	Jul-21	Kwai Chung	900	3,261	GDS

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Market Overview

Jakarta has rapidly grown from a frontier data centre market to a global secondary location, well on its way to primary status befitting an international megacity. All major cloud services are now present or will soon be, vying for businesses serving the top-five global population throughout Indonesia, along with the potential growth of a further 100 million people getting online for the first time over the next couple of decades. This has allowed Jakarta to leap ahead of the small builds that exist in many similar cities and head straight to hyperscale, with 148 MW currently under construction through 2023 and further operators looking for entry points. New entrants on their initial projects in-market include Pure Data Centres (in partnership with Australian industrial developer LOGOS) and Temasek-backed STT in partnership with Triputra Group. Together all current projects will grow the Jakarta market to beyond 200 MW, with little unattractive legacy infrastructure holding back large-scale deployment. Expect further positive headlines through the end of 2021 and into 2022, with more capital entering and more phased development in a highly competitive market.

- **Tencent Cloud** is the latest major cloud service to move into Jakarta, launching their first data centre early in the year. The company cited several local clients using their platform, including Bank Neo Commerce, JOOX, Aestron, and WeTV from across the financial and entertainment sectors.
- Digital Edge continued an aggressive investment strategy into Indonesia, taking a 47% stake in Indonet for Rp1.99 trillion. Indonet is underway on their EDGE1 data centre and recently acquired additional land in the Kuningan neighborhood for future phases.
- National utility PLN is collaborating with Greenland International Industrial Centre to provide 993 MVA of
 industrial power to the area, planned for hyperscale data centre development. The power allotment will
 continue to underpin the massive interest in new projects serving Jakarta and the region.
- Local multinational Salim Group signed on with Google Cloud early in the year, with artificial intelligence and
 machine learning as focuses across multiple business lines. Google launched its cloud platform in Jakarta in
 2020, the first of the major US cloud services to do so. Salim is also currently investigating developing data
 centres in industrial parks across Indonesia and has a stake in data centre operator DCI.
- Rumors swirled of late in local news publications that Indosat is considering a sale of its local data centre business, which includes locations in Jakarta and Jatiluhur. The company is a partnership between Qatari communications company Ooredoo and Hong Kong multinational CK Hutchison.
- SpaceDC now offers direct access to Alibaba Cloud via their Express Connect product, allowing the operator
 to bypass the local internet service provider.
- The Suryacipta City of Industry announced a new partnership with XL Axiata, bringing a new fibre optic network online for data centre options across the park.

Connectivity Equals Growth

Discussion about the growth of Jakarta as a data centre market tends to focus on individual needs around application utilization from companies such as Grab or Gojek, or corporate/government needs on hyperscale platforms such as Google Cloud, Alibaba, or Tencent. Often overlooked in this landscape are the undersea cables connecting the Jakarta area to the rest of the world, spurring further accessibility both regionally throughout Southeast Asia and across continents. Recent headlines have centred around two new cables under construction; Bifrost is currently under construction by a partnership including Telin, Facebook, and Keppel Telecommunications & Transportation, and will connect Jakarta to Singapore, Davao in the Philippines, and the United States when complete in 2024. Echo will go live slightly earlier in 2023, backed by Facebook and Google and linking the nearby landing station of Tanjung Pakis to Singapore, Palau, Guam, and the United States. While these systems will bring faster connectivity and link Jakarta to the regional financial hub and the world's biggest economy, the greater Jakarta area is already directly connected to 29 countries, not to mention many of the surrounding islands throughout Indonesia. The connectivity adds credence to the possibility of Jakarta as a rapidly growing regional hub, not just a stand-alone megacity or even a national powerhouse.

A New Market Coming?

While Jakarta continues to expand, the data centre moratorium in Singapore has led to some creative solutions, including at the nearby recently-designated special economic zone (SEZ) of Batam. Batam Island is located 30 kilometres across the Singapore Strait, and the Nongsa Digital Park has rapidly drawn interest thanks to the business and income tax breaks available. The Gaw Capital-backed Data Centre First has already secured a 2.75-hectare site for data centre development, and a partnership between Telkom Indonesia (Telin) and Etisalat is reportedly making plans in the same area. While data centres are already located in many cities across Indonesia, the convenient placement and tax breaks have the potential to continue sizable growth in Batam.

Recent Site Sales

PROPERTY	SIZE (SQM)	SALE DATE	SALE PRICE(Rp)	BUYER	SELLER
Kuningan Center Lot 3 and Lot 5	6,000	Apr-21	Rp241,700,000,000	Indonet	Sukanda Mulia Group

OPERATOR	LOCATION	SIZE (SQM)	POWER (MW)	STAGE / EST. DELIVERY
Indonet	EDGE1	5,000 (est)	6	Under Construction / Q4 2021
DCI	H2	12,000 (est)	15	Under Construction / Q4 2021
Pure Data Centres	Jakarta	20,000	20	Under Construction / Q1 2022
Princeton Digital	JC2	22,800	35	Under Construction / Q4 2022
STT	Bekasi	60,000 (est)	72	Under Construction / Q1 2023





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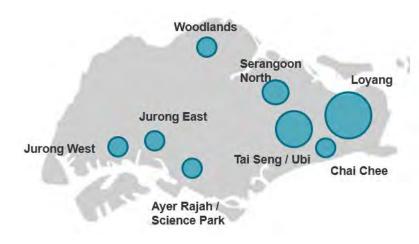
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As the unofficial moratorium on new data centre construction continues toward the end of 2021, operators have aimed to add smaller phases of new capacity where possible, albeit at a pace well under market demand. This includes global players Equinix, Digital Realty, and STT, while Facebook stays active on their large project with completion scheduled for next year. Pricing remains high at anywhere from S\$200-S\$400/kWh/month for the few small availabilities left, with total vacancy among the tightest of any large market globally at just 2%. Further regional markets have begun to grow in response beyond the previously noted Jakarta and Kuala Lumpur; Johor Bahru across the Strait has key sites with power and land available, and the free trade zone on the Indonesian island of Batam Is now receiving interest thanks to its proximity to Singapore. The plethora of regional undersea cables currently under construction will at least ensure that the high level of connectivity will continue, with six separate systems due for completion over the next three years. Singapore remains one of the key global hubs for data centre innovation, as several examples noted later in this report indicate; continued increases in efficiency and a reduced overall carbon footprint will likely be required for any large-scale data centre development to begin anew.

Industry rumors abound on capital raises and potential transactions, with Singtel widely reported as considering a divestment of data centre and tower assets in a bid to refocus on the upcoming rollout of 5G mobile technology. Digital Realty also made recent headlines, with the REIT considering a secondary local listing on the SGX of certain assets in the United States. The potential move could serve as a novel way to raise capital and providing a fresh source of development financing. The national government is also planning its own S\$3.8 billion move to improve technical infrastructure, aiming to streamline hundreds of systems in the cloud and utilizing artificial intelligence to assist with the education system. Unlike similar programs in major markets across the globe, small-and mid-size firms will be invited to participate in the bid process, potentially benefiting an array of local companies. Singapore continues to be of primary interest regardless of the moratorium and expect further connectivity and research and development successes in lieu of new builds.

- An exciting new partnership has launched, with the Sustainable Tropical Data Centre Testbed planning to develop and test
 innovative cooling solutions for data centres located in hot climates. Made up of Keppel Data Centres, Ascenix, CoolestDC, New
 Media Express, Red Dot Analytics, Facebook, National Research Foundation Singapore, and the brightest minds from the National
 University of Singapore (NUS) and Nanyang Technical University. NUS will host the research, launching currently and exploring
 cooling technologies across four avenues.
- Reliance Jio announced two new undersea cables late in springtime, with the India-Asia-Xpress (IAX) and India-Europe-Xpress (IEX) cables linking India to an array of destinations. The IAX cable is of local interest, with Mumbai and Chennai in India, Matara in Sri Lanka, Satun in Thailand, Morib in Malaysia, and finally Singapore included as landing stations on the route, scheduled to go live by the middle of 2023.
- Contabo has opened an initial data centre in the greater APAC region, choosing Singapore for their virtual private services and other
 hosting programs. The internet service provider has four other data centres across the United States and Germany, with over 10,000
 servers available worldwide.
- NTT has added a new option known as Global Data Centre Interconnect, a network fabric providing access to an array of cloud services, exchanges, and much else. Singapore joined Hong Kong and Bangkok as initial markets for this service, with global rollout planned over time.
- **Tencent** added a third local availability zone in Singapore, part of a continued global expansion particularly focused on East and Southeast Asia. The cloud services giant also rolled out an array of new data centres in Bangkok, Hong Kong, Tokyo, and Frankfurt.

SINGAPORE MARKET MAP



The largest cluster of data centres in Singapore can be found in the Loyang and Tai Seng areas, with other locations scattered throughout.

ECOSYSTEM DEVELOPMENTS

- **NetActuate** completed an expansion to their Singapore data centre in springtime, providing further bandwidth and server capacity to keep up with client demand. The company has emphasized its anycast peering platform, providing low latency access worldwide.
- The STT Tai Seng 1 data centre now offers access to global internet exchange DE-CIX, with an array of new interconnection services available. This is the third DE-CIX-enabled site in Singapore, after the Global Switch and Equinix locations.
- Google and Facebook have teamed up on another undersea cable, with Apricot underway
 and planned for completion in 2024. The new cable will connect Singapore to Japan, Taiwan,
 Guam, the Philippines, and Indonesia, and is the third recent cable announced by the two
 companies that reaches Singapore. Additional partners include Chunghwa Telecom, PLDT,
 and NTT, who will assist with operations in local markets.
- Zenlayer added several new cloud networking routes at mid-year, with new local options linking Singapore to both Frankfurt and Hong Kong. The cloud services provider continues to add data centres and connectivity worldwide, now operating out of 180 locations.
- Locally based Epsilon Telecommunications was acquired by a partnership of Korea
 Telecom and Daishin Private Equity for nearly \$\$200 million. Epsilon will continue to operate
 as usual, including their local data centre at New Tech Park.
- BDx, NUS, and Sembcorp Marine have agreed to conduct research on offshore data centres, with the potential for seawater cooling and other renewable innovations. Together the partners aim to develop a proof-of-concept, with BDx managing operations, NUS the cooling technology, and Sembcorp the offshore platform.

Recent Property Sales

PROPERTY	SIZE (SQM)	SALE DATE	SALE PRICE (S\$)	BUYER	SELLER
26A Ayer Rajah Crescent	35,749	Jun-21	S\$125,000,000	Equinix	Mapletree Industrial Trust

OPERATOR	LOCATION	GFA SIZE (SQM)	TOTAL POWER (MW)	STAGE / EST. DELIVERY
Equinix	SG1 (Phase 15) SG5 (Phase 2-3)	879 4,162	1.2 6.9	Under Construction / Q3 2021 Under Construction / Q1 2022
Digital Realty	Singapore	12,174	18	Under Construction / Q3 2021
Facebook	Tanjong Kling	170,000	150	Under Construction / Q2 2022
STT	Defu 3	14,500	15	Under Construction / Q3 2022



Under Construction 80 MW



Vacancy 7%

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The local market received some pleasant news shortly after the last edition of this report, with the New South Wales Department of Planning, Industry, and Environment lowering the threshold for data centres to be considered a state significant development from A\$50 million to A\$30 million. This will enable a faster planning and approval process for new construction throughout the state, leading to shorter lead times for data centre development across greater Sydney. Planning of this type will last through May 2023, which may very well spur additional phases or campuses currently under consideration. As is, 80 MW is currently under construction, with familiar names Digital Realty, NextDC, DCI, and even Stockland joining in with projects aimed for completion between the end of the year and 2023. New builds throughout the market remain aimed at hyperscale tenants, with overall vacancy remaining in line with other global primary markets at just 7%, a very tight figure for any data centre area. Land for further builds does remain available, with NextDC recently closing on a portion of the former CSR brickmaking site in Horsley Park for a prospective 300 MW campus at full completion. Operational capacity is spread nearly evenly among Equinix, AirTrunk, NextDC, and Global Switch, with Canberra Data Centres and Digital Realty closing in. This allows for continued pricing and offering competition, unlike other markets globally that are occasionally dominated by a single provider.

Another recent government decision should pay dividends for those bidding on federal contracts, with the Digital Transformation Agency awarding NextDC, Equinix, and Fujitsu the certified strategic hosting provider designation, joining Canberra Data Centres, Macquarie Telecom, and Australian Data Centres. This is particularly significant for both Equinix and Fujitsu, as these are the first companies based outside Australia to receive this label. As this is the highest level awarded to a data centre provider, the additional designees should further open the competitive arena for digital transformation of federal agencies.

The investment market has quieted again in recent months as investors search in vain for operational assets for sale; with recent cap rates already compressing to the low 4s, funds remain hungry for the long leases and stability offered in Sydney. Expect continued strength in coming months from the local market, with the familiar mix of global and local operators competing for hyperscale, government, and large enterprise business across a variety of new projects.

- The New South Wales Government is adding another A\$500 million to the state's digital restart fund, providing additional
 funding to organizations as diverse as NSW Health, the Department of Customer Service, and others, all to assist with digital
 transformation. Cyber security for all agencies will be key on the agenda, along with greater availability of online services for
 each
- Faction launched its first APAC data centre in Sydney at mid-year, with the multi-cloud services provider expanding on its
 American and European global footprint. The company has partnerships with Dell and VMware for analytics and private cloud
 solutions and enables access to all major cloud services.
- British investment fund Amber Infrastructure has acquired a majority interest in **iSeek**, based in Brisbane and with a data centre locally in Sydney. iSeek has five data centres across Australia and expects to use this new capital for further expansion.
- TPG Telecom is at work on upgrading the PPC-1 cable that links Sydney to Guam, boosting cable capacity by 50%. Guam has
 been of increased interest of late as a mid-Pacific cable stop, with new cables linking the greater APAC region to North America
 utilizing a spur to the island.

Sydney Potential



While many primary global markets have struggled with everincreasing data centre capacity of late, Sydney has the potential to surpass many others on its way to being a 1 GW city. If all potential phases on all land currently banked by operators is completed over time (reflected in the "in planning" number on this chart for a longer-term outlook than the Construction Update below), Sydney and Tokyo will continue to thrive as destinations for hyperscalers.

Recent Land Sales

PROPERTY	SIZE (SQM)	SALE DATE	SALE PRICE (A\$)	BUYER	SELLER
Burley Rd, Horsley Park	124,000	Jul-21	A\$124,000,000	NextDC	CSR

OPERATOR	PROJECT	SIZE (SQM)	POWER (MW)	STAGE / EST. DELIVERY
Digital Realty	Erskine Park III	6,279	7.2	Under Construction / Q4 2021
NextDC	S3 S4	20,000 200,000 (est)	12 300	Under Construction / Q2 2022 In Planning
DCI	SYD02	35,000	36	Under Construction / Q4 2022
Stockland	Athena	22,515	25 (est)	Under Construction / Q1 2023
Macquarie	IC3 Super West	30,000 (est)	32	In Planning / Q4 2023
AirTrunk	SYD1 (Phase 2)	12,000 (est)	40	In Planning



Investment and hyperscale development continue across greater Tokyo with new operators now entering.

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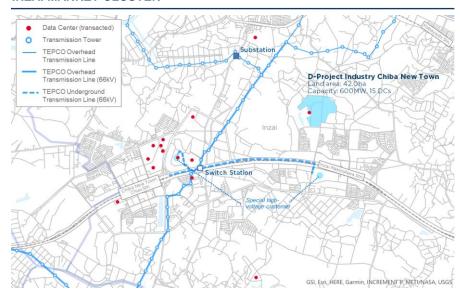
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Tokyo continues to attract new investment, beginning with the entry of Princeton Digital Group and Vantage with their initial projects locally, bringing the under-construction total in-market to 130 MW, mainly aimed at hyperscale tenants marketing their platforms to large corporations and government entities. While hardly a low-cost market for land acquisition, land (and associated zoning and permitting) is available for major builds, a considerable advantage in comparison to rapidly constrained markets regionally and globally. As noted in our last report, investment in operational facilities has continued with three buildings trading, two leased to Arteria and acquired by recent entrant Digital Edge, and a third sold by IIF REIT with tenants NTT Docomo and Hitachi. With the continued upgrades in connectivity and further cloud services options, expect impressive performance leading into 2022 and more development and investment coming in Tokyo and regionally.

- Amazon has agreed to purchase 22 MW of solar energy from Mitsubishi subsidiary MC Retail Energy, as
 the cloud computing giant continues its global push toward fully renewable energy. The deal is the first
 renewable energy acquisition in Japan for Amazon.
- Tencent added another location in Tokyo, bolstering their local Northeast Asia Pacific region. The major cloud service continues expansion across the world, with new sites in Bangkok, Frankfurt, and Hong Kong also coming online.
- The Softbank-owned **BBIX** internet exchange now offers access to IBM Cloud, adding to previous availability with Amazon Web Services, Microsoft Azure, Google Cloud, and several other major platforms. The exchange followed this with further access available at the Softbank Tokyo Number 4 data centre.
- **Zenlayer** added a new bare metal cloud zone in Tokyo at mid-year, joining Atlanta, Istanbul, and Guangzhou as cities gaining additional capacity. Two additional cloud networking links also came online locally, connecting Tokyo to both Seattle and Hong Kong.
- The Pan-Asia acquisition of Agile Data Centers by Vantage provides instant access to major markets Tokyo, Osaka, and Melbourne, with a large project currently underway in Sagamihara. Vantage is now active in fifteen markets globally spanning North America, Europe, and Asia.
- Tata Consultancy Services and Google Cloud are partnering to establish TCS Google Garages in three
 global cities, with Tokyo joining New York and Amsterdam acting as locations for co-innovation and
 research. Cloud solutions, artificial intelligence (AI), and much else will be on offer for companies to
 evaluate.
- @Tokyo announced further service offerings locally, first collaborating with PCCW on for further connectivity
 via the Console Connect platform to link to further markets across the greater Asia-Pacific region. This was
 followed by the addition of Megaport availability within the @Tokyo Cloud Lab for further Network-as-aService (NaaS) options.

INZAI MARKET CLUSTER



While other primary data center markets across the world have suffered from a lack of available power, the Inzai cluster located 40 kilometres outside of central Tokyo looks set to thrive thanks to continued support from utility TEPCO and robust transmission lines across the area. The Mitsubishi-Digital Realty joint venture recently completed a new building in Inzai, joining Colt and new construction by the Equinix-GIC xScale joint venture and AirTrunk on their initial foray into Japan. Despite other builds announced in Saitama and Sagamihara, expect Inzai to continue its prominence as hyperscalers continue to battle for market share locally, thanks to the strong connectivity and power available.

Source: TEPCO, Real Capital Analytics

Recent Site Sales

PROPERTY	SIZE (Hectares)	SALE DATE	BUYER	SELLER
2-1917 Nisshin-cho (Kita ward, Saitama)	3.3	Jul-21	Princeton Digital Group	Marelli

Recent Property Sales

PROPERTY	SIZE (SQM)	SALE DATE	BUYER	SELLER
4-31-18 Nishigotanda (Shinagawa ward)	10,479	Sep-21		IIF REIT
1-5-3 Nihonbashi-Horidomecho (Chuo ward)	3,641	Jun-21	Digital Edge	Marubeni Corp
2-16-9 Kabukicho (Shinjuku ward)	9,336	Mar-21	Digital Edge	Marubeni Corp

OPERATOR	SITE	SIZE (SQM)	POWER (MW)	STAGE / EST. DELIVERY
AirTrunk	TOK1	56,000	60	Under Construction / Q4 2021
Equinix	TY12x (Phase II)	8,000 (est)	10	Under Construction / Q1 2022
	TY11 (Phase III)	1,853	3 (est)	Under Construction / Q2 2022
Princeton Digital Group	Saitama	29,430	48.5	Under Construction / Q2 2024
Vantage	HND1	28,000	8	Under Construction / Q2 2024