

### WHAT'S **NEXT**

## **HIGHLIGHTS**

No new prime projects were completed in the quarter, and the stock of quality retail space in Suzhou remained at 2.9 million sq m.

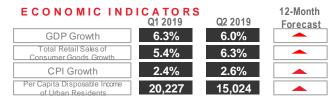
The average rental level in Suzhou rose to RMB589.1 per sq m per month. As one of the most famous tourist destinations in China, prime locations in Suzhou do attract more attention from brands, and this added demand competition resulted in minor rent increases at many malls. The average occupancy rate also continued to increase, this time by 0.5 percentage points q-o-q to reach 95.1%.

Food & beverage brands continued to be active in the leasing market in the quarter. Notably, Louis Vuitton re-entered with a store in Suzhou after a three year absence. In the tourism high season, many malls hosted cultural and sports events for young adults and children. In the summer Suzhou hosted an eight-country basketball tournament prior to the FIBA Basketball World Cup competition, which attracted many basketball fans and international visitors.

To further enhance the shopping experience, more malls have incorporated shopping guide robots and these have proved attractive to customers. In the future, more Al-related retail technology is expected to make an impact on shopping centers in the city.

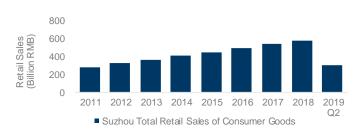
Looking ahead, some new prime projects were delayed. The construction of prime malls in Jinji Lake submarket is about to come to an end, while the Shilu submarket is going through a new round of beautification.

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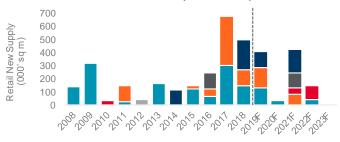


Source: Suzhou Statistics Bureau The forecast is based on Oxford Economics

#### TOTAL SALES OF CONSUMER GOODS



#### RETAIL NEW SUPPLY (Q3 2019)



Jinji Lake SND ■ Guanqian ■ Shilu ■ Canglang/Nanmen ■ Wuzhong



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#### CORE SUBMARKETS RENTAL RANGES (Q3 2019)

SUBMARKET	VACANCY RATE	RMB/SQ M/MO	EUR/SF/MO	US\$/SF/MO	12-Month Forecast (Rent)
Guanqian	5.2%	700 – 1,350	8.3 – 16.0	9.2 – 17.7	
Shilu	2.5%	350 – 450	4.1 – 5.3	4.6 – 5.9	
Canglang/Nanmen	6.6%	150 – 600	1.8 – 7.1	2.0 - 7.9	
Suzhou New District	5.4%	300 – 900	3.6 – 10.7	3.9 – 11.8	
Jinji Lake	4.9%	510 – 750	6.0 - 8.9	6.7 - 9.8	
Wuzhong	3.6%	300 – 540	3.6 - 6.4	3.9 – 7.1	

Rent (RMB/sq m/m²) is based on ground floor in prime locations in major shopping centers, excluding management fee, promotional fee and other fees. 1 USD = 7.08718 RMB = 0.90361 EUR (2019.08.23)

#### MAJOR STORE OPENINGS (Q3 2019)

PROPERTY	SUBMARKET	TENANT	SECTOR
Suzhou Center	Jinji Lake	Lelecha	F&B
Suzhou Center	Jinji Lake	Marvel 80 Years Exhibition	Culture
Suzhou Center	Jinji Lake	Buffy Loves Dim Sum	F&B
Matro	Guanqian	LouisVuitton	Luxury
Tianhong CC Mall	Shilu	Heytea	F&B

#### SIGNIFICANT PROJECTS PLANNED & UNDER CONSTRUCTION

PROPERTY	SUBMARKET	SQ M	COMPLETION DATE
Yinshan Lake Love Sea Park (East Part)	Wuzhong	120,000	2019
Oriental Gate	Jinji Lake	100,000	2019
Suzhou ICC	Jinji Lake	32,000	2021
China Central Place	Shilu	170,000	2021
Dongwu Paradise Walk	Wuzhong	120,000	2021
Gusu Paradise Walk	Shilu	100,000	2020