# **CHONGQING**

Retail Q4 2019



12-Mo. Forecast

**8.4%**Disposable Income





1.42% Population





6.1%

Consumption Expenditure



Source: Statistics Bureau of Chongqing Municipality (Figures are growth rates as of 2018.)

# CHONGQING ECONOMIC INDICATORS JAN - SEP 2019

YoY Chg 12-Mo. Forecast

8.6%

Total Retail Sales Growth





28.6%

Online Sales Growth





2.3% CPI Growth



Source: Statistics Bureau of Chongqing Municipality; Oxford Economics; Cushman & Wakefield Research

## Vacancy Rate Edges Down to 9.0%

No new supply was added in Q4. Projects originally scheduled to enter the market in 2019 postponed to 2020, with the city's prime retail stock remaining at 5,074,600 sq m. The first-store economy initiative continued to heat up, with many brands expanding their footprint to the city in the quarter. In particular, JD's first Electric Appliance Super Experience Store opened to enhance Chongqing's retail market. Sports brands enjoyed outstanding performance. In the F&B sector competition became increasingly fierce, and brands incorporating retail elements such as technology, parent-child and customer-friendly services gained popularity.

The picture was mixed for mall operators. Prime retail malls continued actively adjusting their tenant mix and introduced new entrants to the city, driving the citywide vacancy rate down by 0.67 y-o-y and finishing at 9.0% at year's end. On the other hand, other malls suffered due to location disadvantages and poor promotion. The citywide average rent dropped 6.2% y-o-y to RMB593.83 per sq m per month in Q4.

### **Potential Opportunities in the Nighttime Economy**

Chongqing was ranked as one of China's top 10 cities for nighttime economy potential in 2019, illustrating its great nighttime consumer base and economic potential. At present, food and beverage remains the key driver of nighttime consumption. By expanding the night entertainment market and identifying further consumer wants and needs there should be more opportunities for Chongqing's business and retail development.

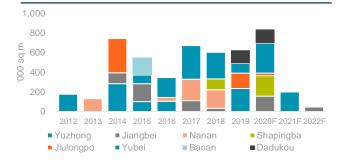
Prime malls are paying ever greater attention to space and design. Significant examples included I Light CQ theme festival in Landmark Riverside Park, and the indoor botanic garden in the Living Mall to open in 2020. The operational tactic of adopting featured themes or designs to attract customer traffic will become a primary choice for operators in the foreseeable future.

The Chongqing market is experiencing a land shortage in core areas on which to develop new retail projects. Consequently, mergers and acquisitions are becoming a key channel for real estate companies to enter the retail market, such as Vanke's acquisition of two Capital Land squares in Chongqing in 2018, and Sunac's acquisition of SS100 China Nanbing Road project in 2019.

#### **RENT / VACANCY RATE**



#### RETAIL SUPPLY PIPELINE BY SUBMARKET



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#### **MARKET STATISTICS**

| SUBMARKET        | INVENTORY (SQM) | VACANT (SQM) | VACANCY RATE | UNDER CNSTR TILL 2022<br>(SQM) | OVERALL AVG RENT<br>(RMB/SQM/MO)* |
|------------------|-----------------|--------------|--------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Yuzhong          | 1,228,900       | 179,795      | 14.6%        | 200,000                        | 770.77                            |
| Jiangbei         | 738,000         | 31,520       | 4.3%         | 199,442                        | 883.75                            |
| Nanan            | 986,000         | 102,860      | 10.4%        | -                              | 370.00                            |
| Jiulongpo        | 583,000         | 41,225       | 7.1%         | 26,000                         | 552.50                            |
| Shapingba        | 224,000         | 6,372        | 2.8%         | 210,000                        | 453.33                            |
| Yubei            | 1,003,000       | 85,620       | 8.5%         | 305,000                        | 397.50                            |
| Banan            | 177,000         | 3,363        | 1.9%         | -                              | 340.00                            |
| Dadukou          | 134,700         | 7,409        | 5.5%         | 140,000                        | 400.00                            |
| CHONGQING TOTALS | 5,074,600       | 458,164      | 9.0%         | 1,080,442                      | 593.83                            |

<sup>\*</sup> Rental rates are calculated by NLA and considered as consistently achievable for prime space in prime shopping centers, excluding management fee, promotional fee and other fees.

#### SIGNIFICANT STORE OPENINGS Q4 2019

| PROPERTY                   | SUBMARKET | TENANT                          | SECTOR           |
|----------------------------|-----------|---------------------------------|------------------|
| Times Paradise Walk C      | Yuzhong   | OKURA                           | Home Furnishings |
| World Finance Center       | Yuzhong   | Jordan 188 Minzu                | Sports Fashion   |
| Golden Eagle Shopping Mall | Yuzhong   | Gucci flagship store            | Luxury           |
| Bayi Square                | Yuzhong   | PUMA flagship store             | Sports Fashion   |
| Guotai Plaza               | Yuzhong   | AgongThai style seafood hot pot | F&B              |

#### SIGNIFICANT PROJECTS UNDER CONSTRUCTION

| CIGHII IDANI I ROCEOTO CHEEK CONCINCOTION |           |                       |         |  |  |
|---|-----------|-----------------------|---------|--|--|
| PROPERTY                                  | SUBMARKET | EXPECTED OPENING DATE | SQM     |  |  |
| Star Light 68 Plaza B                     | Jiangbei  | 2020                  | 75,000  |  |  |
| the MixC                                  | Dadukou   | 2020                  | 70,000  |  |  |
| Jinsha Paradise Walk                      | Shapingba | 2020                  | 210,000 |  |  |
| Xinhua Fashion Project                    | Yuzhong   | 2021                  | 200,000 |  |  |
| Longxin Sun Valley Project                | Jiangbei  | 2022                  | 44,442  |  |  |
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