# **NANJING**

Retail Q1 2020



12-Mo. Forecast

8.7%

Disposable Income

YoY Chg

1.2% Population Growth (2018)



12-Mo.

Forecast

7.0%

Consumption Expenditure Growth

Source: Nanjing Statistics Bureau. The forecast is based on Oxford Economics

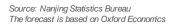
## NANJING ECONOMIC INDICATORS 2019

5.4%

Total Retail Sales Growth









The COVID-19 outbreak impacted shopping center operations in Nanjing during the Spring Festival and into February. Many centers could only restart operations after Feb. 10, while some could not resume normal operations until late March. To ease the financial chall enges faced by developers the Nanjing Planning and Natural Resources Bureau issued six measures, including a land contract payment extension. Much online promotion work was also done to aid smaller firms. Still, footfall traffic dropped hugely since the Spring Holiday. Epidemic containment measures meant many brands could not restart their businesses, especially parent-kid brands, education institutions and cinemas. Additionally, restaurants had to restrict customer flow. And with construction of many new projects delayed by the crisis, no new projects opened in the first quarter.

### **Recovery From the COVID-19 Outbreak Expected**

Before the Spring Festival many shopping centers were able to maintain a low vacancy rate. However, even when retailers restarted operations, many occupiers were not able to operate normally. For example, no pop-up stores were seen in most projects in the quarter. To help business survive, many landlords offered rental cuts or waivers. The current epidemic situation has also reshaped retailers. For stores remaining open, many managers implemented multiple marketing channels, including mini-programs on WeChat, WeChat account platforms, online shopping platforms, email marketing and SMS marketing. On the food & beverage side, delivery services were launched on online appsand platforms. Noticeably, some fashion and beauty brands targeting a younger female demographic have attracted much interest in prime retail projects, before and after the COVID-19 outbreak. Ahead, we expect multichannel retailing to evolve into omnichannel in the mid-to long term, to boost sales revenue. Hence, in prime retail projects the average vacancy rate remained low at 1.75%, as stores have quickly adapted to the environment during the outbreak period and implemented innovative marketing models, new delivery services and enhanced omnichannel platforms.

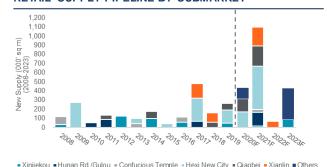
### An Uncertain Future but Opportunities Exist

Most shopping centers did not overly adjust rental levels in the crisis situation, so the citywide average remained above RMB 800 per sq m per month. Two new submarkets were added to the database this quarter, thus overall average rental was at RMB 834 per sq m per month. The crisis situation paused, postponed and even cancelled many campaigns in retail projects, but it also brought time and opportunities to let retailers rethink strategies and business models for the future. As the number of international visitors to Nanjing is likely to be low in the near-term future, many retailers in the city are likely to focus on domestic driven consumption.

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



#### RETAIL SUPPLY PIPELINE BY SUBMARKET



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#### MARKET STATISTICS

| SUBMARKET          | INVENTORY (SQM) | VACANT (SQ M) | VACANCY RATE | UNDER CNSTR TILL 2023<br>(SQ M) | OVERALL AVG RENT (RMB/SQ<br>MMO)* |
|--------------------|-----------------|---------------|--------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Xinjiekou          | 732,000         | 15,532        | 2.1%         | 108,000                         | 600-2,900                         |
| Gulou & Hunan Road | 208,000         | 19,660        | 9.5%         | 150,000                         | 130-670                           |
| Confucius Temple   | 188,067         | 9,203         | 4.9%         | 31,000                          | 470-1,060                         |
| Hexi New Town      | 933,063         | 4,362         | 0.5%         | 640,656                         | 170-980                           |
| Qiaobei            | 251,557         | 741           | 0.3%         | 368,000                         | 700-760                           |
| Xianlin            | 264,000         | 688           | 0.3%         | 275,000                         | 300-370                           |
| Baijiahu           | 450,000         | 3850          | 0.9%         | 0                               | 426-500                           |
| Others             | 114,000         | 0             | 0.0%         | 0                               | 600-1000                          |
| NANJING TOTALS     | 2,576,687       | 32,117        | 1.3%         | 1,572,656                       | 130-2,900                         |

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

#### SIGNIFICANT STORE OPENINGS Q1 2020

| PROPERTY                                   | SUBMARKET     | TENANT                 | SECTOR          |
|--|---------------|------------------------|-----------------|
| Golden Eagle International Shopping Center | Xinjiekou     | Machi                  | Food & Beverage |
| House of Frazer                            | Xinjiekou     | Hema Xinsheng          | New Retail      |
| Golden Eagle B                             | Xinjiekou     | Xian He Zhuang Hot Pot | Food & Beverage |
| New City Mall                              | Hexi New Town | The Colorist           | Beauty          |
| Golden Eagle A                             | Xinjiekou     | Judydoll               | Beauty          |

#### SIGNIFICANT PROJECTS UNDER CONSTRUCTION

| PROPERTY                       | SUBMARKET          | EXPECTED OPENING YEAR | SQ M    |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|---------|
| Longfor Jiangbei Paradise Walk | Qiaobei            | 2020                  | 143,000 |
| Longfor Longwan Paradise Walk  | Others             | 2020                  | 116,000 |
| Deji WTC Mall                  | Hexi New City      | 2020                  | 71,000  |
| Nanjing SHK IFC                | Hexi New City      | 2021                  | 93,000  |
| Greenland Zijin Center         | Gulou & Hunan Road | 2021                  | 150,000 |
| Xianlin Suning Plaza           | Xianlin            | 2021                  | 205,000 |
| Longfor Hexi Paradise Walk     | Hexi New City      | 2021                  | 116,000 |

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