# **CHANGSHA**

Office Q1 2021



QoQ Change

**¥86.7** Rent (PSM/MO)

-0.1% Rental Growth (QoQ)



41.8% Vacancy Rate



Source: Cushman & Wakefield Research

# CHANGSHA ECONOMIC INDICATORS 2020

Q1-Q3 12-Mo. 2020 Forecast

4.0%
GDP Growth

3.1%

2.9%

Service Sector GDP 2.3%
Growth

**1.8%** CPI Growth

2.4%

12.0%

Real Estate
Development Investment

Development Investment Growth

Note: Service Sector GDP Growth was calculated based on historical data.

Source: Changsha Statistics Bureau/ Cushman & Wakefield Research

# **Overall Rental Level Stabilizes**

No new supply entered the Changsha Grade A office market in Q1, and citywide stock remained at around 2.6 million sq m. With leasing demand continuing to warm up, citywide net absorption reached 88,538 sq m for the quarter. In turn, the vacancy rate dropped 3.4 pp q-o-q to 41.8% at the end of Q1. Many landlords have adopted more flexible leasing approaches due to the high overall office market vacancy, but the active leasing demand enabled the overall average rent level to stabilize in the quarter, dropping just 0.1% q-o-q to RMB86.7 per sq m per month. The rent decline was a full 1.5 pp narrower than in the prior quarter.

# **Active Leasing Demand in Furong Middle Road Submarket**

Several firms with lease expansion needs selected Furong Middle Road submarket in Q1, helped along by Kaifu District's investment policy preferences and the cost-effective spaces available. Two notable deals were with Genshuixue and Alibaba, who leased approximately 10,000 sq m and 4,000 sq m of office space respectively at Fortune CFC in Furong Middle Road submarket.

### **Outlook**

The pace of new office supply entering the market in 2021 is expect to slow compared with last year. Subsequently, the market should focus more on absorbing existing stock. The government has also issued an industrial introduction policy, which is hoped to help support office leasing demand and lead to a gradual reduction in the high overall vacancy rate.

The market has seen a few prominent firms move into Grade A office buildings in Changsha, generating a beneficial industry cluster effect. Along with government support for the development of the headquarters economy, which is helping to draw in firms to establish enterprise headquarters or regional headquarters, we can expect such moves to help drive future leasing demand and to absorb the available office space stock.

### **GRADE A OFFICE RENT & VACANCY RATE**



Source: Cushman & Wakefield Research

### **GRADE A OFFICE ANNUAL NEW SUPPLY**



Source: Cushman & Wakefield Research

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SUBMARKET	INVENTORY (sq m)	VACANCY RATE	PLANNED & UNDER CONSTRUCTION TILL 2024 (sq m)	GRADE A ASKING RENT		
SUBMARNET				RMB/SQ M/MO	US\$/SF/MO	EUR/SF/MO
Wuyi	1,109,353	44.8%	-	83.8	1.2	1.0
Furong Middle Road	573,000	30.1%	-	84.2	1.2	1.0
Meixi Lake	100,000	15.0%	134,315	103.4	1.5	1.2
Nanhu New Town	175,191	49.1%	-	81.5	1.2	1.0
Riverside New Town	390,112	61.6%	65,316	96.9	1.4	1.2
Others	217,000	27.8%	-	86.7	1.2	1.0
CHANGSHA CORE GRADE A TOTAL	2,564,656	41.8%	301,631	¥86.7	US\$1.2	€1.0
Yanghu	-	-	102,000	-	-	-

<sup>\*</sup> Asking rent is calculated based on gross floor area and assuming a letting of mid floors for a typical three-year lease term with VAT. 1USD = 6.51042 RMB = 0.84049 EUR as at Mar 10. 2021

#### **KEY LEASING TRANSACTIONS Q1 2021**

PROPERTY	SUBMARKET	TENANT	AERA (SQ M)	SECTOR
Fortune CFC (T2)	Furong Middle Road	Genshuixue	10,000	Education
Fortune CFC (T3)	Furong Middle Road	Alibaba Group	4,000	TMT
Huayuan International Center	Wuyi	Pingan Health Insurance	940	Finance

### SIGNIFICANT PROJECTS UNDER CONSTRUCTION

PROPERTY	SUBMARKET	MAJOR TENANT	AREA (SQ M)	COMPLETION YEAR
Xiangjiang Fortune Financial Center T2	Riverside New Town		65,316	2021
Jinmao Building	Meixi Lake		134,315	2024
R&F Center	Yanghu	-	102,000	2024

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