## MARKETBEAT **BANGKOK OFFICE**

Office Q3 2021



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12-Mo. **Forecast** 

2.83% Rent Growth (YoY)



11.81% Vacancy Rate









7.50% **GDP Growth** 



YoY



12-Mo.

**Forecast** 

2.36% Inflation Growth





1.89%

Unemployment



## Thailand's Economy Returns to Growth on Annual Basis

The Thai economy grew by 7.5% y-o-y in Q2, rebounding from the 2.6% contraction of Q1 to record the first expansion in six guarters. Exports of goods largely supported economic performance in the quarter. The inflation rate was at 2.36% in Q2, up from a 0.53% contraction in Q1. The unemployment rate dropped to 1.89% in Q2, from 1.96% in Q1. Momentum in the economic recovery and growth in 2021 has faded since the new wave of COVID-19 starting in April. However, growth over the remainder of the year is now forecast on the assumption that the current COVID-19 wave will be sufficiently controlled that normal economic activities can gradually resume in Q4.

### **New CBD Office Projects Enter the Market Amid Economic Recovery**

Total Bangkok office stock in Q3 was at approximately 9.38 million sq m, up 0.41% q-o-q. The citywide overall vacancy rate edged up to 10.07% from 9.97% in Q2. Overall net absorption in Q3 recorded 25,348 sq m, down slightly from the 27,700 sq m seen in Q2. The citywide monthly average rental level rose 9.8% g-o-g to reach THB 873 per sg m per month.

Total Grade A office stock in CBD locations was recorded at 1.53 million sq m in Q3, growing by 2.58% q-o-q. The Siamscape and Vanissa Office projects completed in the quarter, adding a net lettable area of 38,574 sq m to the CBD. A further 43,175 sq m of Grade A office space under construction is scheduled to be completed in Q4, bringing a total of 101,914 sg m to the CBD market for the 2021. Overall net absorption for the CBD area stood at 8,048 sq m for Q3, with the vacancy rate at 11.81%, up from 10.07% in Q2. The Wireless - Lang Suan submarket achieved the highest net absorption at 25,883 sq m. The Ploenchit - Rama 1 submarket followed, with net absorption at 8,181 sq m, supported by tenants moving into newly completed office spaces.

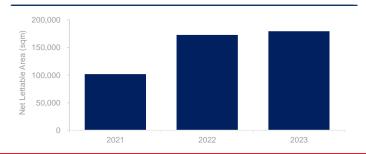
### **Moderate Market Performance Expected**

Average Bangkok Grade A office asking rents in the CBD market were at THB1,126 per sq m per month in Q3, an increase of 2.83% y-o-y, backed by high occupancy rates. We expect the office market to maintain a moderate performance level during the COVID-19 situation, with slowly improving demand from domestic and foreign companies throughout the remainder of 2021. Office leasing activity is predicted to remain tenantfavorable, with landlords offering incentives to retain and attract tenants. Increasingly, tenants are renewing at their existing premises with favorable incentives, rather than moving to new premises and spending CapEx. Ahead, new Grade A office projects currently under construction will bring additional office space to the prime CBD locations in the coming year, further intensifying competition in the Grade A market.

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



#### **GRADE A CBD SUPPLY PIPELINE**



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#### MARKET STATISTICS

SUBMARKET	INVENTORY (SQM)	DIRECT VACANT (SQM)	OVERALL VACANCY RATE	CURRENT QTR OVERALL NET ABSORPTION (SQM)	YTD OVERALL NET ABSORPTION (SQM)	UNDER CNSTR (SQM)	OVERALL AVG ASKING RENT (THB / SQM / MO)	OVERALL AVG ASKING RENT (US / SF / MO)
Ploenchit - Rama 1	191,698	14,761	7.70%	8,181	6,438	61,000	1,248	\$3.59
Wireless - Lang Suan	325,916	37,480	11.50%	25,883	22,088	25,785	1,290	\$3.71
Early Sukhumvit	41,876	8,794	21.00%	-4,690	-6,512	43,175	773	\$2.22
Silom	139,530	18,418	13.20%	-195	-6,614	155,000	903	\$2.59
Sathorn	534,138	57,153	10.70%	-8,333	-9,080	-	1,096	\$3.15
Rama 4	204,000	37,740	18.50%	-8,996	-5,916	55,200	1,250	\$3.59
Asoke – Ratchada	96,000	6,720	7.00%	-3,802	40,932	-	1,350	\$3.88
GRADE A CBD TOTAL	1,533,158	181,066	11.81%	8,048	41,336	340,160	1,126	\$3.24
BANGKOK TOTAL	9,379,782	944,544	10.07%	25,348	71,760	1,004,402	873	\$2.51

\*Rental rates reflect full service asking

1 USD = THB 32.338

#### **KEY CONSTRUCTION COMPLETIONS YTD 2021**

PROPERTY	MARKET	SUBMARKET	OWNER / DEVELOPER	SQM	COMPLETION DATE
CAS Centre	NBD	Ratchada – Rama 9	CAS Capital	39,000	Q1 2021
Kronos Sathorn Tower	CBD	Sathorn	Paiboon Business	20,165	Q1 2021
Rasa Two	CBD	Asoke - Ratchada	Rasa Group	45,000	Q2 2021
Siamscape	CBD	Ploenchit - Rama 1	Chula Property	13,854	Q3 2021
Vanissa Office	CBD	Wireless - Lang Suan	Peyanarongwith	24,720	Q3 2021

#### SIGNIFICANT PROJECTS UNDER CONSTRUCTION

PROPERTY	MARKET	SUBMARKET	OWNER / DEVELOPER	SQM	COMPLETION DATE
O-Nes Tower	CBD	Early Sukhumvit	Thai Obayashi Corporation	43,175	2021
140 Wireless	CBD	Wireless - Langsuan	Kian Gwan Thailand	25,785	2022
S Oasis	NBD	Chatuchak – Ratchayothin	Singha Estate	54,000	2022
The Rice Tower	NBD	Phayathai – Phaholyothin	Srisupharaj	18,313	2022
Vanit Place Aree	NBD	Phayathai – Phaholyothin	Laem Thong Enterprise	33,510	2022
Market Place Thonglor	EBD	Mid-Sukhumvit	Siam Future Development PLC	13,623	2022
One City Centre (OCC)	CBD	Ploenchit – Rama 1	Raimon Land	61,000	2022
Park Silom	CBD	Silom	NYE and RGP Development	65,000	2022
Punn Tower	CBD	Rama 4	Dolsiri	21,000	2022
The EmSphese	EBD	Mid-Sukhumvit	The Mall Group	20,000	2022

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