# HEFEI

Office 2021



12-Mo. Forecast

**¥76.2**Rent (PSM/MO)



**5.4%**Rental Growth (YOY)



**38.4%** Vacancy Rate



12-Mo

Source: Cushman & Wakefield Research

# HEFEI ECONOMIC INDICATORS Q1-Q3 2021

| 4.0.407                 | 2020 | Foreca |  |
|-------------------------|------|--------|--|
| <b>10.4%</b> GDP Growth | 2.7% |        |  |
|                         |      |        |  |

Q1-Q3

9.4%
Tertiary Sector
Growth

1.3% 3.2% **A** 

-5.5%
Real Estate Sector
Investment Growth

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

## **Two Grade A Office Properties Completed in 2021**

Hefei's macro-economic indicators showed improvement in the first three quarters of 2021. Compared with the same period last year, Hefei's GDP growth improved by 7.7 percentage points to 10.4% y-o-y. Two Grade A office properties completed in 2021: Greenland Center in the South Station and Xinda Yinxin Square in the High-Tech Zone. These projects added a combined office GFA of approximately 195,000 sq m to the market, leading the total stock to expand to 1.7 million sq m.

### Further Pick-up in Demand In Hefei's Office Market in 2021

As at the end of the Q4 2021, net absorption amounted to 150,432 sq m, confirming a further pick-up in demand in Hefei's Grade A office market. Demand in the Grade A sector came primarily from the TMT, life sciences, and professional services industries, with several large-scale leasing transactions and purchase transactions concluded during this year. Major leasing transactions in 2021 included: Huawei's lease of 5,000 sq m in the China Resources Building, MJ Health Care's lease of 4,000 sq m in Anhui Land Square in the Zhengwu submarket, and KFC's lease of 3,010 sq m in Liantou Center Tower A in the Binhu submarket.

Despite the active demand, the vacancy rate edged up by 0.9 percentage points y-o-y to 38.4% in Q4. Meanwhile, the average rent for Grade A office properties climbed by 5.4% y-o-y to reach RMB76.2 per sq m per month at the end of this year. The increase was supported by Hefei's solid economic fundamentals and stable demand from domestic and foreign companies.

### Five Grade A Office Properties Scheduled to Launch in 2022

Five new Grade A office properties: New Traffic Tower in Beiyihuan submarket; Baoneng building, Fintech Tower and Wanxin Cultural Innovation Square in Binhu; and Heli Tower located in Sanli'an; are scheduled to launch in 2022, adding approximately 566,358 sq m of prime office space. The overall vacancy rate in Hefei's Grade A office market is expected to edge up in the short-term. In a bid to compete with incoming supply, we expect certain existing landlords to offer rental incentives in the short-term to help secure existing tenants.

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



Source: Cushman & Wakefield Research

#### **GRADE A CBD NEW SUPPLY**



Source: Cushman & Wakefield Research

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| SUBMARKET               | INVENTORY | VACANCY | PLANNED & UNDER<br>CONSTRUCTION | GRADE A EFFECTIVE RENT |            |           |
|-------------------------|-----------|---------|---------------------------------|------------------------|------------|-----------|
|                         | (SQ M)    | RATE    | (SQ M)                          | RMB/SQ M/MO            | US\$/SF/MO | EUR/SF/MO |
| Zhengwu                 | 440,107   | 24.5%   | 188,480                         | ¥88.5                  | US\$1.27   | €1.08     |
| Binhu                   | 394,422   | 41.5%   | 544,686                         | ¥63.8                  | US\$0.92   | €0.78     |
| Beiyihuan               | 38,280    | 21.0%   | -                               | ¥57.7                  | US\$0.83   | €0.71     |
| High-Tech Zone          | 360,295   | 29.7%   | -                               | ¥79.0                  | US\$1.14   | €0.97     |
| South Station           | 292,000   | 50.0%   | 139,402                         | ¥64.5                  | US\$0.93   | €0.79     |
| Sanli'an                | 139,000   | 22.7%   | 114,000                         | ¥64.3                  | US\$0.92   | €0.78     |
| HEFEI GRADE A CBD TOTAL | 1,664,104 | 38.4%   | 1,160,389                       | ¥76.2                  | US\$1.10   | €0.93     |

Rental equals "Gross Transacted Face Rental" 1RMB = 0.1570USD = 0.1386EUR (December 16th 2021)

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

| PROPERTY                                    | SUBMARKET | TENANT                  | SQ M  | LEASE TYPE |
|---|-----------|-------------------------|-------|------------|
| China Life Insurance Anhui Financial Center | Binhu     | KFC                     | 3,010 | Relocation |
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| Anhui Land Square                           | Zhengwu   | Tianhe Law Firm         | 3,700 | New Setup  |
| China Resources Tower A                     | Zhengwu   | 58.Com Inc.             | 2,000 | New Setup  |

#### SIGNIFICANT PROJECTS PLANNED & UNDER CONSTRUCTION

| PROPERTY                          | SUBMARKET     | MAJOR TENANT | SQ M    | COMPLETION YEAR |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|--------------|---------|-----------------|
| New Traffic Tower                 | Beiyihuan     | -            | 52,270  | 2022            |
| Baoneng                           | Binhu         | -            | 76,436  | 2022            |
| Fintech Tower                     | Binhu         | -            | 94,000  | 2022            |
| Wanxin Cultural Innovation Square | Binhu         |              | 204,250 | 2022            |
| Heli Tower                        | Sanli'an      | -            | 139,402 | 2022            |
| Xindatianyu Tower                 | South Station |              | 82,500  | 2023            |
| Zhongjian Tianji Tower            | South Station | -            | 91,321  | 2023            |
| China Resources Kunlunyu          | Binhu         |              | 58,000  | 2023            |
|                                   |               |              |         |                 |

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