# **WUHAN**

Office Q1 2022



QoQ Change

¥100.7 Rent (PSM/MO)



**-2.4%** Rental Growth (QoQ)



35.1% Vacancy Rate



12-Mo.

Source: Cushman & Wakefield Research

### WUHAN ECONOMIC INDICATORS 2021

40.00/	2020	Forecast
12.2%	4.70/	
GDP Growth	-4.7%	

12.3% Service Sector GDP



0.6% **CPI Growth** 

Growth

2.4%

17.2%

Growth

-11.8% Real Estate **Development Investment** 

Source: Wuhan Statistics Bureau// Oxford Economics/ Cushman & Wakefield Research

## **New Project Deliveries Prompt Rise in Overall Vacancy**

The opening of TF Tower in Q1 brought 89,628 sq m of new Grade A office supply to the Wuhan market. Citywide office stock then rose to approximately 2.7 million sq m. Consecutive quarters of new project delivery brought downward pressure on the average Grade A office rental level in Q1, average Grade A rents in the city's five core business district dropping by 2.4% q-o-q to RMB100.7 per sq m. The five core business districts recorded total net absorption of 43,480 sq m in the guarter, up 29.7% q-o-q, although down 14.7% y-o-y. However, the additional available space also prompted a rise in the overall vacancy rate, increasing 0.6 percentage points q-o-q to reach 35.1%.

### **TMT Firms Lead Transaction Activity**

The TMT sector was the primary driver of occupier demand in Q1, taking a 38.7% share of total leased space. Professional services firms took a 17.4% share of space, followed by financial firms at 11.4%. Relocation was the most important factor for leasing activity, accounting for 50.0% of total leasing transactions in the quarter. It is worth noting that large area office transactions in Q1 fell compared to the previous quarter, with the market dominated by smaller area leases in the quarter.

### Outlook

High-quality new projects including Wuhan Tiandi A1, Hong Kong Center A, and CR Land T1, are scheduled to be completed through 2022, and are estimated to bring a total of 778,567 sq m of new supply to the market. We can expect the influx of space to drive up the overall vacancy rate, with average market rental levels coming under further pressure.

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



Source: Cushman & Wakefield Research

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



Source: Cushman & Wakefield Research

# MARKETBEAT WUHAN

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### **MARKET STATISTICS**

SUBMARKET	INVENTORY (sq m)	VACANCY	PLANNED & UNDER CONSTRUCTION TILL 2026 (sq m)	GRADE A FACE RENT		
SUDMARREI		RATE		RMB/SQ M/MO	US\$/SF/MO	EUR/SF/MO
Jianshe Ave.	998,735	39.1%	95,797	91.4	1.3	1.2
Wuguang	592,618	43.9%	280,105	87.7	1.3	1.2
Hankou & Wuchang RCD	377,142	15.6%	1,204,462	122.8	1.8	1.6
Zhongnan	490,485	37.9%	432,661	109.8	1.6	1.5
Optics Valley	202,179	19.4%	139,944	113.7	1.7	1.5
WUHAN CORE GRADE A TOTAL	2,661,159	35.1%	2,152,969	103.2	US\$1.5	€1.3
Wuhan CBD	-	-	72,569	-	-	-

<sup>\*</sup> Rent is calculated based on gross floor area and assuming a letting of mid floors for a typical three-year lease term with VAT. 1 USD = 6.3656467RMB = 0.91332398EUR as of 15h Mar 2022

### **KEY LEASING TRANSACTIONS 1Q22**

PROPERTY	SUBMARKET	TENANT	SQ M	LEASE TYPE
Poly International Center	Optics Valley	Weipie Technology Co., Ltd	325	Expansion
CAH Fortune Center T1	Jianshe Ave.	Minmetals Futures Co. Ltd	350	New Setup
Hang Lung Center	Wuguang	Wuhan Jicui Technology Co., Ltd	857	Relocation
New World Center T1	Optics Valley	Narwal Robot	2,105	New Setup

### SIGNIFICANT PROJECTS UNDER CONSTRUCTION

PROPERTY	SUBMARKET	MAJOR TENANT	AREA (SQ M)	COMPLETION YEAR
Hong Kong Center A	Wuguang	-	60,750	2022
Wuhan Tiandi A1	Hankou & Wuchang RCD		177,117	2022
CR Land T1	Jianshe Ave.	-	95,797	2022
Hubei Financial Holding Center	Zhongnan	-	91,039	2022

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