BELGRADE

Retail H1 2023

YoY Chg

12-Mo. **Forecast**

580,000 sa m

Belgrade Retail Stock

€ 48.00-50.00

Average prime SC rent, sq m/month

7.75-8.25%

Prime SC Yields

(Overall, All Property Classes)

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ECONOMIC INDICATORS

0.7% GDP Growth rate Q1 2023 YoY Change vs Q1 2022

7.6% Belgrade

Unemployment Rate Q1 2023

897 Belgrade Average net salary Q1 2023

Source: Statistical Office of the Republic of Serbia

ECONOMY

Real GDP growth in Q1 2023 was 0.7% and National Bank of Serbia has kept the projected growth rate of Serbia's GDP for 2023 in the range of 2.0-3.0%. Average annual inflation in 2022 was 11.9% and has peaked in Q1 2023, which is in line with earlier prognosis. The annual inflation reached 16.2% in March, led by higher food prices, as well as recent gas and electricity price increase. As of Q2, inflation is on a downward path and inflationary pressures should continue to ease more sharply in the second half of the year. To ensure that inflation returns within the target tolerance band in the projection horizon, the NBS continued to tighten monetary conditions in June by increasing the key policy rate by 25 bp, to 6.25%. In 2022, FDI inflow amounted to EUR 4.4 billion, while the FDI inflow in first three months of 2023 increased by 75% compared to the corresponding period in 2022 totalling EUR 1.3 billion with the largest share of countries from the Asia Pacific and European Union. In addition, economic stability was supported by the average net salary growth in Q1 2023 in Belgrade, amounting to EUR 897 which is YoY increase of 16%, while unemployment rate stood at the similar level as in previous few guarters and amounted to 7.6% in Belgrade.

SUPPLY AND DEMAND

Similar to other capitals in CEE region, where the development activity in retail sector is primarily focused on extensions of existing shopping centres, as well as the development of smaller retail parks and convenience schemes, Belgrade and Serbia are following the same trend. In the first two quarters of 2023, 3 retail parks and one small scheme were completed in Serbia, enlarging the stock for new 26,000 sq m of retail space whereas more than 90% of this volume was constructed out of Belgrade. Moreover, 62,000 sq m of retail park stock is currently under development, which confirms their dominance. On the other side, there were no changes in shopping centre stock and with no new openings planned in 2023.

In the first half of 2023, occupier activity across Belgrade was solid. The leasing activity was slightly over 15,000 sq m, 53% lower than H1 2022 since the focus of retailers has shifted from the capital to the secondary cities across Serbia. Namely, in H1 2023, Belgrade participated with the share of 38% in total leasing activity in the country, unlike the same period in 2022, when Belgrade had a share of 90% of the total take-up in Serbia. Most tenants are discounter retailers and affordable brands since the most preferred retail scheme for tenants was retail parks. However, despite the slowdown in the leasing activity, the strong appetite for Belgrade retail market is still present. In 2023, some new brands were introduced to the market or opened monobrend stores. Man's underwear brand Intimissimi Uomo entered the market within BW Galerija while Rajiceva Shopping Center introduced exclusive HUGO store, a streetwear line of the reputable fashion brand Hugo Boss.

Customer experience became essential and landlords in Serbia are trying to follow the global trends and improve offer by providing additional benefits to consumers. In this respect, one of the largest shopping centres in Belgrade, Usce SC and BW Galerija will improve offer with new content to the customers, especially in food & beverage and entertainment segment.

PRICING

The leading Belgrade shopping centres maintain a rather stable level of average rents during the first half of 2023, ranging between EUR 23-28/sg m/month, while the prime rents for most attractive schemes range between EUR 48-50/sg m/month. Despite low development activity in shopping centre segment, the space for rental growth is limited due to inflation, which contributed to increase in service charges and confined retail sales. Prime rents in the segment of retail parks, which witnessed upward trend in the final quarter of 2022, remained stable at the beginning of 2023 and amounted to EUR 8.5-12/sg m/month.

The asking rental levels at the prime pedestrian locations are traditionally high and remained mostly stable in H1 2023. However, considering the fact that shopping centres and retail parks became prime shopping destinations during the 2022, certain exception in the form of rent reduction is notable for retail units at the less attractive locations.



MARKET STATISTICS

SUBMARKET	RETAIL STOCK (SQ M GLA)	DENSITY (RETAIL STOCK PER 1,000 INH.)	RETIAL PIPELINE (SQ M GLA)	AVERAGE PRIME RENT (€/sqm/month)
Belgrade	580,000	350	40,000	48-50
Novi Sad	124,400	364	-	20-35
Nis	76,600	294	8,000*	18-30
Kragujevac	58,200	324	8,000	15-30
SERBIA TOTAL	1,202,200	167	62,300	

^{*} Planned expansion

CONSTRUCTION COMPLETIONS IN BELGRADE AND SERBIA 2023

PROPERTY	SUBMARKET	TYPE OF SCHEME	SQ M GLA	DEVELOPER
Park Surcin*	Belgrade, Surcin	Retail Park	2,715	Nid Projekt doo
NEST Obrenovac - 2nd phase	Belgrade, Obrenovac	Retail Park	2,848	RC Europe RSB
Retail Park Vrbas	Vrbas	Retail Park	5,000	VS Retail 2023
BIG Pazova - 1st phase	Stara Pazova	Retail Park	18,000	BIG CEE

^{*} The scheme is not part of modern retail stock due to its size

KEY ONGOING PROJECTS IN BELGRADE AND SERBIA

PROPERTY	SUBMARKET	TYPE OF SCHEME	DEVELOPER	SQ M GLA	DELIVERY YEAR
Retail Park Belgrade	Belgrade, suburban area	Retail Park	RE Company	30,000	2024
NOVA Retail Park Ub	Ub	Retail Park	GO SHOP Retail Park	11,500	2023
AVA Shopping Park - 2nd phase	Belgrade, Bubanj potok	Retail Park	IKEA	10,000	2024
BIG Kragujevac	Kragujevac	Retail Park	BIG CEE	8,000	2024
NEST Vrsac - 2nd phase	Vrsac	Retail Park	RC Europe RSB	2,800	2023

BELGRADE PRIME RETAIL RENTS (EUR/SQ M/MONTH)				
HIGH STREET ZONE	SIZE OF UNITS (SQ M)			
HIGH STREET ZONE	UP TO 100	100-250	>250	
Knez Mihailova Street	80-100	55-80	40-60	
Terazije Square	45-80	35-50	30-40	
Kralja Aleksandra Blvd (up to Vukov spomenik)	40-60	30-50	25-35	
Secondary High Street (Glavna, Pozeska Street)	35-50	25-35	10-20	

^{*}Smaller retail units (<100 sq m) in Knez Mihailova Street could command the rental levels more than EUR 100/sq m

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