# MARKETBEAT

### **GREENSBORO / WINSTON-SALEM**

Office Q2 2023



# YoY Chg 12-Mo. Forecast 12.0% Vacancy Rate 83.9K Q2 Net Absorption, SF

\$18.90 Asking Rent, PSF



(Overall, All Property Classes)

# ECONOMIC INDICATORS Q2 2023

648.7K

Greensboro/
Winston-Salem
Employment

3.6% Greensboro/ Winston-Salem Unemployment Rate

**3.6%**U.S.
Unemployment Rate

Source: BLS

#### **ECONOMY: Employment Grows and Jobs Announced**

The Greensboro/Winston-Salem economy continued expanding this quarter with total nonfarm employment for the metro increasing by 1,900 jobs quarter-over-quarter (QOQ), reducing the unemployment rate to 3.6%. Multiple job & capital investment announcements occurred: notably, ProKidney, Corp., a cellular therapeutics company that will establish a new biomanufacturing facility in Greensboro for a potential investment of \$485M and 330 new jobs. Additionally, Phase Change Solutions, a manufacturer of products for temperature management announced plans to invest \$3.5M and add 35 new jobs by relocating its R&D, warehouse and headquarters to Greensboro.

#### **SUPPLY AND DEMAND: Strong Occupancy Gains Drive Vacancy Losses**

While overall vacancy in the Central Business District (CBD) submarkets remained steady at 10.8% in Q2, strong occupancy gains in suburban markets pushed the overall vacancy rate down 30 basis points (bps) QOQ to 12.0%, the first decrease since Q1 2022. A positive net figure was recorded for the first time since Q3 2020 with Toyota's occupancy of nearly 115,000 square feet (sf) of sublet space at the Salem Building in the West Greensboro submarket and Precision Fabrics' move-in at 333 N Greene St in the Greensboro CBD for more than 10,500 sf driving positive occupancy gains in the market.

New leasing activity rose by 7.3% QOQ with more than 123,000 sf of new deals reported in Q2 along with nearly 55,000 sf of space renewed by existing tenants. The total lease count rose QOQ with 46 new deals signed while the average deal size in Q2 remained relatively the same at 3,040 sf. The West Greensboro submarket experienced the highest concentration of new leasing this quarter with Eagle Physicians & Associates taking more than 26,000 sf between two buildings.

#### **RENTAL RATES: Asking Rents See Modest Increase**

Average asking rents in the market grew slightly QOQ to \$18.90 per square foot (psf) overall, a modest 0.7% increase. Despite the elevated vacancy in the market, rents continued to climb as sublease vacancy remained low at 0.5%, weighing less on the overall rental rate as well as leasing activity being highly concentrated (92.8% of new leases) in Class B space where the average asking rent was \$17.60 psf, a 15.9% discount compared to Class A space. Rates will continue to remain relatively stagnant in the near term due to Class B suburban space which accounts for 48.5% of overall vacant space in the market at a rate of \$17.72 psf; comparatively, Class A CBD rates averaged \$21.75 psf but only make up 17.8% of vacant space in Q2.

#### SPACE DEMAND / DELIVERIES



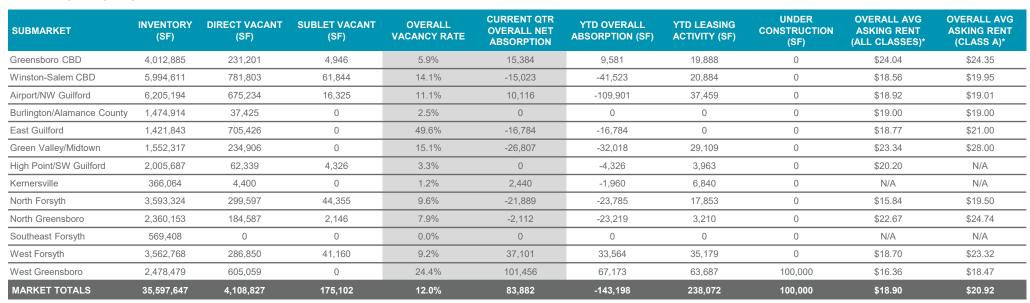
#### OVERALL VACANCY & ASKING RENT



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#### **MARKET STATISTICS**



<sup>\*</sup>Rental rates reflect full service asking

#### **KEY LEASE TRANSACTIONS Q2 2023**

PROPERTY	SUBMARKET	TENANT	SF	TYPE
West Market Office	West Greensboro	Eagle Physicians & Associates, PA	20,462	New Lease
Streamside I	Airport/NW Guilford	Total Quality Logistics	15,223	Renewal
The Wells Fargo Tower	Greensboro CBD	Womble Bond Dickinson LLP	13,414	Renewal
First Citizens Building	Green Valley/Midtown	Credit Human Federal Credit Union	7,516	Renewal

#### **KEY SALES TRANSACTIONS Q2 2023**

PROPERTY	SUBMARKET	Seller   Buyer	SF	Price   \$ PSF
1300 E Hartley Dr	High Point/SW Guilford	Pinnacle Bank   Oak Street Real Estate Capital	37,012	Portfolio Sale
770 Highland Oaks Dr	West Forsyth	GEMCAP Development   HealthCare Realty Solutions	20,058	\$5.6 M   \$279

#### **KEY METRIC YOY COMPARISON**

QUARTER	INVENTORY (SF)	OVERALL VACANCY RATE	OVERALL ASKING RENTS (ALL CLASSES)*	Q2 OVERALL NET ABSORPTION (SF)	Q2 LEASING ACTIVITY (SF)	COMPLETIONS YTD (SF)	UNDER CONSTRUCTION (SF)
Q2 2022	35,597,647	11.3%	\$18.23	-277,623	161,295	49,900	0
Q2 2023	35,597,647	12.0%	\$18.90	83,882	123,233	0	100,000

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