

# MARKET FUNDAMENTALS YOY Outlook Chg 16.81% Vacancy Rate 2.45 **Full-Year Net Absorption** (MSF) INR 78.9 Stock Wtd. Rent (PSFPM) **ECONOMIC INDICATORS** YOY Outlook Chg 5.40% GDP Growth (Q2 FY24-25) 5.48% **CPI** Inflation 58.2 Services PMI (3 months average) Source: MOSPI, RBI, HSBC

# 2024 RECORDS HEALTHY ABSORPTION LEVELS, DRIVEN BY GCCS

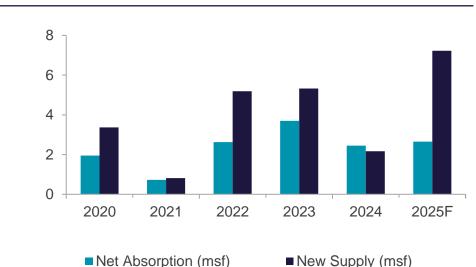
Chennai's office market recorded a gross leasing volume of 2.1msf with a 20% increase on q-o-q. Net absorption during the quarter stood at 0.3msf, recording a q-o-q decline of 39%. Suburban South led guarterly leasing with a 41% share, followed by South-west at 21%. North-west submarket normally witnessing modest activity, doubled its leasing volumes compared to Q3. Engineering & Manufacturing accounted for 31% of the demand, while BFSI contributed 22%. Global Capability Centers (GCCs) remained a key growth driver, contributing 42% to Q4 demand, with a significant 39% g-o-g increase. For the full year, net absorption reached 2.45msf surpassing the five-year average and highlighting a strong appetite for fresh office space. Annual gross leasing volume totaled 7.32msf, a 19% decline compared to 2023. GCCs accounted for ~40% of annual demand, driven by Engineering & Manufacturing and BFSI focused occupiers.

# MARGINAL VACANCY RISE AMID ROBUST NEW SUPPLY

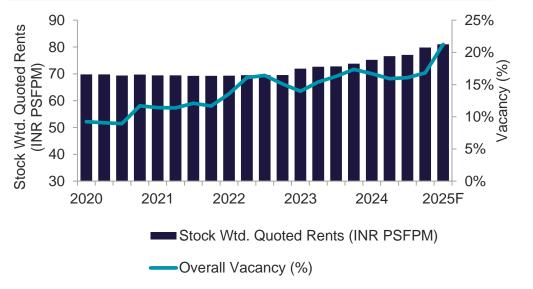
Nearly 0.93msf of Grade A office space entered the market in Q4, with 60% of this supply concentrated in the North-west submarket. City-level vacancy rose by 73 basis points on q-o-q to 16.8% in Q4. Despite the influx of new supply, healthy fresh demand helped limit the rise in vacancy. For the full year, ~2.17msf of new office space got operationalised. Looking ahead, the market is expected to grow further with a robust pipeline of 12.46msf of supply over the next two years.

# **RENT GROWTH FUELED BY STRONG DEMAND & LIMITED AVAILABILITY**

Rising demand, combined with limited supply of premium office spaces, drove qo-q rental increase of 3-6% across Suburban South, North-west, South-west, Peripheral South and Peripheral South-west submarkets. On a y-o-y basis, overall city-level rentals increased by 8%, mainly driven by consistent demand from global occupiers. This upward trend in rentals is expected to continue in the coming few quarters.



# **OVERALL VACANCY & STOCK WTD. QUOTED RENT**



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# **NET ABSORPTION / NEW SUPPLY**

# MARKET STATISTICS

SUBMARKET	INVENTORY (SF)	OVERALL VACANCY RATE	CURRENT QUARTER NET ABSORPTION (SF)	YTD NET ABSORPTION (SF)	YTD LEASING ACTIVITY (SF)	YTD CONSTRUCTION COMPLETIONS (SF)	PLANNED & UNDER CONSTRUCTION (SF)^	GRADE A STOCK WEIGHTED AVERAGE RENT (INR/SF/M)
CBD	2,995,679	4.53%	-6,078	40,633	339,519	-	1,155,233	₹ 86.20
Off-CBD	699,760	21.80%	41,103	41,103	68,789	105,650	683,255	₹ 81.34
South-west	18,177,114	12.33%	-186,673	1,410,665	2,687,899	602,102	5,635,462	₹ 83.98
North-west	3,789,000	23.11%	49,800	118,402	200,970	557,000	500,000	₹ 47.23
Suburban South	21,153,431	11.03%	658,030	773,736	2,634,752	667,288	3,671,269	₹ 98.62
Peripheral South	13,700,497	20.43%	-338,231	-349,869	698,970	233,000	2,760,000	₹ 57.20
Peripheral South-west	8,058,890	37.10%	68,000	414,796	684,912	-	4,887,142	₹ 64.32
CHENNAI TOTALS	68,574,371	16.81%	285,951	2,449,466	7,315,811	2,165,040	19,292,361	₹ 78.88

The report highlights Grade A details only. Certain indicators are historically corrected by addition / deletion of older / refurbished projects as per grade A classification and accounting for changes in built-up / leasable area besides adjusting tenant leases to reflect accurate market conditions.

Net absorption refers to the incremental new space take-up. YTD gross leasing activity includes pre commitments and term renewals. Ancludes planned & under construction projects until 2027 \*Stock weighted average asking rental rates for spaces that provide core facility, high-side air conditioning and 100% power back up

## Key to submarkets:

CBD – Anna Salai, Nungambakkam, RK Salai; Off-CBD – T.Nagar, Alwarpet, Kilpauk, Egmore, Chetpet, Royapettah, Anna Nagar, Kotturpuram; Peripheral South-Sholinganallur, Thoraipakkam, Navalur, Siruseri, Padur; Suburban South – Perungudi, Taramani, Thiruvanmiyur, Velachery; South West – Guindy, Ashok Nagar, Vadapalani, Manapakkam, Ekkaduthangal; North West – Ambattur, Padi, Koyambedu, Arumbakkam; Peripheral South-west – Singaperumalkoil, Tambaram, Guduvanchery, Perungalathur, Pallavaram.

## US\$ 1 = 84.4 INR € 1 = 90.1 INR

Numbers for the fourth quarter are based on market information collected until 20th December 2024

# **KEY LEASE TRANSACTIONS Q4 2024**

PROPERTY	SUBMARKET	TENANT	SF	ТҮРЕ
Global Infocity Park	Suburban South	DTCC	104,887	Term Renewal
CyberVale IT Park	Peripheral South-west	RNTBCI	123,740	Term Renewal
ITPC, Taramani	Suburban South	Lennox	150,000	Fresh Lease
DLF Cybercity	South-west	Barclays	134,000	Fresh Lease
DLF Downtown	Suburban South	Bank of America	160,000	Fresh Lease

# **KEY CONSTRUCTION COMPLETIONS Q4 2024**

PROPERTY	SUBMARKET	MAJOR TENANT	SF	OWNER/DEVELOPER
Tidel Park (Pattabiram)	North-west	-	557,000	TIDCO
ELCOSEZ IT Park	Peripheral South	-	233,000	ELCOT

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