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# Property Market Update and Outlook Mike Barnes and Natasha Browne

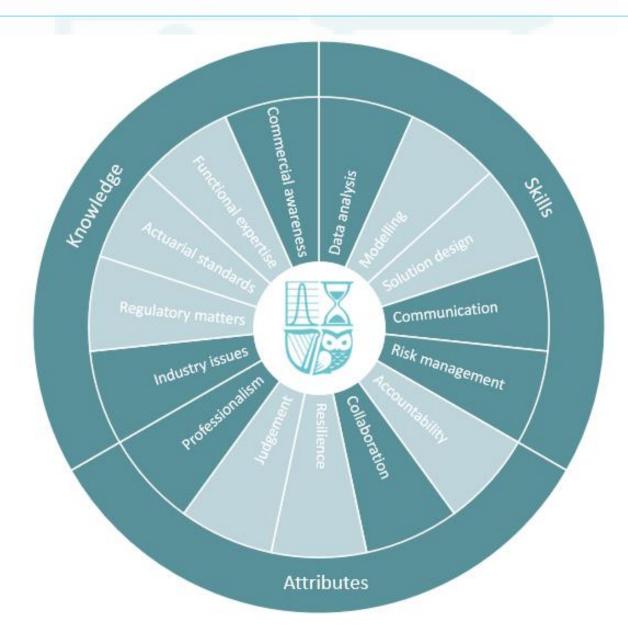
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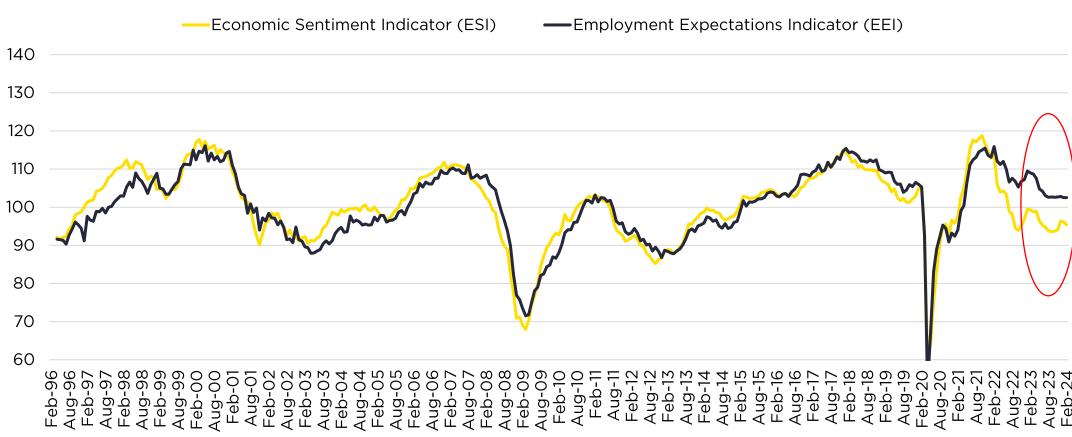
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# Euro area employer expectations are still positive, although overall economic sentiment has significantly weakened.

### Euro area economic sentiment and employment expectations



Source: European Commission

## Headline European office market stats



# Take-up

- 7.8m sq m
- -17% y/y

# Vacancy

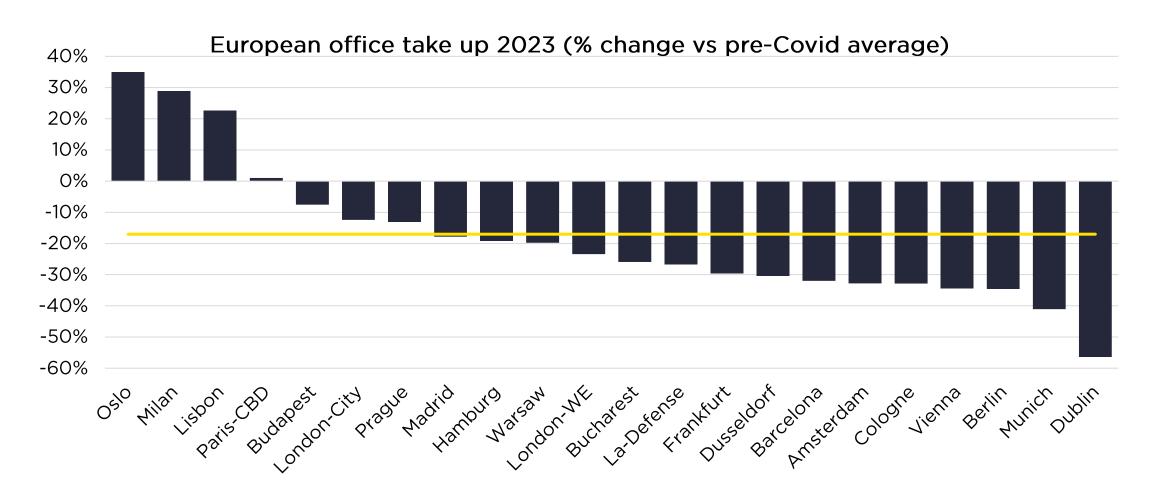
- 8.4%
- +60bps y/y

# Rents

• +4.1% y/y

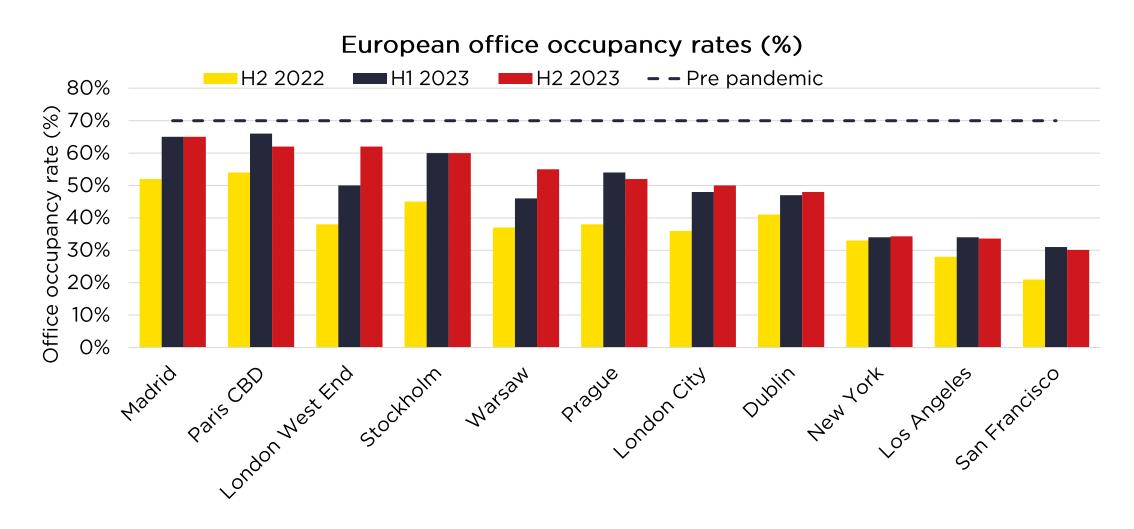


# Southern Europe office demand remains solid, but German/ tech cities report falls.





# **Europe's average office occupancy rate has risen** from 55% to 57% over the last six months, but the US still lags.

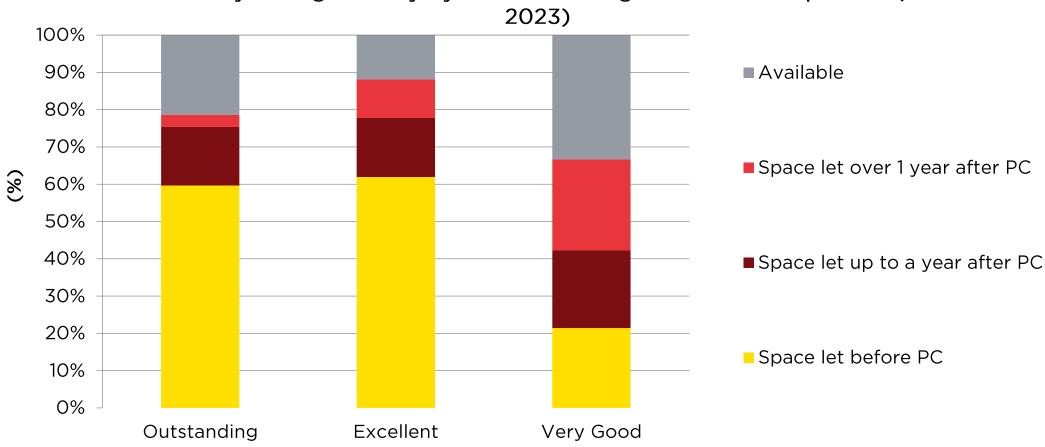


# More energy-efficient office space lets faster, as

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BREEAM 'Very Good' is no longer enough.

London City letting velocity by BREEAM rating for new developments (2018-



Source: Savills



# Take-up

- 29m sq m
- -24% y/y

# Vacancy

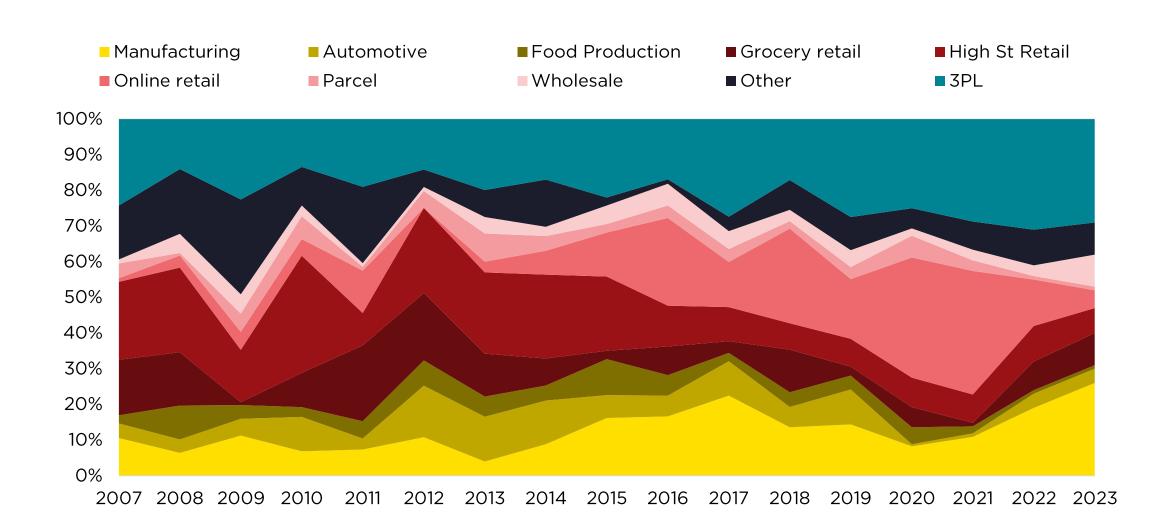
- 5.4%
- +210bps y/y

# Rents

• +11% y/y

## UK: Who's taking space?





Source: Savills

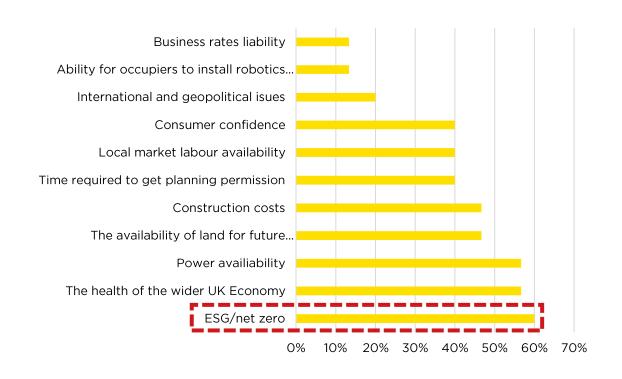
# What are logistics occupiers' and investors' main concerns?



### Occupiers are worried about costs

# Availability of warehouse space Managing international trade (including... More online purchases State of the retail market End customer price issues Increased customer demand for delivery Availability of labour Rising costs of raw materials / products Rising costs of fuel Rising costs of labour Economic uncertainty (e.g. interest rates,... Rising costs of energy 0% 10% 20% 30% 40% 50% 60%

### But investors are worried about ESG



Source: Savills



# Investment





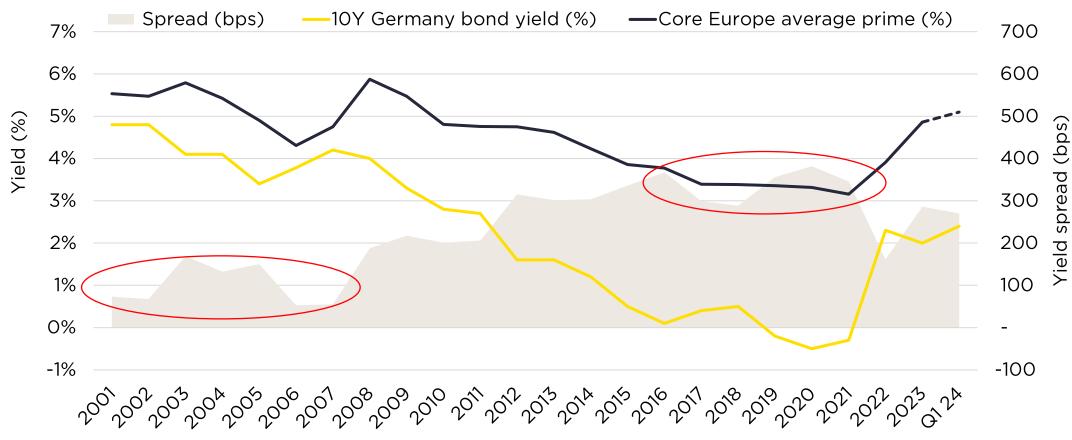
Beds and sheds remain top of Europe's investment agenda. Offices have dropped off significantly.



### Risk adjusted returns will be lower than pre-pandemic.



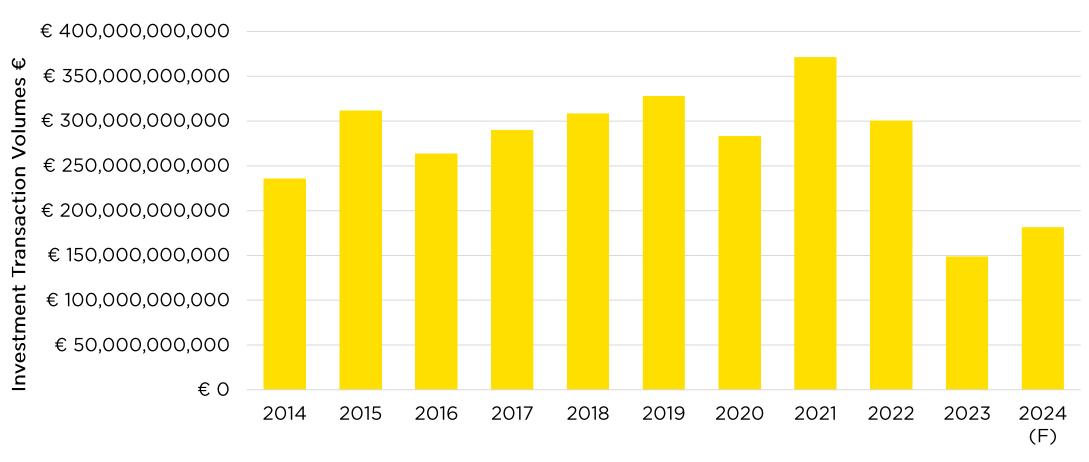
### Prime European office/ German bond yield spread





# Total European investment volumes are expected to rise by 22% YoY in **2024** with a H2 recovery.

### European total investment volumes €

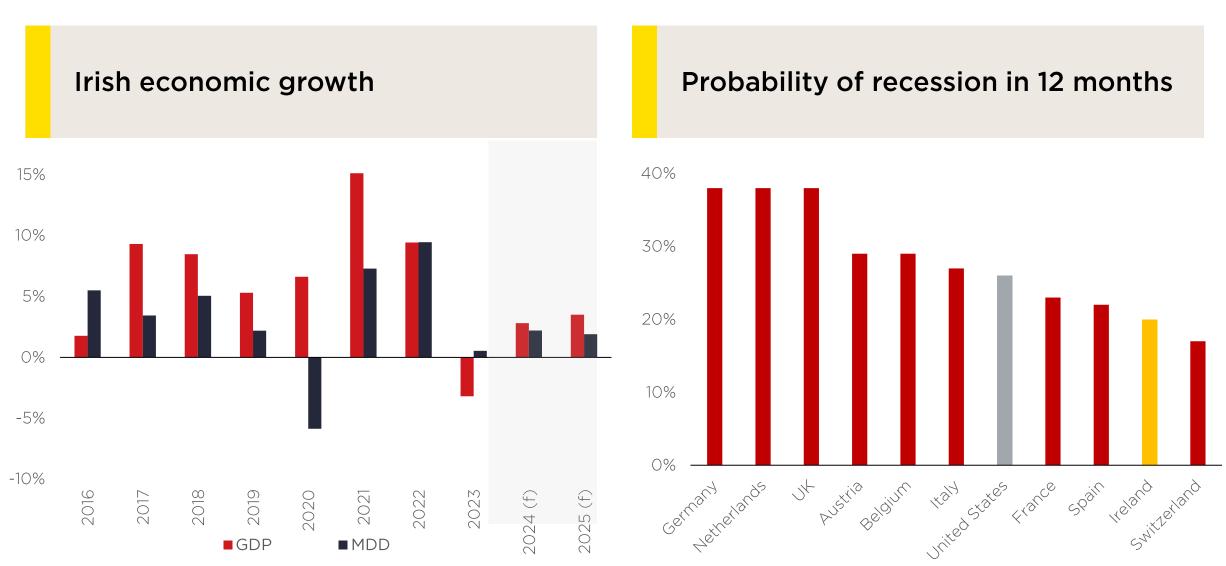




# Overview of Irish Property Market

# Wider macroeconomic context is strong

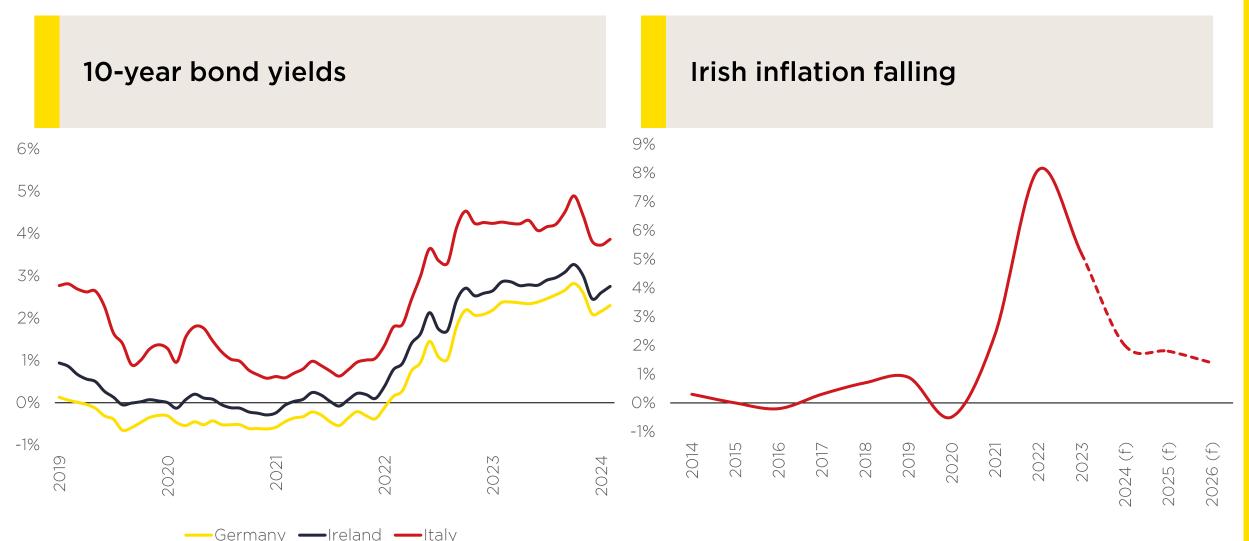




# Ireland sovereign risk ranked with <mark>core</mark> European

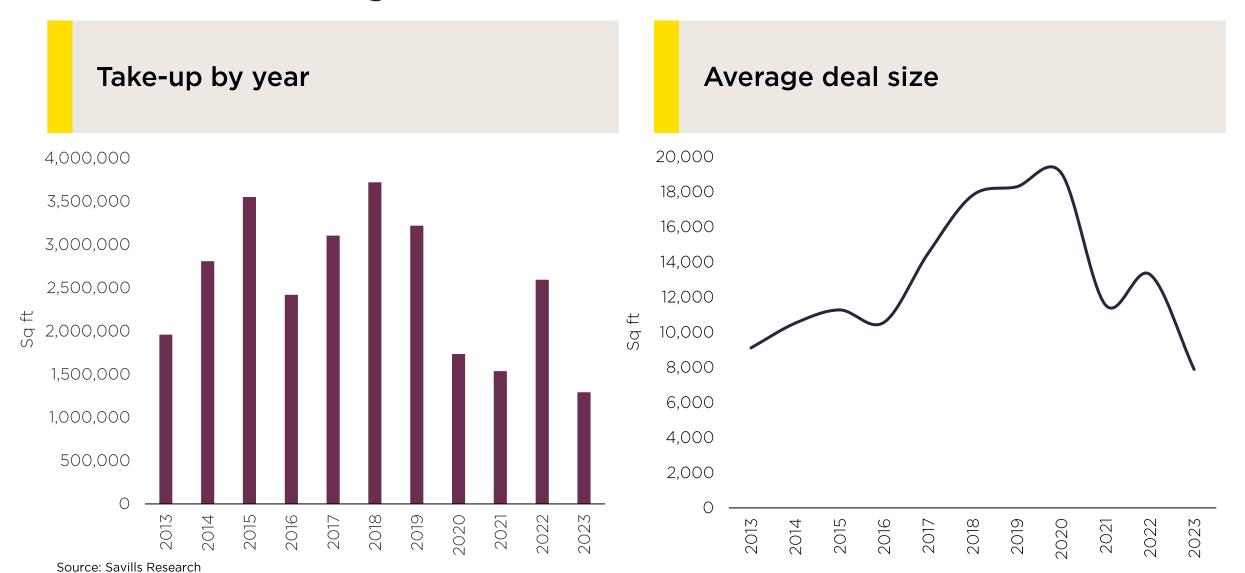
Source: IMF, CSO





# Offices buffeted by structural shocks of ESG and flexible working

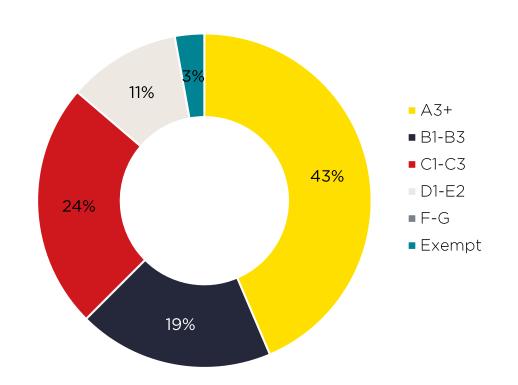




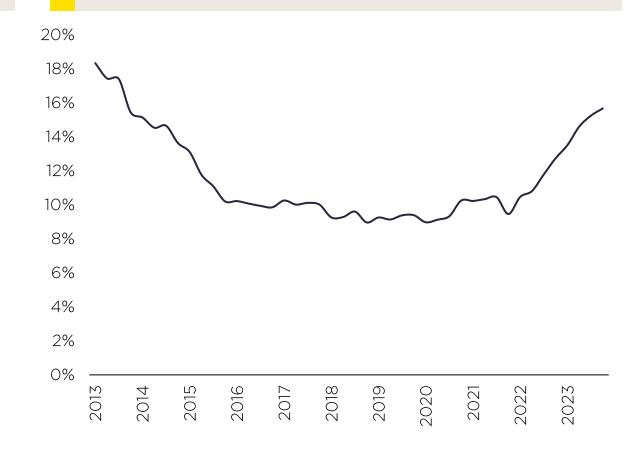
# Quarter of office take-up was BER A space in CBD



### CBD take-up by BER

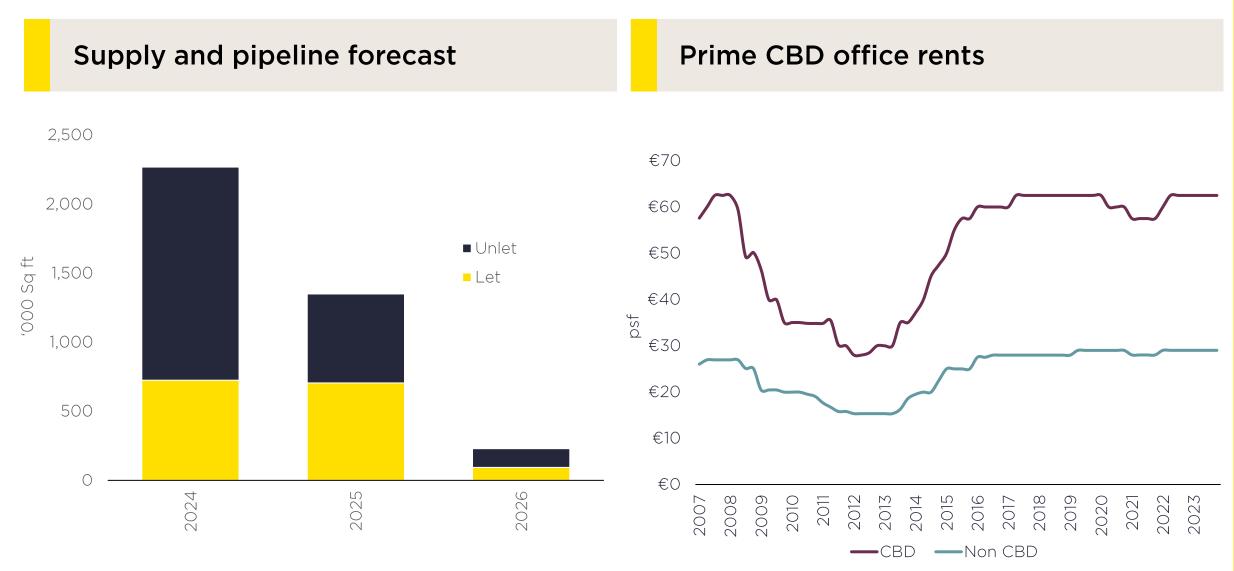


### **Dublin vacancy rate at 15.7%**



# Over two million sq ft of office space due this year





# Industrial and Logistics take-up rises 10% y/y



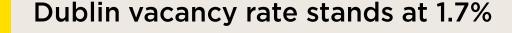


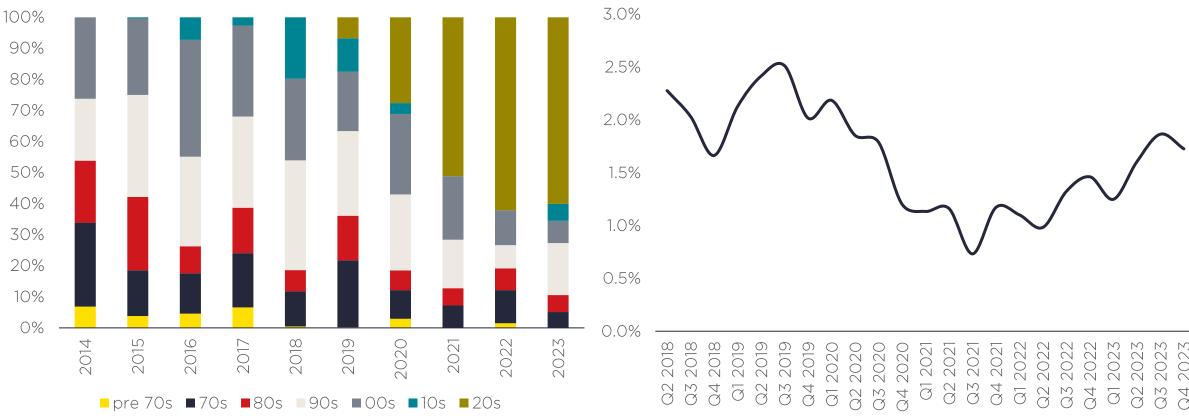
# Majority of take-up was for new builds







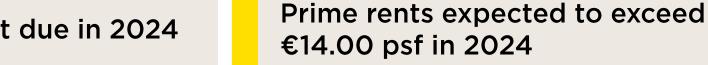


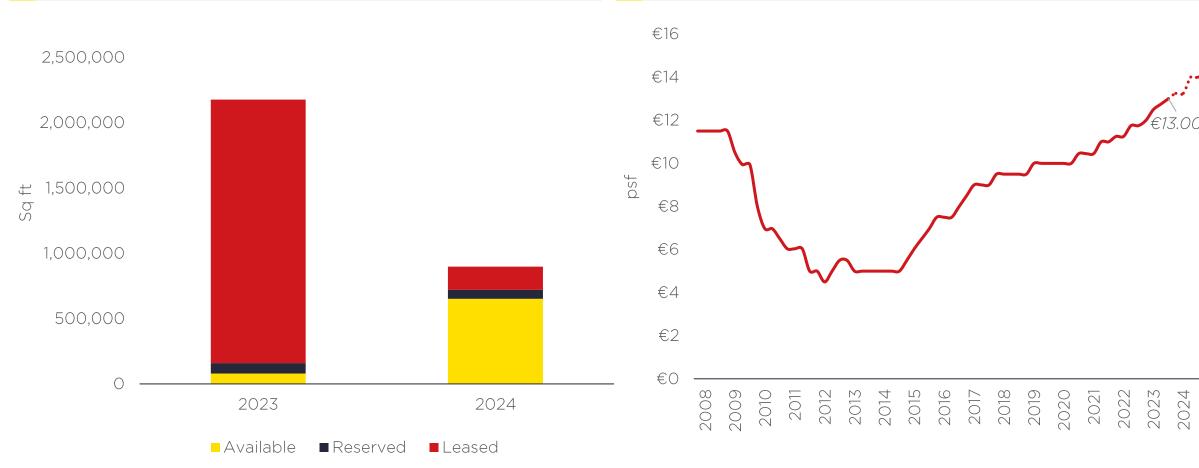


# Industrial and Logistics pipeline to slow in 2024





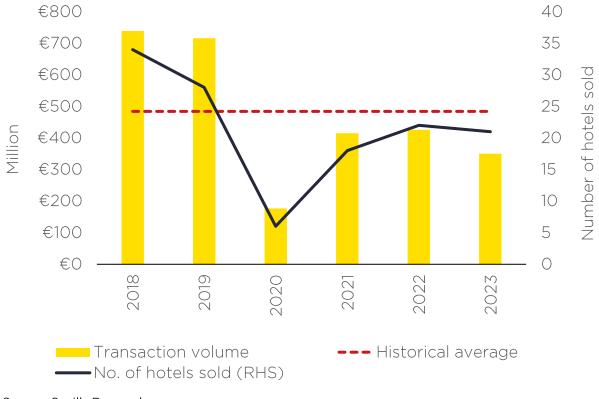




# Hotels saw €350m worth of sales in 2023



	2019	2022	2023
Value of deals	€700m	€400m	€350m
Number of deals	28	22	20
Dublin occupancy rate	82%	78%	82%
Dublin ADR	€142	€170	€180
Dublin new rooms	1,600	2,200	1,200
Dublin airport passengers	33m	28m	33m
Source: STR, DAA, Savills			

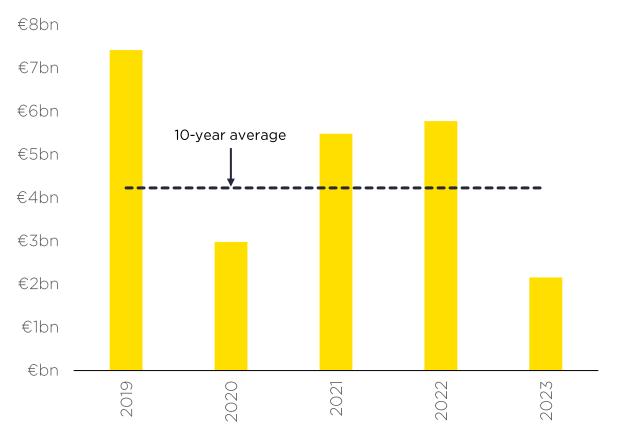


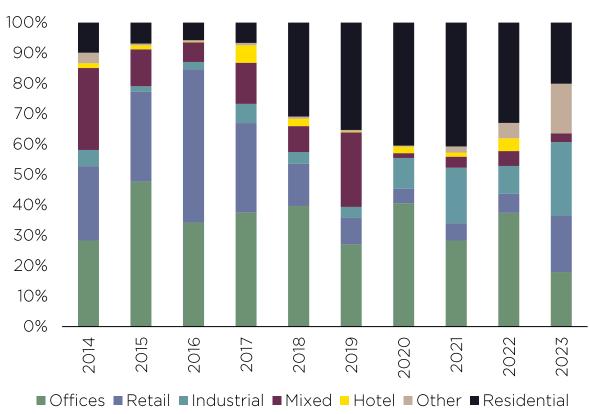
# Investment volumes fall amid high interest rates



### **Annual investment volumes**

Sectoral share was relatively evenly spread





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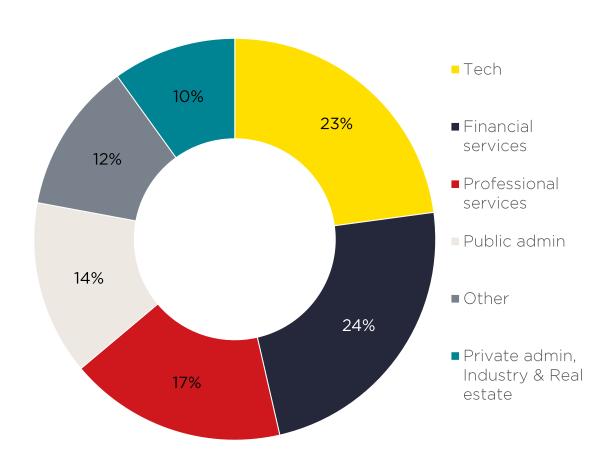
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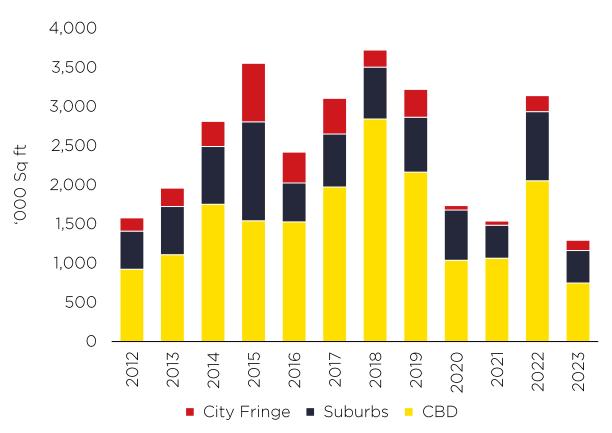
# Financial services led office take-up



### Share of take-up by sector

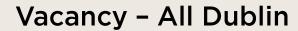


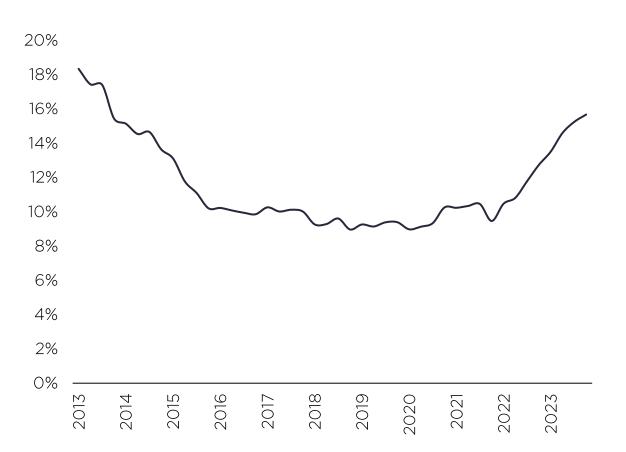
### Take-up by location



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### Vacancy - CBD

