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An Introduction to Commercial Office Markets

Dublin

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# An Introduction to Commercial Office Markets - Dublin



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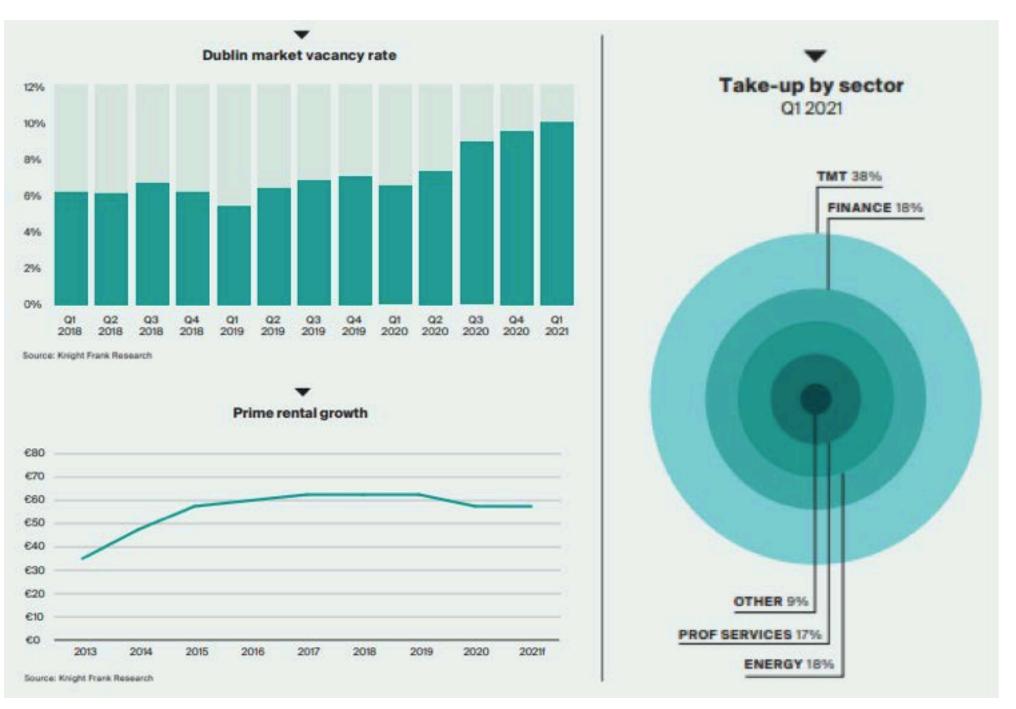
# Dublin Office Investment Sector - Structure

## Dublin and its sub markets:



#### Source: BNPPRE Research

# **Dublins Office Lettings Market**



Source: Knight Frank







# Introduction to the commercial office markets - Dublin

## **Dublin Office Investment Market**

#### 2020 total turnover

- €3.05bn in residential / commercial properties.
- 39% of 2020 total turnover was in offices sector.
- Dublin represented 96% of total turnover.

#### **2020 Office Occupier Market**

- 161,538 sq m office space take up in Dublin.
- TMT (72%), 7% Public Sect (7%), Health & Pharma (7%).
- Prime rents: €645-655 per sq m.

#### **2020 Office Investment Deals**

PROPERTY		PRICE	YIELD	PURCHASER
	Bishop's Square, Dublin 2	€183m	4.0%	GLL Real Estate Partners
WO PACE	Fitzwilliam 28, Dublin 2	€177.5m	4.0%	Amundi Immobilier
	Baggot Plaza, Dublin 4	€141m	4.0%	Deka Immobilien
	The Treasury Building, Dublin 2	€115.5m	4.3%	Google
	2 Burlington Road, Dublin 4	€94m	4.3%	KGAL

(BNP Paribas Real Estate Guide to Investing in Dublin 2021)

# SWOT Analysis of Dublin Office Investment

#### **Strengths**

- GRETI 2020 Ireland ranked no 8 out of 99 countries and territories.
- Low corporation tax rate (12.5%).
- Mature economic structure.
- 12th most competitive economy in the world (IMD World Competitiveness Yearbook 2020).
- No oversupply of new office developments.
- Post Brexit Now only English speaking capital city within the EU.
- Strong interest from legal firms common law and English language legal system.
- Greater diversity of investor type. (Pre GFC Unhealthy Irish dominance).

#### Weaknesses

- Open Economy.
- Stamp Duty 7.5%.
- Rent Reviews (cap/collar, index linked).
- Dominance of tech companies as occupiers.

#### **Opportunities**

- Changing work patterns.
- Bounce back in economy forecasted in H2, 2021.
- Institutional Opportunity PRS Sector.

#### **Threats**

- Corona Virus Lockdowns.
- Brexit.
- Political instability at home and abroad.







# Dublin Office Investment Market - Key Trends & Forecasts



## Trends

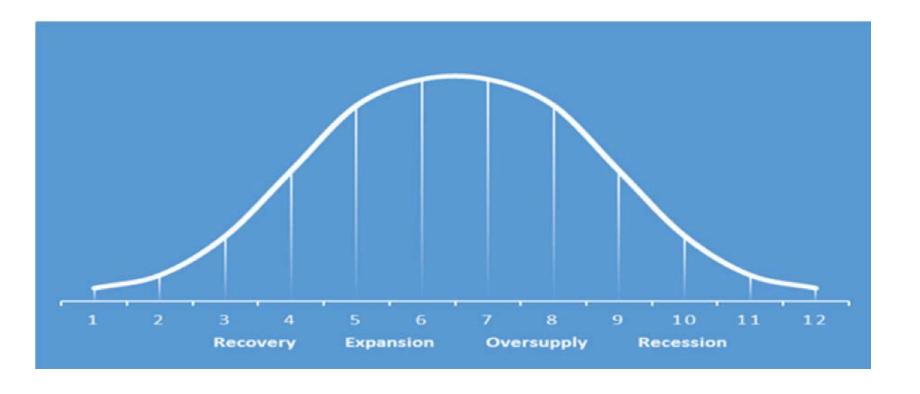
- 1 How has the pandemic affected the valuation process for Dublin offices?
- 2 Where currently is Investor appetite: Core, Core Plus, Value Added, Speculative?
- In terms of location Have certain Dublin office sub-markets been affected more than others during the lockdown?
- In lettings Have lease terms changed as a result of the pandemic?



# Forecasts (next 12 months?)

- 1 Will tenants pay more for a high rated BREEAM office building?
- 2 Will Dublin office rents remain rise or fall after the lockdown?
- What type of investor will be most active in the Dublin office markets?
- 4 How will office design change post pandemic?

# Where is the Dublin office investment market in its life cycle?









# Thank you for attending our webinar.

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16th June 2021 | 11:00am BST

An Introduction to Commercial Office Markets
Frankfurt

23<sup>rd</sup> June 2021 | 11:00am BST

The Perfect Storm – major high street thinking for malls and small-town retail

7th July 2021 | 11:00am BST



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