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Investment activity rose in Q4

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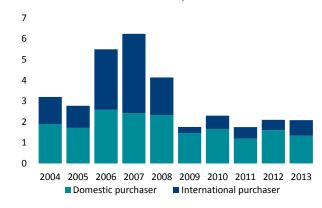
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- The transaction volume more than doubled in the last quarter, compared to the volume in Q1-Q3. The overall transaction volume was over €2 billion in 2013.
- The transaction volume increased in the residential and healthcare sectors, and decreased in the logistics sector. The office sector remained the most traded sector.
- Approximately 35 % of the transactions in 2013 were completed by an international purchaser. German and Swedish investors have been the most active foreign investor groups. Also, two new international investors entered the Finnish property market.
- The CBD office prime rent has been increasing steadily since 2010 to reach €32/sq m/month. The prime rents in other main office areas have been almost unchanged during the year.
- The prime retail rent increased slightly to €135/sq m/month.
- The prime industrial rent has been at similar level since 2008 and is now at €9.75/sq m/month.
- The prime office and retail yields are at 5.25 % and the logistics yield is at 7.25 %. The yield levels are expected to remain at the current level in 2014.
- The vacancy in the Helsinki Metropolitan Area is at 1 million sq m. The vacancy is expected to remain stable or modestly decrease, since the development of office space has slowed down.

Figure 1

Transaction investment volume, €bn



Source: DTZ Research

Economic Overview

The Finnish GDP is expected to slightly increase during 2014 by 1.0 % and 2.0 % in 2015. The forecast assumes a reviving export sector as both domestic private and public spending growth are estimated to be modest during 2014.

The GDP decreased by 1.1 % in 2013, as a result of weak private investments and private spending as well as declining export.

The inflation forecast for 2014 is 1.5 %. The inflation rate is expected to increase slightly to 1.75 % in 2015. The inflation rate was 2.8 % in 2012 and 1.4 % in 2013.

It is estimated that interest rates will continue to remain at a low level during 2014, due to the risk of deflation in the Eurozone. However, interest rates are estimated to increase slightly during 2015.

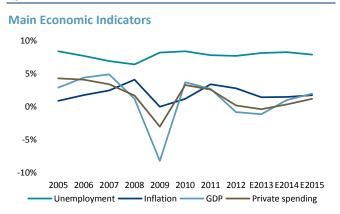
The unemployment rate is expected to increase to $8.3\,\%$ in 2014. It is estimated that in 2015 unemployment rate will decrease to 7.9 %. The average unemployment rate was $8.1\,\%$ in 2013.

Private spending is estimated to grow modestly by 0.4 % in 2014 and 1.2 % in 2015. This is mostly caused by the slightly decreasing consumer purchasing power, which is due to increasing unemployment, modest salary increases, careful public spending, and slightly higher taxes. Private spending decreased by 0.4 % in 2013.

In 2013 consumer confidence did slightly improve and was better than in the Euro area on average. The trend is expected to continue. Nevertheless, consumer confidence is still rather low when comparing to the all-time average. In 2012 the consumer confidence index in Finland bottomed out.

The export sector comprises some 40 % of the GDP. The most important export countries are Sweden, Germany, and Russia. All these countries GDP's are forecasted to grow during coming years. The export sector is also estimated to benefit from the expected weakening of the Euro currency against the dollar.

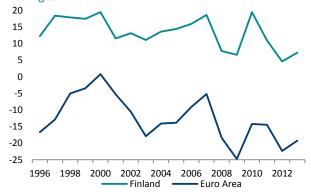
Figure 2



Source: Bank of Finland, Danske Bank, Nordea, and Handelsbanken

Figure 3

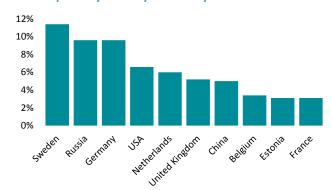




Source: Bank of Finland

Figure 4

Finnish Exports by Country in January-October 2013



Source: Finnish Customs

Investment market

Investment activity picked up in the last quarter

The transaction volume of the published deals in 2013 was some €2.1 billion. In Q4 the transaction volume was over €1 billion, hence, the transaction volume more than doubled in the last quarter. Despite the increased activity in the Q4, 2013 was the fifth consecutive year with similar volume.

The increased activity in the Q4 also raised the share of international purchasers. In Q1-Q3 2013 their market share was some 21% and for the whole year slightly over 35 %. It was also the first time since 2008 that their share exceeded 35%. German and Swedish investors have been the most active foreign investor groups. International purchasers have invested mainly in the retail and office sectors. Over 80 % of the investments made by foreign purchasers have occurred in the Helsinki Metropolitan Area (HMA).

New International Investors

Two new international investors entered the Finnish property market during 2013. Hemsö, a Swedish property company specialised in buildings for community services, purchased an educational building in Turku for €35 million. Another new investor was Redito, also a Swedish company, which invested in three hypermarket properties and one hardware store in the Helsinki region.

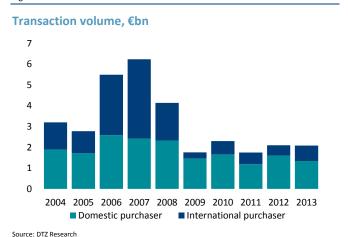
Major Deals in Q4

The transaction volume reached €2 billion due to a few large deals recorded in Q4. The largest single property deal in 2013 was when Allianz Real Estate purchased 50% of the Kamppi Shopping Centre from Cornerstone Real Estate Advisers. The acquisition price was not disclosed.

Two of the biggest office deals occurred in the last quarter as well. Technopolis purchased Falcon Business Park, from Aberdeen Property Nordic Fund I. The building comprises over 26,000 of lettable space and is located in Espoo. The purchase price was €77.5 million and the initial yield was 7.4%.

UPM Kymmene performed a sale and leaseback of their new headquarters (12,400 sq m) in Helsinki. The purchaser was Union Investement Real Estate and the price was €74 million.

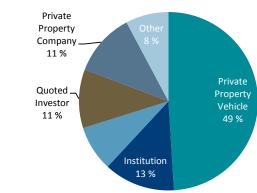
Figure 5



Source: D12 Research

Figure 6

Transactions by Investor type, Volume (€)



Source: DTZ Research

Loan Transactions

In Q3 a large loan transaction took place in the Finnish market. AEW Europe bought back a senior loan backed by a 225 property portfolio of Finnish supermarkets. This trend seems to continue as Lloyds Banking Group confirmed the sale of two loan portfolios to Cerberus for €1 bn. The purchase price reflected a 21.4% discount compared to the unpaid balance. The portfolio consisted of two loans; one was a Nordic pool including Finland (€500 million unpaid) and the other comprised German and French loans (€750 million unpaid). Credit Suisse is understood to have provided a three year loan reflecting a 65% loan-to-cost on Cerberus' price i.e. €650 million.

Office sector remains the largest –logistics sector has decreased

The office sector is still the largest sector measured by transaction volume, representing a 33% stake in 2013, down from 45% recorded in 2012.

The industrial sector stood for 6% of the investment volume. The logistic property deals included in this segment accounted for some 3.5% of the total volume. This is a decrease compared to 7% in 2012 and some 9 % in 2011.

The largest increase was in the healthcare and residential sectors. The residential sector accounts for a further 19% of the total investment volume in 2013, up from 7% in 2012 and 15% in 2011.

There has been an increased demand for properties in the community property segment and there are several new investors in this segment. The healthcare sector increased its share from 2% in 2012 to 10% in 2013.

The Helsinki Metropolitan Area is the most important property investment market and has concentrated more than 60% of the transactions in 2013.

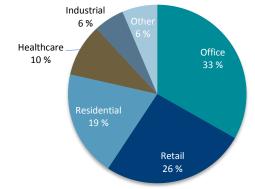
Prime Yields Remain Stable

The prime office and retail yields have remained at the level of 5.25% since the last dropdown in 2012. The prime logistics yield is at 7.25%. Yield levels are expected to be fairly stable in 2014. The spread between Finnish government bonds and the prime office yield slightly increased and is around 3.25 %.

We expect the secondary market activity to increase during 2014 as there is more financing available.

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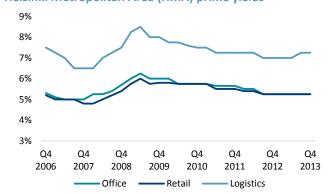




Source: DTZ Research

Figure 8

Helsinki Metropolitan Area (HMA) prime yields



Source: DTZ Research

Figure 9

HMA Prime Office Yield and Interest Rates



Source: DTZ Research and Bank of Finland

Office market

Office Market Dominating

The Helsinki Metropolitan Area is the largest office market in Finland with 8.6 million sq m, representing some 45% of the office stock in the country.

During 2013, 40% of the transactions in the HMA have been made in the office sector, which represents some 75% of all of the office deals made in 2013.

Rents

The CBD prime rent has been increasing steadily since 2010. In 2013 the CBD prime office rent reached €32/sq m/month, and remained at that level to the end of the year.

However, significantly higher office rents have been achieved in premises that are highly functional or renovated to tenant specification, in the CBD and in the new Töölönlahti office area, located just north of the CBD.

In other areas the prime rents have been fairly stable. However, in Ruoholahti the prime rent recovered back to €25/sq m/month. In Ruoholahti the average rental levels slightly increased, which narrowed the gap between prime and average rents in this area.

The average rental level in the Helsinki CBD is €25/sq m/month. Average rental levels in the main office areas have also mostly been stable. The average rents are shown on the map in page 7.

Yield Volatility

The Helsinki prime office yield have for the past seven years been less volatile compared to the other Nordic capital cities. Even though, the yield has been one of the highest.

Figure 10

Prime office rent in Helsinki CBD, €/ sq m/month

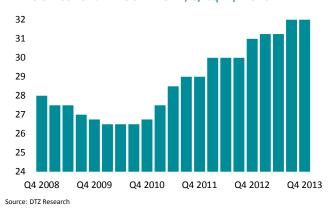
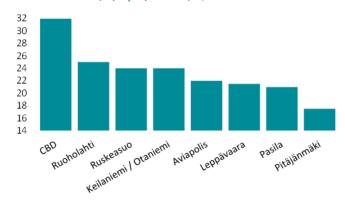


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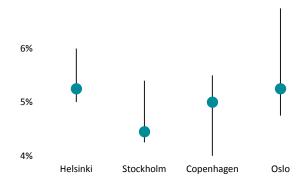
Prime office rents, €/sq m/month, Q4 2013



Source: DTZ Research

Figure 12

Prime office yields in Q4 2013 and Changes 2006-2013



Source: DTZ Research

New Supply

From 2007 to 2009, approximately 500,000 sq m of office space was completed in the HMA. Office buildings completions have slow-downed since then and over 145,000 sq m of lettable space was completed in 2012. Some 90,000 sq m of lettable office space was completed in the HMA in 2013. Most of the completed space was business parks.

There are currently some 90,000 sq m of lettable office space under construction in the HMA, slightly less than the 150,000 sq m recorded at the end of 2012. One of the reasons behind the development slowdown is the high vacancy rate, combined with weak economic growth.

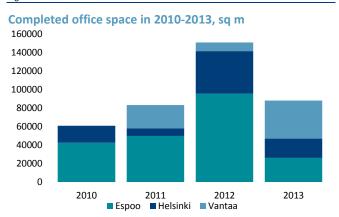
Over 500,000 sq m of lettable office space is planned to be developed in the future. The main areas for future developments are Aviapolis, Leppävaara, Keilaniemi, Pasila, and Kalasatama.

Over 1 million sq m of vacant office space

The overall vacancy rate in the HMA office market has remained stable since Q3 2013. The average vacancy rate in the HMA is at 12 %, i.e. over 1 million sq m of vacant space. However, there were changes in the vacancies in different office areas. For instance, the vacancy in the CBD decreased from 7% to 6.5%, whereas, the vacancy in Pitäjänmäki increased from 15% to 16%.

The high amount of completed office space in 2012 is a reason for the increased vacancies in the HMA. Also, companies are cautious about hiring new employees, which decreases the need for space. However, vacancies are expected to remain stable or modestly decrease, since the development of office space has slowed down in 2013.

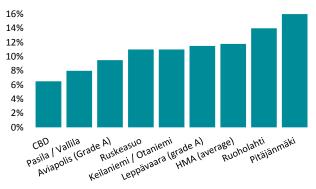
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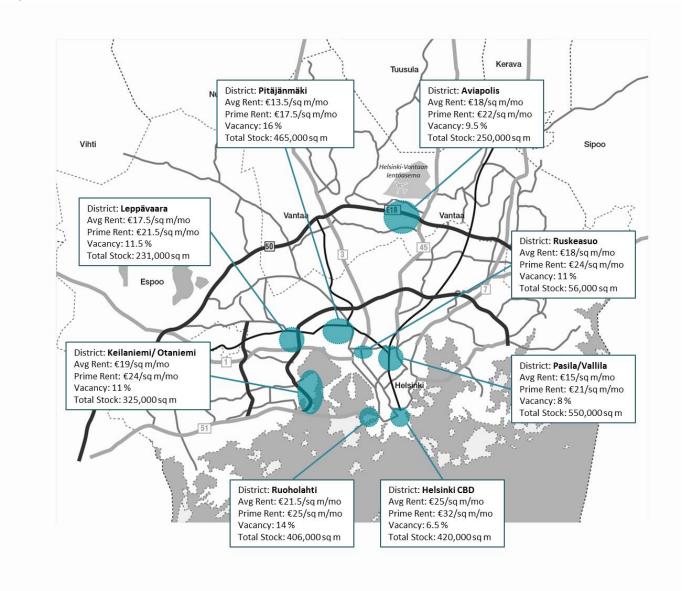




Source: DTZ Research

Map 1

Major Office Locations in the HMA



Source: DTZ Research

Retail Market

Increased prime retail rents

The prime retail rent has increased steadily since 2010 and is currently at €135/sq m/month.

Completed retail space in 2013

Some 30,000 sq m of new lettable retail space was completed in the HMA in 2013. In addition, redevelopments and extensions were performed to existing shopping centres, covering a total lettable area of nearly 75,000 sq m.

A major development project, which was completed in 2013, was a redevelopment and partial extension of the City Centre Shopping centre, in Helsinki CBD.

Retail space development

Some 20,000 sq m of new lettable retail space is currently under construction. In addition, some 45,000 sq m of existing shopping centre lettable space is redeveloped. Part of the redeveloped space is extensions of existing shopping centres.

One major redevelopment and extension is the new metro station in Matinkylä called the metro centre and extension of shopping centre Iso Omena. The project comprises 25,000 sq m of lettable retail space.

Future retail projects

Planned retail development is focused mostly on new premises rather than extensions. Totally some 300,000 sq m of new lettable retail space is planned to be delivered in the HMA. In addition, some redevelopment and extension work is planned, totally some 33,000 sq m of lettable space.

Vacancy remains low

Retail vacancies in the HMA continue to be at a low level. The average vacancy rate is currently at 2.5 %-3.5 %.

Yield volatility

The Helsinki prime retail yield have for the past seven years been less volatile compared to the other Nordic capital cities. Even though, the yield has been one of the highest.



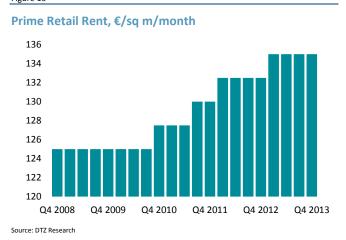


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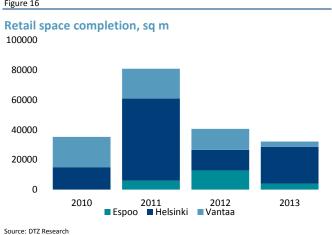
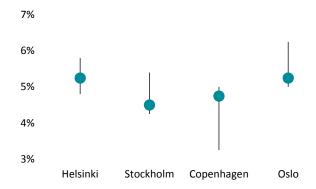


Figure 17

Prime retail yields in Q4 2013 and Changes 2006-2013

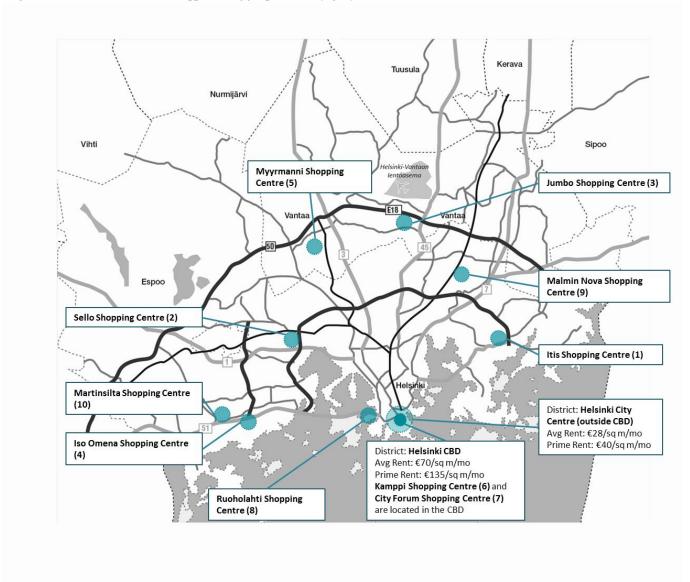


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Map 2

Major Retail Locations and Ten Biggest Shopping Centres (sq m) in the HMA



Source: DTZ Research

Logistics market

Surroundings of the Ring Road III are favoured

The prime logistics areas are located in the surroundings of Ring Road III. Especially, the airport area is a favoured location for logistic properties.

Prime Logistics Rent

The prime logistics rent is at €9.75/sq m/month. The prime rent has remained stable since the end of 2008.

Development Focused Outside the HMA

Less than 10,000 sq m of lettable logistics space was completed in 2013. Currently there is some 4,000 sq m of new space under construction in the HMA. However, over 160,000 sq m of gross logistics area is planned to be constructed inside the HMA, mostly to the airport area in Vantaa.

More logistic development is located just outside the HMA. Currently in Sipoo there is 189,000 sq m of logistic gross space under development. Phase one of the development, which covers a total of 75,000 sq m, is estimated to be completed in 2016. Also, in Kerava an area called Kerca has 200,000sq m building right for logistics space. Hence, the majority of the new logistic developments in the Helsinki region are located outside the HMA.

Vacancy remains low

Logistics buildings are typically constructed for a specific user, thus, the vacancy remains fairly low. The vacancy of warehouse and industrial properties is currently at some 5-6% in the HMA.

Yield volatility

The Helsinki prime logistics yield have for the past seven years been quite stable and offered good returns compared to the other Nordic markets.



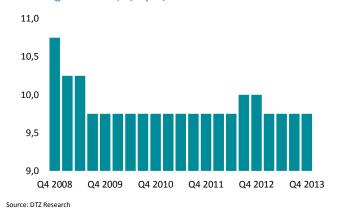
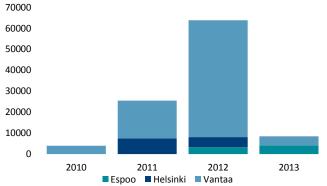


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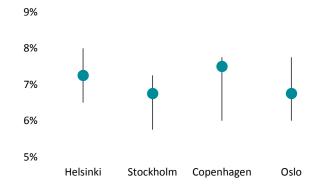
Completed logistics space in 2010-2013, sq m



Source: DTZ Research

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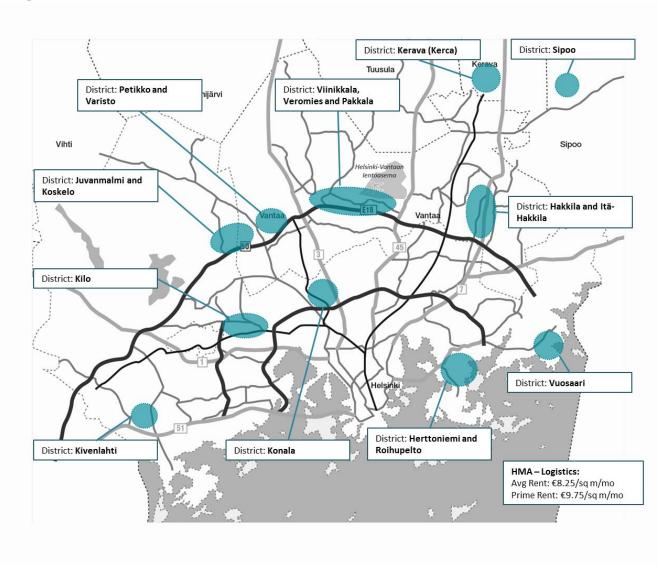
Prime Logistics Yields in Q4 2013 and Changes 2006-2013



Source: DTZ Research

Map 3

Major Logistic Locations in the HMA



Source: DTZ Research

Major Transactions

Table 1

Example of Major Office Transactions in 2013

Building	City	Date	Vendor	Purchaser	Area (sq m)	Price €m	Price €/ sq m
Plaza Business Park Halo (BREEAM certified)	Vantaa	Q4	NCC Property Development Oy	n.a.	5,700	n.a.	n.a.
Plaza Business Park Tuike (BREEAM certified)	Vantaa	Q4	NCC Property Development Oy	Fennica Toimitilat I	5,200	17.3	3,300
UPM Head Office	Helsinki	Q4	UPM-Kymmene Plc	Union Investement Real Estate GmbH	12,400	74	5,970
Pöyry Head Office	Vantaa	Q4	Pöyry Plc	Niam Nordic Core Plus fund	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Falcon Business Park	Espoo	Q4	Aberdeen Property Nordic Fund I Sicav-Fis	Technopolis Oyj	26,300	77.5	2,950
Kyllikinportti 2	Helsinki	Q3	DEGI Global Business	Fennia Mutual Insurance Company	14,000	n.a.	n.a.
Moveres Business Park	Helsinki	Q3	TMW Pramerica Property Investment GmbH	SaKa Hallikiinteistöt Oy	10,000	12	1,200
Skanska Building and site	Helsinki	Q3	Skanska CDF Oy and City of Helsinki	Union Investment Real Estate GmbH	9,000	37.3	4,144
Business Park Loiste (BREEAM certified)	Vantaa	Q1	NCC Property Development	OP-Pohjola Oy	6,800	24	3,530
ltämerenkatu 5	Helsinki	Q1	Etera Mutual Pension Insurance Company	Fennia Life	8,700	n.a.	n.a.

Source: DTZ Research

Table 2

Major retail investment transactions in 2013

Building	City	Date	Vendor	Purchaser	Area (sq m)	Price €m	Price €/ sq m
3 Prisma hypermarkets and one Kodin Terra hardware store	Multi-city	Q4	HOK-Elanto	Redito AB	40,000	n.a.	n.a.
50% of Kamppi shopping centre	Helsinki	Q4	Cornerstone Nordic Retail Fund	Allianz Real Estate	35,000 (50 %)	n.a.	n.a.
Portfolio of two properties: MotorCenter Espoonlahti and office/retail building Dixi	Espoo and Vantaa	Q4	YIT Rakennus Oy	Etera Mutual Pension Insurance Company	Retail: 20,000 Office: 7,500	60	2,180

Source: DTZ Research

Table 3

Major logistics investment transactions in 2013

Building	City	Date	Vendor	Purchaser	Area (sq m)	Price €m	Price €/ sq m
Two logistics buildings	Vantaa	Q1	Aberdeen Real Estate Fund Finland L.P.	Sponda Fund III	13,800	n.a.	n.a.

Source: DTZ Research

Major Construction Projects

Table 4

Major office projects under construction in the HMA

Estimated completion	City	Building	Lettable area (sq m)	Constructor	Investor
2014 Q1	Helsinki	KPMG Building, Töölönlahti	Gross area: 18 500	Lemminkäinen Talo Oy	Etera Mutual Pension Insurance Company
2014 Q2	Helsinki	Ernst & Young Building, Töölönlahti	16,150	Lemminkäinen Talo Oy	Etera Mutual Pension Insurance Company
2014 Q3	Espoo	Eventes Business Garden	14,133	РЕАВ Оу	Union Investment Real Estate GmbH
2014 Q4	Vantaa	Dixi	7,500 (office), 7,000 (retail)	YIT Rakennus Oy	Etera Mutual Pension Insurance Company
2015 Q2	Helsinki	OP-Pohjola Group's Vallila Campus	Gross area: 60,000	Haahtela Group (constructor consultancy)	OP Pohjola Group

Source: DTZ Research

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Major retail projects under construction in the HMA

Estimated completion	City	Building	Lettable area (sq m)	Constructor	Investor
2014	Espoo	Suurpelto Centre	8,000	NCC Rakennus Oy	n.a.
2014 Q2	Espoo	MotorCenter Espoonlahti	Gross area: 13,000	YIT Rakennus Oy	Etera Mutual Pension Insurance Company
2014 Q2	Vantaa	KOy Vantaan Sähkötie 3	5,310	NCC Rakennus Oy	LähiTapiola
2016 Q3	Espoo	Iso Omena shopping centre extension	25,000	NCC Rakennus Oy	Citycon, GIC Real Estate

Source: DTZ Research

Table 6

Major logistics projects under construction in the HMA

Estimated completion	City	Building	Lettable area (sq m)	Constructor	Investor
2014 Q1	Vantaa	Logistics and industrial premises for Recair Oy	4,000	NCC Rakennus Oy	Pohjola Group

Source: DTZ Research

Definitions

HMA The Helsinki Metropolitan Area comprises the city of Helsinki and three other cities: Espoo,

Kauniainen and Vantaa. Approximately 1.1 million people live in the HMA area.

New supply Represents the total amount of floor space that has reached practical completion (including major

refurbishments) as known on the last day of the quarter, regardless whether the space is occupied

or still available on the market. Common areas and service areas are not included.

Prime rent Represents the attainable average prime rent that is expected for an office unit commensurate

with demand in each location, highest quality and specification in the best location in a market at the survey date. The rent is given as a gross rent. The office rent quoted reflects prime units of

over 500 sq m.

Prime yield Represents the initial yield estimated to be achievable for a notional property of highest quality

and specification in the best location fully let and immediately income producing in a market at

the survey date.

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occupation and being actively marketed as known on the last day of the quarter. The vacancy rate

represents the total vacant floor space divided by the total stock at the survey date.

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