MARKETBEAT

BUCHAREST

Office Q1 2021





ECONOMIC INDICATORSQ1 2021

YoY Chg 12-Mo. Forecast

1.0M

Bucharest Employment

1.2%

Bucharest Unemployment Rate

€897

Source: National Institute of Statistics

Net Average Salary

In Bucharest

Moderate supply at the beginning of the year

In Q1 2021, two new buildings were delivered in Bucharest, namely Campus 6.2 (19,800 sq. m GLA), part of the larger Campus 6 project developed in the Politehnica (Central – West) area of the city by Skanska, and Millo Offices (9,700 sq. m GLA) in the Central submarket. The modern office stock of Bucharest will reach the 3 million sq. m threshold (excluding owner-occupier buildings) soon, as important new deliveries are expected in the following months, while the vacancy rate increased to 13.5% overall. A significant difference remains between the vacancy rates for A and B class office buildings, with A class properties recording a level of 10.7%, compared to 22.1% in B-class buildings.

Demand shows signs of recovery

The total leasing activity in Bucharest was of 48,000 sq. m in Q1 2021, with net take-up (excluding renewals) having a robust share of 71%. Compared to Q1 2020, when Covid-19 pandemic was in early stages, demand recorded an 8.6% decrease, thus showing some initial signs of recovery. The largest transaction during Q1 2021 was a pre-lease of 11,000 sq. m signed by Wipro in Globalworth Square, an under construction project in the Floreasca – Barbu Vacarescu area. A number of large transactions are expected to be signed by the end of the year, thus we expect the yearly transactional volume to reach the 300,000 sq. m threshold.

Prime rents remain stable

New projects totaling approximately 373,000 sq. m GLA are currently under construction, with a remaining pipeline of around 220,000 sq. m being announced for 2021. The most active sub-market in terms of deliveries during the following period will be Center-West, with almost 145,000 sq. m under construction (a share of 39%), while the Expozitiei, Central and Floreasca – Barbu Vacarescu submarkets will also see significant deliveries by the end of 2022. The most important developments currently under construction are One Cotroceni Park, J8 Office Park, Globalworth Square or U Center. Prime headline rents in Bucharest remained stable in Q1 2021, ranging between €18.00-18.50/ sq. m/month in the CBD area, while values of €17.50-18.00/ sq. m/month are recorded in the Center and Floreasca - Barbu Vacarescu submarkets.

SPACE DEMAND / DELIVERIES



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MARKET STATISTICS

SUBMARKET	STOCK (SQ M)	AVAILABILITY (SQ M)	VACANCY RATE	CURRENT QTR TAKE- UP (SQ M)	2021 TAKE-UP (SQ M)	YTD COMPLETIONS (SQ M)	UNDER CNSTR (SQ M)	PRIME RENT (MONTH)
CBD	327,700	34,500	10.5%	5,494	5,494	-	32,300	€18.50
Center	351,700	36,200	10.3%	5,416	5,416	9,700	51,600	€18.00
Floreasca – Barbu Vacarescu	544,100	39,800	7.3%	18,486	18,486	-	48,300	€17.50
Expozitiei	222,800	31,600	14.2%	2,264	2,264	-	73,400	€17.50
Center - West	477,100	60,800	12.7%	3,750	3,750	19,800	144,500	€15.00
North	159,800	24,100	15.1%	5,350	5,350	-	23,000	€15.00
Dimitrie Pompeiu	440,700	60,300	13.7%	4,967	4,967	-	-	€13.00
Pipera North	210,500	85,000	40.4%	2,078	2,078	-	-	€11.00
West	157,900	4,800	3.0%	-	-	-	-	€12.00
East	51,100	19,300	37.7%	-	-	-	-	€12.00
South	41,800	7,500	17.9%	-	-	-	-	€12.00
Bucharest (overall)	2,985,200	403,900	13.5%	47,805	47,805	29,500	373,100	€18.50

^{*}Rental rates reflect full service asking

KEY LEASE TRANSACTIONS Q1 2021

PROPERTY	SUBMARKET	TENANT	RSQM	TYPE
Globalworth Square	Floreasca – Barbu Vacarescu	Wipro	11,000	Pre-lease
Miro Offices	North	COS	4,000	Pre-lease
U-Center	Center	Banca Transilvania	2,800	Pre-lease
Metroffice	Dimitrie Pompeiu	Porr Romania	2,100	Renewal
One Cotroceni Park	Center - West	Conectys	2,100	Pre-lease

KEY SALES TRANSACTIONS Q1 2021

PROPERTY	SUBMARKET	SELLER / BUYER	SQM	PRICE
Bucharest Financial Plaza	Center	BCR Erste / Immofinanz	26,000	€36M

KEY CONSTRUCTION COMPLETIONS Q1 2021

PROPERTY	SUBMARKET	MAJOR TENANT	PROJECT SIZE (SQM)	OWNER / DEVELOPER
Campus 6.2	Center - West	Microsoft	19,800	Skanska
Millo Offices	Center	-	9,700	Forte Partners

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