# MARKETBEAT BUCHAREST Office Q3 2020

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YoY 12-Mo. Forecast 10.8% Vacancy Rate €19.00





**1.3%** Bucharest Unemployment Rate

Prime Rent, PSQM

7.15%

Prime Yield

4.2% Romania Unemployment Rate

Source: Oxford Economics, National Institute of Statistics

### A small decline in terms of new supply

The only delivery recorded in Q3 2020 was Campus 6.3 building (17,600 sq. m GLA) developed by Skanska in the Center-West submarket. The total new supply for the first nine months of 2020 reached 124,000 sq. m, reflecting a 35% y-o-y decline. The modern office stock of Bucharest reached 2.9 million sq. m (excluding owner-occupier buildings and approximately 3.2 million sq. m including those as well), while the vacancy rate reached the 10.8% level. There is a significant difference between the vacancy rates for A and B class office buildings, with A class properties recording a level of 8.2%, compared to 18.2% in B-class buildings.

### Covid-19 remains a leasing activity disruptor

In Q3 2020, the total leasing activity in Bucharest was of 63,600 sq. m, with net take-up having a share of only 46%, since most transactions were renewals as a result of the consolidation measures adopted by most companies during the on-going pandemic. The largest transaction pertained to the KPMG pre-lease of a 8,500 sq. m space in the under construction Miro office building located in the North submarket, while the Center-West or the Dimitrie Pompeiu submarkets were the most active in terms of leasing activity. During Q1-Q3 2020, the total leasing activity reached 160,400 sq. m, reflecting a 43% y-o-y decline caused by the persisting reluctancy of most occupiers to commit to long-term contracts, as work from home is expected to impact the working habits at least on the short and medium term.

### Prime rents are still stable and the pipeline is solid

New projects totaling app. 390,000 sq. m GLA are currently under construction, the remaining pipeline for 2020 being estimated at approximately 60,000 sq. m. The most active sub-market in terms of deliveries during the following period will be Center-West, with almost 140,000 sq. m under construction (a share of 35%), while the Expozitiei, Central and Floreasca – Barbu Vacarescu submarkets will also see significant deliveries in the following two years. The most important developments currently under construction are One Cotroceni Park, J8 Office Park, Globalworth Square, U Center and One Tower. Prime headline rents in Bucharest remained stable in Q3 2020, as asking rents in the CBD area generally fall in the €18.50-19.00/ sq. m/month range, with values of €17.50-18.00/ sq. m/month being recorded in the Center and Floreasca - Barbu Vacarescu submarkets.





### **BUCHAREST VACANCY & ASKING RENT**



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### MARKET STATISTICS

SUBMARKET	STOCK (SQ M)	AVAILABILITY (SQ M)	VACANCY RATE	CURRENT QTR TAKE- UP (SQ M)	YTD TAKE-UP (SQ M)	YTD COMPLETIONS (SQ M)	UNDER CNSTR (SQ M)	PRIME RENT (MONTH)
CBD	320,400	23,200	7.2%	2,450	7,593	-	39,800	€19.00
Center	342,000	20,800	6.1%	9,467	18,360	10,200	62,100	€18.00
Floreasca – Barbu Vacarescu	520,200	35,200	6.8%	5,677	9,568	6,700	52,000	€17.50
Expozitiei	222,800	20,600	9.3%	1,300	21,070	34,700	73,400	€17.50
Center - West	457,300	51,500	11.3%	12,738	44,383	38,800	138,500	€15.00
North	159,800	20,900	13.1%	12,800	16,042	-	23,000	€15.00
Dimitrie Pompeiu	440,700	35,000	8.0%	12,010	25,727	33,600	-	€13.00
Pipera North	210,500	84,500	40.1%	5,601	6,535	-	-	€11.00
West	157,900	4,800	3.0%	-	-	-	-	€12.00
East	51,100	16,900	33.1%	1,544	2,144	-	-	€12.00
South	41,800	1,000	2.4%	-	8,991	-	-	€12.00
Bucharest (overall)	2,924,500	314,400	10.8%	63,587	160,413	124,000	388,800	€19.00

\*Rental rates reflect full service asking

### **KEY LEASE TRANSACTIONS Q3 2020**

PROPERTY	SUBMARKET	TENANT	RSQM	ТҮРЕ
Miro Offices	North	KPMG	8,500	Pre-lease
IRIDE	Dimitrie Pompeiu	P&G	6,000	Renewal
Global City	Pipera North	Altex	5,100	Renewal
AFI Business Park	Center – West	VEEAM Software	5,000	Renewal

### **KEY SALES TRANSACTIONS Q3 2020**

PROPERTY	SUBMARKET	SELLER / BUYER	SQM	PRICE
Floreasca Business Park, The Lakeview, Aviatorilor 8, CBC	Bucharest, Timisoara	NEPI Rockcastle / AFI Europe	118,000	€307M
Floreasca Park	Floreasca – Barbu Vacarescu	GLL Real Estate / Resolution Propery – Zeus Capital	38,000	-

### **KEY CONSTRUCTION COMPLETIONS YTD 2020**

PROPERTY	SUBMARKET	MAJOR TENANT	PROJECT SIZE (SQM)	OWNER / DEVELOPER
Ana Tower	Expozitiei	PwC	34,700	Ana Holding
Globalworth Campus - III	Dimitrie Pompeiu	UniCredit, Allianz	33,600	Globalworth
The Bridge III	Center - West	IBM	21,200	Dedeman / Forte Partners
Campus 6.3	Center - West	Societe Generale, Microsoft	17,600	Skanska

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