

Q2 2018

# **OFFICE MARKET OVERVIEW** MILAN AND ROME





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#### HIGHLIGHTS

The office market in Milan and Rome has shown an increase in take-up during the last 12 months (Q3 2017-Q2 2018) compared to the prior 12 months (Q3 2016-Q2 2017). A focus

on the two main Italian markets is provided below, with regard to NTN (Normalised Number of Transactions), rents, yields, take-up and stock.

# MILAN



Stable compared to the corresponding period of 2017.

#### **PRIME RENT CBD-CENTRE**

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Higher than the figure recorded in the same quarter of 2017, equal to 520  $\leq$ / sqm/year.

## ROME



Higher compared to the corresponding period of 2017.

#### **PRIME RENT CBD-CENTRE**



Higher than the figure recorded in the same quarter of 2017, equal to 400  $\ll/$  sqm/year.

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## THE REPORT IN SUMMARY

The positive trend for the office market in Milan and Rome continued in the second quarter of 2018. Estimated take-up in Milan during the first half of 2018 was approximately 202,300 sqm, stable compared to the corresponding period of 2017, while a 16.6% increase was recorded at the quarterly level compared to second quarter 2017.

In terms of area let, the most active markets were the Periphery, accounting for 32% of the total, and the Semicentre, at 25%. A further increase in prime rents in the CBD to approximately 560 €/sqm per year was also noted.

Moving on to the Capital, the market was active during the half-year, with 84,455 sqm taken up, an increase of 18.3% compared to the first half of 2017. The CBD continues to be the preferred macrozone, accounting for 35% of total take-up and prime rent increasing to 420  $\notin$ /sqm per year, followed by the EUR with 34%.



Milan, primary market in the segment, continues to grow, with prime rents showing a further increase in the CBD to approximately 560 €/sqm per year.

Rome has also observed an increase in prime rent within the more central zones of the city, to approximately 420 €/sqm per year.

Moreover, the Capital also recorded an increase in the weight of the CBD over the total transacted, accounting for a percentage slightly higher than the EUR during the half-year



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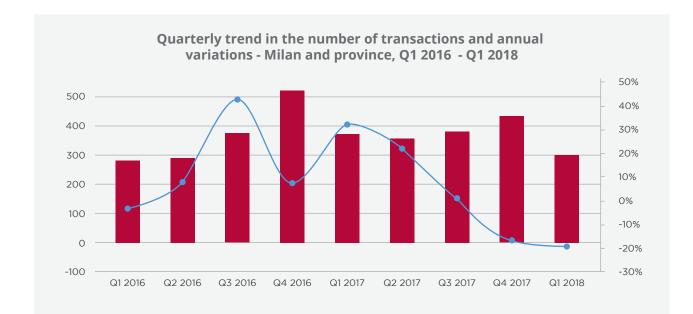


#### **TREND IN TRANSACTIONS**

In 2016, a total of 1,463 transactions involving office properties were recorded in Milan and province. After a total of 280 transactions in the first quarter and a stable 292 in the second, the third and fourth quarters recorded an increase in the number of transactions, reaching 516 in Q4 2016.

In **2017**, a total of **1,535 transactions** were recorded, **+4.9%** compared to 2016. More specifically, 370 transactions were completed in the first quarter (+31.9% compared to first quarter 2016), 355 transactions were completed in Q2 2017 (+21.4% compared to Q2 2016) and 378 transactions were completed in Q3 2017, in line with the figure recorded in Q3 2016 (+0.9%), while a total of 432 transactions were recorded in Q4 2017, down by 16.3% compared to the same quarter in 2016.

Moving on to 2018, the first three months of the year recorded a total of 299 transactions.



## RENTS

An analysis of lease agreements and the experience acquired by Gabetti agents provides some significant data with regard to average and prime rents, subdivided by zone.

Prime rent recorded in Q2 2018 was 560 €/ sqm/year, higher than the figure recorded in the same quarter of 2017, equal to 520 €/sqm/year. Note that prime rents undergo decreases based on any incentives offered (such as free rent, stepup, etc.).

	RENT €/sqm/year - Q2 2018	
	AVERAGE RENT	PRIME RENT
CBD	450	560
PN BD	405	480
Centre	400	465
Semicentre	280	360
Periphery	200	260
Hinterland	150	210

### **YIELDS**

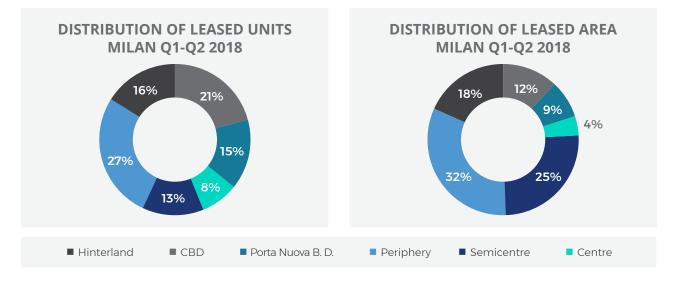
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Compared to the prior quarter, gross yields have remained essentially **stable**, with **Prime Yield** in the centre of **Milan** at around **4.50%**.

	YIELDS (%) Q2 2018	
	PRIME	
CBD-Centre	4.50%	
Semicentre	6.00%	
Periphery	7.00%	
Hinterland	7.50%	

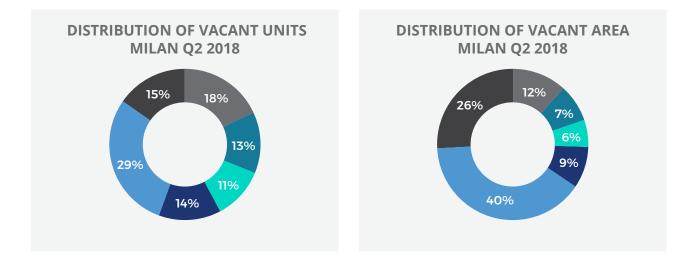
## TAKE UP

Estimated **take-up** during the **first half of 2018** was approximately **202,300 sqm** (considering the leading operators and a fragmented portion of smaller operators). In terms of **number of contracts** stipulated, the majority were recorded in the **Periphery** (**27%**), followed by the **CBD** (**21%**) and **Hinterland** (**16%**). **In terms of area**, the **Periphery** (**32%**) and **Semicentre** (**25%**) accounted for the highest portions.



## VACANCY

The estimated **overall vacancy** in the Milanese area is approximately **1.46 million sqm**. With regard to breakdown, the **predominance of vacant space** in terms of area is in the city's **peripheral zone**, with **40%**, followed by the **hinterland**, which accounts for **26%** of total vacancy.



#### TAKE-UP BY MACROZONE

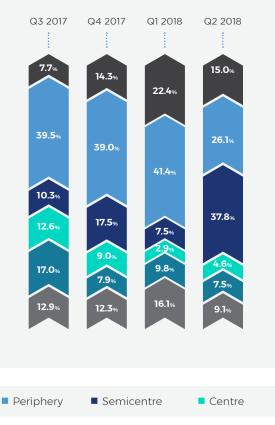
Hinterland

The graph shows the historical series for the last 12 months with regard to take-up by macrozone.

During the **last quarter** under analysis, some **37.8%** of take-up was recorded in the **Semicentre** and **26.1%** in the **Periphery**, followed by the Hinterland with 15%, the CBD with 9.1%, the Porta Nuova Business District with 7.5% and the Centre with 4.6%.

CBD

#### Quarterly distribution of the take-up, Milan Q3 2017 - Q2 2018

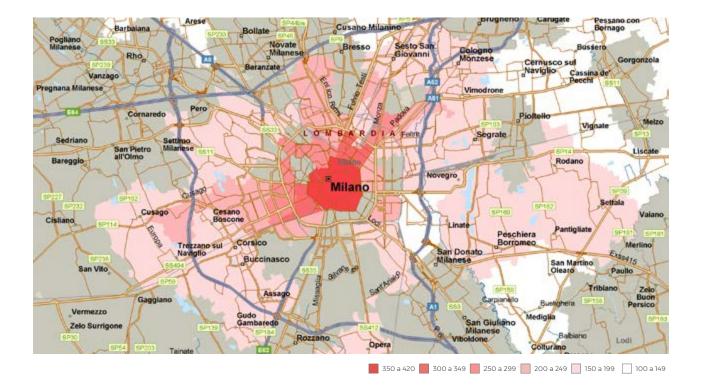


Porta Nuova B. D.

## MAP OF PROPERTIES LET

This thematic map was created based on some of the main lease agreements stipulated over the last 12 months in the city of Milan and towns in the hinterland. The map distinguishes the zones based on average rent.

ZONE	DATA	TOTAL
CBD	Number of contracts Leased area (sq.m) Average leased area (sq.m) Average rent (€/sq.m/year)	57 44.402 779 403
PN BD	Number of contracts Leased area (sq.m) Average leased area (sq.m) Average rent (€/sq.m/year)	43 35.350 822 326
Centre	Number of contracts Leased area (sq.m) Average leased area (sq.m) Average rent (€/sq.m/year)	19 24.498 1.289 323
Semicentre	Number of contracts Leased area (sq.m) Average leased area (sq.m) Average rent (€/sq.m/year)	40 74.787 1.870 239
Periphery	Number of contracts Leased area (sq.m) Average leased area (sq.m) Average rent (€/sq.m/year)	74 128.568 1.737 199
Hinterland	Number of contracts Leased area (sq.m) Average leased area (sq.m) Average rent (€/sq.m/year)	44 55.504 1.261 160
Total number of contracts		277
Total leased area (sq.m)		363.109
Average leased area (sq.m)		1.311
Average rent (€/sq.m/year)		263



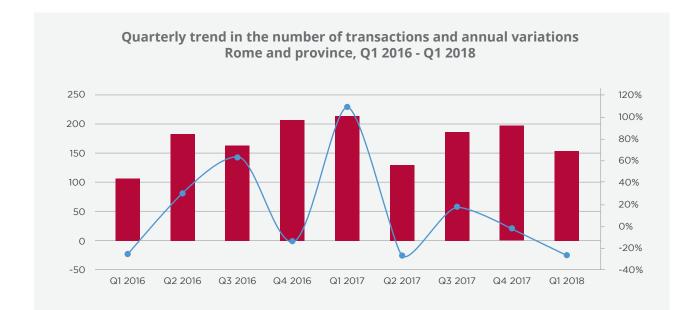
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## **TREND IN TRANSACTIONS**

In 2016, a total of 653 transactions involving office properties were recorded in Rome and province. After recording 103 transactions in Q1 2016 and 182 transactions in Q2 2016, transactions declined slightly to 161 in Q3 and then rose again in the fourth quarter to 207.

In **2017**, a total of **729 transactions were recorded**, **+11.6% compared to 2016**. More specifically, 213 transactions were completed in the first quarter (more than double compared to first quarter 2016), 131 transactions were completed in Q2 2017 (-28.3% compared to Q2 2016) and 187 transactions were completed in Q3 2017, +15.9% compared to the same quarter in 2016, while 198 transactions were recorded in Q4, down by 4.4% compared to the same quarter in 2016. A total of 153 transactions were recorded in Q1 2018.



#### RENTS

An analysis of lease agreements and the experience acquired by Gabetti agents provides some significant data with regard to average and prime rents, subdivided by zone. In particular, given the distribution of office properties in the city of Rome, 4 macro-areas were identified - the centre, semicentre, EUR and periphery, which also includes the sub-markets of Nuova Fiera di Roma, East Inner Gra and South-East Inner Gra.

**Prime rent** for transactions completed in Q2 2018 was **420 €/sqm/year**, in line with the figure recorded in the same quarter of 2017 (400 €/sqm).

	RENT €/sqm/year - Q2 2018	
	AVERAGE RENT	PRIME RENT
CBD*	370	420
Centre*	275	350
Semicentre	270	340
Eur	260	350
Periphery	140	210

Note that prime rents undergo decreases based on any incentives offered (such as free rent, step-up, etc.). \*Also note a redefinition of the zones CBD and Centre, with a consequent impact on the average and prime figures of the two zones.

#### **YIELDS**

**Prime yield** values (gross) compared to the prior quarter are essentially stable and down only in Rome's central zone, at around **5.15%**.

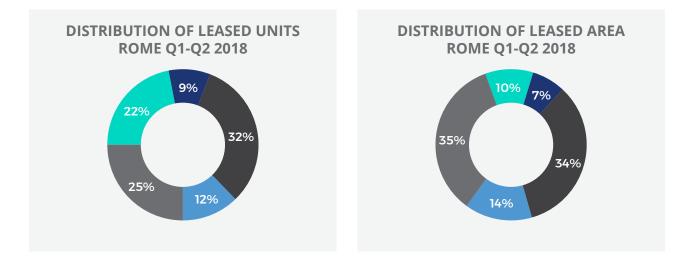
	YIELDS (%) Q2 2018	
	PRIME	
CBD-Centre	5.15%	
Semicentre	6.50%	
Eur	6.50%	
Periphery	7.80%	



#### **TAKE UP**

Estimated **take-up** during the **first half of 2018** was approximately **84,455 sqm** (considering the leading operators and a fragmented portion of smaller operators). However, it is necessary to point out that for the city of Rome, the market share attributed to non-institutional operators is higher than in Milan.

In terms of **number of contracts** stipulated, the highest amount was recorded in the **EUR** zone (32%), followed by the **CBD** (25%), while the **CBD** heads the ranking in **terms of area**, accounting for 35% of the total area let, followed by the **EUR** (34%).

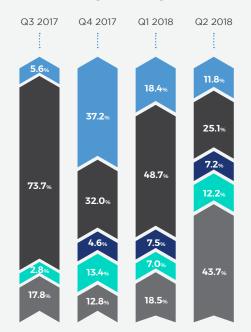


#### TAKE-UP BY MACROZONE

The figure shows the historical series for the last 12 months with regard to take-up by macrozone.

During the **last quarter** under analysis, the preferred macrozones were the **CBD**, with **43.7%** of total take-up, and the **EUR**, with **25.1%**. These were followed by the Centre, with 12.2%, the Periphery (which includes the zones of Nuova Fiera di Roma, East Inner Gra and South-East Inner Gra) with 11.8% and the Semicentre, with 7.2% of total take-up.

Quarterly distribution of the take-up, Rome Q3 2017 - Q2 2018



■ Semicentre ■ EUR ■ Periphery ■ CBD ■ Centre

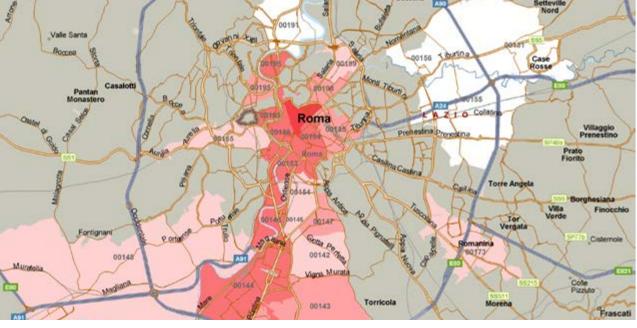
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Centre	Number of contracts Leased area (sq.m) Average leased area (sq.m) Average rent (€/sq.m/year)	31 17.620 568 256
Semicentre	Number of contracts Leased area (sq.m) Average leased area (sq.m) Average rent (€/sq.m/year)	9 8.201 911 277
EUR	Number of contracts Leased area (sq.m) Average leased area (sq.m) Average rent (€/sq.m/year)	50 120.078 2.402 231
Periphery	Number of contracts Leased area (sq.m) Average leased area (sq.m) Average rent (€/sq.m/year)	10 13.148 1.315 155
East Inner Gra	Number of contracts Leased area (sq.m) Average leased area (sq.m) Average rent (€/sq.m/year)	6 9.020 1.503 139
Nuova Fiera di Roma	Number of contracts Leased area (sq.m) Average leased area (sq.m) Average rent (€/sq.m/year)	7 12.275 1.754 186
Total numbe	r of contracts	156
Total leased a	area (sq.m)	234.041
Average lease	ed area (sq.m)	1.500
Average rent	(€/sq.m/year)	246

\* Note that the average rents shown in the table above solely refer to the contracts analysed and do not necessarily represent the average rents of the zone.

N.B.: Quarterly take-up may undergo slight fluctuations during the course of the quarters and up to year-end, due to assignment of the transactions to the various quarters.



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