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# MILAN



# **OCCUPIER**

## **MARKET**

In 2023 **Milan take-up** contracted, reflecting the pressure that economic concerns are placing on occupiers and their real estate plans. However the market is still dynamic and annual take-up exceeded the 10- and 5-yearly averages.

The number of occupier transactions closed in 2023 was the highest annual total since records commenced, reflecting both an active market and a fall in the average deal size.

A strong occupier focus exists on the two fundamental criteria of **quality and sustainability**. Indeed the weighting of, **Grade A/A+** premises edged upwards to represent 79% of Milan take-up.

Milan's office **vacancy rate** contracted Y-o-Y to 9.5% at end-2023, reflecting limited supply but concealing disparity in asset quality and location.

Availability is lowest for Grade A/A+ premises, which represent 40% of the Milan total. The vacancy rate is also lowest in Milan's prime CBD Porta Nuova and CBD Duomo submarkets, standing at 1.1% and 2.5% respectively.

This polarised demand, with its focus predominantly on space respecting ESG criteria, also maintains upward pressure on **prime rental values**, which grew during 2023 or remained stable in certain more secondary submarkets.



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# **INVESTMENT**

## **MARKET**

**€6.1bn**Italy total investment volume 2023
-49% y-o-y

Solution

Graph 132%

of 2023 investments concentrated in the Milan macro-area

The year closed with Italy's total **investment volume** down by -49% Y-o-Y following persistent contraction across all asset classes.

Towards the end of 2023 **yield levels** saw stability in some sectors, or continuous albeit limited decompression in others, leading to hopes of the additional repricing necessary for activity levels to improve.

The **lot size** fell in 2023 and in Italy deal sizes exceeding €100 mn were increasingly rare.

During 2023 **domestic capital** made a greater contribution to total Italian investment volumes (46%) although **foreign investment** continued to dominate the marketplace.

# **2023 INVESTMENT**

**VOLUMES**BY ASSET CLASS



MILAN

€1.97bn

Investment volume 2023

-60% y-o-y

#### **OFFICE**

**€1.39**bn 2023

-68% on 2022

ITALY

€800m 2023

-73% on 2022

MILAN

4.25% Milan prime net yield\*

#### **RETAIL**

**€690**m 2023

-22% on 2022

ITALY

**€150**m 202

-32% on 2022

MILAN

4.10%

Milan HS prime net yield \*

### **LOGISTICS**

**€1.57**bn 2023

-46% on 2022

ITALY

**€65**m 2023

-86% on 2022

MILAN

5.50%

Milan prime net yield \*

## HOSPITALITY

**€870**m 2023

-36% on 2022

ITALY

**€145**m 2023

+38% on 2022

MILAN

## **ALTERNATIVES**

€1.32bn 2023

-20% on 2022

ITALY

2023

**€580**m

-22% on 2022

MILAN

\* Prime rents and prime net yields should be read as an indication of market trends. The levels are established taking into consideration market sentiment and deals closed during the reference period.



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