

# Market Snapshot

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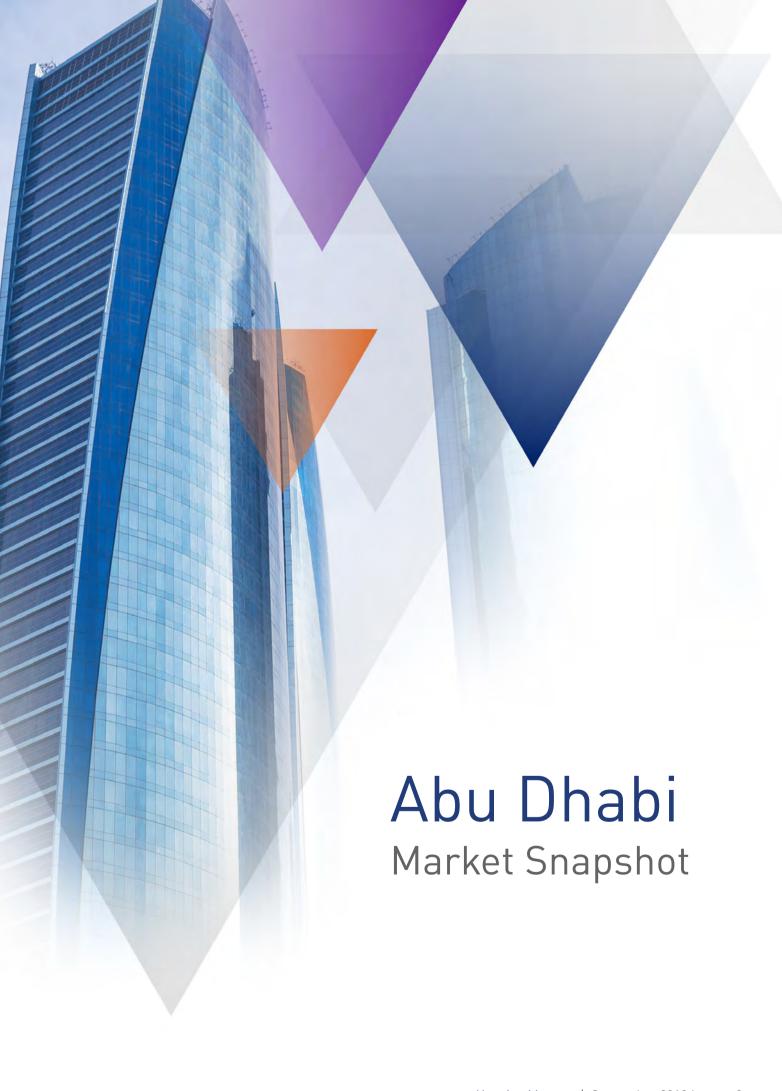


## The Current Landscape

As we wrap up the first half of 2018, the World Bank has maintained its optimistic 3.1% global economic growth projection for the year. The prolonged and intensifying trade war between the USA and China has led many countries in the region to strengthen ties and improve cooperation, in search of a more stable economic landscape.

Across the region, the peak summer relocation season has kicked off in the northern hemisphere and will continue well into the third quarter, with possible plenty expatriate movements. In most cities, except for those in the UAE, the rental market for expatriate-level accommodation has been strong, with rents generally moving up in tandem.

Explore this report to get an up-to-date snapshot of the leasing market in each major city, helping you make informed decisions on housing options as you plan your relocation journey.







### Rents continue to fall in Q2

The residential property market in the UAE capital continued its weak performance, with rents for apartments falling 2% in Q2 from the previous quarter, and 10% down on an annual basis. Rents for villas were also down, dropping 4% and 9% on a quarterly and annual basis respectively, according to real estate agency, Asteco<sup>1</sup>.

Larger apartments in the Corniche area were hit the worst, with rents falling 5% quarter-on-quarter, followed by those in Saadiyat Beach and Shams Abu Dhabi, both declining 3%. As for villas' rents, the Golf Gardens fared the worst, dropping 9% from Q1.

Across Abu Dhabi's investment zones, Cavendish Maxwell<sup>2</sup> reported that rents declined 5% on a year-on-year basis. Adding pressure to the already weak market, municipality fees were increased in May, from 3% to 5% for all dwellings except villas, which will command 7.5% in such fees. This could lead to landlords subsidising part of the fees or adjusting other aspects of the tenancy agreement to offset this increase.

Renters continue to hold the upper hand in this market, more so in recent times, with many landlords having to resort to offering perks such as a free month's rent and commission-free transactions just to attract tenants. Many are also accepting multiple cheques, in contrast to the traditional annual pre-payment terms.

Tenants are also taking advantage of this weak market to push prices down further or relocate

to previously expensive properties. For rentals, the most popular properties<sup>3</sup> and areas were Mohammed bin Zayed City for apartments, and Khalifa City A for villas.

Reduced allowances continue to be the norm and some employers are also favouring young professionals who expect lower wages and come with few or no dependents<sup>4</sup>. According to research by Hays, a major employment agency, the job market appears to be polarized with more than a third of employers cutting jobs, and more than 40% of them recruiting.

Professional services are in demand, as mentioned in a recent Robert Walters report, with new positions being advertised for banking, financial services, and accounting across the UAE.

The UAE has also introduced 10-year visas for expatriates and will allow 100% foreign ownership in companies<sup>5</sup>, both of which are expected to make a positive impact on the residential property market, at least in the medium term, as described by property agent, JLL.

The most positive news on a macroeconomic scale was the announcement of a 3-year AED 50 billion economic stimulus package to revive the slowing economy. The property sector will have its share of benefits including reduced costs for developers and better private-public partnership opportunities.

In the short run though, rents in Abu Dhabi are unlikely to recover and should remain stable at best.

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### Abu Dhabi Market Table

#### ABU DHABI - SNAPSHOT OF TYPICAL ASKING RENTS (APPROX.) Local Plus Standard Standard Premium Luxury Reem Island, Khalifa A, Marina New Corniche, Khalifa Park, Old Corniche, Tourist Club. Premium Corniche, Saadivat Muroor, Shams (Reem Island), Al Danat, Al Reef Locations Square (Reem Island), Umm al Khalidiya, Raha Beach, Sun Island, Eastern Corniche, Nar. Mushrif. Officers Club. Royal Marina. & Skv Rent From Rent From Rent From Rent To Rent To **Property Profile** (AED/Month) (AED/Month) (AED/Month) (AED/Month) (AED/Month) (AED/Month) (AED/Month) (AED/Month) 1200 sqft Typical Size 700 sqft 1400 sqft 1250 sqft 700 sqft 1450 sqft Q2 2018 5,250 **Bedroom** Last Qr 5,400 Last Yr 1200 sqft 1300 sqft Typical Size 1700 sqft 1800 sqft Q2 2018 Bedroom 14,200 Last Qr Last Yr 13,500 16,000 Typical Size 1750 sqft 2300 sqft 1750 sqft 2600 sqft Q2 2018 Bedroom Last Qr 13,800 15,000 16,600 Last Yr 2100 sqft 3300 sqft 3000 sqft 4200 sqft 16.300 22.500 Bedroom 18,800 3000 sqft 5500 sqft 4500 sqft 8000 sqft 15,000 20,800 20,500 30.000

ABU DHABI RESIDENTIAL RENTAL MARKET TRENDS					
Typical length of tenancy	12 months				
Notice period	3 months				
Typical deposit	The typical deposite is 5% annual rent for unfurnished property and 10% annual rent for furnished property.				







## A sustained decline in the property sector continues in Q2

Mainly due to a significant pipeline supply and relatively low demand, the property market in Dubai continues to be weak in Q2.

Rents for apartments and villas dropped 3% and 2% quarter-on-quarter respectively. Their annual declines were more prominent at 12% for apartments and 10% for villas, according to real estate agency Asteco1.

In the luxury segment, DIFC and Palm Jumeirah performed the worst in terms of rental prices, declining 5%. Jumeirah Village performed the worst for both its apartments and villas, seeing rents fall 5% and 4% respectively.

Vacancy levels have undoubtedly risen due to additional available units, although in some cases, landlords' proactivity and willingness to accept lower rents have led to the successful retention of tenants. Multiple cheque payments are also becoming mainstream, making up more than 60% of all rental agreements<sup>2</sup>.

Currently, the most popular apartments for expatriates are Dubai Marina and Jumeriah Lake Towers. As for villas, Meadows and Mirdiff are amongst the top choices.

Extravagant expatriate packages appear to be a thing of the past for most foreigners and some

employers are also favouring young professionals who expect lower wages and come with few or no dependents<sup>1</sup>. The recent introduction of a 10-year visa for expatriates will provide for a more stable tenure in the UAE for many expatriates.

Diversification away from oil and recentlyintroduced pro-business initiatives is expected to boost the UAE economy overall. Expo 2020-related investments and expenditure will also have a positive impact on Dubai's economy.

As far as housing supply goes, estimates vary but major players like Asteco and Cavendish Maxwell have indicated a mid-3000 level of completed units in Q2. Full year figures are difficult to predict, however, supply should remain strong.

The rest of the year remains bleak for the residential property rental market, with close to three-thirds of agents surveyed by Cavendish Maxwell<sup>4</sup> predicting that rents in Q3 will fall again.

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<sup>2</sup> www.arabianbusiness.com

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# Dubai Market Table

DUBAI - SNAPSHOT OF TYPICAL ASKING RENTS (APPROX.)									
Stan	dard	Local	. Plus	Stan	dard	Premium		Luxury	
Locations		Discovery Gardens, TECOM, Al Barsha (apts) Bur Dubai, Victory Heights, The Villa, Mirdif		Dubai Marina, The Greens, JBR, JLT, Business Bay, Sheikh Zayed Rd., DSO, The Springs, Jumeirah (older units), Al Barsha (compound)		Dubai Marina, Downtown, DIFC, Jumeirah/ Umm Suqeim, The Meadows, Jumeirah Islands, Arabian Ranches.		Burj Khalifa, Palm Jumeirah, Emirates Hills, Al Barari	
Property	y Profile	Rent From (AED/Month)	Rent To (AED/Month)	Rent From (AED/Month)	Rent To (AED/Month)	Rent From (AED/Month)	Rent To (AED/Month)	Rent From (AED/Month)	Rent To (AED/Month)
	Typical Size	700 sqft	1400 sqft	750 sqft	1250 sqft	700 sqft	1200 sqft	1100 sqft	1450 sqft
1	Q2 2018	3,950	4,750	4,654	5,309	5,416	6,083	7,291	9,166
Bedroom	Last Qr	4,350	5,200	5,541	7,638	5,972	7,812	8,125	9,791
	Last Yr	5,097	6,138	7,035	9,011	8,000	9,861	11,041	14,708
	Typical Size	1200 sqft	1700 sqft	1200 sqft	1800 sqft	1300 sqft	1800 sqft	1300 sqft	2100 sqft
2	Q2 2018	5,433	6,116	6,464	7,107	6,944	7,472	11,041	13,166
Bedroom	Last Qr	5,733	6,783	6,880	8,333	7,833	9,166	10,833	13,125
	Last Yr	8,000	9,250	9,380	11,666	10,472	11,944	13,333	15,416
	Typical Size	1750 sqft	2300 sqft	1750 sqft	2200 sqft	1750 sqft	2600 sqft	2100 sqft	5000 sqft
3	Q2 2018	8,020	9,458	8,214	9,861	10,104	11,416	13,750	14,633
Bedroom	Last Qr	8,375	9,861	9,655	11,111	12,604	13,083	14,375	15,000
	Last Yr	9,233	11,800	11,777	14,218	14,513	17,986	19,583	22,222
	Typical Size	2100 sqft	3300 sqft	2500 sqft	3800 sqft	3000 sqft	4200 sqft	4000 sqft	9500 sqft
4	Q2 2018	10,972	12,250	1,101	12,604	13,541	15,104	29,375	32,500
Bedroom	Last Qr	11,041	15,000	13,125	14,750	14,479	17,250	37,708	41,055
	Last Yr	11,361	16,736	16,944	18,125	17,569	19,791	48,333	47,916
	Typical Size	3000 sqft	5500 sqft	3500 sqft	6000 sqft	4500 sqft	8000 sqft	4500 sqft	14000 sqft
4/5	Q2 2018	11,041	13,687	10,833	13,250	13,625	16,354	25,000	45,833
Bedroom	Last Qr	11,052	15,833	11,024	18,333	14,375	19,083	27,333	49,375
	Last Yr	15,166	20,486	18,166	24,895	23,055	30,069	60,416	54,166

DUBAI RESIDENTIAL RENTAL MARKET TRENDS					
Typical length of tenancy	12 months				
Notice period	3 months				
Typical deposit	The typical deposite is 5% annual rent for unfurnished property and 10% annual rent for furnished property.				





## Relatively strong rental market in a slow season

The Australian residential property rental market remains relatively strong across all its capital cities. Average rents rose 0.3% in the second guarter, albeit at a slower pace than the 0.7% increase in the same period last year, according to CoreLogic's Quarterly Rental Review<sup>1</sup>.

In a report released by the Real Estate Institute of Australia<sup>2</sup>, the home vacancy rate in Melbourne dropped by 0.1 percentage point to 2.1% in Q2. Most segments saw corresponding increases in rents, noticeably in the inner suburbs within 10km of the city centre.

In Sydney though, fuelled by an increased supply of new apartments and a softening population growth rate, its home vacancy rate of 2.8% in June is believed to be the highest in more than a dozen years, according to SQM Research<sup>3</sup>.

There were slight movements in both directions for Sydney rents, across different areas and types of housing. It is also worth noting that even with rising vacancy rates, rents in Sydney remain the highest in the country, where weekly rents for apartments and houses could fetch more than A\$500 and A\$700 respectively.

Expatriates in Australia have traditionally preferred to live closer to the city centre but more are now willing to live farther away from the CBD if rents are considerably lower. In recent times, companies have also been less generous where allowances

are concerned, requiring their employees to be responsible for housing expenses.

Following the implementation of the Temporary Skill Shortage visa (Subclass 482) in March, which requires the fulfillment of much stricter criteria in terms of salary, work experience and health, amongst others, the number of expatriates being relocated to Australia could slow down in the short term.

The central bank continues to be optimistic about Australia's economic growth rate, anticipating a 3.25% GDP expansion in both 2018 and 2019. The forecasted inflation rate has been cut to 1.75% from 2%, and interest rates are expected to remain unchanged<sup>4</sup>.

The political climate has been plagued by infighting in recent times and the incumbent Prime Minister. Malcolm Turnbull was ousted by his own party members in a leadership tussle. Scott Morrison took office on 24 August, with opinion polls pointing at a heavy defeat for the ruling coalition in the next election<sup>5</sup>, due by May 2019.

As far as rents in the next few quarters are concerned, current trends are likely to prevail, but will ultimately be determined by local market forces in each city.

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# Melbourne Market Table

Melbourne - SNAPSHOT OF TYPICAL ASKING RENTS (APPROX.)*										
		Melbour	ne Inner	Melbouri	ne Middle	Melbourne Outer				
Locations/Zone			n kilometres of the BD		n ten and twenty rom the CBD	Suburbs more than twenty kilometres from the CBD				
Property	y Profile	Rent From (AUD/Month)	Rent To (AUD/Month)	Rent From (AUD/Month)			Rent To (AUD/Month)			
1	Q2 2018	1,733	1,950	1,300	1,560	1,170	1,386			
Bed Apt / Townhouse /	Last Qr	1,716	1,912	1,390	1,608	1,130	1,325			
Unit	Last Yr	1,665	1,841	1,256	1,525	1,148	1,360			
2	Q2 2018	2,383	2,686	1,820	2,058	1,473	1,603			
Bed Apt / Townhouse /	Last Qr	2,303	2,607	1,782	2,042	1,434	1,564			
Unit	Last Yr	2,296	2,600	1,733	1,950	1,408	1,560			
	Q2 2018	2,565	2,903	1,950	2,210	1,473	1,603			
2 Bed House	Last Qr	2,455	2,824	1,955	2,238	1,434	1,564			
	Last Yr	2,426	2,816	1,906	2,166	1,408	1,516			
	Q2 2018	3,380	3,900	2,166	2,643	1,603	1,755			
3 Bed House	Last Qr	3,259	3,780	2,173	2,607	1,608	1,738			
	Last Yr	3,142	3,683	2,123	2,556	1,560	1,733			
	Q2 2018	4,116	4,983	2,816	3,876	1,820	2,036			
4 Bed House	Last Qr	4,128	5,214	2,824	3,693	1,803	1,999			
	Last Yr	4,073	4,680	2,816	3,510	1,776	1,993			
	Q2 2018			2.	1%					
Vacancy Rates	Last Qr			2.:	2%					
	Last Yr	2.3%								

Data Source: Real Estate Institute of Australia (REIA) Real Estate Market Facts, March 2018 Quarter results, released in June 2018

MELBOURNE RESIDENTIAL RENTAL MARKET TRENDS					
Typical length of tenancy 12 months (Shorter-term leases can be difficult; 12+ months is preferred.)					
Notice period	2 months				
Typical deposit	1 month (Typically 1 month deposit paid as a bond, and rent paid monthly in advance.)				

## Sydney Market Table

Sydney - SNAPSHOT OF TYPICAL ASKING RENTS (APPROX.)*											
Standard		Sydney	y Inner	Sydney	Middle	Sydney Outer					
Locations		Cove, Leichhardt, Ma North Sydney, Rand Sydney, Waverley	Drummoyne, Lane arrickville, Mosman, wick, South Sydney, y, Willoughby and ahra	Canterbury, Cond Hurstvile, Kogar Manly, Parramatta,	town, Burwood, ord, Hunters Hill, rah, Ku-ring-gai, Rockdale, Ryde and hfield	Baulkham Hills, Blacktown, Blue Mountains, Camden, Campbelltown, Fairfield, Gosford, Hawkesbury, Holroyd, Hornsby, Liverpool, Penrith, Pittwater, Sutherland, Warringah, Wollondilly and Wyong					
Property	y Profile	Rent From (AUD/Month)	Rent To (AUD/Month)	Rent From (AUD/Month)	Rent To (AUD/Month)	Rent From Rent To (AUD/Month) (AUD/Month)					
1	Q2 2018	2,383	2,730	2,080	2,305	1,820	2,080				
Bed Apt / Townhouse /	Last Qr	2,390	2,672	2,042	2,260	1,868	2,086				
Unit	Last Yr	2,383	2,643	2,036	2,296	1,655	1,950				
2	Q2 2018	3,033	3,510	2,253	2,600	1,993	2,383				
Bed Apt / Townhouse /	Last Qr	3,042	3,476	2,260	2,607	1,999	2,390				
Unit	Last Yr	2,968	3,423	2,210	2,600	1,906	2,262				
	Q2 2018	3,239	3,575	2,166	2,513	1,690	1,906				
2 Bed House	Last Qr	3,215	3,607	2,173	2,477	1,651	1,868				
	Last Yr	3,076	3,466	2,253	2,600	1,646	1,820				
	Q2 2018	4,170	5,200	2,600	3,076	1,993	2,340				
3 Bed House	Last Qr	4,280	5,214	2,607	3,042	1,999	2,303				
	Last Yr	3,900	4,766	2,578	3,120	1,950	2,253				
	Q2 2018			2.:	3%						
Vacancy Rates	Last Qr			2.	1%						
	Last Yr	1.9%									

Data Source: Real Estate Institute of Australia (REIA) Real Estate Market Facts, March 2018 Quarter results, released in June 2018

SYDNEY RESIDENTIAL RENTAL MARKET TRENDS					
Typical length of tenancy 12 months (Shorter-term leases can be difficult; 12+ months is preferred.)					
Notice period	2 months				
Typical deposit	1 month (Typically 1 month deposit paid as a bond, and rent paid monthly in advance.)				







## Limited housing options in a peak relocation season

The second quarter of the year, being a traditionally busy period for expatriate arrivals, has expectedly seen high demand and strong activity in the residential property rental market. Rents have increased most noticeably in the premium and luxury segments, across all sizes of accommodation.

Occupancy rates have hit 91.3%, and the average rent of serviced apartments has risen 2.3% quarter-on-quarter, according to Savills1.

Adding to the supply crunch, no new serviced apartments were introduced into the market throughout Q2, with the exception of a 20-unit soft launch of Orientino Executive Apartments in the Central Business District (CBD). However, this premium property has officially launched its full inventory of 120 units into the market on 28 July.

China World Apartments remain closed for renovations, essentially keeping more than 400 units out of prospective tenants' reach.

Contrary to speculation that China could ease property market cooling measures to stimulate economic growth, the government has remained firm in its policy, keeping prices stable. Some analysts even believe that these measures could be strengthened in the next six months<sup>2</sup>.

In view of the strong property market, some MNCs in Beijing have increased housing allowances to help their foreign employees cope with escalating rents. On the flip side, more companies have reduced compensation from full-fledged expatriate packages to local-plus packages, particularly for assignees who have been in Beijing for a year or so. Overall, there are also more assignees deployed in Beijing on a shortterm basis.

CBD and Chaoyang District are still popular areas for expatriates seeking convenient access to their offices and other modern amenities. The Santinlun area is favoured by younger singles or couples, with plenty of entertainment choices.

Strained trade relations between China and the United States have undoubtedly brought about uncertainty to China's future economic growth. At least in the short term, the Chinese economy is still growing as expected, expanding 6.7% in Q2 on a year-on-year basis<sup>3</sup>.

Rents in the next quarter are likely to remain strong with continued expatriate arrivals and a tight supply of expatriate-level accommodation. However, they could ease slightly towards the end of the year.

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# Beijing Market Table

BEIJING - SNAPSHOT OF TYPICAL ASKING RENTS (APPROX.)*										
Stan	dard	Local	Plus	Standard		Premium		Luxury		
Loca	tions	Shuang Jing, CBD, Sanlitun and Chaoyang Park are popular expatriate residential areas								
Description		Fair property management service		Comes with a lobby, may have a gym, 30% expatriates and good property management service		Comes with a lobby and receptionist, gym, swimming pool,50% expatriates and excellent property management service		Comes with a lobby and receptionist, gym, swimming pool,60% expatriates and excellent property management service		
Property	y Profile	Rent From (RMB/Month)	Rent From (RMB/Month)	Rent From (RMB/Month)	Rent From (RMB/Month)	Rent From (RMB/Month)	Rent From (RMB/Month)	Rent From (RMB/Month)	Rent From (RMB/Month)	
	Typical Size	500 sqft	850 sqft	500 sqft	850 sqft	500 sqft	850 sqft	500 sqft	850 sqft	
4 Dead Amb	Q2 2018	10,000	17,000	16,000	19,000	24,000.00	28,000.00	34,000	46,000	
1 Bed Apt	Last Qr	10,000	16,000	15,000	19,000	23,000.00	27,000.00	34,000	45,000	
	Last Yr	9,000	16,000	16,000	19,000	20,000.00	24,000.00	30,000	40,000	
	Typical Size	850 sqft	1200 sqft	850 sqft	1200 sqft	850 sqft	1600 sqft	850 sqft	1200 sqft	
2 Bed Apt	Q2 2018	16,000	19,000	24,000	29,000	28,500	40,000	42,000	58,000	
Z Beu Apt	Last Qr	16,000	19,000	24,000	29,000	28,000	40,000	40,000	58,000	
	Last Yr	16,000	19,000	23,000	29,000	28,000	39,000	38,000	56,000	
	Typical Size	1400 sqft	2000 sqft	1400 sqft	2000 sqft	1400 sqft	2000 sqft	1400 sqft	2000 sqft	
3 Bed Apt	Q2 2018	23,000	27,000	28,000	36,000	38,000	49,000	49,000	82,000	
5 Deu Apt	Last Qr	23,000	27,000	28,000	36,000	38,000	47,000	48,000	82,000	
	Last Yr	23,000	27,000	28,000	36,000	38,000	43,000	48,000	78,000	
	Typical Size	2000 sqft	3000 sqft	2000 sqft	3000 sqft	2000 sqft	3000 sqft	2000 sqft	3000 sqft	
4 Bed Apt	Q2 2018	26,000	35,000	35,000	40,000	45,000	59,000	62,000	87,000	
—4 Deu Apt	Last Qr	26,000	35,000	35,000	40,000	43,000	57,000	62,000	85,000	
	Last Yr	24,000	35,000	35,000	38,000	43,000	55,000	62,000	85,000	
	Typical Size	2500 sqft	4000 sqft	2500 sqft	4000 sqft	2500 sqft	4000 sqft	2500 sqft	4000 sqft	
4/5 Bed	Q2 2018	32,000	38,000	38,000	48,000	46,000	62,000	65,000	87,000	
House	Last Qr	32,000	38,000	38,000	48,000	46,000	60,000	65,000	87,000	
	Last Yr	32,000	38,000	38,000	48,000	46,000	58,000	65,000	85,000	

BEIJING RESIDENTIAL RENTAL MARKET TRENDS					
Typical length of tenancy	12 months				
Notice period	2 months				
Typical deposit	2 months				







## Strong market in a peak relocation season

With the second quarter of every year being the peak expatriate relocation season across major cities in China, demand for premium accommodation has undoubtedly shot up in Shanghai. Rents have risen across the board in Q2, extending from moderate increases since the beginning of the year.

Keeping up with relentless demand for serviced apartments from affluent locals and expatriates alike, two serviced apartments were launched in Q2, adding 175 units to the city's supply<sup>1</sup>.

The centrally-located Middle House Residences was launched by Swire Properties in the Jing'an district, with 102 one- and two-bedroom serviced apartments ranging from 55 to 110 square metres. In the Jingiao area, the Marriott Pudong East was introduced into the market with 73 units.

In September, the Shama Group is set to launch two of its properties, adding another 244 serviced apartments to the market.

The 132-unit Shama Hongqiao in the Central Business District consists of fully-furnished apartments, ranging from studio units as small as 34 square metres to two-bedroom apartments spanning 112 square metres. The Shama Changfeng in the Putuo district features a much larger serviced apartment complex totaling 362

units, made up of studios, one- and two-bedroom apartments.

Housing budgets and allowances have remained status quo since the beginning of the year and more expatriates are now being hired on local terms. For most, without having a specific housing allowance, they enjoy the flexibility of allocating their salaries based on their lifestyle preferences.

For the first time in more than two decades. residents of Hong Kong, Taiwan, and Macau no longer require a visa to work in China<sup>2</sup>, potentially boosting economic development due to an easier importation of talent. Shanghai is also boosting its local economy by introducing some 100 new measures<sup>3</sup> aimed at attracting more foreign investments, especially in the advanced manufacturing and high-tech segments.

Due to an on-going trade dispute between China and the United States, the former's future economic growth is somewhat uncertain. However, the Chinese economy is still expanding according to predictions, growing 6.7% in Q2 on a year-on-year basis4.

With new expatriate arrivals and a tight supply of suitable accommodation, rents in Shanghai in the next quarter are expected to remain strong. Towards the end of the year though, the market could be softer.

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# Shanghai Market Table

SHANGHAI - SNAPSHOT OF TYPICAL ASKING RENTS (APPROX.)*										
Stan	dard	Local	. Plus	Stan	dard	Premium		Luxury		
Locations		Jing'an, Lianyang, Xin Tiandi, Qingpu, Gubei		Hongqiao, Fo Concession, Q	Lu Jiazui, Jing'an, Xujiahui, Hongqiao, Former French Concession, Qingpu, Central Park		Jinqiao, Xin Tiandi, Former French Concession, Hongqiao, Central Park, Jinqiao		Lu Jiazui, Jinqiao, Xin Tiandi, Former French Concession, Nanjin Rd West	
Property Profile		Rent From (RMB/Month)	Rent From (RMB/Month)	Rent From (RMB/Month)	Rent From (RMB/Month)	Rent From (RMB/Month)	Rent From (RMB/Month)	Rent From (RMB/Month)	Rent From (RMB/Month)	
	Typical Size	700 sqft	850 sqft	700 sqft	850 sqft	700 sqft	850 sqft	700 sqft	850 sqft	
1 Dod Ant	Q2 2018	12,000	15,000	16,000	19,000	24,000	28,000	31,000	37,000	
1 Bed Apt	Last Qr	11,000	14,000	15,000	18,000	23,000	27,000	30,000	36,000	
	Last Yr	10,000	13,000	13,500	18,500	22,500	26,500	29,500	36,500	
	Typical Size	850 sqft	1200 sqft	850 sqft	1200 sqft	850 sqft	1200 sqft	850 sqft	1200 sqft	
2 Dad Ant	Q2 2018	16,000	18,000	18,500	25,500	29,500	32,500	41,000	51,000	
2 Bed Apt	Last Qr	15,000	17,000	18,000	25,000	29,000	32,000	40,000	50,000	
	Last Yr	15,000	17,000	18,000	24,000	29,000	32,000	40,000	47,000	
	Typical Size	1300 sqft	1800 sqft	1300 sqft	1800 sqft	1300 sqft	1800 sqft	1300 sqft	1800 sqft	
3 Bed Apt	Q2 2018	21,000	25,000	25,500	33,500	35,500	41,500	47,000	69,000	
з вей Арт	Last Qr	20,000	24,000	25,000	33,000	35,000	41,000	46,000	68,000	
	Last Yr	20,000	24,000	25,000	33,000	35,000	41,000	46,000	68,000	
	Typical Size	1800 sqft	3000 sqft	1800 sqft	3000 sqft	1800 sqft	3000 sqft	1800 sqft	3000 sqft	
/ Dad Ant	Q2 2018	28,000	34,000	34,500	42,500	42,500	53,500	58,000	78,000	
4 Bed Apt	Last Qr	27,000	33,000	34,000	42,000	42,000	53,000	57,000	78,000	
	Last Yr	27,000	33,000	34,000	42,000	42,000	52,000	58,000	78,000	
	Typical Size	3000 sqft	5000 sqft	3000 sqft	5000 sqft	3000 sqft	5000 sqft	3000 sqft	5000 sqft	
4/5 Bed	Q2 2018	35,000	44,000	42,500	53,500	63,000	71,000	72,000	90,000	
House	Last Qr	34,000	43,000	42,000	53,000	62,000	70,000	72,000	90,000	
	Last Yr	34,000	43,000	41,000	53,000	62,000	70,000	72,000	90,000	

SHANGHAI RESIDENTIAL RENTAL MARKET TRENDS			
Typical length of tenancy	12 months		
Notice period	2 months		
Typical deposit	2 months		







## Strong momentum continues in Q2

The relentless surge of Hong Kong's residential property prices continue, with resale home prices climbing 26 consecutive months<sup>1</sup> at the end of Q2.

The availability of housing in Hong Kong remains notoriously tight, but could be helped by a fresh round of cooling measures introduced by the government in late June. Mainly targeted at developers who hoard vacant units in anticipation of rising prices, units that remain unoccupied six months after completion will be liable to a vacancy tax, set at 200% of their rentable value.

However, it is worth noting that it could take more than a year for this bill to be enacted into law, leaving time for developers to circumvent pending regulations. Some have already done so by leasing these properties to their close associates, skirting vacancy tax liabilities<sup>2</sup>.

As for the leasing market, rents were up across the board in Q2, especially for larger and high-end properties. According to JLL3, on a quarter-onquarter basis, rents for large residential units rose 1.8% and rents for luxury properties rose 1.3%. Rents for serviced apartments were up just 0.3% from Q1.

Following global trends, the majority of expatriates arriving in Hong Kong are now paid lump sum relocation packages instead of recurring housing

allowances. For a select few though, some companies are showing signs of increasing housing allowances in order to retain their top talents, based on findings by Colliers<sup>4</sup>.

Aligning with the reality of high rents, some expatriates are seeking accommodation away from the expensive city centre. New major developments that have sprung up in the New Territories such as Yuen Long, Tuen Mun, and Tai Po, could prove to be viable options for those seeking affordable accommodation. Areas such as Sai Kung and Tseung Kwan O with newly-opened international schools are becoming popular amongst families with school age children.

The outlook remains robust for the residential property market, with analysts from Colliers expecting a full year's growth of 15% for home prices, and a 4% hike for luxury residential rent4. They expect the total supply of new homes in 2018 to be around 20,000 units, 12% higher than last year.

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# Hong Kong Market Table

HONG KONG - SNAPSHOT OF TYPICAL ASKING RENTS (APPROX.)*									
Standard		Local	Local Plus		Standard		Premium		tury
Loca	tions	Tung Chung, Kong	Tsing Yi, Hong East	Western District, Kowloon West, Eastern District New Territories, Discovery Bay		Shouson Hill, Stanley, Chung Hom Kok, Tai Tam Mid-Levels West, Pokfulam, Happy Valley		The Peak, Repulse Bay, Deepwater Bay, Mid-Levels Central, Stubbs Road	
Propert	y Profile	Rent From (HKD/Month)	Rent To (HKD/Month)	Rent From (HKD/Month)	Rent To (HKD/Month)	Rent From (HKD/Month)	Rent To (HKD/Month)	Rent From (HKD/Month)	Rent To (HKD/Month)
	Typical Size	400 sqft	500 sqft	400 sqft	500 sqft	400 sqft	500 sqft	400 sqft	500 sqft
1 Ped Ant	Q2 2018	17,850	22,260	22,260	27,615	29,400	32,130	31,500	40,950
1 Bed Apt	Last Qr	17,850	22,260	22,260	27,615	29,400	32,130	31,500	40,950
	Last Yr	16,800	21,000	21,000	26,000	27,500	30,000	29,500	38,000
	Typical Size	550 sqft	700 sqft	550 sqft	700 sqft	550 sqft	700 sqft	550 sqft	700 sqft
2 Ded Ant	Q2 2018	20,549	30,282	29,417	45,856	36,771	52,994	42,719	55,697
2 Bed Apt	Last Qr	19,950	29,400	28,560	44,520	35,700	51,450	41,475	54,075
	Last Yr	18,700	28,500	26,900	42,000	33,200	48,000	38,500	49,000
	Typical Size	700 sqft	1200 sqft	700 sqft	1200 sqft	700 sqft	1200 sqft	700 sqft	1200 sqft
2 Pod Ant	Q2 2018	31,688	47,045	39,367	55,697	44,882	68,135	66,512	95,865
3 Bed Apt	Last Qr	30,765	45,675	38,220	54,075	43,575	66,150	64,575	87,150
	Last Yr	28,800	42,900	36,000	51,000	39,400	61,500	50,800	81,000
	Typical Size	1200 sqft	2000 sqft	1200 sqft	2000 sqft	1200 sqft	2000 sqft	1200 sqft	2000 sqft
/ Ded Aut	Q2 2018	52,198	65,083	51,324	127,764	84,630	159,432	104,832	155,064
4 Bed Apt	Last Qr	50,190	62,580	49,350	122,850	81,375	153,300	100,800	149,100
	Last Yr	47,300	59,000	46,800	115,000	75,500	142,000	93,000	137,200
	Typical Size	3000 sqft	4000 sqft	3000 sqft	4000 sqft	3000 sqft	4000 sqft	3000 sqft	5000 sqft
4/5 Bed	Q2 2018	81,475	95,477	124,362	222,707	154,350	214,988	203,963	397,992
House	Last Qr	77,595	90,930	118,440	212,102	147,000	204,750	194,250	386,400
	Last Yr	73,500	86,000	112,000	200,800	137,000	190,300	181,000	364,000

HONG KONG RESIDENTIAL RENTAL MARKET TRENDS				
Typical length of tenancy	24 months			
Notice period	2 months			
Typical deposit	2 months			

<sup>\*</sup>The minimum commitment is a 12+2 break option (14 months) but the actual lease term is 24 months.







### Stable rents continue in Q2

Across major cities in India where most expatriates are stationed, rents have been largely stable in the past few quarters, with small exceptions.

#### Delhi

The Indian capital has seen a very stable market, with rents unchanged for the past few quarters. The city still grapples with pollution woes, affecting expatriate deployment and resulting in a soft demand for housing.

#### Mumbai

Following a stable trend of rents for almost a year now, Mumbai saw slight increases at the lower end of the spectrum. Rents for one and twobedroom apartments in Goregaon, Jogeshwari, and Andheri areas have risen around 10% on average from the previous quarter. However, this could be attributed to a correction in the market, in which rents in the same areas fell modestly in the middle of 2017.

#### Bengaluru

Bengaluru continues to attract expatriates with appropriate accommodation being built, particularly in the northern part of the city. Despite such developments, rents have been rock solid for at least the last three quarters.

#### Pune

Another booming city in the wealthy Maharashtra state, housing options in Pune have been continually improving to meet anticipated and current expatriate demand. Expatriates have established the city centre as their preferred housing location, despite the Special Economic Zone in the east of the city. Rents have been very stable for at least one and a half years now.

The Indian government continues to enforce its protectionist stance in terms of hiring expatriates over comparably-skilled Indian citizens. With general elections looming in 2019, no change is expected to this policy, which would lead to the same slow inflow of foreigners that we have observed in the last few years. It is also expensive for companies to deploy their employees in India, and those that do have turned to offering lump sum relocation packages.

Little change, if any at all, is expected regarding rents across major cities in India, at least in the foreseeable future.

### Mumbai Market Table

#### Mumbai - SNAPSHOT OF TYPICAL ASKING RENTS (APPROX.)\* Category Standard (Low) Premium (Medium) Luxury (High) Peddar Road, Altamount Road, Breach Candy, Nariman Point, Walkeshwar, Carmicheal road, Malabar Hill, Neapeansea Locations Goregaon, Jogeshwari, Andheri Juhu, Bandra, Khar, Santacruz road, Cumballa Hill, Worli Rent From Rent From Rent To Rent From **Property Profile** (INR/Month) (INR/Month) (INR/Month) (INR/Month) (INR/Month) (INR/Month) Typical Size 500 sqft 700 sqft Q2 2018 50.000 70.000 1 Bed Apt **Not Available** Last Qr 45,000 65,000 Last Yr 900 sqft Typical Size 900 sqft 1200 sqft 1200 sqft Q2 2018 2 Bed Apt Last Qr 150,000 Last Yr 1200 sqft 3000 sqft 1200 sqft 3000 sqft 325,000 550,000 650,000 3 Bed Apt 175.000 325.000 550.000 650,000 200,000 550,000 650,000 2000 sqft 4500 sqft 2000 sqft 4500 sqft 850,000 4 Bed Apt 250,000 400,000 650,000 850,000 850,000 >3500 sqft 850,000 upwards Not Available 850,000 upwards

MUMBAI RESIDENTIAL RENTAL MARKET TRENDS				
Typical length of tenancy	12 months			
Notice period	2 months			
Typical deposit	3-6 months			

850,000 upwards

<sup>\*</sup>All leases must be registered. The initial lease for 12 months in most cases has a full lease term as lock in.

## Delhi Market Table

Delhi - SN	Delhi - SNAPSHOT OF TYPICAL ASKING RENTS (APPROX.)*						
Cate	Category Standard (Low)		Premium (Medium)		Luxury (High)		
Locations  Green Park, Hauz Khas, SDA, Nizamuddin, Saket		Defence Colony, Hauz Khas, Safdurjung Enclave, Gulmohar Park, Panchsheel		Chanakyapuri, Vasant Vihar, Westend, Shanti Niketan, Anand niketan.			
Property	y Profile	Rent From (INR/Month)	Rent To (INR/Month)	Rent From (INR/Month)	Rent To (INR/Month)	Rent From (INR/Month)	Rent To (INR/Month)
	Typical Size						
1	Q2 2018	No Am	alian bila	Not Au	-: - - -	No. A.	-31-61-
Bedroom	Last Qr	но арг	olicable	Not Av	ailable	NOT AV	ailable
	Last Yr						
	Typical Size	900 sqft	1,200 sqft	900 sqft	1,200 sqft		
2	Q2 2018	60,000	90,000	85,000	180,000	Nat Av	a:labla
Bedroom	Last Qr	60,000	90,000	85,000	180,000	Not Available	
	Last Yr	55,000	85,000	75,000	180,000		
	Typical Size	1,500 sqft	2,000 sqft	2,000 sqft	3,500 sqft	3,500 sqft	4,000 sqft
3	Q2 2018	90,000	200,000	200,000	350,000	350,000	450,000
Bedroom	Last Qr	90,000	200,000	200,000	350,000	350,000	450,000
	Last Yr	85,000	185,000	185,000	310,000	310,000	450,000
	Typical Size	2,000 sqft	3,500 sqft	3,500 sqft	4,000 sqft	3,500 sqft	4,500 sqft
4	Q2 2018	190,000	300,000	325,000	475,000	450,000	upwards
Bedroom	Last Qr	190,000	300,000	325,000	475,000	450,000 upwards	
	Last Yr	185,000	300,000	350,000	475,000	450,000	upwards
	Typical Size			>3,50	0 sqft	>4,500 sqft	
5	Q2 2018			450,000	600,000	600,000	upwards
Bedroom	Last Qr			450,000	600,000	600,000	upwards
	Last Yr	Not An	nlicable	450,000	600,000	600,000	upwards
	Typical Size	Not Ap	plicable	>4,500 sqft		>5,50	0 sqft
4/5 Bedroom				4,00,000	upwards	7,50,000	upwards
House				4,00,000	upwards	7,50,000	upwards
	Last Yr			4,50,000	upwards	7,50,000	upwards

DELHI RESIDENTIAL RENTAL MARKET TRENDS				
Typical length of tenancy	11 months			
Notice period	2 months			
Typical deposit	3 months			

<sup>\*</sup>It is not compulsory to register the lease however, it is mandatory to print and sign the lease on a stamp paper with minimum value of INR100.

## Bengaluru Market Table

Bengaluru	- SNAPSH	OLOFI	I YPICAL AS	KING REN	NTS JAPPROX	J↑

Cate	Category Standard (Low)		Premium (Medium)		Luxury (High)		
Communities		Waterville, Water Woods, Paradise Nest, Skylark Greens		Lake Vista, Pebble Bay (Apartments), Chaithanya Armdale, Ferns Paradise		Epsilon, Windmills of your Mind, Chaithanya Smaran, Palm Meadows	
Property	y Profile	Rent From (INR/Month)	Rent To (INR/Month)	Rent From (INR/Month)	Rent To (INR/Month)	Rent From (INR/Month)	Rent To (INR/Month)
	Typical Size						
1	Q2 2018	Not Av	ailable	Not Av	ailahlo	Not Av	ailable
Bedroom	Last Qr	NOT AV	aitable	NOT AV	aitable	NOT AV	aitable
	Last Yr						
	Typical Size	1200 sqft	1500 sqft	1500 sqft	1700 sqft	1700 sqft	2000 sqft
2	Q2 2018	50,000	70,000	100,000	125,000	NA	NA
Bedroom	Last Qr	50,000	70,000	100,000	125,000	NA	NA
	Last Yr	50,000	70,000	125,000	160,000	NA	NA
	Typical Size	1600 sqft	2000 sqft	2500 sqft	3500 sqft	3000 sqft	4800 sqft
3	Q2 2018	75,000	95,000	100,000	150,000	120,000	350,000
Bedroom	Last Qr	75,000	95,000	100,000	150,000	120,000	350,000
	Last Yr	75,000	95,000	100,000	150,000	120,000	350,000
	Typical Size	3000 sqft	4000 sqft	4300 sqft	5000 sqft	3800 sqft	6500 sqft
4	Q2 2018	75,000	120,000	150,000	300,000	250,000	500,000
Bedroom	Last Qr	75,000	120,000	150,000	300,000	250,000	500,000
	Last Yr	90,000	220,000	225,000	280,000	340,000	500,000
	Typical Size			,		5000 sqft	8000 sqft
5	Q2 2018	Not Av	oileble	Not Av	منامان	300,000	500,000
Bedroom	Last Qr	NOT AV	ailable	Not Av	antable	300,000	500,000
	Last Yr					300,000	500,000
	Typical Size	3800 sqft	4500 sqft	4500 sqft	5000 sqft	5000 sqft	8000 sqft
4 Dodroom		85,000	225,000	270,000	350,000	375,000	5,00,000 upwards
Bedroom House		85,000	225,000	270,000	350,000	375,000	5,00,000 upwards
	Last Yr	85,000	225,000	270,000	350,000	375,000	5,00,000 upwards

BENGALURU	RESIDENTIAL	. RENTAL MAF	RKET TRENDS

Typical length of tenancy	11 months
Notice period	2 months
Typical deposit	3 months

<sup>\*</sup>All leases with a tenure of more than 11 months must be registered.

## Pune Market Table

Pune - SN	APSHOT OF	TYPICAL ASI	KING RENTS (#	APPROX.)*				
Cate	Category Standard (Low)		Premium	Premium (Medium)		Luxury (High)		
Loca	tions		re Nagar , Wagholi , ıradi		arpatta , Hadapsar , n , Wakad	Koregoan Park , Ka nagar , Aundh , Bar	lyani nagar , Viman er , Boat Club road	
Propert	y Profile	Rent From (INR/Month)	Rent To (INR/Month)	Rent From Rent To (INR/Month) (INR/Month)		Rent From (INR/Month)	Rent To (INR/Month)	
	Typical Size	500 sqft	800 sqft					
45.44.	Q2 2018	18,000	30,000					
1 Bed Apt	Last Qr	18,000	30,000	Not Available		Not Available		
	Last Yr	18,000	30,000					
	Typical Size	900 sqft	1200 sqft	900 sq ft	1200 sqft			
2 Bed Apt	Q2 2018	30,000	60,000	60,000	100,000	Not Available		
	Last Qr	30,000	60,000	60,000	100,000			
	Last Yr	30,000	60,000	60,000	100,000			
	Typical Size	1,400 sqft	2,400 sqft	1400 sqft	2,400 sqft	2400 sqft	2,800 sqft	
O Dead Area	Q2 2018	80,000	150,000	000 150,000 200,000		200,000	250,000	
3 Bed Apt	Last Qr	80,000	150,000	150,000	200,000	200,000	250,000	
	Last Yr	80,000	150,000	150,000	200,000	250,000	250,000	
	Typical Size	2500 sqft	3,500 sqft	2,500 sqft	4,000 sqft	3,500 sqft	6,000 sqft	
/ Bod Ant	Q2 2018	100,000	150,000	180,000	250,000	250,000	500,000	
4 Bed Apt	Last Qr	100,000	150,000	180,000	250,000	250,000	500,000	
	Last Yr	100,000	150,000	180,000	250,000	250,000	500,000	
	Typical Size			>450	0 sqft	>450	0 sqft	
F Bod Ant	Q2 2018	Not-Av	ailable	450,000	600,000	450,000	600,000	
5 Bed Apt	Last Or	NOT AV	anable	450 DDD	600 000	450 000	600 000	

PUNE RESIDENTIAL RENTAL MARKET TRENDS				
Typical length of tenancy	12 months			
Notice period	2 months			
Typical deposit 6-10 months (negotiable)				

<sup>\*</sup>It is mandatory to register the L & L Agreement with the stamping authority. Stamp duty ranges from approximately INR10,000 - INR50,000 depending on the tenure of the L & L.

450,000





## Stable market even in the midst of a peak relocation season

The second quarter of the year started slowly in terms of new expatriates arrivals. By June though, the peak summer relocation season went into full swing, and is expected to extend well into Q3. Most notable arrivals were from the oil and gas industry, followed by those from the IT, pharmaceuticals, FMCG and food sectors.

While the KLCC area is still a favoured location due to its proximity to offices, demand and rents for most properties there remain low due to inconveniences and noise pollution caused by ongoing Mass Rapid Transit construction work.

Expatriate families with school-going children also prioritize easy access to international schools in their search for accommodation. With the ISKL campus opening in August, demand for properties in the Ampang Hills and U-Thant areas has shot up, with many new developments such as The Edge of U-Thant and Brunsfield Residences approaching full occupancy.

Elsewhere in the city, the traditional expatriate areas such as Mont Kiara, Bangsar and Damansara Heights remain highly occupied. Popular properties include the Arcoris and Residensi 22 condominiums in Mont Kiara. The Pavillion Hilltop, featuring smaller units, is scheduled for delivery by the end of the year, and could be suitable for small families.

Overall, rents in Q2 were generally stable as

compared to the previous quarter, with a few exceptions.

Following the opposition coalition's shock election victory on 9 May, the new leaders led by former Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamed have been fulfilling some of their promises and addressing the previous administration's issues.

The GST has been scrapped<sup>1</sup>, and the sales and services tax will be re-introduced, effective 1 September, whereby services rendered will be taxed at 6% and goods sold will be subject to 10% tax.

The government is also dealing with other issues such as 1MDB's failure to repay its debts, and the MYR 1.087 trillion national debt, which is just above 80% of GDP<sup>2</sup>

After suffering a 10% drop right after the elections, the local bourse has recovered well, and its benchmark index is within 3% of pre-election levels<sup>3</sup>. Economic growth remains on track, with the World Bank<sup>4</sup> keeping Malaysia's full year GDP growth forecast stable at 5.4%.

Housing budgets have stabilized in recent times and although the move from corporate to personal lease agreements has not impacted the rental market, some landlords still prefer the former.

Rents for properties sought after by expatriates are expected to be stable till the end of the year.

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## Kuala Lumpur Market Table

### KULA LUMPUR - SNAPSHOT OF TYPICAL ASKING RENTS (APPROX.)\*

Standard		Local Plus		Standard		Premium		Luxury	
Locations		Damansara		Mont Kiara		Kenny Hills, Bangsar		Suria KLCC, Ampang District	
Propert	y Profile	Rent From (MYR/Month)	Rent To (MYR/Month)	Rent From (MYR/Month)	Rent To (MYR/Month)	Rent From (MYR/Month)	Rent To (MYR/Month)	Rent From (MYR/Month)	Rent To (MYR/Month)
	Typical Size	500 sqft	850 sqft	500 sqft	850 sqft	500 sqft	850 sqft	500 sqft	850 sqft
1	Q2 2018	1,200	2,000	2,800	3,500	3,500	4,500	3,000	4,500
Bedroom	Last Qr	1,200	2,000	2,800	3,500	3,500	4,500	3,000	4,500
	Last Yr	1,400	2,000	2,800	3,800	3,000	4,300	4,000	5,500
	Typical Size	850 sqft	1200 sqft	850 sqft	1200 sqft	850 sqft	1200 sqft	850 sqft	1200 sqft
2	Q2 2018	2,500	3,300	3,500	4,000	4,500	5,500	4,500	5,500
Bedroom	Last Qr	2,500	3,300	3,500	4,000	4,500	5,500	4,500	5,500
	Last Yr	2,600	3,800	3,500	4,500	4,000	6,000	5,500	7,000
	Typical Size	1000 sqft	1500 sqft	1000 sqft	1500 sqft	1000 sqft	1500 sqft	1000 sqft	1500 sqft
3	Q2 2018	3,500	4,500	4,500	6,000	5,000	6,000	5,000	7,000
Bedroom	Last Qr	3,500	4,500	4,500	6,000	5,000	6,000	5,000	7,000
	Last Yr	3,500	4,500	4,500	6,000	4,500	6,000	6,000	7,500
	Typical Size	1500 sqft	3500 sqft	1500 sqft	3500 sqft	1500 sqft	3500 sqft	1500 sqft	3500 sqft
4	Q2 2018	6,000	7,500	7,000	11,000	9,000	12,000	10,000	12,000
Bedroom	Last Qr	6,000	7,500	7,000	11,000	9,000	12,000	10,000	12,000
	Last Yr	NA	8,500	NA	13,000	NA	14,000	NA	1,400
	Typical Size	3000 sqft	6000 sqft	3000 sqft	6000 sqft	3000 sqft	6000 sqft	3000 sqft	6000 sqft
4/5	Q2 2018	8,500	10,000	12,000	18,000	10,000	17,000	12,000	15,000
Bedroom	Last Qr	8,500	10,000	12,000	18,000	10,000	17,000	12,000	15,000
	Last Yr	8,500	11,000	10,000	18,000	11,000	18,000	12,000	16,000

KUALA LUMPUR RESIDENTIAL RENTAL MARKET TRENDS					
Typical length of tenancy	24 months				
Notice period	2 months				
Typical deposit	2.5 months				

<sup>\*</sup>The minimum lease terms are 24 months but with an option to terminate with either a 10+2 or 12+2 break option.







## A property market recovery that is gaining momentum

Property prices in Singapore have risen sharply this year, rising by 3.4% in Q2 2018, and have rebounded to late-2014 levels, according to the Urban Development Authority<sup>1</sup>. Rents across the board rose 1% in Q2, performing better than the 0.3% rise in the guarter before.

However, the trend of rising property prices may be short-lived, with the government introducing additional cooling measures<sup>2</sup> to dampen escalating prices. Effective 6 July, the Additional Buyer's Stamp Duty (ABSD) has gone up by five percentage points for individuals, except for Singapore citizens and permanent residents purchasing their first residential property.

The loan-to-value rate has also been cut by 5 percentage points, substantially reducing the amount individuals can borrow to purchase properties.

These cooling measures will also impact the en bloc activity<sup>3</sup>, where developers have been hit by a 10 percentage point increase in the remissible ABSD, which now stands at 25%. As a result, smaller-sized lots are likely to be picked for en bloc sales as developers seek to lower their risk.

As for the rental market in Q2, rents for landed properties rose 3.6% against a flat Q1. Rents for non-landed properties rose 0.6% across the board, compared to a 0.3% increase in Q1.

Rents for apartments in all areas outperformed Q1 figures, with the core Central Region leading the pack with a 0.8% increase, compared to a 0.6% gain previously. The rest of the Central Region reversed the 0.3% decline in Q1, with a 0.4% increase in Q2. Rents for apartments in the Outside Central Region zone also performed well, rising 0.8% in Q2, compared to the 0.7% increase previously.

Vacancies are still declining, with a 0.3 percentage point quarterly drop. Pipeline supply in Q2 continues to be strong, up 11.6% from last quarter, which equates to some 45,000 units.

Expatriates in Singapore continue to contend with a tight budget from their employers for housing and other allowances.

Although the economy started the year strongly with a 4.3% expansion in Q1, growth has slowed to 3.8% in Q2, according to flash estimates by the Ministry of Trade and Industry<sup>4</sup>.

As far as the rental market outlook goes, a slow and steady growth is likely in the next few quarters, and rents across the city may end a few percentage points higher than at the end of 2017.

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# Singapore Market Table

35,000									
Standard		Local Plus		Standard		Premium		Luxury	
Locations		Katong, Marine Parade, Bedok, Changi		Toa Payoh, Ang Mo Kio, Bishan		Bukit Timah, Novena, Newton		Orchard , River Valley, Tanglin Road, Mount Faber, Sentosa Cove	
Property	y Profile	Rent From (SGD PCM)	Rent To (SGD PCM)	Rent From (SGD PCM)	Rent To (SGD PCM)	Rent From (SGD PCM)	Rent To (SGD PCM)	Rent From (SGD PCM)	Rent To (SGD PCM)
	Typical Size	500 sqft	650 sqft	500 sqft	650 sqft	500 sqft	650 sqft	500 sqft	650 sqft
1 Bed Apt	Q2 2018	2,112	2,815	2,815	3,115	2,670	3,276	3,276	5,897
т вей Арт	Last Qr	2,095	2,790	2,790	3,090	2,650	3,250	3,250	5,850
	Last Yr	2,100	2,800	2,700	3,100	2,600	3,200	3,200	5,800
	Typical Size	650 sqft	1000 sqft	650 sqft	1000 sqft	650 sqft	1000 sqft	650 sqft	1000 sqft
O Dead Arek		2,715	4,420	3,518	4,020	3,578	7,106	4,586	8,618
2 Bed Apt		2,692	4,385	3,490	3,988	3,550	7,050	4,550	8,550
		2,700	4,400	3,500	4,000	3,500	7,000	4,500	8,500
	Typical Size	1000 sqft	1500 sqft	1000 sqft	1500 sqft	1000 sqft	1500 sqft	1000 sqft	1500 sqft
		2,610	4,775	4,225	5,327	5,383	7,409	7,106	9,072
3 Bed Apt		2,590	4,735	4,188	5,284	5,340	7,350	7,050	9,000
		3,600	4,750	4,200	5,300	5,300	7,300	7,000	9,000
	Typical Size	1500 sqft	3000 sqft	1500 sqft	3000 sqft	1500 sqft	3000 sqft	1500 sqft	3000 sqft
		5,830	9,547	6,835	9,045	8,618	12,172	11,159	20,280
		5,783	9,471	6,780	8,973	8,550	12,075	11,070	20,120
		5,800	9,500	6,800	9,000	8,500	12,000	11,000	20,000
		3000 sqft	5000 sqft	3000 sqft	5000 sqft	3000 sqft	5000 sqft	3000 sqft	5000 sqft
		8,900	12,400	8,900	12,400	11,390	19,000	15,700	36,200
		8,600	12,000	8,600	12,000	11,000	18,500	15,200	35,000
	Last Yr	8,600	12,000	8,600	12,000	11,000	18,500	15,200	35,000

SINGAPORE RESIDENTIAL RENTAL MARKET TRENDS					
Typical length of tenancy	24 months				
Notice period	2 months				
Typical deposit	2 months				





## Moderately increasing rents across Thailand in Q2

In Thailand, expatriates can often choose from plenty of accommodation options across different price ranges.

In Bangkok a total of 21,500 condominium units have been added to the market in the first half of the year<sup>1</sup>, similar to the same period in 2017. By the end of 2018, the total volume of new units in the market is expected to match 2017 levels, although new developments are in the higher-end segment, worth around 25% more than last year's<sup>2</sup>.

In a city known for its traffic congestion, new housing developments have been built near existing or upcoming BTS or MRT stations, offering plenty of desirability for tenants and investors alike.

Similar to the slight increases since the beginning of the year, rents for higher-end homes in Bangkok have experienced yet another moderate increase in Q2. One-bedroom apartments also appear to be popular, and their rents have increased across all price ranges. Sukhumvit is still the preferred area amongst expatriates, with the CBD and Sathorn areas not far behind.

Rents in Pattaya have also followed similar trends in the capital, with a slight increase for more premium and luxurious homes across the city.

Despite these increases, it is worth noting that

rental agreements in Thailand often include a clause that locks in the original rate when leases are renewed by the same tenant. Thus, long-term tenants will continue to be unaffected by such hikes.

Expatriate arrivals are stable, and many are given lump sum relocation packages instead of fullysponsored ones, similar to trends in other Asian countries.

The Thai economy continues to be healthy, with a Q1 growth of 4.8%, a five-year high3. Inflation is also kept in check, keeping within the 1% to 4% band as targeted by the central bank. The Thai baht however, was one of the worst-performing Asian currencies, falling 4% against the US Dollar last quarter.

Ruled by a military government since the 2014 coup, democratic reforms and elections have been repeatedly delayed<sup>4</sup>, and the earliest time frame for elections will be in February 2019.

As far as the property rental market goes, it is expected to remain stable over the next few quarters, with moderate increases, keeping pace with inflation.

property.bangkokpost.com

<sup>2</sup> www.bangkokpost.com

www.bloomberg.com

www.reuters.com

## Bangkok Market Table

Bangkok - SNAPSHOT OF TYPICAL ASKING RENTS (APPROX.)*										
Stan	dard	Local Plus		Standard		Premium		Luxury		
Locations		Sukhumvit/CBD								
Property Profile		Rent From (THB/Month)	Rent To (THB/Month)	Rent From (THB/Month)	Rent To (THB/Month)	Rent From (THB/Month)	Rent To (THB/Month)	Rent To (THB/Month)		
	Typical Size	25-30	) sqm	30-32	2 sqm	45-5	ōsqm	70-110 sqm		
1 Bed Apt	Q2 2018	1,000	12,000	18,000	20,000	65,000	75,000	90,000	100,000	
i beu Apt	Last Qr	8,000	10,000	16,000	18,000	60,000	70,000	85,000	95,000	
	Last Yr	8,000	10,000	16,000	17,000	60,000	68,000	70,000	85,000	
	Typical Size	45-80 sqm		60-90 sqm		60-100sqm		100-170sqm		
2 Bod Ant	Q2 2018	20,000	30,000	60,000	65,000	80,000	100,000	150,000	160,000	
2 Bed Apt	Last Qr	15,000	18,000	55,000	65,000	80,000	100,000	155,000	160,000	
	Last Yr	15,000	18,000	55,000	65,000	78,000	95,000	150,000	155,000	
	Typical Size	100-120 sqm		150-180 sqm		150-20	00 sqm	150-250 sqm		
3 Bed Apt	Q2 2018	25,000	30,000	70,000	85,000	120,000	140,000	160,000	190,000	
3 Deu Apt	Last Qr	22,000	30,000	70,000	82,000	120,000	135,000	160,000	185,000	
	Last Yr	22,000	30,000	65,000	75,000	115,000	130,000	150,000	180,000	
	Typical Size	120-1	50 sqm	160-180 sqm		250-350 sqm		400-700 sqm		
4 Bed Apt	Q2 2018					160,000	180,000	250,000	420,000	
4 beu Apt	Last Qr	Not Ap	plicable	Not App	olicable	160,000	170,000	250,000	415,000	
	Last Yr					155,000	170,000	240,000	400,000	
	Typical Size						00 sqm	500-1,000sqm		
4/5 Bed	Q2 2018	Not An	plicable	Not An	olicable	210,000	230,000	260,000	350,000	
House	Last Qr	Not Ap	<del></del>	Νοι Αρ		200,000	220,000	260,000	320,000	
	Last Yr					180,000	210,000	250,000	280,000	

<sup>\*</sup>Diplomatic clauses are only accepted in year 2 of the tenure.

<sup>\*\*</sup>In 95% plus of cases the landlord will insist on a booking fee / holding deposit being paid in order to hold the property in the assignees name whilst lease negotiations / payment processing are ongoing. This amount is either returned once the lease is signed and the security deposit and first months rental are paid, or is offset against the first months rent.

## Eastern Seaboard

### Market Table

Eastern Seaboard- SNAPSHOT OF TYPICAL ASKING RENTS (APPROX.)*										
Standard		Local Plus		Standard		Premium		Luxury		
Locations		Pattaya								
Property Profile		Rent From (THB/Month)	Rent To (THB/Month)	Rent From (THB/Month)	Rent To (THB/Month)	Rent From (THB/Month)			t To Month)	
Typical Size		25-30 sqm		30-32 sqm		50-55sqm		50-55 sqm		
1 Dad Ant	Q2 2018	7,000	8,000	15,000	20,000	45,000	55,000	65,000	75,000	
1 Bed Apt	Last Qr	7,000	8,000	15,000	20,000	40,000	50,000	60,000	70,000	
	Last Yr	6,500	8,000	15,000	18,000	38,000	50,000	60,000	70,000	
	Typical Size	45-80 sqm		60-90 sqm		70-100 sqm		70-120sqm		
2 Dad Ant	Q2 2018	16,000	18,000	22,000	24,000	60,000	70,000	90,000	100,000	
2 Bed Apt	Last Qr	15,000	18,000	22,000	24,000	58,000	70,000	88,000	100,000	
	Last Yr	15,000	18,000	20,000	23,000	55,000	65,000	85,000	95,000	
	Typical Size	90-120 sqm		140-180sqm		140-200 sqm		160-250 sqm		
3 Bed Apt	Q2 2018	25,000	26,000	50,000	60,000	90,000	100,000	120,000	160,000	
з веа Арт	Last Qr	22,000	25,000	50,000	60,000	90,000	100,000	115,000	150,000	
	Last Yr	22,000	25,000	40,000	50,000	70,000	80,000	100,000	110,000	
	Typical Size	120-1	50 sqm	150-200 sqm		160-220 sqm		170-240 sqm		
4 Bed Apt	Q2 2018					120,000	140,000	150,000	180,000	
4 beu Apt	Last Qr	Not App	olicable	Not Apı	plicable	120,000	140,000	145,000	180,000	
	Last Yr					110,000	135,000	150,000	170,000	
	Typical Size					300-40	00 sqm	400-	-600	
4/5 Bed	Q2 2018	Not An	alicable —	Not An	nlicable	120,000	140,000	150,000	160,000	
House	Last Qr	Not Ap	olicable	Not Ap	plicable	120,000	140,000	135,000	160,000	
	Last Yr					110,000	135,000	140,000	160,000	

<sup>\*</sup>Diplomatic clauses are only accepted in year 2 of the tenure.

<sup>\*\*</sup>In 95% plus of cases the landlord will insist on a booking fee / holding deposit being paid in order to hold the property in the assignees name whilst lease negotiations / payment processing are ongoing. This amount is either returned once the lease is signed and the security deposit and first months rental are paid, or is offset against the first months rent.





## Tight supply has pushed some rents up in Q2

The rock-solid rents in Tokyo that we have observed in the past year or so have finally given way to upward pressure due to a tight supply of properties owned by large developers. Apart from luxury homes, rents have risen moderately across the board, with private landlords being less flexible during price negotiations.

According to the Tokyo Kantei<sup>1</sup>, the average monthly rent for condominiums in the capital has risen for seven consecutive months since December 2017, when compared on a year-on-year basis.

Mori Hills REIT, a major developer, has maintained at least 97% occupancy rates<sup>2</sup> for its residential properties in the first half of 2018.

The oil and gas industry's revival appears to be well underway, with a continued influx of expatriates arriving in Yokohama. Many high rise apartments and large western-style homes have been quickly snapped up, especially in areas near international schools and other expatriate-friendly amenities.

Facing limited options for suitable accommodation in Yokohama, some have turned to Tokyo. Even the luxury condominium, La Tour Minami-Azabu, launched by Sumitomo Realty & Development in February, is reported to be nearly full due to this overflow

Expatriate departures in Q2 were also slower compared to previous years, contributing to the tight squeeze in the residential property rental market.

The typical scenario for expatriates deployed in Japan has not changed. While senior level expatriates continue to have generous budgets and corporate leases, in the mid-level range, there are increasing numbers being hired on fixed-term or local contracts, with more modest housing allowances. For those on local contracts, when renting properties, leases have to be signed in their personal capacity, often requiring the services of a guarantor company, which leads to increased costs.

With strong demand and a corresponding tight supply, in the midst of the peak expatriate relocation season rents are likely to remain strong with potential for further rises towards the end of the year.

## Tokyo Market Table

### TOKYO - SNAPSHOT OF TYPICAL ASKING RENTS (APPROX.)

Standard		Local Plus		Standard		Premium		Luxury	
Locations		Bay Area, East Tokyo, Setagaya, Shinjuku, Meguro, Ota Wards		Azabu Juban, Ebisu, Roppongi, Akasaka, Daikanyama, Nakameguro, Shibuya, Shinjuku, Bay Area		Azabu, Daikanyama, Roppongi, Akasaka, Yoyogi Uehara, Hiroo, Omotesando, Shibuya		Azabu, Roppongi, Hiroo	
Property	y Profile	Rent From (JPY/Month)	Rent To (JPY/Month)	Rent From (JPY/Month)	Rent To (JPY/Month)	Rent From (JPY/Month)	Rent To (JPY/Month)	Rent From (JPY/Month)	Rent To (JPY/Month)
	Typical Size	330sqft	495sqft	440sqft	770sqft	530sqft	880sqft		
1	Q2 2018	145,000	250,000	250,000	425,000	470,000	726,000	Not An	diaabla
Bedroom	Last Qr	145,000	220,000	250,000	425,000	460,000	726,000	Not App	olicable
	Last Yr	145,000	220,000	250,000	425,000	460,000	726,000		
	Typical Size	440sqft	660sqft	550sqft	880sqft	880sqft	1,430sqft	1,100sqft 1,540sc	
2	Q2 2018	195,000	320,000	305,000	500,000	740,000	1,180,000	968,000	1,355,000
Bedroom	Last Qr	195,000	290,000	305,000	485,000	730,000	1,180,000	968,000	1,355,000
	Last Yr	195,000	290,000	305,000	485,000	730,000	1,180,000	968,000	1,355,000
	Typical Size	605sqft	880sqft	770sqft	1,100sqft	1,430sqft	1,980sqft	1,320sqft	2,200sqft
3	Q2 2018	270,000	420,000	430,000	620,000	1,190,000	1,635,000	1,162,000	1,936,000
Bedroom	Last Qr	270,000	390,000	430,000	605,000	1,180,000	1,635,000	1,162,000	1,936,000
	Last Yr	270,000	390,000	430,000	605,000	1,180,000	1,635,000	1,162,000	1,936,000
	Typical Size		Not Applicable		Not Applicable		2,530sqft	1,650sqft	3,300sqft
4	Q2 2018	Not An					2,090,000	1,452,000	2,904,000
Bedroom	Last Qr	Not Ap	pricable	Not Ap	percapte	1,545,000	2,090,000	1,452,000	2,904,00
	Last Yr					1,545,000	2,090,000	1,452,000	2,904,000
	Typical Size							1,980sqft	3,850sqft
	Q2 2018	Not An	plicable	Not-An	olicable	Not Applicable		1,742,000	3,388,000
Bedroom	Last Qr	Not Ap	parcubic	Not Ap	percubic			1,742,000	3,388,000
	Last Yr							1,742,000	3,388,000

TOKYO RESIDENTIAL RENTAL MARKET TRENDS						
Typical length of tenancy	24 months					
Notice period	2 months					
Typical deposit	2 - 4 months					

<sup>\*</sup>A refundable payment known as "key money" of 1 to 2 months of rent may be required. This is most common in the Local Plus and Standard types of accommodation.

<sup>\*</sup>If a contract is broken within the first year, one month rent will be payable as a penalty.

<sup>\*</sup>Tenants are also required to take up a fire insurance policy that may cost between 20,000 to 30,000 JPY for a 2 year contract.



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