Market Insights from CBRE's Hanoi Quarterly Report



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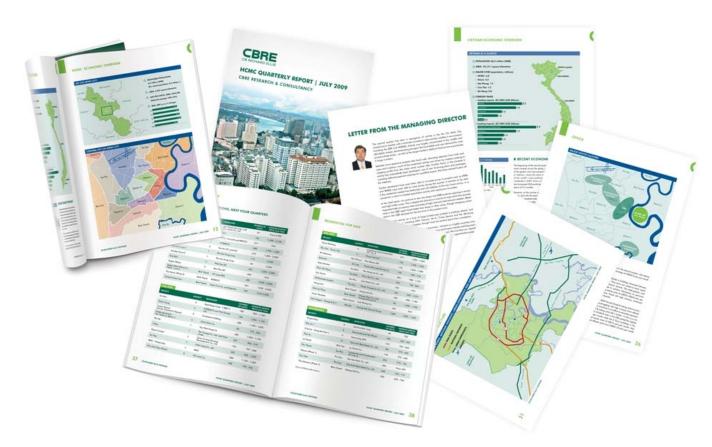
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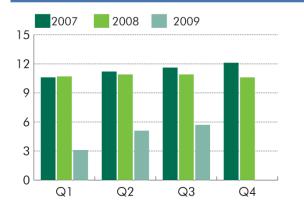
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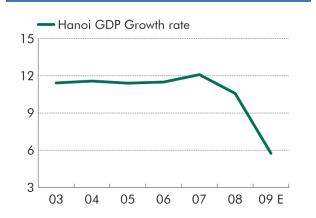
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HANOI ECONOMIC OVERVIEW

Hanoi Year to Date GDP (% y-o-y Growth Rate)



Hanoi GDP Growth Rate (%)

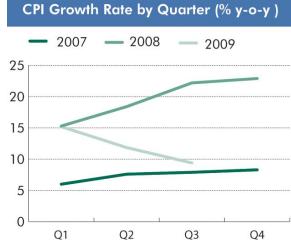


- Hanoi GDP achieved a y-o-y increased of 8.6% in Q3 (Q1/09: 3.1%, Q2/09: 5.1%)
- First 9 months of 2009, Hanoi achieved the average GDP growth rate of 5.7%, able to achieve the annual GDP growth rate objective of 5.5% 6%
- Industrial production reached average growth rate of 7.5%

HANOI ECONOMIC OVERVIEW

- Decrease in both imports and exports turnover: respectively 29.6% and 11.2% y-o-y decrease
- Hanoi attracted an estimated 225 FDI projects, but only registered US\$400 million in capital
- CPI of the first nine months reached 9.4% when measured y-o-y
- Number of international tourism arrivals decreased 19.8% y-o-y, but local tourism arrivals still grew by 1.1%





HANOI INFRASTRUCTURE



■HIGHLIGHTS

- Vietnam Railway Corp. signed a US\$47 million contract 28 km railway linking Long Bien and Thanh Tri Districts
- The Vinh Tuy Bridge, opened to traffic on September
- Nhat Tan Suspension Bridge project signed contract for largest portion with HI and Sumitomo Mitsui Construction Company
- Vinh Thinh Bridge project to start construction 2010
- The new Ha Dong bus station, now the biggest in Hanoi, opened in September
- Hanoi People's Committee invested US\$38 million to expand Nguyen Van Linh Road from Cau Chui intersection to Thanh Tri Bridge

RESIDENTIAL FOR SALE

Q2 Q3

2009

Q4 Q1

Average Asking Price (US\$ psm) -Luxury - High-end - Mid-end 3000 2250 1500 750 06 07 08 YTD 05 - Luxury - High-end - Mid-end - Low-end 3000 2250 1500 750

■HIGHLIGHTS

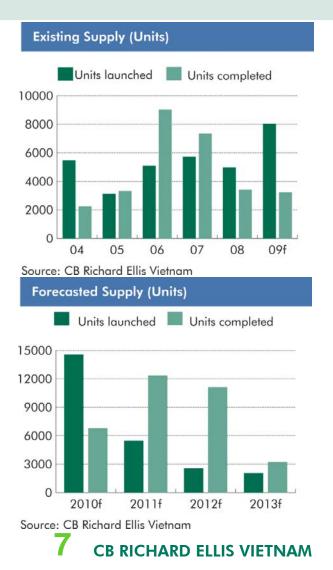
- Positive news about the economy & strong stock market performance → investors and end-users get back into the market immediately
- The intangible signs all point to dramatic turnaround in sales activity, particularly in new condo launches.
- Increasing confidence in the market has also given the second home developers further opportunities and confidence to launch new products on Danang Beach, Ho Tram, Phan Thiet/Mui Ne – we see this confidence continuing.
- All market sub categories growing between 7% and 16%. Low-end projects show fastest growth
- Land prices in some fringe areas saw rapid growth as demand spiked.

2007

Q2 Q3

2008

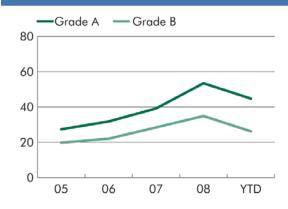
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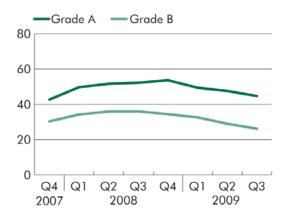


- The spike in the number of projects starting construction in the quarter is also a positive signal that developers believe the worst has passed.
- Large new supply of units should help limit excessive capital value growth driven by speculation
- Although most transactions were in the mid-end and affordable segments, demand was also seen for some higher-priced projects.
- The Personal Income Tax (PIT) on housing transactions came into effect on September 26.
- Developers are increasingly focusing on issues including pricing, quality, visibility, flexible payment terms and bank support.

OFFICE

Average Asking Rents (US\$ psm per month)





Source: CB Richard Ellis Vietnam

HIGHLIGHTS

- Office rents continued falling by 6% in Grade A and 9.6% in Grade B market
- CEO Tower opened along Pham Hung in August with 13,000 sm of leasable area and over 50% occupied
- Enquires for office space increased 28% over the last quarter, especially for spaces below 200 sm
- Local investors and companies have purchased or secured long term leases on large portions of office space
- Strong net absorption occurred in both A & B markets.
 Newly launched buildings are leasing up large amount of space with reduced price points (< US\$25 psm)

OFFICE

90

60

30

Total Supply ('000 sm) 300 240 180 120 60 Q2 Q1 Q2 2007 2008 2009 Estimated New Supply ('000 sm) Grade A Grade B Grade C 150 120

■OUTLOOK

- A total of 5 new projects (over 60,000 sm) are expected to be online by the end of next quarter
 - Only 2 in city centre
 - First Grade A growth since early 2007
- New buildings will have to offer rents below market average to lease up space
- Quality of management and maintenance will have growing importance in more competitive market

Q4 09

RETAIL





■HIGHLIGHTS

- Another quarter of consecutive growth in retail sales highlights the continued strength of local demand for goods and services
- CBD rentals remained steady. Many renovated shophouses taking up excess demand
- Numerous mid-end and high-end brands entering Hanoi this quarter: Mphosis, Paris Hilton, Vanlaack, etc. (entering Vincom Galleries, shophouses)
- Many Non-CBD shopping centres are still having difficulty maintaining tenants and low absorption rate
- CBD retail saw the first major new supply this quarter with the opening of Vincom Galleries, which launched with under 20% vacant

RETAIL



Source: CB Richard Ellis Vietnam

SUPPLY

- Most vacancy outside the CBD
- Vincom Galleries opened on 8th August (8,500 sm NLA for the first five floors)
- Ha Thanh Plaza's closure reduced retail supply in non-CBD area (decreased 7,300 sm NLA) along with vacancy

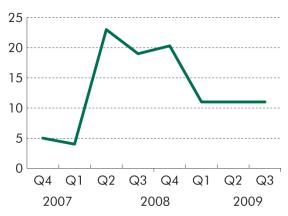
RETAIL

- Major new sources of retail launching next year out west (Charmvit Plaza) along with smaller podiums around city. Still limited space within CBD
- Renovation and improvement of shophouse retail will continue to put pressure on rents, especially outside the city centre.
- The issues faced by non-CBD retail centres highlights issues of tenant mix. More projects may turn to master leases with professional retailers (department store, mall operator)
- Savico Plaza has been announced as a major fringe urban retail complex (over 50,000 sm) in Long Bien, targeting growing suburban and fringe urban demand for modern retail

SERVICED APARTMENTS

Vacancy Rate (%)





Source: CB Richard Ellis Vietnam

HIGHLIGHTS

- Vacancy rates in stabilised projects (those opening before 2008) increased slightly to 10.75%
- Vacancy rates in stabilising projects (those opening since 2008) decreased 6 percentage points to 10%
- 3+ bedroom units make up 50% of total vacant units (23% increase q-o-q), while they make up only 30% total supply
- Asking rents remained unchanged across the market, however specific projects had transacted rents down 10% to 20% driving stronger absorption
- All projects appear stabilised with improved vacancies coming over the next few quarters for the best managed projects

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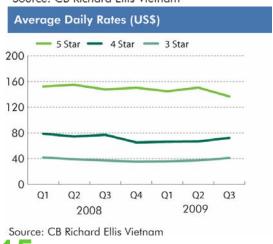


Fraser Suite Serviced Apartments

- Expect stronger take up with enquiry growth and major new entrants in the office market
- Vacancy should continue to fall, although limited rental growth due to constrained housing budgets
- No major dedicated serviced apartment projects in the near future
- Newly condo units for rents in large projects:
 Vincom Park Place, Golden Westlake
- More professional expanding small-scale apartment and villa market

HOTELS

Hotel Occupancy Rates by Quarter (%) - 5 Star - 4 Star - 3 Star 80 70 60 50 40 30 Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4 Q1 Q2 Q3 2008 2009 Source: CB Richard Ellis Vietnam Average Daily Rates (US\$)



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■HIGHLIGHTS

- International visitor arrivals reached 745,000, a year-onyear decrease of 19.8%.
- Occupancy down y-o-y. Average daily rates also down, except for 3-star hotels
- Mecure La Gare of Accor was opened on September 1st 2009, providing 102 hotel rooms to the market
- JW Marriott signed agreements with Bitexco to manage Bitexco's under-construction hotel behind the National Convention Centre
- VinaCapital finally announced selling their 70% stake in Hilton Opera Hanoi Hotel. No details on deal, but achieved 23% IRR on 3 year holding period
- Horison Hotel has changed their management to Accor. The hotel will use Accor's 5-star hotel flag – Pullman

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- Expected growth in hotels' performance in fourth quarter (high season)
- Swine flu is still major threat to travel
- RevPAR will begin growing again in 2010 for hotels with best price points
- Branded budget hotels growing in popularity. More 3-star & 4-star international brands will enter
- Still growth opportunities (major investment interest)
 - Tourism growth, VN income growth, expansion of submarkets, complete lack of mid-range branded products



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