



#### MARKET FUNDAMENTALS

YOY

12-Month Forecast

7.6% Vacancy Rate





€5.7



7.00%







(Overall, All Property Classes, as of 31 December Source: Cushman & Wakefield, Budapest Research Forum)

### **ECONOMIC INDICATORS**

YOY

12-Month Forecast

0.7% GDP real (F)





4.6%

Unemployment rate



**Industrial Production** Index\*

Annual growth forecast unless otherwise indicated;

Source: Moody's Analytics, 10 January 2024

#### **ECONOMY: STRONGER GROWTH EXPECTED FROM H2 2025**

Despite the setback in the fall, Hungary's outlook for 2025 remains positive. While industrial production continued to decline year over year, it did so at the slowest pace observed. By the end of Q3, most industrial subsectors began showing signs of growth. Inflation remained stable, with the central bank maintaining the base interest rate at 6.5% for the third consecutive time since halting rate cuts. The unemployment rate peaked at 4.6% in February but has remained resilient through 2024. Moody's Analytics forecasts a 2.6% GDP growth for 2025, driven by the return of global demand and rising 200 000 consumer confidence, which will likely boost domestic consumption and investment. Industrial production is expected to increase in 2025 with new manufacturing plants, particularly in the automotive sector, beginning operations. While inflation will temporarily rise in Q1 2025, it is expected to decline steadily until 2026, though it will average near the upper limit of the central bank's 4% tolerance band. Investor interest remained subdued in 2024, continuing the trends from 2023. The primary focus was on smaller industrial assets, although two mid-sized transactions were completed in H1. The total investment volume for industrial properties amounted to €55 million in 2024.

#### SUPPLY & DEMAND: ROBUST GROWTH IN INDUSTRIAL STOCK

In line with previous trends, Hungary's industrial stock continued to expand in 2024, growing by 9% compared to the last guarter of 2023. A total of 486,395 sq m of new industrial space was completed in 2024, with 51% of this new space delivered outside of Budapest. Net absorption reached an exceptionally high level, driven by the fact that the majority of new completions in Q4 were already pre-let. As a result, the vacancy rate in Greater Budapest decreased by 166 basis points quarter-on-quarter, reaching 7.9%. In contrast, the countryside experienced a slight increase in vacancy, rising by 20 basis points quarter-on-quarter to 6.8% by the end of the year.

While the growth of industrial stock will continue, it is expected to occur at a slower pace. Currently, 499,325 sq m of industrial space is under construction for 2025 and 2026, with a pre-let rate of 30%. In 2024, gross take-up in Hungary declined by 7% compared to 2023, while net take-up remained stable nationwide and retained its share €4.00 against renewals. The ratio of pre-leases decreased in 2024, with tenant preferences shifting towards new leases. Notably, demand from manufacturing companies surged, reaching a similar share to logistics companies in 2024.

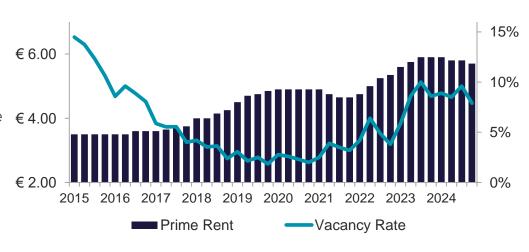
#### **PRICING: PRESSURE ON RENTS**

In Q4, prime rents in Greater Budapest decreased by 10 basis points to €5.70 per sq m, marking a 3.4% year-on-year decline. Market-wide rental rates are facing downward pressure, leading landlords to offer increased incentives, such as rent-free periods and fit-out contributions, to attract and retain tenants.

## **GREATER BUDAPEST SPACE DEMAND / DELIVERIES**



# **GREATER BUDAPEST OVERALL VACANCY & ASKING RENT**



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# **MARKET STATISTICS**

SUBMARKET	STOCK (SQ M)	AVAILABILITY (SQ M)	OVERALL VACANCY RATE	CURRENT QUARTER TAKE-UP (SQ M)	YTD TAKE-UP (SQ M)	YTD COMPLETIONS (SQ M)	UNDER CNSTR (SQ M)	PRIME RENT (€/SQ M/MONTH)
Budapest North	449,285	80,270	17.9%	1,945	42,175	4,255	54,535	5.70
Budapest South	1,336,355	80,365	6.0%	120,280	183,840	120,880	59,695	5.70
Budapest East	901,930	45,710	5.1%	26,850	141,555	45,415	106,120	5.70
Budapest West	1,068,180	91,905	8.6%	76,890	247,360	66,460	97,330	5.70
GREATER BUDAPEST TOTAL	3,755,750	298,250	7.9%	225,960	614,935	237,010	317,680	5.70
Central Hungary	22,540	17,300	76.8%	0	0	0	0	5.70
Central Transdanubia	501,860	41,505	8.3%	59,245	82,650	73,190	10,205	5.70
Northern Great Plain	293,655	8,950	3.0%	24,865	42,430	75,650	121,445	5.70
Northern Hungary	245,410	31,675	12.9%	0	0	22,795	10,000	5.70
Southern Great Plain	263,535	550	0.2%	19,200	62,550	54,500	40,000	5.50
Southern Transdanubia	52,950	2,010	3.8%	0	0	0	0	5.00
Western Transdanubia	416,770	20,165	4.8%	19,510	30,010	23,250	0	5.50
COUNTRYSIDE TOTAL	1,796,720	122,155	6.8%	122,820	217,640	249,385	181,650	5.70
HUNGARY TOTAL	5,552,470	420,405	7.6%	348,780	832,575	486,395	499,325	5.70

Prime rents reflect prime asking rents €/sq m/month.

# **KEY LEASE TRANSACTIONS Q4 2024**

PROPERTY	SUBMARKET	TENANT	SQ M	TYPE
CTPark Tatabánya, TBN5	Central Transdanubia	Confidential manufacturing company	35,200	New
Debrecen Déli Gazdasági Övezet – Xanga Park	Northern Great Plain	Confidential	22,000	Pre-lease
Prologis Park Budapest - Budaörs	<b>Budapest West</b>	Logistics Service provider	22,200	Renewal*
CTPark Budapest Szigetszentmiklós	Budapest South	Confidential	20,750	New
Prologis Park Budapest - Gyál	Budapest South	Multi-Customer 3PL	20,700	Renewal*

<sup>\*</sup>Renewals included in leasing statistics

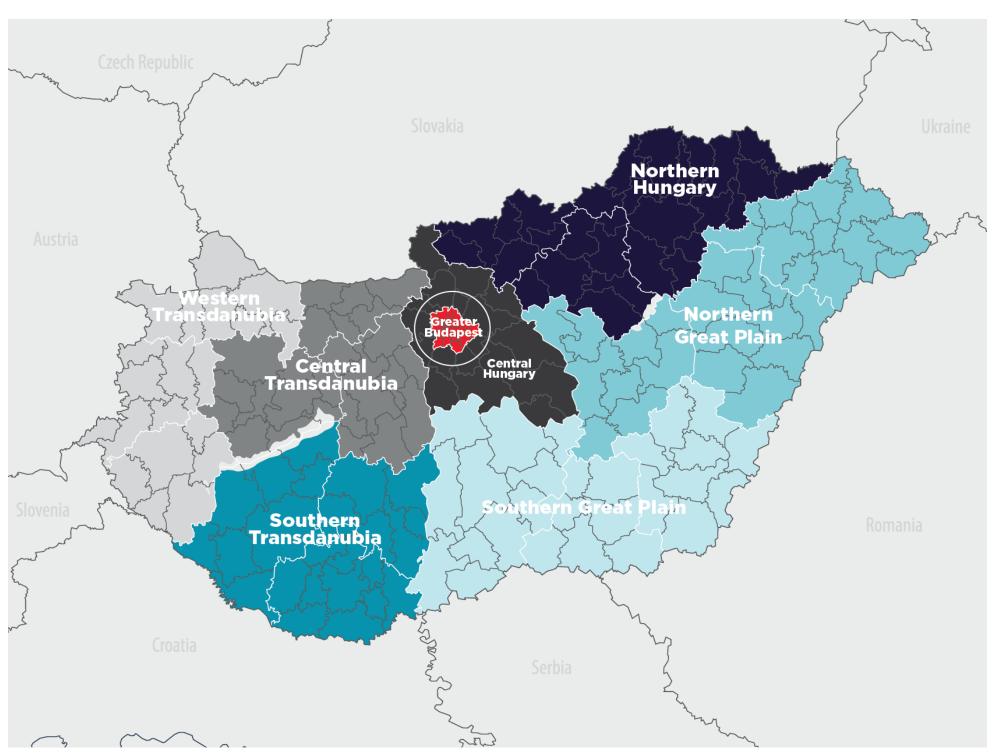
# **KEY CONSTRUCTION COMPLETIONS Q4 2024**

PROPERTY	SUBMARKET	MAJOR TENANT	SQ M	OWNER/DEVELOPER
CTP Park Sziget - SZG1	Budapest South	Tesco	99,900	CTP
CTPark Tatabánya - TBN5	Central Transdanubia	Confidential manufaturing company	35,200	CTP
CTP Park Sziget - SZG2	Budapest South	Confidential	20,950	CTP
VGP Kecskemét –D	Southern Great Plain	Confidential	20,000	VGP
VGP Győr Beta-C	Western Transdanubia	Transdanubia	19,750	VGP
InPark Tatabánya	Central Transdanubia	Raben	16,600	InPark
Panattoni Kecskemét	Southern Great Plain	ZF	16,600	Panattoni
Source: Cushman&Wakefield & Budapest Rese	earch Forum			

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# **HUNGARY**INDUSTRIAL Q4 2024

## **INDUSTRIAL SUBMARKETS**



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