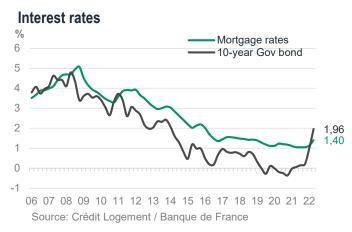


BORROWING CONDITIONS ARE TIGHTENING

Mortgage rates increased over H1, to an average of 1.40% in Q2 2022. They increased further in August, up to 1.82%. Over the 12 months to Q2 2022, € 308bn was granted in mortgages, representing an increase of 11% compared to the 12 previous months. Although activity remains strong, there has been a decline since the beginning of 2022, due largely to the loan-to-value ratio, which is preventing some applicants from accessing the credit market. The average borrowing term in Q2 2022 stood at 19.9 years, which is still very long.









SALES STABILISING

There were 1,157,000 second-hand homes sold over 12 rolling months to Q2 2022, a stable amount compared to the year-earlier period. Sales hit a record level over the year to August 2021, at 1,213,000 cumulated sales, before edging downward (-2% in 6 months).

Take-up of second-hand dwellings









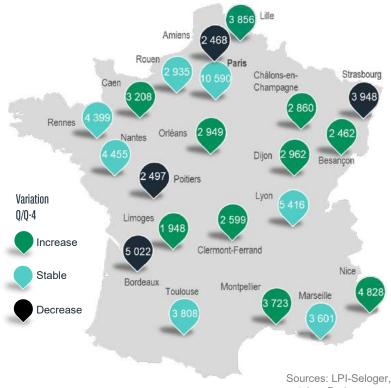


LAST PRICE HIKES?

The upward trend that began in 2016 has generally continued until now, despite recent events, i.e. the health crisis, the war in Ukraine and rising interest rates. The latest Notary figures show an average price increase of 7% for all second-hand homes in France between Q2 2021 and Q2 2022.

This national average stems from an increase of 2% in Îlede-France and 9% in the regions. Apart from Lille and Nice, where prices are still on the rise, the main cities remained stable. There were even declines in Bordeaux and Strasbourg. Prices have been slipping in Paris for several quarters, down -0.7%.

Elsewhere over the same period, prices have risen slightly more for houses (+9%) than for apartments (+5%).



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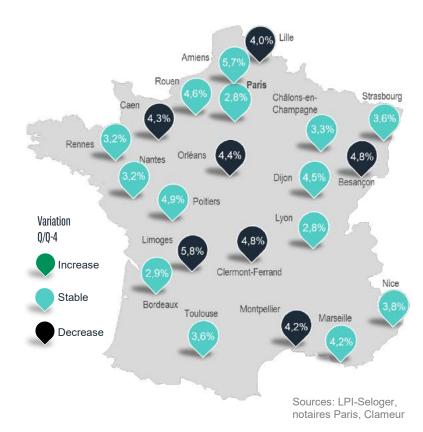
-0.7% IN PARIS

YIELDS BOTTOMING OUT BEFORE RISING

Yields are currently stabilising in the main large cities, due to prices stalling in these markets. Yields are currently at floor levels in most markets, notably in Paris and Lyon at 2.8%.

In an effort to curb inflation, the ECB raised its key interest rates by 125 basis points in Q3, bringing the refinancing rate to 1.25%. In response, the benchmark European interbank rate, the 3-month Euribor, moved into positive territory for the first time since 2015. The 10-year OAT has climbed by over 200 basis points since the beginning of the year, to over 2.50% in September.

The rises in the ECB's key interest rates, the 10-year OAT and the Euribor could prompt investors to seek greater profitability from real estate in the coming months.



RISE IN BUILDING PERMITS

On a rolling-year basis to Q2 2022, 499,000 building permits had been granted in metropolitan France, up 16% vs Q2 2021. As such, the market confirmed its recovery following the hiatus in 2020. This increase was fuelled by a catch-up effect following the Covid-19 slowdown, and an increase in applications filed before 1 January 2022, corresponding to the entry into force of RE2020.

Building starts are still above average, with construction starting on 346,000 homes over 12 months, representing an increase of just 3% vs. the previous 12 months. Although the market is back to its Q1 2020 level, the increase is very slight. This means that there is a widening gap between the robust building permit trend and actual building starts.

PRESSURE ON THE DEVELOPMENT MARKET

Over the 12 months to Q2 2022, there were 112,600 housing units reserved, i.e. a fall of 5% vs the previous period. The market for new homes is still short of its 2016-2019 highs, when 130,000 units a year were being reserved.

The number of units being put up for sale is relatively stable (-2%) at 100,100 over 12 months. The total number of homes for sale in Q2 2022 was still at a very low level of 94,500 units, equivalent to 9.8 months of take-up.

This pressure on the new home market has been directly reflected in prices: in Q2 2022, the average price for a new apartment was $\[\le \]$ 4,621/m², up 4.9% over one year. For new houses it stood at $\[\le \]$ 349,600, up 5.2% over one year.

BLOCK INVESTMENTS IN RESIDENTIAL ASSETS

In H1 2022, the overall sum invested in residential and so-called "alternative" assets was $\[\le \]$ 3.7bn, down 18% on H1 2021. Investment in residential property in the strict sense fell by 27% to $\[\le \]$ 3.0bn invested, with almost no intermediary housing.

Investment in alternative assets came in at € 640m, more than double the amount of H1 2021.

Housing construction in France

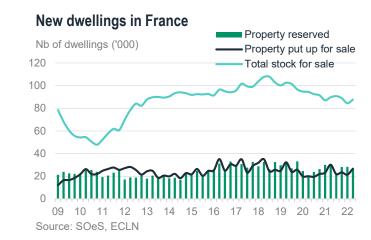






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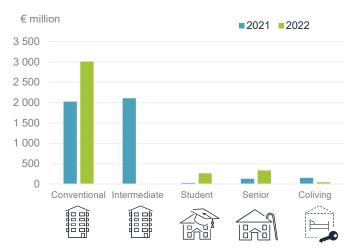
BUILDING STARTS







Investment by typology – H1

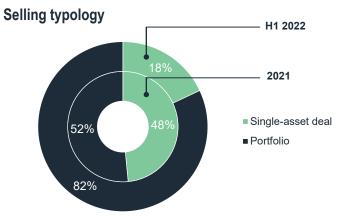


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Investment in residential



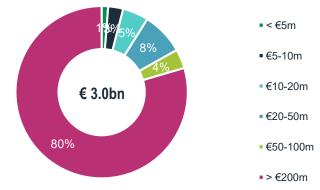


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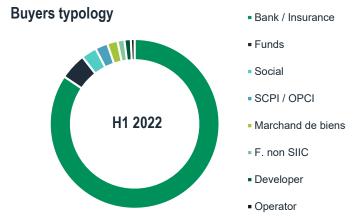
CONTRACTION IN RESIDENTIAL INVESTMENT

Portfolios account for 82% of the €3.0 billion invested (in the "strict" sense of the term) in residential real estate in France since the beginning of 2022. The market was dominated by the € 2.4bn Lamartine portfolio, sold to an insurer by CDC Habitat in Q1. Paris and its Inner Rim were the biggest markets, with € 420m invested in Residential, followed by the Outer Rim of Ile-de-France (€ 31m).

Breakdown of investment by volume size



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Out of the 81 block transactions made in H1 2022, over half amounted to less than € 10m. Deals for over € 50m meanwhile accounted for just 8% by number of transactions and 84% in terms of volume, illustrating the high weighting of large portfolios in the market.

The banking/insurance/mutual fund sector was the biggest market player in 2022, after funds took pole position in 2021.

Outlook

The housing market could see a turnaround in 2022. Households' property purchasing capacity has been increasing almost continuously in recent years, underpinned by very favourable borrowing conditions and rising incomes. In 2022, the rise in inflation and key interest rates has pushed up the cost of borrowing, with a negative impact on households' purchasing power. Indeed, property prices have already stopped rising in Paris and the main cities in France. This stabilisation should gradually spread to the rest of the country, with prices falling in certain localised markets. Meanwhile, investment should pick up in H2 2022, with major portfolios expected to change hands.



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