



Take-up (-32% vs Q1 2022)



Availability within a year (+10% vs 01 2022)



Prime rent (Lyon)

Slower start to the year, but above the 10-year average

After a historic year in 2022 for the regional office market*, take-up slowed in Q1 2023, transactions at around two thirds of their Q1 2022 level. This weaker start to the year stems from the uncertain economic backdrop, driven by high inflation and borrowing costs.

Nevertheless, this should be seen in perspective. Transactions were slightly higher than in Q1 2021 and still came in 5% above the ten-year average.

The economic climate is expected to improve over the year, which could see the regional office market recover its former momentum.

*7 cities: Aix/Marseille, Bordeaux, Lille, Lyon, Montpellier, Nantes and Toulouse

take-up trend by quarters



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Steep fall in owner - occupier deals

In Q1 2023, owner/occupier and turnkey rentals only accounted for 11% of take-up, a steep fall of 63% compared to Q1 2022.

Over half of transactions were for second-hand units (51% of total volume for the quarter) but these too were down by more than 25% year-on-year.

In terms of size segment, we note a steep fall in deals for over 10,000 sqm, which represented just 4% of the total volume, i.e. a fall of over 85% vs Q1 2022.

Interestingly, demand for units of between 2,000 sqm and 5,000 sqm is intact. This was the only segment for which demand increased compared to Q1 2022 (+4%).

As ever, the regional market is driven by small units over under 1,000 sqm, which accounted for 46% of total volumes

Mixed fortunes among the different cities

Lille took the top place over the quarter* with takeup of 53,000 sqm, followed by Toulouse which continued to progress and came in second, with a year-on-year increase of 74%.

Lyon was relegated to third place with 44,000 sqm transacted, while Bordeaux rose from fifth place to fourth with a year-on-year increase of over 34%.

Nantes held onto a top 5 position among cities in the regions with take-up over 60% higher than its 10-year average.

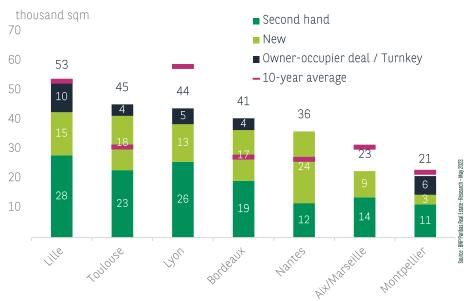
Aix/Marseille and Montpellier brought up the rear*, but nevertheless each with transactions totalling over 20,000 sqm.

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Take-up



Take-up by city for Q1 2023



Supply on the rise

Availability within a year stands at 1.8 million sqm, i.e. a rise of 10% year-on-year.

The increase applied to both new and second-hand premises in similar proportions.

New supply accounts for 34% of the total and rose by 7%. Meanwhile, second-hand supply increased by 11% compared to Q1 2022, representing 66% of the total.



Availability within a year



Subdued investment

With investment of €1.4bn (all asset categories combined), the regions accounted for a third of total investment in France in Q1 2023 (32%).

However, the regional office market saw a slide of 17% vs the same period in 2022.

There was a noticeable lack of foreign investment in regional offices over the quarter. On average over the last 5 years, they have accounted for 11% of overall investment.

In terms of buyer types for regional offices, SCPIs have continued to rise and now represent over half of investment (53%), followed by private investors who account for over a quarter of the overall amount.

Ouarterly investment figures



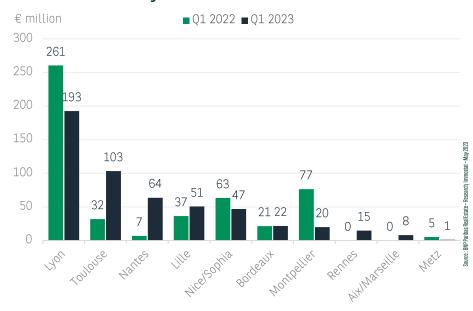
Lyon leads the pack for regional investment

Lyon held onto its top place in Q1, followed by Toulouse and Nantes, where investment was swelled by several large deals.

Lille came in fourth, with investment up 37% vs last year. Thereafter, all cities except Bordeaux saw lower investment than the year-earlier period.

Major deals included the acquisition of the Areca Metro building by AEW CILOGER in Lyon (€103M), the 1PULSION building in Toulouse bought by KEYS AM for €60M and the Val Crêtes building in Nice purchased by Nexity for €30M.

Investment in the main regional markets





4.00%

Prime yield (Lyon)

Prime yields still expanding

In 2023, prime yields in the regions are still moving significantly, largely due to the 10-year OAT remaining high (2.80% at the end of Q1) following the upswing in 2022.

Apart from Toulouse, yields continue to expand, particularly in Lyon where it stands at 4% (+30 basis points vs Q4 2022), Lille, where it is up 40 basis points to 4.40% and Aix/Marseille (4.40% vs 4.20% at end 2022).



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