

Geneva real estate investment market

- 1st quarter 2022

Focus on the Geneva market

Early April, the State Council decided to lower the threshold of the heat expenditure index (IDC) from 800 to 450 MJ/sqm/ year. Could that be the first milestone of energy transition in Geneva? Furthermore, inflation, the increase of interest rates by central banks and the invasion of Ukraine by Russia have all a strong incidence on investment strategies. It is nevertheless necessary to weight these factors, as the appeal for real estate, combined with the important liquidity of capitals, remains stronger than ever, the offer of real estate returns being low and the return on investment alternatives poor or volatile.

The number of transactions is 40 for an exchanged volume of CHF 989'197'581. The average price of a transaction is CHF 24'729'940.-. Office buildings, in the amount of four, were sold at an average price of CHF 74'420'000.-. Two sales were more than CHF 100'000'000.-, an office building of over 9'000 sqm and an office building of 7'000 sqm, previously occupied by the BNP PARIBAS bank. This first quarter has a steady pace, equivalent to last year.

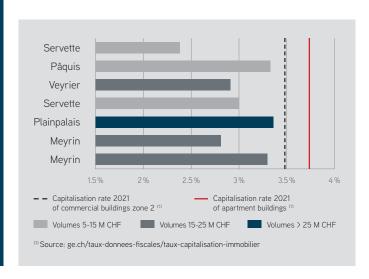
	Volume of sales				Average price
Investment per allocation	in CHF	in %	in amount	in %	of transactions in CHF
Multiple-unit housing	386'090'173	39 %	27	68 %	14'299'636
Mix housing-commercial activities	41'990'000	4 %	2	5%	20'995'000
Condominiums (PPE)	33'360'000	3 %	2	5%	16'680'000
Offices, Workshops, Storage facilities	297'680'000	30 %	4	10 %	74'420'000
Retail, Factories, Hotels, Others	55'777'408	6 %	2	5%	27'888'704
Portfolios of different allocations	174'300'000	18 %	3	8%	58'100'000
Total	989'197'581.–	100%	40	100 %	24'729'940



Gross yield of studied transactions

Among the sales of this quarter, we have identified rental statuses of around 20% of exchanges.

The sample examined has seven transactions, six regarding buildings with multiple-unit housing and one regarding offices. Based on known rental statuses, we have identified exchanges for gross yields between 2.38% and 3.36%. The average of exchanges is of 3%. On three occasions they were inferior to 3%. One even dropped below 2.5%. We thus observe that rates continue to decrease.



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