

RESIDENTIAL REAL ESTATE

Despite moderate sales growth in Q1 FY2025, area sold in the top seven cities to increase by 10-12% YoY in FY2025 on a high base of FY2024 September 2024



Highlights





The area sold in top seven cities in India is likely to increase by 10-12% in FY2025 on a high base of FY2024.

Despite the enhanced launch pipeline, the years to sell (YTS) is expected to sustain at around 1.0 times in FY2025.



ICRA expects the area sold in the top seven cities in India to increase by 10-12% in FY2025, supported by the sustained strong demand driven by the aspiration for home ownership and upgrade, and healthy, albeit moderating affordability. Area sold witnessed a moderate growth of 7% in Q1 FY2025 due to deferment of launches to subsequent quarters. The sales remained resilient in FY2024 with growth of 19% YoY reaching a decadal high of 714 msf.



• ICRA expects the launches to be at a decadal high of around 767 msf in FY2025, growth of 12% YoY. The replacement ratio remained healthy at 1 times in FY2024 on the back of robust sales and calibrated project launches and is likely to sustain at 1 times in FY2025. Despite the enhanced launch pipeline, the YTS is expected to remain comfortable at around 1.0 times in FY2025.



• The average sale price (ASP) rose by 11% YoY in FY2024 due to a change in the product mix with a higher share of luxury units and pricing flexibility arising out of healthy sales and the resultant lower inventory overhang. ICRA expects the ASP to further increase by 4-6% in FY2025.



■ ICRA's outlook on the residential real estate sector is Stable. ICRA expects the overall sales velocity, collections and inventory position to remain healthy. The gross debt levels of ICRA's sample may grow by around 6-7% in FY2025, given the increased land acquisition for new business development by developers in addition to the increase in construction finance debt due to a ramp-up in project execution. Nonetheless, the leverage measured by gross debt/cash flow from operations, is expected to be comfortable at 1.55-1.60 times in FY2025 (1.63 times in FY2024), supported by healthy cash flow from operations.

Agenda















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