

Commercial Real Estate –
Office – Mumbai
Metropolitan Region
(MMR)

Net absorption to outpace supply for fourth consecutive year in FY2026 for MMR office market

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Highlights





Of the total expected office supply of ~12 msf in H2 FY2025 and FY2026 for the MMR market, ~17% has been preleased.

Office supply increased at a CAGR of 4.5% during FY2017–FY2024 for the MMR market, which is lower than the CAGR of 7% for the top six cities owing to limited land available for expansion.

Leasing from BFSI continues to be a dominant segment for the MMR market, flexi-space an emerging sector.



MMR witnessed limited Grade A office supply of 6.5 million square feet (msf) and 4.7 msf in FY2024 and H1 FY2025, respectively, compared to healthy net absorption of 9.9 msf and 6.4 msf during similar period backed by healthy leasing traction from the Banking, Financial Services and Insurance (BFSI) segment and flexible office providers. This resulted in improvement in occupancy level to 89.7% as of September 2024 from 86.1% as of March 2023. Considering the estimated supply of ~12 msf and net absorption of ~15 msf in H2 FY2025 and FY2026, ICRA forecasts the occupancy levels to rise to 92.0-92.5% by March 2026.



MMR accounts for 19% (~180 msf) of the Grade A office space among India's top six* cities (as on September 30, 2024). The Western Suburb (30%), Central Suburb (26%) and Navi Mumbai (22%) areas account for ~79% of the total Grade A office space. Navi Mumbai, Andheri (E), Goregaon (E), Thane and Bandra-Kurla Complex (BKC) are top five micro-markets in MMR, accounting for 54% of the total office supply of the city. With limited land available for expansion and healthy net absorption trends expected to continue in near-to-medium term, ICRA expects the vacancy levels to remain low in all key micro-markets of MMR.



The top 10 developers in MMR (out of a total ~300 developers) contribute to only 38% of the total Grade A office supply as of September 30, 2024, indicating the presence of many regional developers. MMR, being the financial hub of India, continues to be one of the most preferred destinations for tenants as reflected by the lower vacancy levels among the top six cities. The rental rates in the top five micro-markets witnessed CAGR of only 2-3.5% during FY2017-FY2024 due to high rental rates in MMR compared to other cities. These figures are lower than the contracted rental escalations at a CAGR of around 4.0-5.0% during this period. The average rental rate for MMR is expected to increase by 2-3% each in FY2025 and FY2026.



ICRA expects investment opportunity of Rs. 1.36-1.44 lakh crore in REIT-ready office spaces for MMR. To arrive at REIT-ready office spaces, ICRA has included developers with at least 1 million sft of Grade A office space with a minimum occupancy of 75% as on September 30, 2024. To arrive at the investment opportunity for REIT-ready office spaces, ICRA has used a cap rate of 8–8.5%.

^{*}Top six Indian office markets include Delhi NCR, MMR, Bengaluru, Hyderabad, Chennai and Pune

Agenda













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