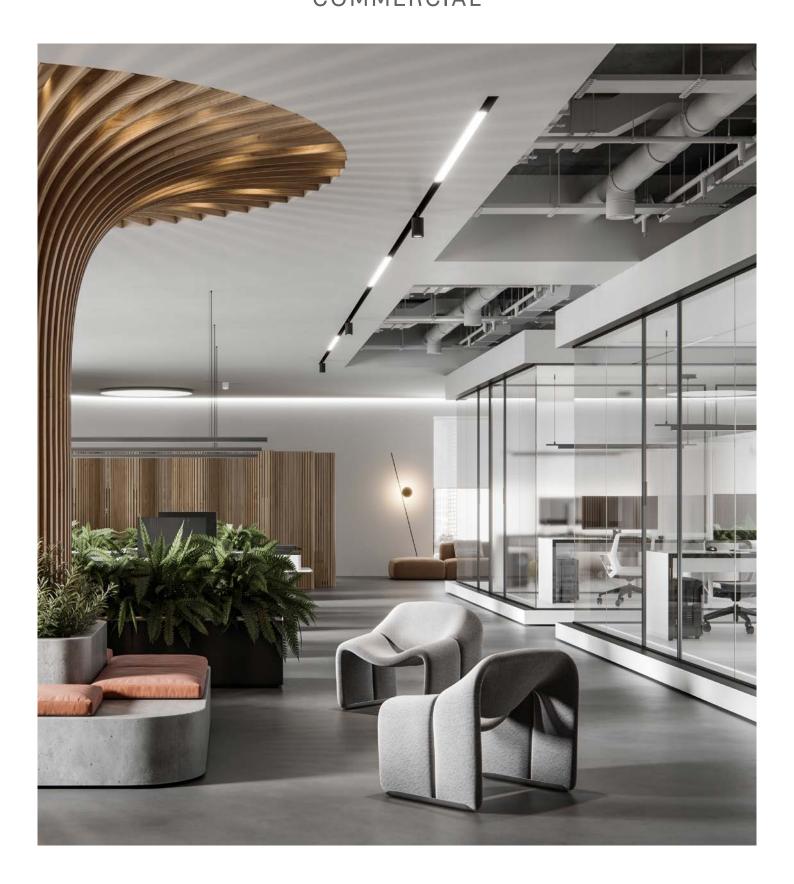
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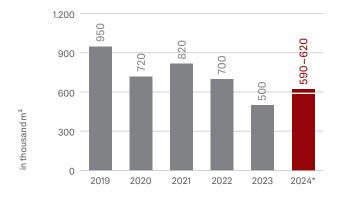


Reference year of key figures: 2023, change compared to the previous year; Sources: bulwiengesa, Engel & Völkers Commercial

In 2023 Berlin had office space take-up of approximately 500,000 m<sup>2</sup>, which was less than in the previous year. The reasons for this included the fact that there was no yearend rally and no major deals. Despite this, the city's office rental market still has the greatest volume of leasing activity in Germany. Uncertainty caused by economic developments and planning of space requirements is currently delaying decisions on leasing contracts. Owners of lowerquality office space, which for example does not meet ESG criteria, in particular are being impacted by this. While prime office locations have generally remained unaffected by the increased vacancy rate, the most recent average vacancy rate in Berlin has climbed to 5.7%. In some locations, the market now appears to be turning in favour of tenants, offering them favourable conditions to negotiate better contract leasing terms and incentives such as rentfree periods or contributions towards building costs.

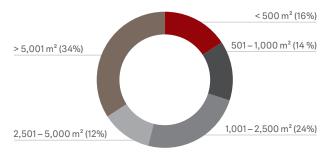
In the current challenging economic environment, small and medium-sized companies in particular are placing great value on choosing appropriate office space which has low running costs and can be used flexibly. Correspondingly, there is a greater need for consulting advice when searching for premises or looking for sub-tenants, especially if the amount of office space is being reduced. Strong demand for high-quality office premises has resulted in prime rents remaining at a high level of 45,00 euros/m<sup>2</sup>. The hike in building costs and interest rates together with the related fall in the number of new development projects have also contributed to this trend. The shortage of new-build offerings is primarily benefitting modernised existing office premises and is expected to stimulate market activity in 2025. In the current year 2023, however, Engel & Völkers Commercial forecasts only moderate total take-up of 590,000 to 620,000 m<sup>2</sup>.

#### Take-up



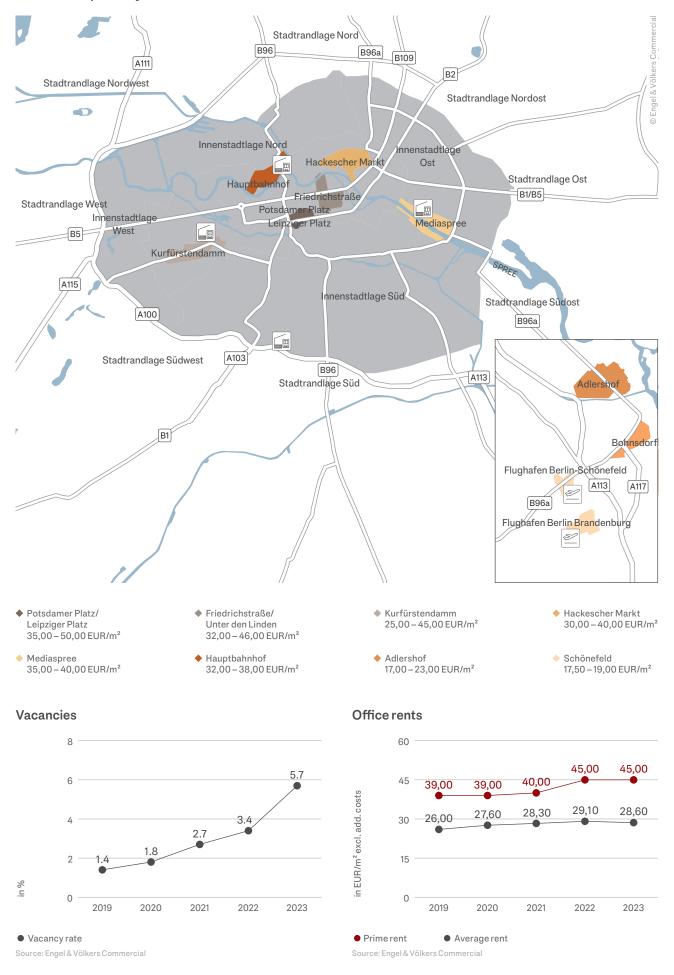
\* Forecast Source: Engel & Völkers Commercial

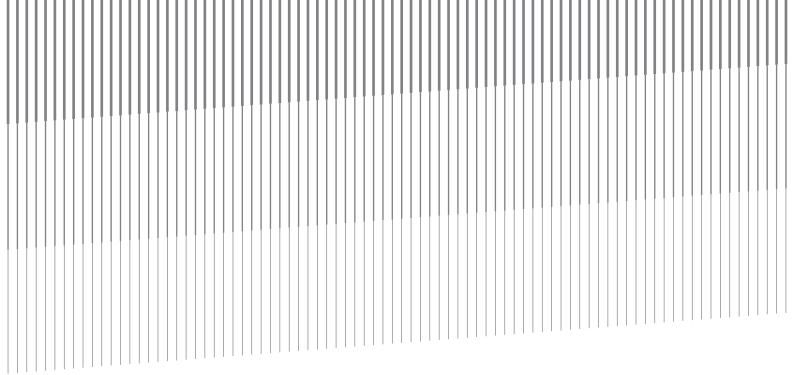
#### Take-up - size categories (area)\*



\* Year 2023 Source: Engel & Völkers Commercial

### Office rental prices by location (EUR/m²)





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