MARKETBEAT HUNGARY **RETAIL Q1 2025**





MARKET FUNDAMENTALS

YOY Chg

12-Month Forecast

€1,637

Average monthly wage (EUR)*

€140.00



Prime HS rent, Sq m/month

6.75%

Prime HS Yields

* As of February 2025, HCSO calculated at an exchange rate of 7th May 2025. Average regular gross salary. Prime rent and yield for High Street units as of 31 March 2025 Source: Cushman & Wakefield, Moody's

ECONOMIC INDICATORS

YOY

12-Month Forecast

1.8% **GDP** Growth





4.6%

Consumer Price Index



Retail Sales Volume Index

Annual Growth Data Source: Moody's Analytics, 6th May 2025

ECONOMY: GROWTH EXPECTED FROM H2 2025

Hungary's GDP contracted by 0.4% year-on-year in Q1 2025, according to the CSO. However, Moody's forecasts a full-year growth of 1.8%, with momentum expected to pick up in the second half, driven by global automotive projects. Consumption, supported by sustained real wage growth (10% year-on-year for most of 2024), will be a key driver of GDP growth. While wage growth will slow in 2025, it will still support higher consumption levels. The unemployment rate is expected to peak in Q3. averaging around 4.9% for the year.

Inflation remains a challenge, particularly due to rising food and energy prices. In response, the government introduced profit margin caps on certain products. However, inflation will average slightly above the central bank's 4% target in 2025. The National Bank of Hungary maintained its base rate at 6.5% in February and is expected to continue tight monetary policy, with the forint remaining stable but slightly depreciating against the euro.

In 2024, the retail sector was a major focus of investment, accounting for 27% of the total investment volume—the largest share among all sectors. Despite this, interest in retail properties was subdued in the first quarter of 2025, with only a small transaction recorded. However, several transactions are currently under negotiation and are likely to be closed in the coming quarters.

SUPPLY AND DEMAND: REGIONAL RETAIL EXPANSION IN HUNGARY

Retail sales in Hungary grew by 2.7% year-on-year in the January-March period. although at a slower pace than initially anticipated. Moody's Analytics forecasts retail sales to increase by 2.3% in 2025, with growth expected to accelerate to 3.7% in 2026.

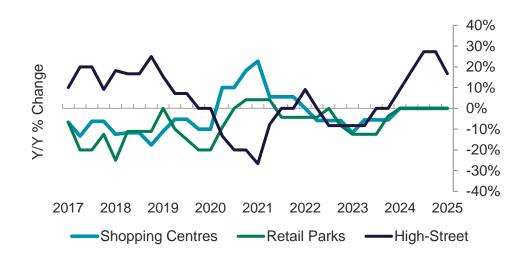
Hungary's retail property market experienced moderate growth in 2024, with regional retail stock expanding by 40,250 square meters nationwide, driven by the completion of nine smaller retail schemes. This trend is set to continue in 2025, with more smallscale retail park developments opening in secondary and tertiary cities, anchoring wellknown mass-market brands. In Q1. Dera Park opened with 7.230 square meters retail space in Szentendre.

In addition, Zenit Corso is expected to be completed by September, adding 11,000 sq m to the relatively static stock of shopping centres. While landlords remain focused on refurbishments, recent projects indicate a noticeable shift towards expansion. Noteworthy examples include the extension of Alba Plaza, with further plans for the expansion of Duna Plaza and Forum Debrecen.

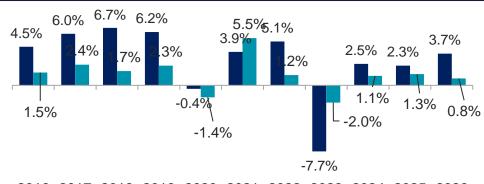
PRICING: STRONG RENTAL GROWTH SEEN IN HIGH-STREET

Prime high-street rents held steady quarter-on-quarter but posted solid year-on-year growth, indicating a strong recovery in the sector. In contrast, rental levels across other retail sectors remained broadly unchanged during the same period.

PRIME RENT Y/Y CHANGE



RETAIL SALES Y/Y GROWTH



2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021 2022 2023 2024 2025 2026

■ Hungary ■ EU-27



MARKET STATISTICS*

| SUBMARKET | SHOPPING CENTRE STOCK (SQ M) | RETAIL PARK & WAREHOUSE (SQ M) | RETAIL PIPELINE (SQ M)** |
|-----------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| BUDAPEST | 839,230 | 365,770 | 84,685 |
| CENTRAL HUNGARY | 0 | 449,960 | 80,555 |
| CENTRAL TRANSDANUBIA | 54,130 | 142,235 | 33,515 |
| NORTHERN GREAT PLAIN | 121,445 | 112,825 | 13,000 |
| NORTHERN HUNGARY | 65,200 | 92,750 | 11,440 |
| SOUTHERN GREAT PLAIN | 104,985 | 167,120 | 8,300 |
| SOUTHERN TRANSDANUBIA | 61,710 | 127,355 | 17,450 |
| WESTERN TRANSDANUBIA | 108,900 | 312,270 | 30,785 |
| HUNGARY TOTAL | 1,355,600 | 1,770,285 | 279,730 |

^{*}In line with the practice in CEE countries, the retail stock comprises of retail schemes with a Gross Lettable Area (GLA) over 5,000 sq m.

PRIME RENTS PRIME YIELDS EURO/MONTH Y-O-Y LAST CURRENT /SQ M **GROWTH** QUARTER YEAR **BUDAPEST HIGH STREET** 140.0 16.7% 6.75% 7.00% **BUDAPEST PRIME SHOPPING CENTRE** 95.0 0% 7.25% 7.25% RETAIL PARKS (OUT OF TOWN) 13.5 0% 7.50% 7.50%

High Street unit represents an actual or theoretical shop situation in the prime retail location in a market. The market could be a specific street or broader area. Data should reflect the standard unit prevalent in that market, thus the typical frontage and depth may vary market to market.

Shopping Centre is a centrally managed purpose-built retail facility, comprising units and communal areas, with a Gross Lettable Area (GLA) of or over 5,000 sq m. The centre can include a mix of shops, restaurants, service and leisure operators.

Retail park which is purpose-built typically by a single developer with a common design, comprises at least two warehouse-type units, has a minimum total GLA of 5,000 sq m, has car parking facilities shared by all units, has majority of units occupied by professional retailers. Given the nature of their location edge/out-of-town and type of retail offer, accessibility by car is important for the vast majority of retail park schemes.

KEY SALES TRANSACTIONS 2024

| PROPERTY | SUBMARKET | TYPE | SELLER/BUYER | YEAR | SIZE (SQ M) |
|--------------------|------------------------------|------------------|---|------|-------------|
| Vörösmarty 1 | Budapest CBD | High Street | Confidential / Indotek | 2024 | 6,350 |
| Decathlon store | Zalaegerszeg | Retail Warehouse | Decathlon / Hungarian Private Investor | 2024 | 3,100 |
| Decathlon store | Kecskemét | Retail Warehouse | Decathlon / Hungarian Private Investor | 2024 | 3,300 |
| 2 Interspar stores | Nyíregyháza, Zalaegerszeg | Hypermarket | Confidential / Unione Group | 2024 | 17,800 |

KEY PIPELINE PROJECTS -2025

| PROPERTY | SUBMARKET | DELIVERY DATE | TYPE | SIZE (SQ M) |
|--------------------------|----------------|---------------|------|-------------|
| Mömax | Székesfehérvár | Q2 2025 | New | 6,600 |
| Kereskedelmi Központ | Pécs | Q2 2025 | New | 6,950 |
| Alba Mall Bevásárlóudvar | Székesfehérvár | Q2 2025 | New | 7,900 |
| Zenit Corso | Budapest | Q3 2025 | New | 11,000 |

KEY CONSTRUCTION COMPLETIONS 2024-2025

| PROPERTY | SUBMARKET | DELIVERY DATE | TYPE | SIZE (SQ M) |
|--------------------|--------------|---------------|------|-------------|
| Dera Park | Szentendre | Q1 2025 | New | 7,230 |
| Sbox Bevásárlópark | Hajdúsámson | Q3 2024 | New | 6,500 |
| Prestige Budapest | Budapest CBD | Q4 2024 | New | 2,800 |

Source: Cushman & Wakefield Research

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^{**} Includes refurbishment projects, additionally includes both planned and U/C.