# MARKETBEAT **HONG KONG** LOGISTICS Q2 2025

# **MARKET FUNDAMENTALS** YOY Outlook Chg **HK\$14.0** Prime warehouse Gross Effective Rent (PSF / month) 8.3% Prime warehouse vacancy rate Source: Cushman & Wakefield Research HONG KONG ECONOMIC **INDICATORS Q2 2025** YOY Outlook Chg 3.1% GDP Growth (Q1 2025) HK\$869B **Total Export** (Apr – May 2025) HK\$912E **Total Import** (Apr - May 2025)

49.0 PMI (May 2025)

Source: Hong Kong Census and Statistics Department, Moody Analytics

### TRADING ENVIRONMENT DISRUPTED BY US TARIFF POLICIES

The United States' new trading and tariff policies weighed on Hong Kong's logistics market performance in the Q2 2025 period. In April and May, the city's total imports and exports climbed by 17% and 15% y-o-y respectively, mainly due to accelerated shipments ahead of the U.S. retroactive tariff program. The S&P Manufacturing Purchasing Manger's Index (PMI) fell to 49.0 in May 2025, staying below the contraction line. Hong Kong's ports handled 5.6 million TEU shipping containers for the first five months of 2025, down 0.6% y-o-y. This figure also marked the fourth consecutive year of decline for the five-month period, at a -22% cumulative change for Jan-May 2025 vs. Jan-May 2021.

### WAREHOUSE RENTS PRESSURED BY LIFTED VACANCY RATE

Growing market uncertainties prompted occupiers into a wait-and-see stance again in Q2 2025, with leasing activities mostly focused on renewal or relocation cases. The market did witness some notable new lease transactions in Q2, including Kerry Logistics' 72,000 sf en-bloc commitment at 10 San Hi Tsuen Street in Yuen Long; and with Wilson Logistics' 28,000 sf take-up at Kerry TC Warehouse 1 in Kwai Chung.

The overall prime warehouse vacancy rate edged up 0.1 percentage points g-o-g to record 8.3%, mainly due to greater vacant space at Tsing Yi and Kwai Chung facilities. However, if excluding the Cainiao Smart Gateway, a 4 million sf warehouse at Chek Lap Kok, completed in 2023, the overall prime warehouse vacancy rate stood at 5.6%.

Amid the changing market sentiment and fierce competition to attract tenants, the prime warehouse rental level continued to fall, for the third consecutive quarter, although the decline narrowed to 1.0% g-o-g, to record HK\$14.0 psf per month.

# **PRIME WAREHOUSE RENT FORECAST TO DROP BY 8% IN 2025**

In the long term, when the market can regain more confidence, we expect demand from ecommerce operators and the related third-party logistics players (3PLs) will become the key drivers for warehouse again, supported by well-established land, sea and air trade routes in the city, and the growing demand from shoppers on e-commerce platforms.

In the short term, however, the sluggish market sentiment brought by uncertain trading policies, couple with the softening leasing demand amid the ample new supply pipeline, prime warehouse rent is expected to face pressure in the coming guarters, and we forecast a rental decline of 8% in 2025.





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# **Overall and Prime Warehouse Rents**

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# **PRIME WAREHOUSE RENTS Q2 2025**

	GROSS EFFECTIVE RENT		Q-O-Q	Y-O-Y	12-MONTH	
	HK\$/SF/MO	US\$/SF/MO	EUR/SF/MO	CHANGE	CHANGE	OUTLOOK
Hong Kong Island	\$15.6	\$2.0	€1.9	-5.7%	-5.7%	
Kowloon	\$14.6	\$1.9	€1.8	-1.3%	-8.6%	
New Territories	\$12.6	\$1.6	€1.5	-0.1%	-3.9%	
HONG KONG AVERAGE	\$14.0	\$1.8	€1.7	-1.0%	-7.3%	$\checkmark$

Exchange Rate: 1USD = 0.8669 EUR = 7.8498HKD (as of Jun 16, 2025)

### **PRIME WAREHOUSE VACANCY RATE Q2 2025**

	Q2 2024	Q3 2024	Q4 2024	Q1 2025	Q2 2025
Hong Kong Island	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%
Kowloon	2.0%	3.5%	3.5%	5.1%	5.7%
New Territories	16.9%	17.6%	16.9%	15.2%	14.5%
HONG KONG AVERAGE	6.6%	7.8%	7.6%	8.2%	8.3%

### **KEY LEASE TRANSACTIONS Q2 2025**

PROPERTY	SUBMARKET	TENANT	SECTOR	SF (GFA)	Туре
10 San Hi Tsuen Street	Yuen Long	Kerry Logistics	3PL	72,000	New Lease
Kerry TC Warehouse 1	Kwai Chung	Wilson Logistics	3PL	28,000	New Lease
Goodman Tuen Mun Distribution Centre Block 1	Tuen Mun	Newpower Worldwide	Electronic	20,200	New Lease
Goodman Dynamic Centre	Tsuen Wan	Mitsubishi Elevator	Engineering	33,900	Renewal
ATL Logistics Centre Block B	Kwai Chung	Lotus Fine Arts	3PL	25,400	Renewal

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