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# Foreword

We are delighted to publish our latest update of the Vertical Vacancy Report for 1Q19 which reports on the amount of available space in Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch's prime and 'A' Grade buildings in their respective CBDs.

We are again seeing low vacancy in the best buildings across the major cities of New Zealand which comes as little surprise given our good recent economic track record for sustainable growth.

Overall, we see that the prospects for quality office space across the country is set fair for the short to medium term in Auckland and Wellington. In Christchurch we can see that with stock levels nearing equilibrium, rents are close to finding their longer term starting point and we expect to see modest year on year market growth from there.

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# Auckland Overview



Lots of cranes but construction will likely slow down (due to high construction costs and land prices)



Low vacancy levels, sustainably rising rents, strong investor demand (unchanged from 3Q18)



Rents at \$558 psm (ave. premium.) & \$435 psm (ave. A grade); combined = just under \$500psm prime average



Secondary combined rents remain unchanged at an average of \$295 psm



Top and A grade space still much more popular than B, C and D grade



Incentives unchanged at 4.2% and 8.6% for premium and A grade respectively



Prime vacancy (Premium + A Grade space) across the VVR remains similar at 5.0%



The much anticipated completion of Commercial Bay in 2H19 will deliver 39,000 sqm of premium grade stock. With that being said, it is already c.80% pre-committed.



Prime rents sit at \$496 as at 1Q19 and this is expected to grow with incentives remaining consistently low in the short-term supported by high level of pre-leasing

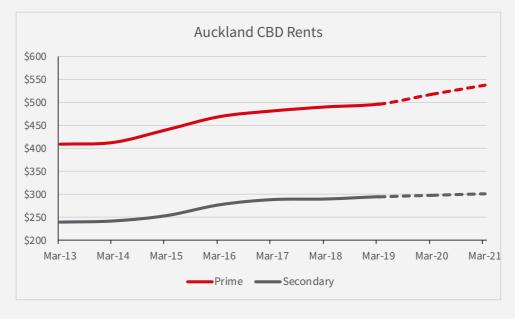


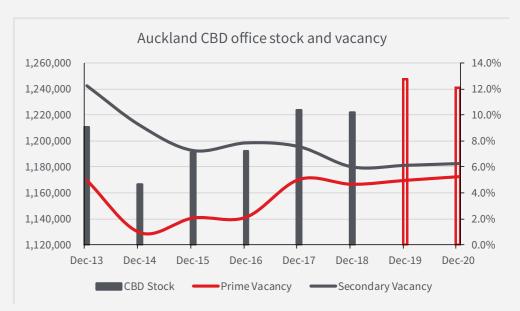
As at 1Q19, vacancy across the four premium towers sits at just 2.7%. Vacancy in the balance of Grade-A towers sits at 5.9%.



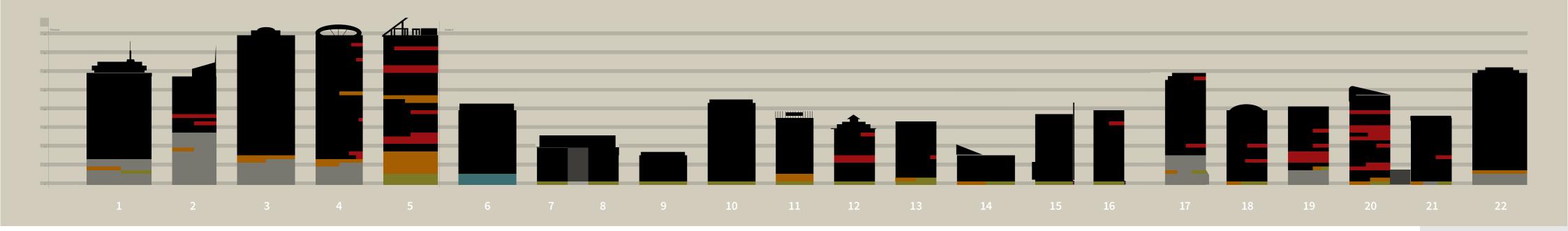
Prime yields continue to firm since 3Q18 which now sits at an average of 5.53% supported by recent transactions including the sale of VXV portfolio for \$635m.











**PWC Tower** 

Office Space: 30,100 sqm Vacancy: 0%

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# East Building -**Northern Tower**

Office Space: 13,800 sqm Vacancy: 0%

**Lumley Centre** 

Office Space: 19,500 sqm Vacancy: 10%

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# East Building -**Southern Tower**

Office Space: 16,300 sqm Vacancy: 0%

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Vacancy: 0%

# **Westpac Charter**

Vacancy: 0%

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### **ANZ Centre**

Office Space: 39,529 sqm Vacancy: 3%

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Vacancy: 0%

**AMP Centre** 

Vero Centre

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# **Commercial Bay**

**Under Construction** 

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### **Zurich House**

Vacancy: 0%

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### **HSBC** House

Office Space: 18,200 sqm Vacancy: 0%

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# **Citigroup Centre**

Vacancy: 17%

13.

## **Tower Centre**

Vacancy: 1%

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# CHORUS (Org Gen-i)

Vacancy: 5%

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### **AECOM Building**

Vacancy: 0%

19.

# Media Design Centre DLA Piper Tower

Vacancy: 22%

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# **Deloitte Tower**

Vacancy: 0%

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Vacancy: 28%

# AIG Building

Vacancy: 3%

21.

# 205 Queen

Vacancy: 2%

**17.** 

# **SAP Tower**

Office Space: 18,000 sqm Vacancy 4%

22.

# **Auckland Council** Building

Vacancy: 0%



Under

Construction

Parking















Refurbishment









The Wynyard Quarter/Viaduct prime office market vacancy remain at 0.0%



New supply entering the market includes One55 Fanshawe and Innovation 5B, delivering ~24,000 sqm of A-Grade office space by 2H19 and 2020 respectively



Demand continues to outstrip supply, with both One55 Fanshawe now c.47% precommitted and Innovation 5B now c.60% pre-committed

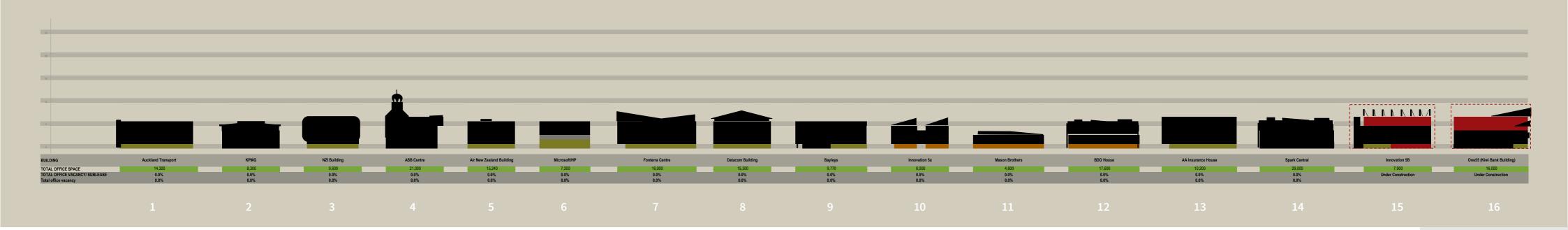


Flexible space continues to grow in this precinct, with Regus precommitting to One55 Fanshawe on the ground floor



On February 2019, Precinct Properties acquired the remaining 50% share of Generator further emphasis the attractiveness and potential of the flexible space industry





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Auckland Transport	KPMG	NZI Building	ASB Centre	Bayleys	Innovation 5a	Mason Brothers	BDO House	Vacant	Occupied
Office Space: 14,300 sqm Vacancy: 0%	Office Space: 8,300 sqm Vacancy: 10%	Office Space: 9,600 sqm Vacancy: 0%	Office Space: 21,000 sqm Vacancy: 0%	Office Space: 9,770 sqm Vacancy: 0%	Office Space: 8,000 sqm Vacancy: 0%	Office Space: 4,800 sqm Vacancy: 0%	Office Space: 16,600 sqm Vacancy: 0%	Under Construction	Retail
5.	6.	7.	8.	13.	14.	15.	16.	Parking	Available
Air New Zealand Building	Microsoft / HP	Fonderra Centre	Datacom Building	AA Insurance House	Spark Central	Innovation 5b	One55 (Kiwi Bank Building)		Sublease
Office Space: 15,240 sqm	Office Space: 7,200 sqm	Office Space: 16,000 sqm	Office Space: 15,300 sqm	Office Space: 10,200 sqm	Office Space: 29,000 sqm	Office Space: 7,900 sqm	Office Space: 16,000 sqm		

Vacancy: 0%

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Vacancy 0%

Under

Refurbishment

**Under Construction** 

Under Construction

Other

# Christchurch Overview



Christchurch's office market is the most difficult City for commentators to assess given dramatic stock level changes in recent years



Most office space now rebuilt since the 2011 earthquakes; sense of normality starting to come back

- Shortage of stock and inflated rents during construction
- New buildings at a higher grade



Rents going down

- CBD office from \$340 psm to \$325 psm (-4.4%)
- Secondary CBD office from \$243 psm to \$213 psm (-12.4%)
- Suburban office rents at \$213 psm (-3.4%) and \$150 psm (-11.8%) respectively



Pipeline now significantly smaller so we feel rents are finding their long-term levels



Vacancy across the Christchurch VVR buildings has increased by 100bps sitting at 7.4% including space for sublease, representing 7,816 sqm of space available.



Tenants continue to move back into CBD buildings as they come online, the CBD can no longer be said to be oversupplied.



Spark Building (fully committed) remains the last of the major supply yet to come to market, due for completion in 2019.



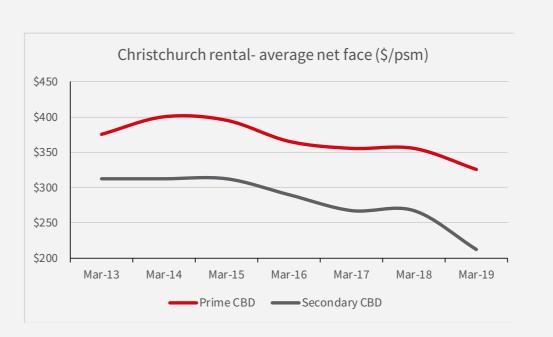
Lack of new supply, high level of recommitments and healthy economic condition will see vacancy rates reducing.

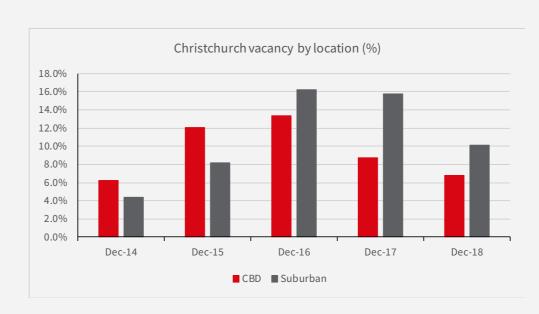


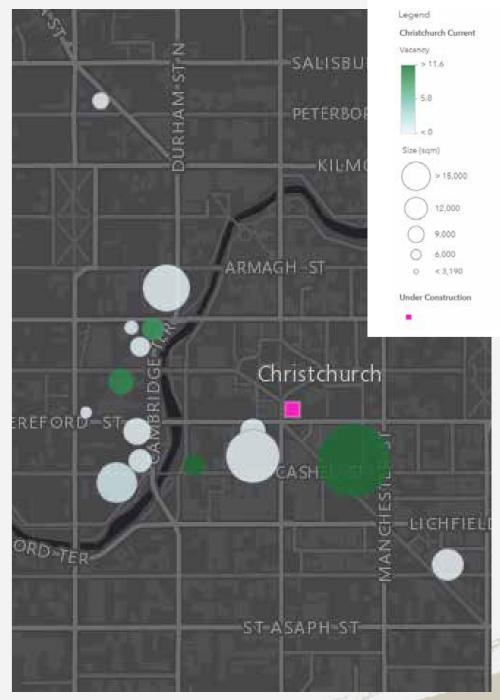
Rents now stabilized since 2013 and will remain muted in the short term. This offer an opportunity for rental growth as and when the economy expands

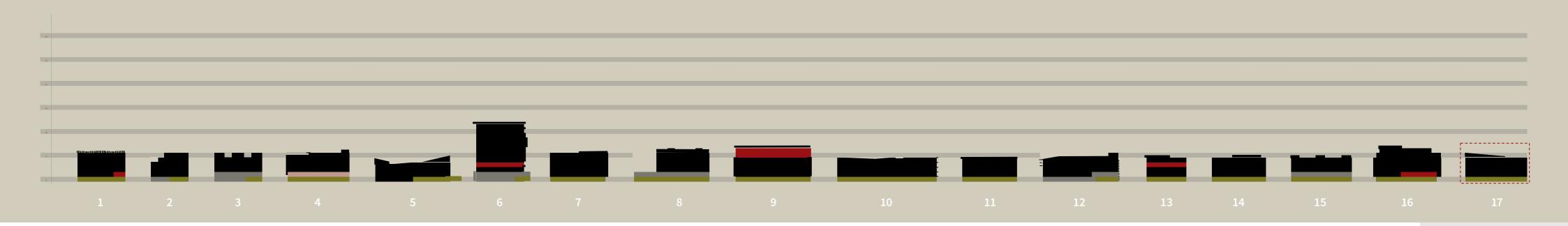


Investment market was noticeably quieter in 2018 due to lack of available assets on the market. Good quality assets with strong tenant covenant will hold favor.









**Deloitte House** 

Office Space: 5,250 sqm Vacancy: 5%

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# **HSBC Tower**

Office Space: 5,900 sqm Vacancy: 10%

# **Buddle Findlay**

Office Space: 4,225 sqm Vacancy: 0%

### Lane Neave Building

Vacancy: 0%

Vacancy: 0%

Vacancy: 0%

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# Anderson Lloyd House

Office Space: 3,190 sqm Vacancy: 0%

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### **BNZ Centre Stage 1**

# Wyn William House

## **Grand Central**

Vacancy: 28%

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### **Duncan Cotterill Plaza**

Office Space: 4,655 sqm Vacancy: 0%

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# **Awly Precinct**

Vacancy: 0%

### **Vodafone Building**

Vacancy: 0%

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### **BNZ Centre Stage 2**

Vacancy: 0%

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Vacancy: 0%

**PWC Centre** 

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## Westpac KPMG

Vacancy: 14%

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# King Edward Barracks 1

Vacancy: 25%

King Edward Barracks 2

Vacancy: 0%

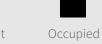
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# **Spark Building**

Office Space: 5,000 sqm **Under Construction** 

# Vacant

















# Wellington Overview



Lack of supply which meets occupier minimum NBS rating requirements



Very little movement on pricing across the city for office space during 1Q19

- Rents at similar levels as 3Q18
- Growth expected towards the end of 2019



Prime CBD gross rents now sits at \$550 per sqm and secondary CBD gross rent now sits at \$333 per sqm as at 1Q19.



Incentives sit at 2% for prime and 8.8% for secondary



Strong government demand – still highly investable



New supply is forecast but until then vacancy remains tight and rents continue to grow



The Wellington prime office market continue to record minimal space across the skyline, with only 404 sqm available at 0.1% vacancy



Spark Central transacted for \$197.5m in 2018 was the most expensive building to transact in Wellington



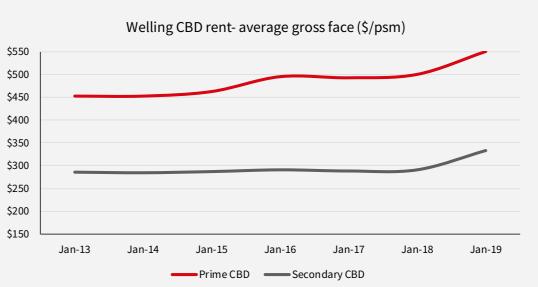
Two new buildings at 40 and 44 Bowen Street at the redeveloped Bowen Campus has capacity to add an additional 20,000 square metres of new space, which is in planning with target completion scheduled for late 2021

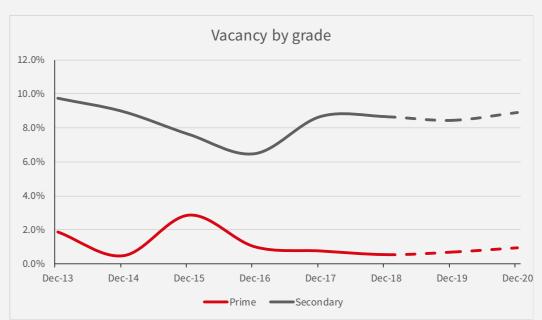


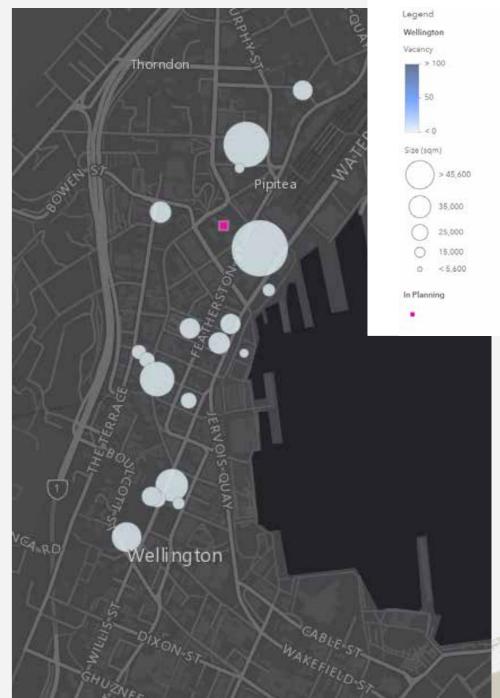
Rents continue to be driven higher supported by high demand/supply imbalance

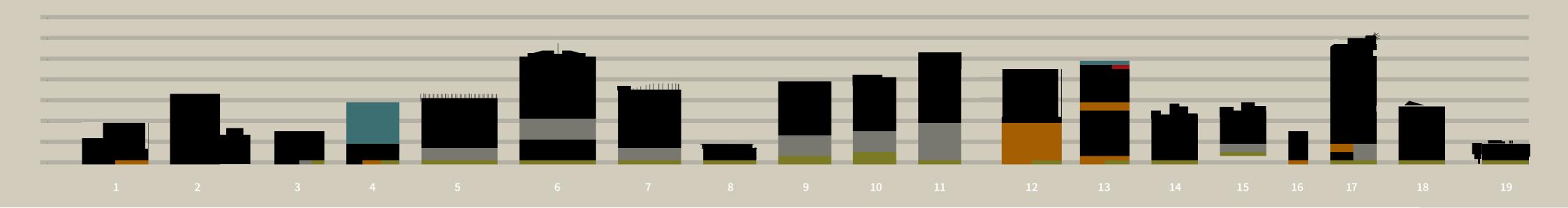


Competitive tension for the right asset will continue to put pressure on the yield profile in the office sector









3. Pipitea Plaza Vogel Centre **Environment House** Office Space: 14,800 sqm Vacancy: 5% Vacancy: 0% Vacancy: 0%

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Meridian Energy Building 113-117 The Terrace Office Space: 15,200 sqm

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No.1 The Terrace Office Space: 16,300 sqm Vacancy: 0%

Office Space: 45,600 sqm Vacancy: 0%

**Asteron Centre** 

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Vacancy: 0%

11.

**HSBC Tower** 

Vacancy: 0%

**Chevs Lane Office** 

Vacancy: 0%

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163-175 Featherton **AON Centre** 

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Vacancy: 0%

**17**.

Office Space: 11,350 sqm Vacancy: 2%

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20 Customhouse Quay PWC Centre

Vacancy: 0%

14.

Spark Central -

Willie Tower

Vacancy: 0%

15.

Spark Central -

**Boulcott Tower** 

Vacancy: 0%

Vacancy: 0%

Vacant

Occupied

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Construction







Parking

Other

Retail





# **Dimension Data House**

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Office Space: 15,480 sqm Vacancy: 0%

Vacancy: 0%

# **Maritime Tower**

Vacancy: 0%

Vacancy: 0%

9.

# 125 The Terrace

# 16.

Vacancy: 0%

# The Majestic Centre

Office Space: 16,390 sqm

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Office Space: 8,585 sqm