

PRIME GLOBAL CITIES INDEX

Q1 2019

PRIME CITIES UPDATE

The great moderation continues. Two years ago, prime prices were rising at an average rate of 4.3% per annum; growth has now slowed to 1.3%.

The Prime Global Cities Index, which tracks the movement in luxury residential prices across 45 cities globally, registered its lowest rate of annual growth since the final quarter of 2009, when the world was in the grip of the financial crisis.

What's changed? Although still rising, the rate of wealth creation globally slowed in 2018. The last six months saw political and economic headwinds intensify. In the first quarter of 2019, the threat of a global trade war loomed, uncertainty surrounding Brexit peaked and the IMF projected that 70% of the world's economies would see a slowdown in growth in 2019.

Add to this, the rising cost of finance – the US alone has seen nine rate rises since December

2015 influencing not just the US but also the 13+ currencies pegged to the US dollar - and a moderation in prime sales and hence prices was expected.

However, there are exceptions to the rule. As we predicted in our *Prime Forecast 2019*, key European cities continue to outperform with seven of the top 10 rankings this quarter occupied by European markets. Berlin (14%), Frankfurt (10%), Edinburgh (8%) and Paris (8%) are out in front. All four cities share three key attributes; strong tenant demand, limited new supply and relative affordability.

Moscow (12%) has also risen up the rankings. Prime districts such as Ostozhenka in the Russian capital saw a number of high-end projects launch in 2018 pushing prime prices higher.

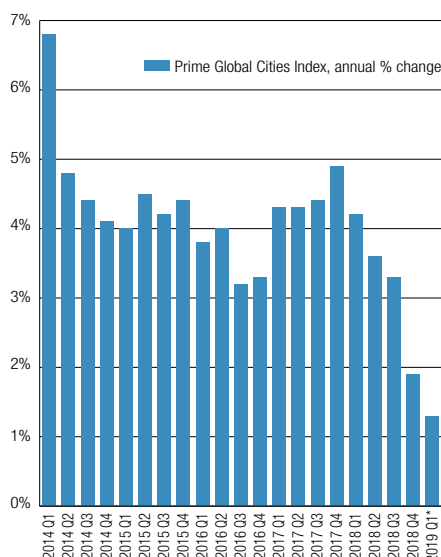
In Canada, the gap between Toronto (3%) and Vancouver's performance (-15%) continues to widen with almost 18% percentage points now separating the two cities. Whilst both operate a foreign buyer tax, Vancouver has seen a flurry of additional measures aimed at reducing speculation and curbing price inflation.

Miami leads the four US cities tracked by our index, its appeal boosted by the State and Local Tax (SALT) deduction ruling, which has sparked a rise in the number of US tax migrants heading to Florida given the absence of income tax and inheritance tax as well as favourable corporate tax rates.

New York (-5%) and London (-5.1%) are almost level pegging although London is arguably further ahead in its market cycle as new buyer registrations are starting to build. From 1 July, New York will see the introduction of a new Mansion Tax, applicable to both residents and non-residents, the tax will be a graduated levy based on the purchase price.

THE GREAT MODERATION

Annual % change over the last five years

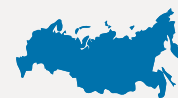


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Q1 2019 RESULTS

1.3%

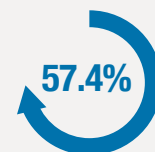
AVERAGE ANNUAL
PRIME PRICE
GROWTH ACROSS
45 CITIES



RUSSIA & CIS
STRONGEST-
PERFORMING WORLD
REGION IN THE YEAR
TO Q1 2019

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THE NUMBER OF
EUROPEAN CITIES
IN THE TOP TEN
RANKINGS



THE AVERAGE RISE
IN LUXURY PRICES
IN A DECADE (Q1
2009-Q1 2019)

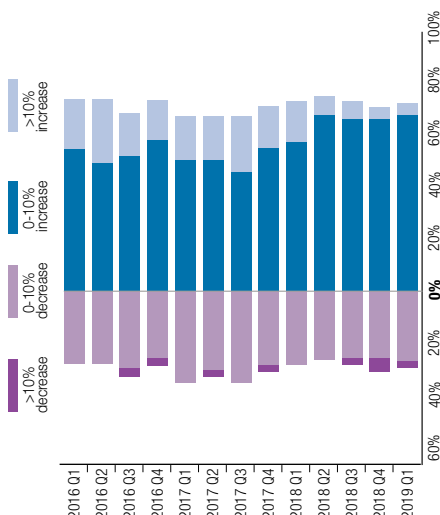
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THE NUMBER
OF US INTEREST
RATE RISES SINCE
DECEMBER 2015

KNIGHT FRANK'S PRIME GLOBAL CITIES INDEX TRACKS THE MOVEMENT IN PRIME RESIDENTIAL PRICES ACROSS 45 CITIES WORLDWIDE USING DATA FROM OUR GLOBAL RESEARCH NETWORK. COMPILED QUARTERLY, THIS IS A VALUATION-BASED INDEX TRACKING THE TOP 5% OF THE HOUSING MARKET IN MOST CITIES.

PRICE GROWTH CONVERGING

The shift in luxury residential prices by performance band



Source: Knight Frank Research

Notes: Data for New York relates to Manhattan; Data for Los Angeles, Miami, and San Francisco is to February 2019. Data for Monaco is to December 2018. The price change for Tokyo relates to all properties above JPY100m. The methodology for Berlin and Frankfurt changed in Q4 2018 to reflect achieved prices, prior to this data was based on asking prices only.

¹ Based on top-tier of mainstream market in metro area.

² Based on all contracts above Yen100m.

³ Provisional

Sources: All data comes from Knight Frank's global network with the exception of Tokyo (Ken Corporation); New York (StreetEasy); Los Angeles, Miami and San Francisco (S&P CoreLogic Case-Shiller); Berlin and Frankfurt (ZIEGERT Research / ImmobilienScout24); Stockholm (Svensk Maklarstatistik); Toronto (Real Estate Board of Toronto); Vancouver (Vancouver Real Estate Board); Zurich and Geneva (Wüest Partner); and Dubai (REIDIN)

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Ranked by annual % change

	City	World Region	12-month % change	3-month % change
1	Berlin	Europe	14.1%	4.5%
2	Moscow	Russia & CIS	12.0%	3.6%
3	Frankfurt	Europe	9.6%	3.8%
4	Tokyo ²	Asia	8.4%	-2.7%
5	Edinburgh	Europe	7.6%	0.6%
6	Paris	Europe	7.5%	2.1%
7	Delhi	Asia	5.8%	4.4%
8	Zurich	Europe	5.2%	0.8%
9	Madrid	Europe	5.1%	0.1%
10	Geneva	Europe	5.0%	2.6%
11	Beijing	Asia	4.5%	2.3%
12	Manila	Asia	4.4%	1.7%
13	Singapore	Asia	3.6%	-3.0%
14	Brisbane	Australasia	3.2%	0.4%
15	Toronto	North America	3.2%	1.0%
16	Miami ^{1 3}	North America	3.0%	0.0%
17	Taipei	Asia	2.5%	4.0%
18	Sydney	Australasia	2.4%	0.2%
19	Cape Town	Africa	2.1%	-0.1%
20	Bengaluru	Asia	2.0%	0.8%
21	Monaco	Europe	2.0%	0.0%
22	Melbourne	Australasia	1.8%	-0.3%
23	Perth	Australasia	1.8%	-0.4%
24	Jakarta	Asia	1.6%	0.0%
25	Guangzhou	Asia	1.5%	0.4%
26	Los Angeles ^{1 3}	North America	1.4%	-0.5%
27	Bangkok	Asia	1.3%	0.1%
28	San Francisco ^{1 3}	North America	1.2%	-2.7%
29	Kuala Lumpur	Asia	1.1%	-0.4%
30	Vienna	Europe	1.0%	0.6%
31	Mumbai	Asia	0.6%	0.3%
32	Milan	Europe	0.4%	0.2%
33	Hong Kong	Asia	0.3%	0.4%
34	Stockholm	Europe	0.1%	-0.9%
35	St. Petersburg	Russia & CIS	-0.4%	-0.9%
36	Dublin	Europe	-1.8%	1.6%
37	Shanghai	Asia	-4.5%	-0.8%
38	Dubai	Middle East	-4.7%	-1.8%
39	New York	North America	-5.0%	-1.8%
40	London	Europe	-5.1%	-1.3%
41	Seoul	Asia	-5.8%	-2.6%
42	Nairobi	Africa	-6.5%	-0.5%
43	Auckland	Australasia	-7.5%	0.8%
44	Istanbul	Middle East	-9.9%	-5.1%
45	Vancouver	North America	-14.5%	-3.4%