

PRIME GLOBAL CITIES INDEX

Q3 2018



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The rising cost of finance, the introduction of more property market regulations and uncertainty surrounding Brexit is curtailing growth

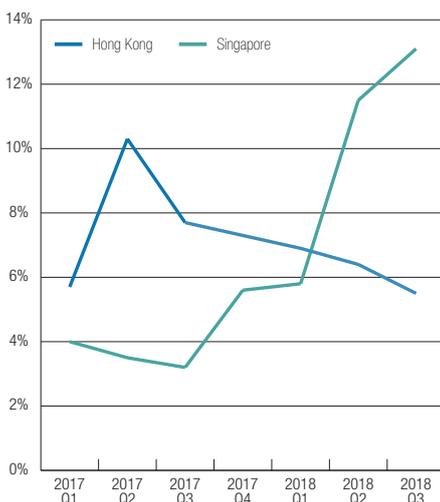
In the last year, the price of a luxury property increased by 2.7% on average across the 43 cities tracked. This represents the index's weakest performance in annual terms for almost six years.

Singapore leads the index with prime prices up 13% over the 12-month period, driven by the limited availability of prime properties and a strong market outlook in the first half of 2018.

Hong Kong and Singapore, Asia's two premier cities, have traded places in the last year. Both cities saw cooling measures introduced over the summer months and, although the rate of annual price growth in Hong Kong has already slowed to 5.5%, Singapore may not be far behind with its quarterly growth weakening to 1.7% in the third quarter of 2018.

MARKET SWAP

Hong Kong vs Singapore prime prices: Annual % change



Source: See notes and sources under main table on final page

Europe's performance is mixed compared with a year ago. Some European cities are still performing strongly (Edinburgh and Madrid), others have swapped spectacular for steady (Berlin and Paris), whilst for a few, price growth remains in negative territory (London and Dublin).

In London, prime prices dipped 2.9% in the last year as uncertainty around Brexit continued. This trend has been exacerbated by a growth in supply as more landlords attempted to sell their property following tax changes.

The index's headline figure of 2.7% growth conceals significant variations both within continents and even within countries. In Canada for example, Toronto (8.5%) continues to see prime prices rise in its exclusive areas of Rosedale and Yorkville. Vancouver (-11.2%), however, sits at the bottom of our rankings as upmarket areas such as West Vancouver have seen a marked slowdown in sales and prices as a result of the raft of measures introduced in February's Budget.

This quarter sees the addition of Auckland to our prime index for the first time. Despite a ban on the purchase of existing properties by overseas buyers from 1 July (this excludes new homes) luxury prices increased 8.5% in the year to September 2018.

2018 marks a watershed for the index. The overall narrative of lower growth, which we predicted in 2017, has materialised. The rate of growth has declined for three consecutive quarters and has now reached its lowest rate since Q4 2012. A combination of uncertainty surrounding Brexit, rising interest rates across major economies, a tighter regulatory environment and the remnants of high supply in some markets is impinging on price growth.

Q3 2018 RESULTS



SINGAPORE
CITY WITH THE STRONGEST RATE OF ANNUAL PRIME PRICE GROWTH

2.7%

AVERAGE ANNUAL PRIME PRICE GROWTH ACROSS 43 CITIES



SAN FRANCISCO
STRONGEST-PERFORMING CITY IN NORTH AMERICA

55.7%

INDEX'S GROWTH SINCE ITS LOW IN Q1 2009

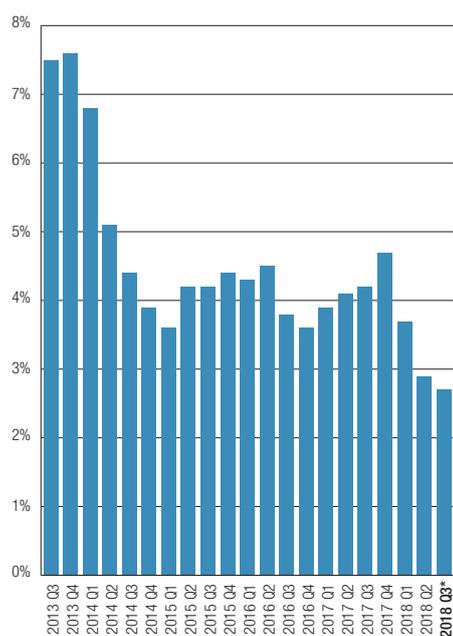


PERCENTAGE OF CITIES THAT REGISTERED AN INCREASE IN PRIME PRICES YEAR-ON-YEAR

KNIGHT FRANK'S PRIME GLOBAL CITIES INDEX TRACKS THE MOVEMENT IN PRIME RESIDENTIAL PRICES ACROSS 43 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.

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Annual performance over the last five years:
12-month % change



Source: Knight Frank Research. *Provisional.

Notes: Data for New York relates to Manhattan; Data for New York is to August 2018 and data for Los Angeles, Miami, and San Francisco is to July 2018. The price change for Tokyo relates to all properties above JPY100m. The data for Berlin and Frankfurt relates to those properties in the 95th quintile which are located in the central areas.

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 (ImmobilienScout 24); Stockholm (Svensk Maklarstatistik); Toronto (Real Estate Board of Toronto); Vancouver (Vancouver Real Estate Board); Zurich and Geneva (Wüest Partner); and Dubai (Property Monitor)

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KNIGHT FRANK GLOBAL RESIDENTIAL CITIES INDEX, Q3 2018

Ranked by annual % change (Q3 2017 to Q3 2018)

City	World Region	12-month % change Q3 2017-Q3 2018	6-month % change Q1 2018-Q3 2018	3-month % change Q2 2018-Q3 2018	
1	Singapore	Asia	13.1%	6.8%	1.7%
2	Edinburgh	Europe	10.6%	5.6%	1.9%
3	Madrid	Europe	10.1%	5.9%	1.9%
4	San Francisco ^{1 3}	North America	9.5%	6.2%	1.2%
5	Tokyo ²	Asia	8.6%	6.5%	1.8%
6	Auckland **New**	Australasia	8.5%	2.4%	0.0%
7	Toronto	North America	8.5%	2.3%	0.1%
8	Moscow	Russia & CIS	7.0%	4.0%	-0.1%
9	Cape Town	Africa	7.0%	-1.5%	3.8%
10	Guangzhou	Asia	6.3%	3.8%	1.5%
11	Zurich	Europe	6.0%	2.8%	0.9%
12	Los Angeles ^{1 3}	North America	5.8%	4.4%	0.9%
13	Paris	Europe	5.6%	4.5%	2.7%
14	Hong Kong	Asia	5.5%	2.8%	0.9%
15	Berlin	Europe	5.4%	6.4%	7.5%
16	Beijing	Asia	5.1%	1.4%	0.0%
17	Sydney	Australasia	4.0%	1.0%	-1.0%
18	Miami ^{1 3}	North America	4.0%	3.8%	2.1%
19	Shanghai	Asia	3.5%	-1.5%	-0.4%
20	Brisbane	Australasia	3.5%	0.5%	0.2%
21	Melbourne	Australasia	2.8%	0.8%	0.2%
22	Delhi	Asia	2.2%	1.4%	0.0%
23	Geneva	Europe	2.0%	1.3%	0.6%
24	Perth	Australasia	2.0%	0.6%	-0.8%
25	Jakarta	Asia	1.1%	0.7%	0.0%
26	Bangkok	Asia	1.1%	1.4%	0.0%
27	Monaco	Europe	1.0%	2.4%	0.0%
28	Frankfurt	Europe	0.9%	-0.6%	1.5%
29	Kuala Lumpur	Asia	0.7%	1.5%	0.4%
30	Vienna	Europe	0.7%	0.3%	0.1%
31	St. Petersburg	Russia & CIS	0.4%	0.1%	0.3%
32	Milan	Europe	0.2%	0.2%	0.0%
33	Mumbai	Asia	-0.1%	0.0%	0.0%
34	New York	North America	-0.3%	1.1%	-0.6%
35	Bengaluru	Asia	-0.4%	1.2%	1.1%
36	Nairobi	Africa	-1.4%	-1.2%	0.0%
37	Dublin	Europe	-1.7%	-2.7%	-0.8%
38	London	Europe	-2.9%	-2.3%	-1.4%
39	Dubai	Middle East	-3.8%	-4.2%	-2.6%
40	Taipei	Asia	-6.3%	-1.5%	-4.3%
41	Stockholm	Europe	-6.3%	3.0%	2.8%
42	Istanbul	Middle East	-6.3%	-0.8%	-0.4%
43	Vancouver	North America	-11.2%	-8.1%	-4.8%