

## Dublin Residential Market Report Q3 2021

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Low transaction numbers, a surge in rental demand, increased activity in the city centre and Docklands markets and signs of a pickup in the supply of homes for sale in September: these were the trends we witnessed in Q3.

#### Low transactions numbers but a pickup in new listings in September

Our sales transactions were down 30% year on year (YOY) as the supply of property for sale in Dublin reached historically low levels. Despite this, our average selling prices were 0.88% above asking prices compared to +4.6% in the previous quarter suggesting price inflation is moderating. The apartment market has lagged the suburban housing market over the last 18 months, but our data confirms a significant increase in enquiries and demand for our apartment listings. 67% of our properties across Dublin achieved the asking price or higher with an average selling price of €480,235 or €563 per sq. ft. 70% of our buyers were owner occupiers up from 62% in the previous quarter, 69% of which were first time buyers. Most of our buyers (60%) require no mortgage funding whatsoever. There have been welcome signs in recent weeks that supply is picking up as sellers react to strong selling prices.

#### Rental demand skyrocketed!

There was a significant increase in rental demand which is now back to pre-pandemic levels. Total number of new rentals agreed was up 35% on Q2 as Dublin and offices reopen. Rental values increased 5.82%, the highest quarterly increase since 2018. We believe rents will be back to pre-covid levels by Q1 next year when large technology employers such as Facebook and Google will reopen their offices. The respite for tenants over the last 18 months is over and certainly tenants now have less choice than even three months ago. Demand was strongest for well-located two bedrooms apartments. Rents are also recovering on one-bedroom apartments as demand increases after been out of favour for 18 months given the lack of space to work from home. Our average monthly rental was €2,107. 35% of our tenants are working in the technology sector which is a notably lower than 48% in Q1 2021 and over 60% in 2019. We expect this cohort to increase significantly as technology companies reopen their offices and normality returns in central Dublin and Docklands. Average household salary has increased 30% since the first half of this year as more executives return to Dublin.

#### Accommodation crisis

59% of our sellers were landlords exiting the market, which is an ongoing trend, it was 53% in Q2 and 64% in Q1. This trend will obviously deepen the accommodation crisis significantly early next year; and this is now unavoidable.

Market highlights			
% increase in rental transactions +37%	Average price per SQ.FT. €563	% of non-Irish tenants <b>65%</b>	
Properties agreed at asking or higher <b>67%</b>	Average buyer age <b>39</b>	Average monthly rent €2,107	
Asking price v selling price variance +0.88%	% of sellers who are landlords <b>59%</b>	Average household salary €125,262	
Average selling price €480,235	Tenants working in technology sector <b>35%</b>	Average tenant age <b>32</b>	







Convent Hall, Mount St. Anne's, Milltown, Dublin 6. Let agreed at €3,600

European

27%

19%

30%



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