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## Market Highlights Q3 2015



## Abu Dhabi

- Abu Dhabi's residential rental and sales rates remained stable this summer, however, the overall market has continued on a positive growth trend since early 2013.
- Market activity all over Abu Dhabi was relatively slow during the summer except for Khalifa City, which saw an increase in demand for residential property, especially villas.
- The handover of the first phase of the Hydra Avenue development at City of Lights, on Reem Island, commenced in July as the first to be delivered within the master planned community. None of the remaining under-construction towers in the area are scheduled to be handed over this year.
- Office rental rates, overall, remained stable in the summer, with a significant slowdown in activity over the last quarter.
- Having recorded a significant increase over the last few months, the summer saw no further rental increases. However, with new supply levels limited, especially for high and prime residential units, we do not expect the market to see rental rates softening in this category for the next few months.

## Dubai

- A general slowdown in the number of residential transactions on the secondary market was evident during the summer months, as sellers and buyers had different price expectations.
   Newly launched properties, however, did well provided that either the price or payment plan was reasonable, or an attractive return / incentive scheme was offered.
- Whilst overall average prices throughout Dubai showed no change with the previous quarter, there were significant disparities between areas, with several areas under- or out performing the rest of the market.
- For instance, IMPZ showed a 3% quarter-onquarter growth, whereas Dubai Marina and Jumeirah Beach Residences recorded a decline of close to 10% over the quarter.
- Transaction levels in the commercial sector improved with a number of enquiries and deals closing for both the sale and leasing markets.

## Al Ain

- Al Ain's real estate activity was slow and the overall market was relatively stable throughout O3 2015.
- Demand for affordable residential units remained high for the first three quarters of 2015 with villa units remaining in high demand.

## Northern Emirates

- The summer months in the Northern Emirates were characterised by limited change in residential rental rates.
- Rental rates in Sharjah's commercial sector remained stable over the quarter due to a lack of demand from existing tenants to expand or move to a new location. At the same time, there appeared to be no demand from new companies to set up in the Emirate and, as a result, vacancy levels remained high, even in the city's best towers.









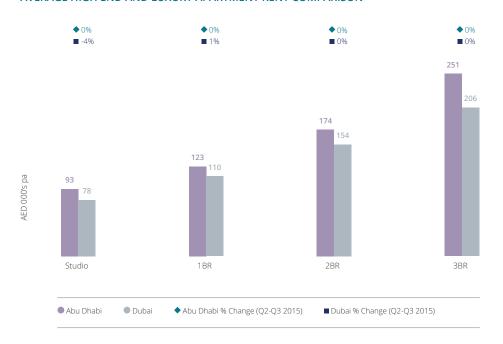
## UAE Comparison Q3 2015

#### **RESIDENTIAL RENTAL RATES**

- Whilst apartment rental rates saw minimal changes over the quarter throughout all of the Emirates, Abu
   Dhabi still continued to achieve the highest rental rates compared with Dubai, Sharjah and the rest of the
   Northern Emirates. On average, one bedroom apartments at the high end in Abu Dhabi could be let for AED
   123,000 per annum, whereas in Dubai the rent stood at approximately AED 110,000 per annum as at Q3

   2015.
- Sharjah continues to remain relatively attractive for tenants on a budget as rental rates for
  comparable affordable to mid-market properties are typically leased for approximately half
  the price than in Dubai. For instance, a studio in Sharjah was let for AED 26,000 per annum,
  on average, compared with AED 52,000 in Dubai. As long as this differential remains, Sharjah
  is expected to retain a number of residents, especially as future road works and efforts to
  improve the Emirate's attractiveness come to fruition.

#### AVERAGE HIGH END AND LUXURY APARTMENT RENT COMPARISON



#### AFFORDABLE TO MID-MARKET APARTMENT RENT COMPARISON

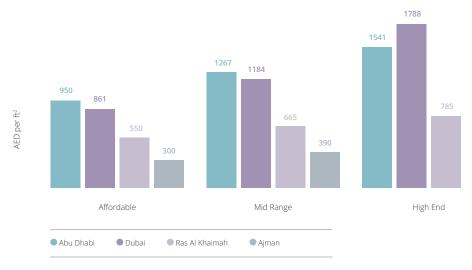


The following charts illustrate average sales prices and office rental rates throughout the various emirates.

#### APARTMENT SALES PRICE COMPARISON

- Sales prices in Abu Dhabi's only affordable community, Al Reef Downtown, have dropped this quarter in
  order to be better aligned with buyer's affordable property budgets. Despite this reduction, Abu Dhabi
  remained a relatively expensive emirate to purchase property for lower income residents as rates reached
  nearly AED 100 per square foot higher than in neighbouring Dubai.
- With the release of Hydra Avenue on Reem Island, where rates started from as low as AED 1,100 per square foot, mid-end properties in Abu Dhabi have come down by 3% over the quarter, nearly closing the gap with Dubai.
- Ajman is by far the cheapest emirate to purchase property in as cash buyers secured deals at AED 325 per square foot in the recently handed over Lavender Tower in Emirates City.
- Regardless of a minor reduction over the quarter, Dubai remains the most expensive emirate, due to a
  large selection of premium properties available in areas such as Downtown Dubai, Palm Jumeirah and
  Dubai Marina.

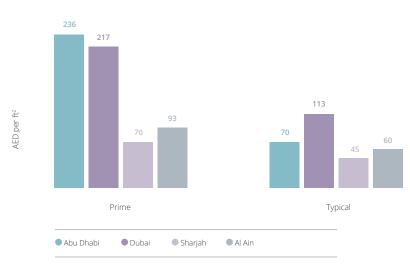
#### APARTMENT SALES PRICE COMPARISON



#### OFFICE RENTAL COMPARISON

- Despite Abu Dhabi being the capital of the UAE, the Dubai office sector is, generally speaking, better
  developed due to a large supply of prime office space highly sought after by large corporations and
  multinationals, in both free zone and non-free zone areas.
- Abu Dhabi Global Markets has, however, recently announced the free zone status of Al Maryah Island, consequently raising and achieving rates of up to AED 325 per square foot representing an increase of nearly 50% compared with pre-Free Zone rates. As a result, the average prime office rates in Abu Dhabi now stand at AED 236 per square foot, if including the Free Zone space, higher than in Dubai. Other non-Free Zone Grade A space in the Capital, however, stands at AED 160 per square foot on average.
- Sharjah features no true Grade A office space; whilst Al Ain has seen a recent addition of offices at the Al
  Ain Stadium development, which are now the best available office space in the city. These offices achieved
  rates of close to AED 95 per square foot, 35% higher than average rates in the city.

#### OFFICE RENTAL RATE COMPARISON



## Abu Dhabi Q3 2015 Highlights

RESIDENTIAL & OFFICE PRICE MOVEMENT, SEP 2008 = BASE 100

- Whilst rental rates and sales prices in Abu Dhabi's residential market saw a fast decline from early 2009 onwards, the market witnessed a significant growth since mid-2012 as apartment and villa rental rates increased by an average of 18% and 9%, respectively, up to Q3 2015.
- The growing confidence and improved sentiment in the Abu Dhabi market in the last two years resulted in a significant
  growth in rental rates and sales prices; nonetheless, the drop in oil prices began showing its negative effect, reflected by
  an overall investment slowdown.
- Apartment and villa rental rates recorded a 28% and 16% increase, respectively, compared with their lowest point in Q2 2012. Apartment sales rates, on the other hand, recorded a 55% increase during the same period.
- The office market has been relatively stable since 2013 following a rental rate decrease of 43% compared with its highest recorded rates during early 2009.

## GROWTH RECESSION **RECOVERY & GROWTH** 140 120 Index Base 100 = Sep 2008 100 80 60 20 2008 2015 Villa Rental Office Rental Apartment Sales Apartment Rental



# Abu Dhabi Area & Rent Affordability Map

The following map highlights some of Abu Dhabi's most popular residential areas, in terms of their affordability for rent or sale.

- 1 Al Bandar Raha Beach
- 2 Al Bateen Wharf
- 3 Al Gurm
- 4 Al Magtaa
- 5 Al Muneera Al Raha Beach
- 6 Al Nahyan Camp
- 7 Al Raha Gardens
- 8 Al Rayanna
- 9 Al Reef
- 10 Al Zeina Al Raha Beach
- 11 Baniyas
- 12 Bateen Airport Area
- 13 Bateen Area
- 14 Bawabat Al Sharq
- 15 Capital District (ADNEC)
- 16 CBD / Tourist Club Area
- 17 Corniche
- 18 Danet Abu Dhabi
- 19 Eastern Mangroves
- 20 Golf Gardens
- 21 Hydra Village
- 22 Khalidia / Al Hosn / Al Manhal
- 23 Khalifa City A
- 24 Khalifa City B
- 25 Maryah Island
- 26 MBZ City
- 27 Mina
- 28 Mushrif / Karama / Manaseer / Muroor
- 29 Officer's City
- 30 Rawdhat Abu Dhabi
- 31 Reem Island Marina Square
- 32 Reem Island Najmat Abu Dhabi
- 33 Reem Island rest of Shams Abu Dhabi
- 34 Reem Island City of Lights
- 35 Reem Island The Gate District
- 36 Rihan Heights
- 37 Saadiyat Beach District
- 38 The Hills



**Note:** Area classification by affordability is provided for indicative purposes only as most areas in Abu Dhabi offer various types of residential units, from affordable to high end. As such, the map colour coding takes into account the most prevalent type of product and exceptions of a lower and / or higher price could be available.

## Abu Dhabi Rental Rates Q3 2015

## **Apartments**



- Although apartment rental rates remained stable during Q3 2015; they recorded a 7% increase, on average, since Q3 2014 whilst prime units achieved increases of
  up to 10% over the period.
- Market activity was relatively slow over the last three months, however, high quality units in all Investment Areas still recorded strong demand with Saadiyat Island remaining one of the most sought after locations, followed by the mixed-use communities on Reem Island and Al Raha Beach, which offered slightly more affordable units. At the same time, prime apartment buildings located on the Corniche with premium rates achieved close to full occupancy.
- The handing over of Hydra Avenue phase one, which included three towers, commenced in July 2015; this will increase the supply to the area by an additional 906 apartment units. Initially, this could lead to a compression of asking rates as new landlords aim to attract tenants rapidly. However, with no major supply expected to enter the market before 2016, rates are likely to stabilise quickly.

| Apartments Rental Ra | ntos               | Stu | dio | 11  | BR  | 21  | BR  | 31  | BR  | % Cha       | ange                |
|----------------------|--------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------------|---------------------|
| (AED 000's pa)       |                    | Min | Max | Min | Max | Min | Max | Min | Max | Q2- Q3 2015 | Q3 2014-<br>Q3 2015 |
| Prime Properties     |                    |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |             |                     |
| Abu Dhabi Island     |                    | -   | -   | 105 | 150 | 140 | 240 | 187 | 360 | 0           | 8                   |
| Investment Areas     |                    | 95  | 105 | 130 | 160 | 160 | 220 | 240 | 300 | 0           | 11                  |
|                      |                    |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |             |                     |
|                      | Central Abu Dhabi  | -   | -   | -   | -   | 130 | 160 | 160 | 185 | 0           | 5                   |
| Abu Dhabi Island     | Corniche           | -   | -   | -   | -   | 130 | 170 | 185 | 300 | 0           | 4                   |
|                      | Khalidiya / Bateen | 85  | 100 | 105 | 135 | 150 | 185 | 175 | 250 | 0           | 2                   |
|                      | Al Raha Beach      | -   | -   | 105 | 125 | 145 | 175 | 175 | 230 | 0           | 4                   |
| la casta ant Aman    | Marina Square      | 70  | 85  | 90  | 110 | 130 | 160 | 170 | 190 | 0           | 7                   |
| Investment Areas     | Shams Abu Dhabi    | 90  | 100 | 105 | 125 | 132 | 175 | 175 | 210 | 0           | 3                   |
|                      | Saadiyat Beach     | -   | -   | 120 | 130 | 175 | 185 | 200 | 250 | 0           | 20                  |
|                      |                    |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |             |                     |
|                      | Central Abu Dhabi  | 40  | 50  | 60  | 70  | 70  | 100 | 85  | 145 | 0           | 2                   |
| Abu Dhabi Island     | Corniche           | 40  | 45  | 60  | 75  | 75  | 100 | 75  | 155 | 0           | -1                  |
|                      | Khalidiya / Bateen | 40  | 45  | 60  | 75  | 75  | 100 | 75  | 150 | 0           | 3                   |
| Investment Areas     | Al Reef            | 60  | 65  | 75  | 85  | 95  | 110 | 120 | 140 | 0           | 6                   |
| Off Island           | Khalifa & MBZ City | 30  | 45  | 40  | 55  | 50  | 80  | 60  | 100 | 0           | 0                   |





- In line with the apartment sector, villa rental rates were stable in Q3 2015, as the majority of prime developments reached their highest rates in 2014, with prime villas on Saadiyat Island and Golf Gardens being the most sought-after products. The lack of quality villa communities continued to be the main factor behind the high rental rates throughout Abu Dhabi.
- Over the last twelve months, villa rental rates continued on their upward trend as Al Raha Gardens increased by 5%, Saadiyat Saint Regis Villas and Al Reef Villas by 4%, and Golf Gardens by 2%. The rental growth was driven by close to full occupancy in all of these communities and, with no new supply expected until 2017, the situation is expected to continue over the next 12 months.
- At the same time, however, demand for older and poorer quality stand alone villas on Abu Dhabi Island has significantly decreased over the last six months as landlords continued to have high rental expectations beyond a perceived fair value, which put pressure on this segment due to strong competition from all the new residential supply delivered in the last two years.

| Villas Rental Rates |                                | 28  | 2BR |     | 3R  | 4E  | 4BR 5BR % Ch |     | nange |                |                     |
|---------------------|--------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|--------------|-----|-------|----------------|---------------------|
| (AED 000's pa)      |                                | Min | Max | Min | Max | Min | Max          | Min | Max   | Q2- Q3<br>2015 | Q3 2014-<br>Q3 2015 |
|                     |                                |     |     |     |     |     |              |     |       |                |                     |
| Abu Dhabi Island    | Khalidiya / Bateen             | -   | -   | 170 | 220 | 200 | 250          | 255 | 300   | 0              | 3                   |
|                     | Mushrif /<br>Karama / Manaseer | -   |     | 160 | 180 | 170 | 200          | 210 | 300   | 0              | 0                   |
|                     | Nahyan Camp / Muroor           | -   | -   | 150 | 170 | 190 | 200          | 220 | 300   | 0              | 0                   |
|                     | Al Raha Beach                  | -   | -   | 240 | 260 | 210 | 300          | 310 | 330   | 0              | 0                   |
| Investment Areas    | Al Reef                        | 120 | 130 | 135 | 150 | 162 | 167          | 175 | 200   | 0              | 4                   |
| Investment Areas    | Hydra Village                  | 80  | 85  | 90  | 115 | -   | -            | -   | -     | 0              | 9                   |
|                     | Saadiyat Island                | -   | -   | 290 | 300 | 310 | 350          | 350 | 850   | 0              | 2                   |
|                     | Al Raha Gardens                | -   | -   | 165 | 220 | 190 | 300          | 250 | 330   | 0              | 5                   |
| 0.551               | Golf Gardens                   | -   | -   | 220 | 230 | 240 | 280          | 300 | 350   | 0              | 3                   |
| Off Island          | Khalifa City                   | -   | -   | 115 | 150 | 140 | 160          | 170 | 185   | 0              | 4                   |
|                     | Mohamed Bin Zayed              | -   | -   | 100 | 115 | 130 | 150          | 155 | 180   | 0              | 0                   |

At the same time, Khalifa City witnessed an increase in demand for villas as the area has become more attractive due to a large number of schools and employment centres relocating in the area.

## Offices



- Demand for office space remained constant this quarter, as the decline in oil prices started showing an impact on the overall market and slowed down in government spending, affecting all market sectors.
- Office rental rates were stable with relatively high vacancy rates recorded in older office buildings while rental rates ranged from AED 800 to AED 900 per sqm, whereas, fitted office space in new Grade A buildings continued to achieve up to AED 1,900 per sqm.
- With the announcement of Al Maryah Island's Free Zone status, Abu Dhabi Global Markets (ADGM) have raised and achieved rental rates of up to AED 3,500 per sqm higher by close to 50% compared with pre free zone rates.
- Several office buildings are expected to be handed over in the next months. These include the Grade A Al Hilal Bank office building on Al Maryah Island and ADNOC head quarters on the Corniche, which could put some pressure on rental rates especially for poor quality stock as tenants look for improved quality.

| Office                    |                         | Avera | ge Rental Rates | % CI          | hange               |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|-------|-----------------|---------------|---------------------|
| Offices<br>(AED per Sqm p | pa)                     |       |                 | Q2-Q3<br>2015 | Q3 2014-<br>Q3 2015 |
|                           |                         | From  |                 |               |                     |
| Prime Office Sp           | Prime Office Space (*)  |       | 3,500           | 34            | 34                  |
| Recent Build              | Fitted                  | 750   | 1600            | 0             | 0                   |
| Recent build              | Shell & Core            | 700   | 1,350           | 0             | 8                   |
|                           |                         | From  |                 |               |                     |
|                           | Good                    | 700   | 1,000           | 0             | 0                   |
| Older Stock               | Typical Building        | 650   | 800             | 0             | 0                   |
|                           | Low Quality<br>Building | 600   | 700             | 0             | 0                   |

<sup>\*</sup> Includes developments such as Al Maryah Island, Aldar Headquarters, International Tower, Nation Towers, Etihad Towers, Capital Plaza, Capital Gate, etc.

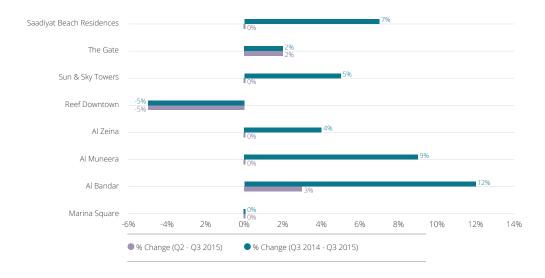
## Abu Dhabi Sales Prices Q3 2015

### **Apartments**

- Sales prices for apartments remained unchanged in the last three months, although they continued to stand at 4% higher than values recorded in Q3 2014. Projects located in Al Raha Beach and Saadiyat Island recorded the highest yearly increase with Al Bandar and Al Muneera up by 12% and 9% respectively, whereas Saadiyat Beach Residences increased by 7%, on average.
- The only decrease, of 5% over the quarter, was recorded at Reef Downtown, as previous rates were higher than the perceived value to buyers. This led to a slow down in transactions and reduction in asking prices as sellers in the development adjusted their expectations.
- The last six months witnessed the launch of several new developments located mainly on Reem, Yas and Saadiyat Islands, with some, such as Meera at Shams Abu Dhabi (by Aldar), offering competitive rates with prices ranging from as low as AED 1,000 and AED 1,150 per sqft. These new projects have increased the options available for buyers, and, over time will provide a better offering to tenants.
- Despite remaining highly popular, sales prices for Reem Island projects were relatively stable over the
  last year, with the exception of Sun and Sky Towers and The Gate Towers, which increased by 5% and 2%
  respectively, and traded at an average price range of AED 1,400 to AED 1,600 per sqft.
- The key projects that were launched in the last six months include West Yas and Mayan (by Aldar) on Yas Island, Meera at Shams Abu Dhabi (Aldar), New Horizon (by Tamouh), and The Kite (by Aabar), which are all located on Reem Island. Saadiyat Island also saw some new launches, which include Jawaher Al Saadiyat by TDIC and Park Views by Bloom Properties. None of the recently announced projects on Yas Island, have been offered for sale, which makes Ansam by Aldar (launched Q2 2014) the only project available for freehold ownership to date.



#### APARTMENT SALES PRICES MOVEMENT BY AREA



| Apartment                 | Average Sales Prices |       |  |  |  |  |  |
|---------------------------|----------------------|-------|--|--|--|--|--|
| (AED per Sqft)            | Min                  | Max   |  |  |  |  |  |
|                           |                      |       |  |  |  |  |  |
| Marina Square             | 1,300                | 1,450 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Al Bandar                 | 1,500                | 1,800 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Al Muneera                | 1,350                | 1,600 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Al Zeina                  | 1,150                | 1,350 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Reef Downtown             | 900                  | 1,000 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sun & Sky Towers          | 1,450                | 1,600 |  |  |  |  |  |
| The Gate                  | 1,400                | 1,600 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Saadiyat Beach Residences | 1,500                | 1,700 |  |  |  |  |  |

### Villas

- Having increased substantially over the last few years, villa sales prices remained stable this quarter although the average yearly increase was recorded at over 8% across the market, as Golf Gardens and Al Raha Gardens achieved 17% and 12% growth, respectively. Al Reef villas prices, however, remained stable over the last year leading to improved rental returns for investors.
- The high demand for villas in well master-planned developments resulted in good sales volumes for the recently launched Al Merief Development and Nareel Island, offered on a plot-sale basis exclusively to Emiratis. Likewise, Jawaher Al Saadiyat and Hidd Al Saadiyat (offered on a freehold to all nationalities) also attracted strong demand as sales prices ranged from AED 5.7million to AED 25 million and from AED 7.5 million to AED 38 million per plot, respectively.

### **VILLA SALES PRICES**



## Dubai Q3 2015 Highlights Residential

- Whilst sales prices reduced over the last six months, this quarter saw relative stability, albeit with a marked slowdown
  in transaction levels during the summer as many investors and residents were out of the country during the traditional
  holiday period. There were, however, notable differences between areas as the affordable segments outperformed the rest
  of the market, whereas the higher end of the market experienced declines of up to 10% in select areas.
- The price change in the sales market was to a certain extent expected, due to the rapid price increases witnessed in 2013 till the middle of 2014. This reduction in rates is expected to unlock some of the demand from potential buyers still keen to purchase property at the right price.
- Average rental rates were stable this quarter but with significant differences between areas. The large amount of supply expected for completion in the second half of the year (approximately 7,000 units) will put pressure on rental rates over the next few months and this is likely to continue in 2016 as close to 13,000 apartment units are in the pipeline for completion. This in turn will put downward pressure on yields, which had, until now, strengthened in some areas as sales prices had fallen faster than rental rates.

### RESIDENTIAL PRICE MOVEMENT, SEP 2008 = BASE 100 GROWTH RECESSION **RECOVERY & GROWTH** STABILISATION 120 100 Index Base 100 = Sep 2008 80 60 20 Dec Mar Jun Sep Dec Mar Jun Sep Dec Mar Jun Sep Dec 2007 2011 Villa Sales Villa Rental Apartment Sales Apartment Rental

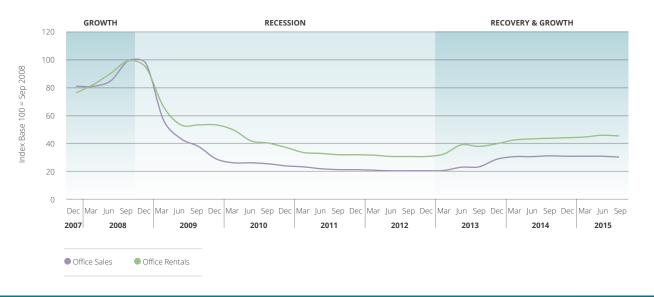


Q3 2015 down by 8% since Q3 2014.

## Office

- Whilst average office sales prices showed a 2% decline, this was predominantly for the lower end of the market as owners
  were keen to sell. However, enquiry levels were up compared with the first half of the year as a significant number of
  transactions completed for good quality space bought either for investment purposes by larger investors or small/medium
  sized companies for their own occupation.
- · Rental rates remained unchanged across the board although there was a high level of enquiries during this quarter.
- Over the next 12 months, the market is expected to witness a significant amount of office stock being released for both Grade A and strata units that could potentially lead to a reduction in rental rates as landlords seek to limit vacancy levels.

#### OFFICE PRICE MOVEMENT, SEP 2008 = BASE 100





## Dubai Residential Rental Rates

Q3 2015

## **Apartments**

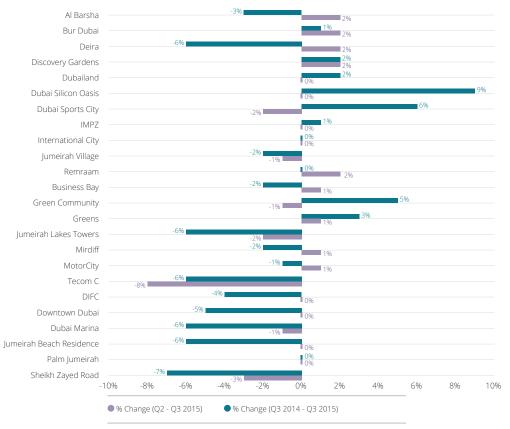
- After the decline witnessed last quarter, overall rental rates in Q3 remained broadly unchanged, subject to a few upward or downward adjustments in select
- It was noted that some landlords had increased the number of installments (up to 6 cheques instead of annual or semi-annual payments) and, in some cases, even offered rent free incentives. This was especially apparent around Al Nahda and Al Qusais, where effective rental rates were down by 2%.
- Asteco expects that the coming months are likely to see a continued downward pressure on rental rates, as a substantial number of supply is due to enter the market - expected at over 7,000 units (assuming no construction delays) by year

end, with a further 13,000 anticipated in 2016.

- With the number of off-plan projects launched over the last few years, together with project announcements made, the total supply could increase to nearly 70,000 units (apartments and villas) by the end of 2020 – assuming all projects are actually built.
- These deliveries could lead to a continued downward pressure on rental rates, making Dubai once again a more affordable place to live and work. This will also force landlords to become more competitive and ensure their offering is adapted to end-user demand, be it in terms of quality, property management, facilities or

### APARTMENT RENTAL RATE MOVEMENT BY AREA

| Apartment Rental Rates     | Stu | ıdio | 18  | 3R  | 28  | BR  | 38  | 3R  |
|----------------------------|-----|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| (AED 000's pa)             | Min | Max  | Min | Max | Min | Max | Min | Max |
| Affordable Areas           |     |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| Deira                      | 35  | 55   | 40  | 85  | 70  | 115 | 80  | 145 |
| Discovery Gardens          | 45  | 58   | 68  | 75  | 79  | 81  | -   | -   |
| International City         | 30  | 40   | 42  | 50  | 60  | 72  | -   | -   |
| Jumeirah Village           | 40  | 55   | 55  | 80  | 85  | 115 | 120 | 150 |
| Min/Max Affordable         | 30  |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| Mid to High End Areas      |     |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| Business Bay               | 65  | 85   | 70  | 110 | 110 | 145 | 165 | 190 |
| Greens                     | 60  | 80   | 80  | 110 | 120 | 160 | 155 | 200 |
| Jumeirah Lakes Towers      | 55  | 70   | 70  | 100 | 95  | 160 | 145 | 175 |
| Min/Max Mid to High End    | 55  |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| High to Luxury End Areas   |     |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| DIFC                       | 75  | 100  | 90  | 130 | 130 | 185 | 170 | 270 |
| Downtown Dubai             | 70  | 90   | 95  | 115 | 135 | 170 | 210 | 290 |
| Dubai Marina               | 55  | 80   | 70  | 130 | 95  | 210 | 150 | 250 |
| Jumeirah Beach Residence   | 80  | 90   | 90  | 140 | 125 | 160 | 150 | 215 |
| Palm Jumeirah              | 75  | 110  | 120 | 180 | 145 | 250 | 170 | 335 |
| Sheikh Zayed Road          | 55  | 80   | 80  | 120 | 115 | 160 | 150 | 220 |
| Min/Max High to Luxury End | 55  |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |



## **Villas**



- Similar to apartments, villa rental rates remained unchanged this quarter, with some areas even witnessing moderate increases, as take-up in newer communities such as Arabian Ranches Phase II and Mudon improved.
- Phase I of Arabian Ranches recorded a rental rate drop of 2% from the previous quarter as tenants moved to newer developments, or negotiated a reduction in their rental rates with their landlords.
- Similarly, asking rates in Jumeirah Park were also down by 2% as vacancy levels were still high.
- Whilst moderate declines are expected this year, 2016 could see a substantial rental decline for villas as close to 9,000 units could be delivered to the market by 2016 in a variety of areas, mostly located along the Mohammed Bin Zayed Road corridor.

| Villa Rental Rates                       | 28  | 3R  | 31  | 3R  | 46  | 3R  | 51  | 3R    |
|--|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| (AED 000's pa)                           | Min | Max | Min | Max | Min | Max | Min | Max   |
|  |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |       |
| Al Furjan                                | -   | -   | 160 | 200 | -   | -   | 210 | 240   |
| Arabian Ranches                          | 140 | 185 | 160 | 260 | 190 | 300 | 240 | 340   |
| Arabian Ranches<br>Phase 2 - Casa Villas | -   | -   | 190 | 210 | 200 | 250 | -   | -     |
| Victory Heights                          | -   | -   | 170 | 200 | 190 | 250 | 260 | 400   |
| Jumeirah                                 | -   | -   | 165 | 300 | 180 | 400 | 210 | 460   |
| Jumeirah Park                            | -   | -   | 195 | 240 | 210 | 290 | 295 | 350   |
| Jumeirah Village                         | 140 | 165 | 160 | 175 | 140 | 200 | 165 | 235   |
| Meadows                                  | -   | -   | 200 | 250 | 220 | 280 | 250 | 325   |
| Mirdif                                   | -   | -   | 130 | 155 | 140 | 180 | 145 | 200   |
| Mudon                                    | -   | -   | 175 | 200 | 175 | 210 | -   | -     |
| Palm Jumeirah                            | -   | -   | 315 | 390 | 290 | 550 | 360 | 1,100 |
| Springs                                  | 125 | 140 | 160 | 220 | -   | -   | -   | -     |



## Dubai Residential Sales Prices

Q3 2015

## **Apartments**

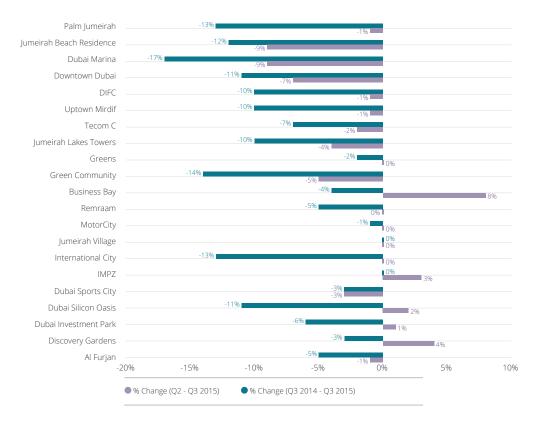
- Overall, transaction levels were low, as sellers who were in a position to negotiate did not 'need' to sell, and had a more optimistic view on the market; whereas buyer price expectations appeared to be 30% to 40% lower than the asking price.
- Sales prices appeared to be on an overall downward trend despite this quarter not seeing a significant decline in the affordable and mid to higher end segments. The high to luxury end of the market, however, did record a 2% decline on average during the quarter, with Dubai Marina and JBR witnessing the highest drops of nearly 10%.
- Certain properties on Palm Jumeirah such as the serviced apartments at Anantara or Dukes, fared well during the last three months, as the products on offer were aligned with investors budgets and provided an attractive return

scheme.

The price change in the sales market was to a certain extent expected following the rapid price increases witnessed in 2013 till the middle of 2014, which led to a reduction in demand, especially for properties on the secondary market. This was compounded by the LTV rules and regulations imposed by the Central Bank in 2013, which made it harder for potential home-owners to finance the required down payment. As a result, any correction in sales prices will be a healthy development for the market overall, leading to improved affordability and increased transaction levels, both from home-owners and investors.

| Apartments                 | Average Sa | ales Prices |  |  |
|----------------------------|------------|-------------|--|--|
| (AED per Sqft)             | Min        | Max         |  |  |
| Affordable Areas           |            |             |  |  |
| Discovery Gardens          | 720        | 1,000       |  |  |
| IMPZ                       | 700        | 1,100       |  |  |
| International City         | 550        | 765         |  |  |
| Jumeirah Village           | 750        | 1,100       |  |  |
| Min/Max Affordable         | 550        | 1,100       |  |  |
| Mid to High End Areas      |            |             |  |  |
| Business Bay               | 1,000      | 1,600       |  |  |
| Greens                     | 1,150      | 1,600       |  |  |
| Jumeirah Lakes Towers      | 850        | 1,500       |  |  |
| Min/Max Mid to High End    | 850        | 1,600       |  |  |
| High to Luxury End Areas   |            |             |  |  |
| DIFC                       | 1,600      | 2,100       |  |  |
| Downtown Dubai             | 1,400      | 3,000       |  |  |
| Dubai Marina               | 1,050      | 2,450       |  |  |
| Jumeirah Beach Residence   | 1,200      | 2,200       |  |  |
| Palm Jumeirah              | 1,050      | 2,700       |  |  |
| Min/Max High to Luxury End | 1,050      | 3,000       |  |  |

#### APARTMENT SALES PRICE MOVEMENT BY AREA







- The trend witnessed last quarter continued as buyers were after smaller, more affordable properties, whilst large, high-end villas were not in demand.
- Arabian Ranches witnessed the biggest decline this quarter, by 7%, as new supply handed over in newer phases and in Mudon affected rates.
- In addition, many of the off-plan properties launched over the last few years are nearing completion and therefore providing good alternatives for buyers. For instance, the off-plan Mira community by Emaar, located south of Emirates Road and due for completion by mid of 2016, had three-bedroom villas available from as low as AED 1.25M, whereas the cheapest three-bedroom villa in the completed Arabian Ranches went for approximately AED 2.3M - nearly double the price.

| Villas                              | Average S | Sales Price |  |  |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|-------------|--|--|
| (AED per Sqft)                      | Min       | Max         |  |  |
|                                     |           |             |  |  |
| Al Furjan                           | 750       | 1,100       |  |  |
| Arabian Ranches                     | 750       | 1,500       |  |  |
| Dubai Sports City (Victory Heights) | 1,080     | 1,450       |  |  |
| Jumeirah Park                       | 1,000     | 1,250       |  |  |
| Jumeirah Village                    | 700       | 1,200       |  |  |
| Meadows                             | 900       | 1,400       |  |  |
| Palm Jumeirah                       | 1,615     | 3,500       |  |  |
| Springs                             | 850       | 1,200       |  |  |



## **Dubai Office Sector** Q3 2015

## Leasing

- Rental rates in Dubai's office sector remained unchanged this quarter, as rates were conducive to deals concluding, with good quality, fitted space leasing at above average rates. Quality space from single owners continued to be most in demand with several deals completed in DIFC for approximately AED 190 per sqft for shell and core space and up to AED 300 for fitted offices.
- The trend of setting up smaller, serviced and/or fitted offices has attracted good enquiry levels in DIFC with Emirates Financial Towers even offering monthly lease contracts. This has led to achieved rates of approximately AED 300 to AED 350 per square foot for small office units.
- In Dubai Marina, the Al Habtoor Business Tower is also subdivided floors into smaller 1,000 square feet offices, which are leasing at approximately AED 140 per square foot whereas the API Trio offices are now 50% leased and achieving similar rates for the best units.
- Whilst rates remained stable this quarter, a number of new quality office developments are expected to be handed over in the coming months, which could put some pressure on rental rates.

| Offices               | Average R | ental Rates | % Cl   | nange    |
|-----------------------|-----------|-------------|--------|----------|
| (AED per Sqft pa)     | Min       | May         | Q2- Q3 | Q3 2014- |
| (ALD per sqrt pa)     | MIII      | Max         | 2015   | Q3 2015  |
|                       |           |             |        |          |
| Bur Dubai             | 90        | 130         | 0      | 7        |
| Business Bay          | 60        | 120         | 0      | -14      |
| DIFC                  | 160       | 350         | 0      | 11       |
| Dubai Internet City   | 180       | 200         | 1      | 7        |
| Dubai Investment Park | 60        | 80          | 8      | 12       |
| Dubai Marina          | 120       | 160         | -8     | 8        |
| Jumeirah Lakes Towers | 75        | 125         | 3      | -7       |
| Sheikh Zayed Road     | 110       | 270         | 0      | 6        |
| Tecom C               | 100       | 115         | 0      | 10       |

### Sales

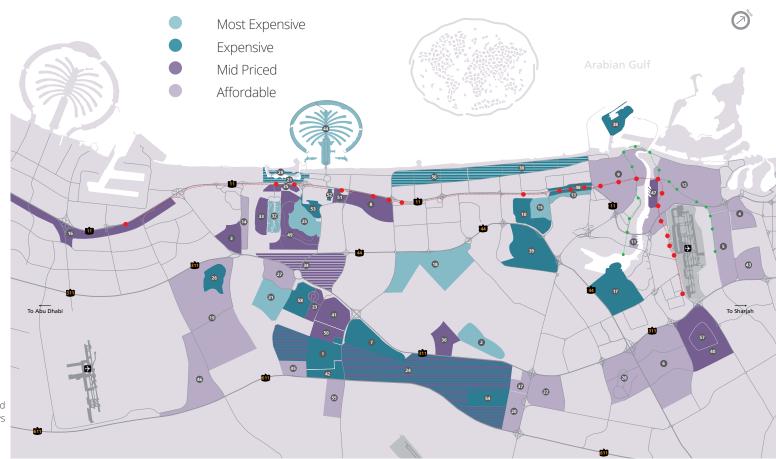
- Contrary to the residential market, office sales were relatively strong in Q3 as several transactions closed at higher than average rates.
- For instance, in Business Bay, both enquiry and transaction levels were good for quality towers nearest the metro station, such as Aspect Tower, One Business Bay, and Vision Tower. The latter of these towers achieved close to AED 1,800 per square foot for a space of nearly 2,000 sqft.
- Towers in Business Bay located closer to the Al Khail Road on the other hand witnessed lower levels of demand, and predominantly for smaller office space with rates starting from as low as AED 800 per square foot. The main buyers for this space were companies from the subcontinent who seemed to prefer purchasing space for their own occupation, and are amongst the main buyers of office space in the area.
- Burj Daman in DIFC traded well in Q3 and achieved prices of up to AED 2,200 per square foot for smaller office units, whereas larger offices traded at approximately AED 2,000 per square foot. Buyers comprised both of investors, such as large funds, buying to lease, as well as small and medium-sized companies who bought for occupation.

| Offices               | Average S | ales Prices | % Change |          |  |  |
|-----------------------|-----------|-------------|----------|----------|--|--|
| (AED per Sqft)        | Min       | Max         | Q2- Q3   | Q3 2014- |  |  |
|                       |           |             | 2015     | Q3 2015  |  |  |
| Business Bay          | 800       | 1,700       | 2        | 2        |  |  |
| DIFC                  | 1,550     | 2,300       | 1        | 1        |  |  |
| Dubai Investment Park | 500       | 650         | 5        | 0        |  |  |
| Dubai Marina          | 1,300     | 1,750       | -3       | -12      |  |  |
| Dubai Silicon Oasis   | 700       | 750         | 0        | -3       |  |  |
| Jumeirah Lakes Towers | 670       | 1,350       | -1       | -4       |  |  |
| Tecom C               | 700       | 1,050       | -4       | -4       |  |  |

## Dubai Area & Rent Affordability Map

- Akoya
- Al Barari
- Al Furjan
- Al Nahda
- Al Qusais
- 6 Al Wargaa
- Arabian Ranches
- Barsha
- 9 Bur Dubai
- 10 Business Bay
- 11 Culture Village
- 12 Deira
- 13 DIFC
- 14 Discovery Gardens
- 15 Downtown Dubai
- 16 Downtown Jebel Ali
- 17 Dubai Creek
- 18 Dubai Hills
- 19 Dubai Investment Park
- 20 Dubai Land Residential Complex
- 21 Dubai Marina
- 22 Dubai Silicon Oasis
- 23 Dubai Sports City
- 24 Dubailand
- 25 Emirates Hills
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- 27 IMPZ
- 28 International City
- 29 IBR
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- 38 Maritime City
- 39 Meydan
- 40 Mirdif
- 41 MotorCity

- 42 Mudon
- 43 Muhaisnah
- 44 Palm Jumeirah
- 45 Remraam
- 46 Residential City
- 47 Rigga Al Buteen
- 48 Sheikh Zayed Road
- 49 Springs / Meadows
- 50 Studio City
- 51 Tecom C
- 53 The Lakes
- 54 The Villa
- 55 Town Square
- 56 Umm Sugeim
- 57 Uptown Mirdiff 58 Victory Heights



Note: Area classification by affordability is provided for indicative purposes only as many areas in Dubai offer various types of residential units, from affordable to high end. As such, the map colour coding takes into account the most prevalent type of product and exceptions of a lower and / or higher price could be available.

## Northern Emirates Q3 2015 Highlights

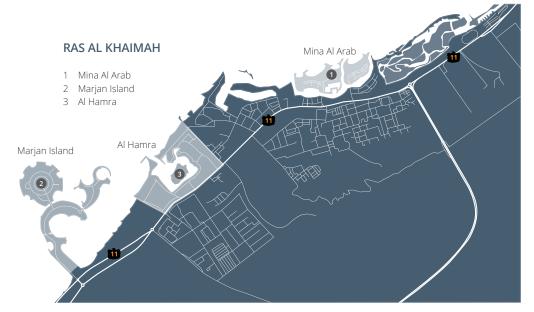
- Apartment rental rates in the Northern Emirates saw minimal changes during the quarter. Rents in Ajman, Umm Al Quwain and Sharjah remained stable, whereas in Ras Al Khaimah rental rates declined by 1% over the quarter, on average.
- With substantial improvement works ongoing in Sharjah, such as road connectivity and also the creation of additional tourist and resident attractions, Sharjah is expected to become a increasingly attractive place to live over the next few years, which could help uplift its profile and encourage more residents to live there for the lifestyle and not only for budget considerations.

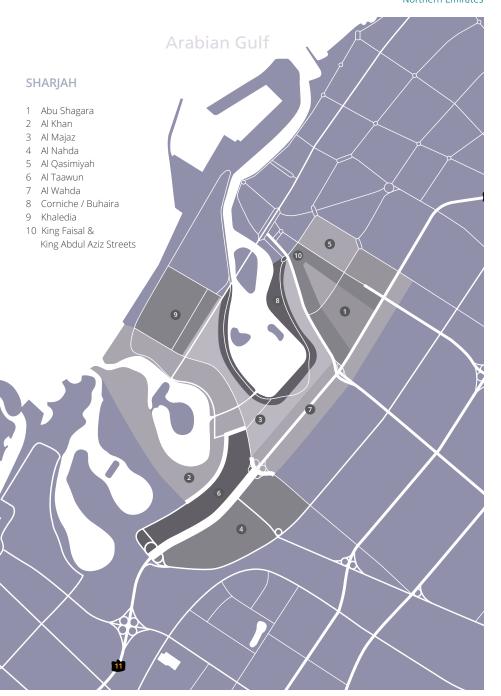
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## Northern Emirates Area Map





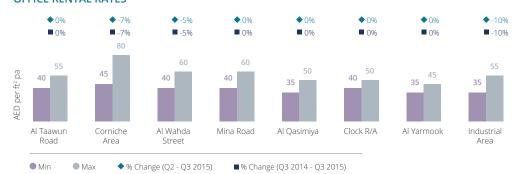


## Northern Emirates Rental Rates Q3 2015

## Sharjah

- Apartment rental rates in Sharjah saw no growth during the quarter. Some areas such as Al Majaz, Al Qasimiya and Al Khan, however, recorded a marginal decline as few buildings completed construction and landlords were more competitive by offering one month rent free. This highlights a concern at reducing vacancy levels, which will also favour existing tenants as they come into a stronger negotiating position when renewing current contracts.
- The Sharjah Transportation Authority started an AED 11.4 million roadwork project in the City Centre vicinity, which is expected to reach completion by the end of the year and lead to improved traffic conditions for both Sharjah and Ajman residents commuting to Dubai.
- Sharjah's tourism sector is also developing rapidly with a new five-star Majlis Grand Mercure Sharjah Resort announced recently. The resort will be constructed over an area of 12,000 square meters on the Sharjah Corniche and will comprise a total of 234 rooms. In addition to this project, there are several other initiatives such as the expansion of Majaz Waterfront and the construction of Noor Island which are underway. These projects are consistent with Sharjah Commerce and Tourist Industry's (SCTDA) objective to attract 10 million tourists to Sharjah by 2021. The SCTDA's objective will ultimately enhance the city's overall attractiveness to residents in the medium to long term.
- The Al Zahia Community is nearing completion as 51 villas were handed over, and another 197 units are expected to reach completion by Q2 2016. The project is available on a freehold basis to GCC Nationals whereas Arab expatriates may purchase the properties on a 100-year leasehold basis.

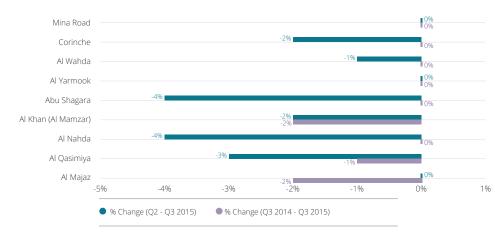
### **OFFICE RENTAL RATES**



#### SHARJAH APARTMENT RENTAL RATES

| Apartment Rental     | Stu | dio | 11  | 3R  | 21  | 3R  | 31  | 3R  |
|----------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Rates (AED 000's pa) | Min | Max | Min | Max | Min | Max | Min | Max |
|                      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| Al Majaz             | 25  | 35  | 35  | 45  | 40  | 70  | 50  | 85  |
| Al Qasimiya          | 24  | 28  | 30  | 36  | 38  | 45  | 48  | 65  |
| Al Nahda             | 30  | 35  | 37  | 43  | 45  | 65  | 55  | 85  |
| Al Khan (Al Mamzar)  | 25  | 35  | 35  | 42  | 45  | 60  | 60  | 85  |
| Abu Shagara          | 22  | 28  | 28  | 35  | 36  | 46  | 48  | 60  |
| Al Yarmook           | 15  | 22  | 24  | 28  | 23  | 32  | 40  | 55  |
| Al Wahda             | 22  | 32  | 28  | 50  | 48  | 65  | 45  | 85  |
| Corniche             | 25  | 35  | 40  | 50  | 48  | 80  | 60  | 95  |
| Mina Road            | 20  | 28  | 28  | 40  | 32  | 45  | 45  | 60  |

### SHARJAH APARTMENT RENTAL RATES MOVEMENT BY AREA



## **Aiman**

- Apartment rental rates in Ajman were 3% higher compared with the same period last year, but remained stable over the last three months. The increase over the year was due to the release of new and better quality supply, such as Ajman Pearl in 2015, rather than an increase in rental rates of existing buildings. As such, a mid-quality three- bedroom apartment was rented out for a maximum of AED 65,000 per annum in Q3 2015, whereas last year, the best available standard property was leased for a maximum of AED 55,000.
- The G+38 Lavender Tower was handed over in April 2015 and was the first tower in Emirates City ready for occupation. Emirates City is a five million square feet freehold community located south of Sheikh Mohammed Bin Zayed Road (E311). Rental take-up at Lavender Tower was strong, with most one-bedroom units leased out and a few two- and three-bedroom units were still available. The strong take-up was due to the offering being newer than other developments in Ajman, good connectivity to Dubai (due to proximity to E311 and E611 highways), and lower rental rates that averaged at AED 30,000, AED 36,000 and AED 48,000 for one-, two- and three-bedroom apartments respectively. From an investment perspective, units were available from as low as AED 325 per square foot for cash buyers and AED 360 per square foot with a payment plan of 50% upon signing and 50% due in installments over the next 18 months. With service charge estimated at AED 5 per square foot, the net yields average at close to 7.9% for a one-bedroom unit

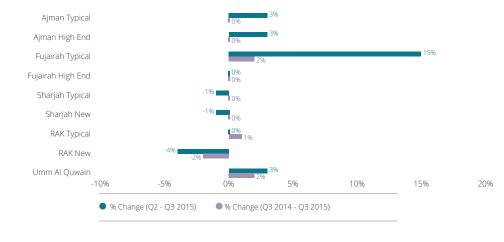
## Fujairah, Ras Al Khaimah & Umm Al Quwain

- Rental rates in Fujairah remained broadly stable this quarter. However, it appeared that there was a shortage of high quality units in Fujairah, as the best quality developments in the city are close to full and have a waiting list.
- The Umm Al Quwain apartment market witnessed slight rental increases this quarter, by 2% on average. In addition, it appears that the Mistral Villas by Emaar, delivered in 2013, had good occupancy levels and remained popular. Rental rates in Q3 for a quality three-bedroom villa was AED 120,000, on average. Whilst few facilities are available in Umm Al Quwain itself, the emirate is within a short drive to Ras Al Khaimah's numerous hotels and malls, most notably the Rixos on Marjan Island and the popular Waldorf Astoria Hotel.

#### NORTHERN EMIRATES APARTMENT RENTAL RATES

| Apartment Pental                         | Stu | idio | 11  | BR  | 21  | BR  | 38  | BR  |
|--|-----|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Apartment Rental<br>Rates (AED 000's pa) | Min | Max  | Min | Max | Min | Max | Min | Max |
|  |     |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| Ajman Typical                            | 16  | 22   | 22  | 30  | 25  | 35  | 40  | 45  |
| Ajman New                                | 22  | 30   | 26  | 40  | 33  | 45  | 48  | 65  |
| Fujairah Typical                         | 18  | 30   | 30  | 40  | 30  | 58  | 45  | 60  |
| Fujairah High End                        | -   | -    | 45  | 55  | 55  | 62  | 75  | 82  |
| Sharjah Typical                          | 15  | 28   | 25  | 40  | 23  | 48  | 38  | 65  |
| Sharjah New                              | 22  | 35   | 28  | 50  | 35  | 80  | 45  | 95  |
| RAK Typical                              | 20  | 30   | 25  | 40  | 30  | 50  | 40  | 60  |
| RAK New                                  | 25  | 35   | 35  | 55  | 50  | 65  | 85  | 120 |
| Umm Al Quwain                            | 18  | 20   | 20  | 26  | 28  | 32  | 35  | 45  |

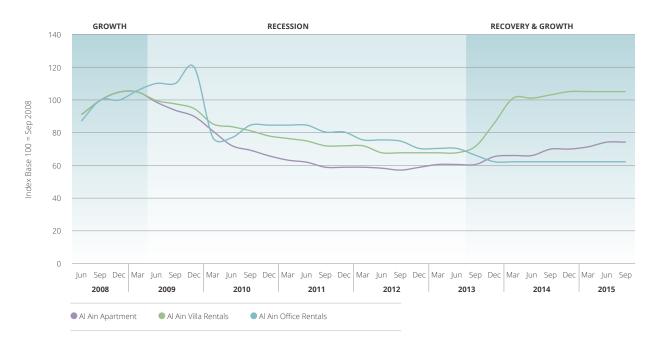
### NORTHERN EMIRATES APARTMENT RENTAL RATES MOVEMENT BY AREA



## Al Ain Q3 2015 Highlights

- Al Ain's residential market recorded improvements from mid-2013 as apartment and villa rental rates increased by an average of 18% and 16%, respectively, to date. However, villa rates witnessed a higher growth in the second half of 2013 followed by smaller increases on a quarterly basis as shown in the graph below.
- The office market followed a slightly different trend when rental rates picked up in mid-2010, started a slow decrease since mid-2011, and remained flat since early 2014. This flat trend is a result of an increase in quality office supply affecting the existing stock, which consists mainly of low quality commercial villas.

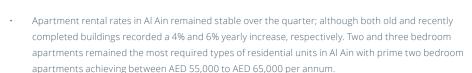
### AL AIN RENTAL MOVEMENT, SEP 2008 = BASE 100





## Al Ain Rental Rates Q3 2015

## **Apartments**



- Demand for units in older buildings increased over the last six months as rental rates in new buildings reached their peak in the last two years. The most popular areas for apartment units are Al Jimi, Town Centre, and Al Manaseer.
- A number of new buildings in the Town Centre and other areas are expected to be handed over in the next three to six months and Al Ain's Stadium master development will increase the number of mid to high quality apartment units over the next two years.

## **Villas**



- The villa rental market has been relatively flat since mid-2014; however, with an increase of 19% achieved over the last two quarters. Demand for large mid to low quality units slightly decreased as tenants preferred smaller and more affordable units.
- Transaction volume in Q3 was relatively slow with the most popular areas for villas being in Shaab Al Ashkhar, Falaj Hazza and Al Towaya, whilst the Asharej area is expected to become one of the most sought after areas once the Central Village compound is handed over in mid-2016.

## Office and Retail



- The office market in Al Ain has remained flat since the end of 2013.
- Several buildings were handed over in early 2015, which increased office stock in the city. In addition, a number of small buildings that will include retail and office space are expected for hand over in the next six months. The Al Senaya area will contain the majority of new mid to low quality stock.
- Rental rates in the Town Centre ranged between AED 700 and AED 1,000 per sqm, whereas, the old stock in Senaya Street ranged between AED 400 and 600 per sgm.
- Similar to the office market, retail rental rates have remained stable over the last few years and a significant lack of quality retail space persists. The average rate in the main malls was approximately AED 2,225 per sqm, with rates of up to AED 3,000 per sqm achieved for the best units.



## Al Ain Rental Rates Q3 2015



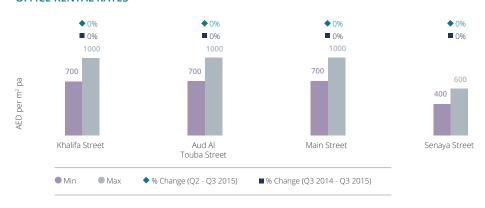
| Apartment Rental<br>Rates (AED 000's pa) | 1BR |     | 2BR |     | 3BR |     | % Change      |                     |
|--|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|---------------|---------------------|
|  | Min | Max | Min | Max | Min | Max | Q2-Q3<br>2015 | Q3 2014-<br>Q3 2015 |
|  |     |     |     |     |     |     |               |                     |
| Mature Buildings                         | 31  | 36  | 40  | 50  | 52  | 60  | 0             | 4                   |
| New Buildings                            | 34  | 39  | 45  | 55  | 58  | 75  | 0             | 6                   |
| Prime Compounds                          | 40  | 45  | 55  | 65  | 65  | 90  | 0             | 0                   |

### Villas

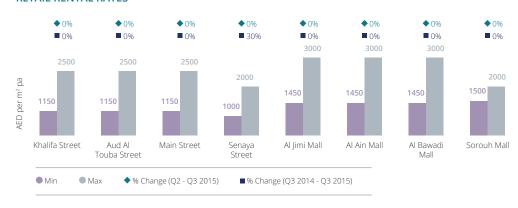
| Villa Rental Rates | 3BR | 4BR | 5BR | % Change      |                     |
|--------------------|-----|-----|-----|---------------|---------------------|
| (AED 000's pa)     | Min | Min | Min | Q2-Q3<br>2015 | Q3 2014-<br>Q3 2015 |
| Mature Units       |     |     |     |               |                     |
| Town Centre        | 83  | 95  | 125 | 0             | 0                   |
| Others *           | 83  | 95  | 125 | 0             | 0                   |
| Zaker              | 75  | 75  | 105 | 0             | 0                   |
| Al Towaya          | 80  | 95  | 125 | 0             | 0                   |
| Al Jimi            | 83  | 95  | 125 | 0             | 0                   |
| New Units          |     |     |     |               |                     |
| Town Centre        | 88  | 110 | 155 | 0             | 0                   |
| Others *           | 88  | 110 | 155 | 0             | 0                   |
| Zaker              | 80  | 98  | 128 | 0             | 0                   |
| Al Towaya          | 93  | 110 | 160 | 0             | 0                   |
| Al Jimi            | 88  | 110 | 155 | 0             | 0                   |
| Prime Compounds    | 105 | 135 | 170 | 0             | 0                   |

<sup>\*</sup> Includes Al Khabisi, Al Muwaiji, Al Manasir and Al Masoudi areas

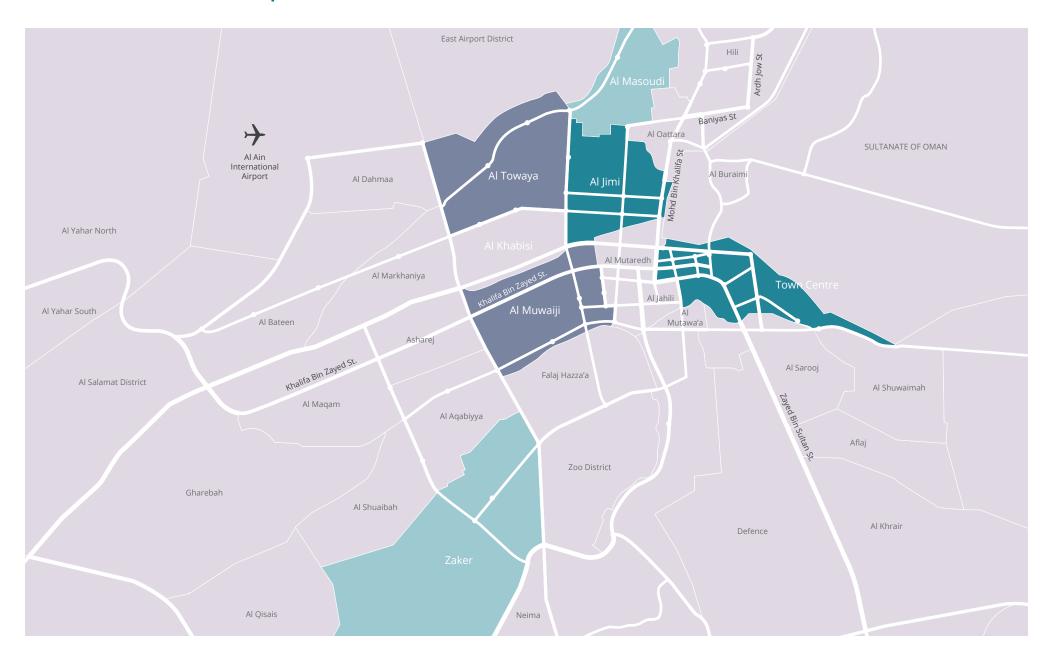
### **OFFICE RENTAL RATES**



### **RETAIL RENTAL RATES**



## Al Ain Area Map



## Global Outlook Summer 2015



## Oil slumps again – good news or bad news?

- Oil prices have dropped from over US\$70 per barrel in May to around US\$54 per barrel to date, the lowest level since March. The available evidence suggests supply factors are important in the latest move which would be positive for world growth. But there is some evidence of demand effects being present too – at least concerns about future demand - so it is not all good news.
- The recent oil price slump has coincided with a further strong rise in global supply, especially from OPEC countries. If oil prices were to remain at around US\$54/barrel until end-2016 our modeling suggests this might add 0.2-0.4% to advanced countries' GDP in 2016. But oil exporters like Russia and Malaysia would be losers, and there are some signs that the oil price fall signals concerns about global growth: other commodities have also seen big price declines and there has been a recent correlation between oil prices and the slumping Chinese stock market.

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### Oil heads back towards US\$50/barrel...

Oil prices are under pressure again. Having risen to almost US\$70/barrel in early May, Brent crude prices have slumped by over 20% to around US\$54/barrel since. Prices are now at their lowest level since March.

The available evidence suggests supply factors have been important in this price slump. Preliminary estimates by the IEA for Q2 suggest world oil supply rose by 3.5% y/y, easily outpacing demand growth of 1.4%. Interestingly, Q2's growth in supply was led by OPEC countries including Saudi Arabia and Iraq. Non-OPEC output, including from the US, has been broadly flat since Q4 2014 suggesting that the expected (negative) supply response to lower prices has started to materialise. But this response has been offset by strong rises in OPEC production. Overall, the IEA's assessment in its July report that the 'oil market was massively oversupplied in Q2 2015, and remains so today' seems valid.

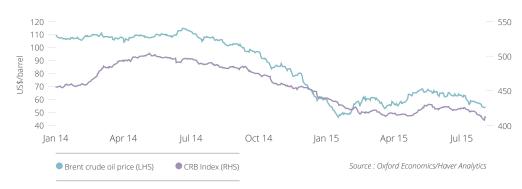
## ...and this could boost world growth...

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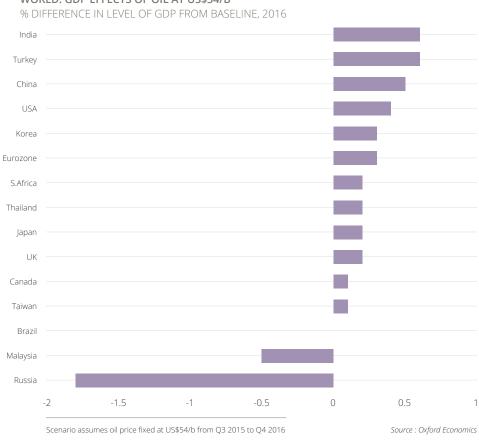
Our July baseline forecast has oil prices averaging US\$61.7/barrel in 2015 and US\$68.7/barrel in 2016. If instead prices were to remain flat until the end of 2016 at their current level of around US\$54/barrel, our modeling work suggests this would add 0.2-0.4% to the level of GDP in the advanced economies in 2016, with the US the biggest winner. Some important emerging markets that are sizeable net oil importers would also gain, including China, India and Turkey. Overall world GDP growth would rise to 3.2% next year from 3.0% in our current baseline.

#### WORLD: OIL PRICES AND CRB INDEX





### WORLD: GDP EFFECTS OF OIL AT US\$54/B



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Our professional advisory services are conducted by suitably qualified personnel all of whom have had extensive real estate experience within the Middle East and internationally.

Our valuations are carried out in accordance with the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) and International Valuation Standards (IVS) and are undertaken by appropriately qualified valuers with extensive local experience.

The Professional Services Asteco conducts throughout the region include:

- Consultancy and Advisory Services
- Market Research
- Valuation Services

#### SALES

Asteco has established a large regional property sales division with representatives based in the UAE, Qatar and Jordan. Our sales teams have extensive experience in the negotiation and sale of a variety of assets.

#### LEASING

Asteco has been instrumental in the leasing of many high-profile developments across the GCC.

#### ASSET MANAGEMENT

Asteco provides comprehensive asset management services to all property owners, whether a single unit (IPM) or a regional mixed use portfolio. Our focus is on maximising value for our Clients.

#### OWNERS ASSOCIATION

Asteco has the experience, systems, procedures and manuals in place to provide streamlined comprehensive Association Management and Consultancy Services to residential, commercial and mixed use communities throughout the GCC Region.

#### SALES MANAGEMENT

Our Sales Management services are comprehensive and encompass everything required for the successful completion and handover of units to individual unit owners.

#### LICENSING

Our brand, network, system and procedures are now available in territories across the MENA region. Our Licensing services currently include Real Estate Brokerage Franchising and associated support services with many of the key elements designed specifically around the franchisee, making it a truly unique and bespoke franchise opportunity.



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