

Lausanne Office, Q4 2020

More projects to come in Lausanne and its region

MARKET SUMMARY Q4 2020

CITY OF LAUSANNE

49,000 sq m

Availability



3.0%

Availability rate



CHF 305/sq m p.a.

Median asking rent



CHF 430/sq m p.a.

Prime rent



44,000 sq m

Developments by 2025

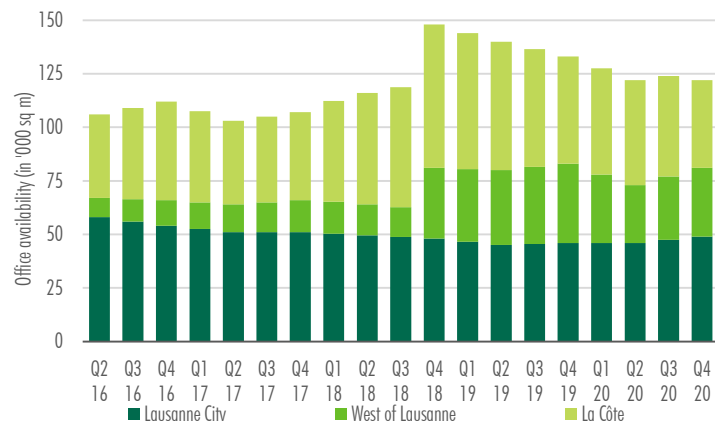
398,000 sq m

Developments in the region by 2025*

Trend compared to previous semester

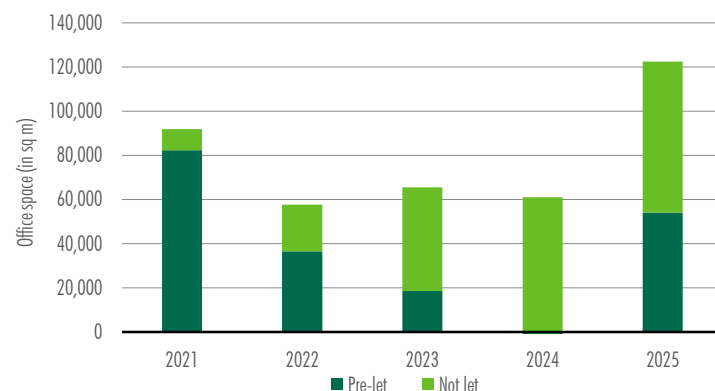
*Incl. city of Lausanne, West of Lausanne and La Côte

Figure 1: Availability in the city of Lausanne



Source: CBRE Research, 2021

Figure 2: Pipeline in the city of Lausanne, West of Lausanne and La Côte (new builds)



Source: CBRE Research, 2021

AVAILABILITY

The office availability rate in Lausanne bounced back to 3.0% in Q4 2020, yet keeping low levels compared to other major Swiss cities. Although the pandemic has somehow held back tenants from moving, a few large office deals were signed during 2020: in Crissier in the “Millenium” building (to be completed in 2021), in Lausanne-South with AVASAD, or in Morges with Lunaphore, an EPFL spin-off. The latter shows that the strong start-up growth, fuelled by record fundraising in 2020, is able to generate new office demand.

Yet, office demand remains widely endogenous and mainly consists of space consolidation rather than extensions. Potential tenants are still actively searching for small premises in the CBD, keeping rents above CHF 400/sq m p.a. in the best locations. In the periphery, rents remain under pressure, rent-free periods and fit-out contributions by landlords for future tenants can help vacant space to be taken up.

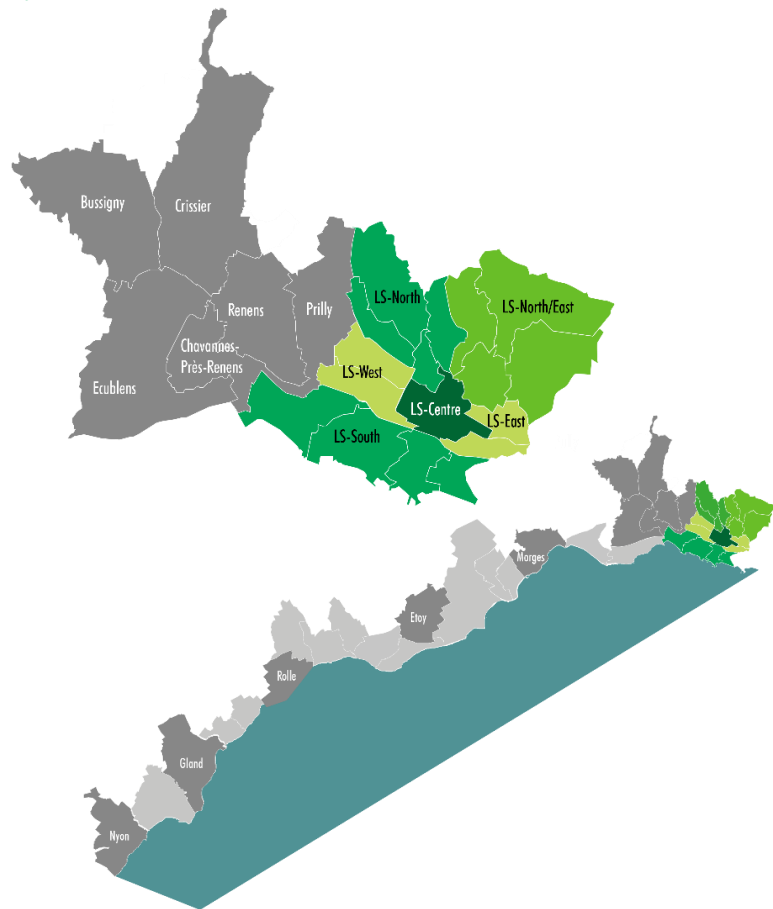
PIPELINE

With less than 45,000 sq m to be delivered within the next five years, the office pipeline suggests that new supply should remain scarce in Lausanne. However, the recent launch of the 1st phase of the “Plaines-du-Loup” project bodes well for a steady real estate development promoted by the City of Lausanne in the long-term.

The West of Lausanne could see more than 275,000 sq m of office space to be completed between 2021 and 2025. More than one-third of these projects are currently under construction, with pre-let rates of approx. 75%. Suspended for a short time, the CFF schemes will continue in Renens and Malley, which should be launched this year. Furthermore, the Lausanne region sees the emergence of mixed-use projects including industrial and tertiary activities.

Admittedly, upcoming new supply should match the potential growth of companies. But in the long-term, the overflow of new developments may well exceed market demand: this risk of oversupply could push developers to stall on starting some of their projects.

Figure 3: Lausanne submarkets



Quelle: CBRE Research, 2021

Methodology

The cutoff date for the availability and rent data was January 19th, 2021. Only rental space offering more than 50 sq m and available within three months were included in our statistics.

Figure 4: Office market key data

Submarket	Availability (in sq m)	Availability rate (in %)	Range of asking rents* (in CHF/sq m p.a.)	Median asking rent (in CHF/sq m p.a.)
Lausanne CBD	↑ 13,000	1.9	250-430	350
Lausanne South	↑ 5,000	1.4	240-370	300
Lausanne West	→ 10,000	5.3	200-330	250
Lausanne North	→ 7,000	4.4	205-250	230
Lausanne North/East**	→ 12,000	5.5	190-355	270
Lausanne East	↑ 1'000	3.8	200-380	300
City of Lausanne	↑ 49,000	3.0		305
Crissier	→ 6,000	6.2	170-290	220
Bussigny	↑ 5,000	8.7	160-230	200
Renens-Prilly	↑ 11,000	4.6	180-360	230
Other West L.***	↑ 10,000	3.8	160-280	210
West of Lausanne	↑ 32,000	4.9		220
Morges	→ 13,000	7.7	220-350	275
Nyon	↑ 17,000	7.2	200-390	285
Rolle-Etoy	↓ 8,000	9.1	200-260	250
Gland	→ 7,000	9.8	170-300	215
La Côte	↓ 45,000	8.0		265

*The range of asking prices excludes the highest and lowest 10% and may have been adapted according to the data quality. **Lausanne North/East: incl. Biopôle

***Chavannes-près-Renens, Ecublens, St-Sulpice

Source: CBRE Research, 2021

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