# ROMANIA RETAIL Q1 2025







# **ECONOMY: STABLE GDP GROWTH, MIXED OVERALL PERFORMANCE**

The y-o-y GDP growth in Romania remained stable in Q1 (1.8%), with a projected yearly spike of 1.6% in 2025 (vs. 1.2% in 2024). However, the retail sales growth pace decelerated significantly at the beginning of the year (2.3% y-o-y), in an international economic context characterized by increased volatility which may continue going forward. Inflation is still among the highest in the European Union at 4.6%, with a downward movement to around 4% being forecasted by year-end. The National Bank of Romania has not operated any key interest rate cuts in the past 8 months (the benchmark is currently at 6.50%), with the next movements expected to take place after the presidential election in May.

#### **SUPPLY & DEMAND: NO COMPLETION IN Q1**

There was no retail project completion in Q1 in Romania, but the delivery pace will significantly pick up starting from April, when ~145,000 sq. m of new schemes will open (including one super regional shopping center – Mall Moldova – in Iasi). Therefore, the modern retail stock in Romania remains at 4.62 million sq. m, which corresponds to a density of 243 sq. m/ 1,000 inhabitants, still one of the lowest in both Europe and the CEE region. However, developers have announced major plans which would correspond to more than 600,000 sq. m GLA in projects expected to be delivered by the end of the decade

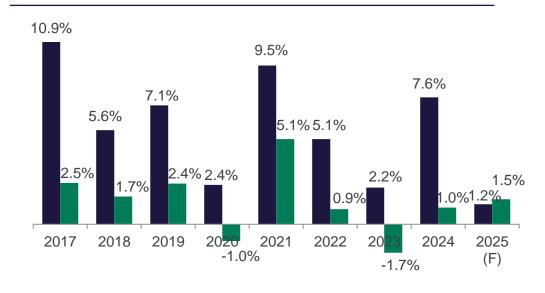
## PRICING: LIMITED RENTAL MOVEMENTS IN EARLY 2025

There were no significant movements regarding prime shopping center and high street rents in Romania across Q1, with values of €90 and €60/sq. m/ month being quoted for units between 100 - 200 sq. m at the ground floor of dominant shopping centers and on high street locations in Bucharest, while the corresponding figures in secondary cities, such as Cluj - Napoca, Timisoara, lasi and Constanta were ranging between €50 - 65/sq. m/ month.

#### **BUCHAREST PRIME RENT**



#### **ROMANIA VS. EURO ZONE RETAIL SALES GROWTH Y/Y**



■ Romania ■ Eurozone



#### **MARKET STATISTICS**

SUBMARKET	SHOPPING CENTRE STOCK (SQ. M)	SHOPPING CENTRE PIPELINE UC (SQ. M)	POPULATION*	DENSITY (SQ. M / 1,000 INHABITANTS)	PRIME RENT (€/MONTH)	PRIME YIELD (%)
Bucharest	774,700	46,000	1,716,983	451	€90	7.25%
Cluj - Napoca	125,500	-	286,598	438	€65	7.60%
Timisoara	173,000	-	250,849	690	€55	7.70%
lasi	82,000	125,700	271,692	302	€55	7.60%
Constanta	122,000	-	263,707	463	€50	7.90%
Brasov	136,700	-	237,589	575	€40	8.00%
OTHER CITIES	1,059,600	30,500			€35	8.00%
TOTAL	2,473,500	202,200	19,053,815	130	€90	7.25%

\*Source: 2022 Census

# **KEY SALES TRANSACTIONS Q1 2025**

PROPERTY	SUBMARKET	SELLER / BUYER	SQM	PRICE / € PSQM
MAS RE - Prime Kapital strip mall portfolio	Multi-city	MAS RE - Prime Kapital / M Core	32,100	€55 - 60 M / €1,713 - 1,869
Shopping City Suceava	Suceava	ARGO Capital Property / M Core	43,100	€45 - 50 M / €1,044 - 1,160

#### MAJOR PROJECTS IN PIPELINE\*

PROPERTY	SUBMARKET	SIZE (SQ. M)	OWNER / DEVELOPER		
Transilvania Mall	Cluj - Napoca	130,000	Prime Kapital - MAS Real Estate		
Mall Moldova	lasi	125,700	Prime Kapital - MAS Real Estate		
Rivus Cluj	Cluj - Napoca	120,000	Iulius Group - Atterbury Europe		
Bacau Shopping Mall	Bacau	51,200	Prime Kapital - MAS Real Estate		
Galati Retail Park	Galati	41,000	NEPI Rockcastle		
Nhood Resita	Resita	35,000	Nhood		
Promenada Mall extension	Bucharest	32,000	NEPI Rockcastle		
*Under construction or in different zoning / planning stages					

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