

# **Commercial Real Estate increasingly favoured in 2019**

## **Key Highlights**

- 2019 has been a dismal year for the Indian Economy where the NBFC crisis has led to a
  lot of stalled real estate projects. The government also put up an AIF of INR 250 bn to
  provide relief to developers for their unfinished projects.
- Residential House launches for 2019 have been 23% higher than 2018 at 2,23,325
  as compared to 1,82,207 in 2018. While Residential Sales have been just 1%
  higher on the back of increased affordable housing segment as 48% of the sales
  came under the 50 lakh ticket size.
- The push towards affordable housing scheme has been in a positive light as the house price to income ratio shows a significant contraction in the ratio on the back of easing of real estate property rates.
- The QTS(Quarter to sell) levels have also significantly decreased from 10.2 in H2 2018 to 8.9 in H2 2019 because of comparatively higher sales and lower inventory in the market. This has in turn helped the age of unsold inventory to decrease from 16.4 quarters in 2018 to 15.9 quarters in 2019.
- The highlight of the real estate market of 2019 has to be the office market which has grown significantly in 2019. New completions saw a growth of 56% in new completions while the transactions grew by 27% YoY.
- The office rental growth however slipped into a negative territory partly due to higher supply and partly due to greater weightage to lower priced markets of Hyderabad and Chennai.
- Going forward we expect the NPA Cycle to fade out and a normalization of the growth figures which can help the Real Estate market.

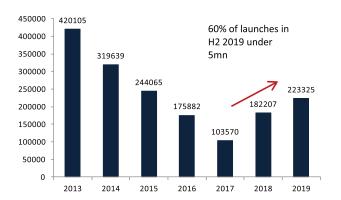
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#### **Exhibit 1: House launches**

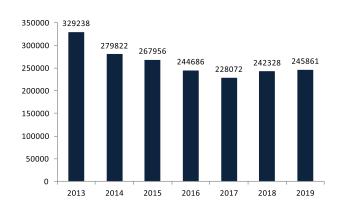
House launches gained traction after a subdued 2017



Source: Knight & Frank

#### **Exhibit 2: House Sales**

Marginal growth in the sales figure

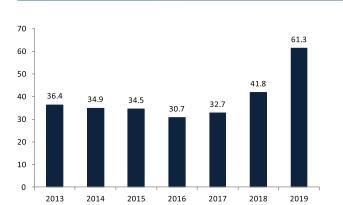


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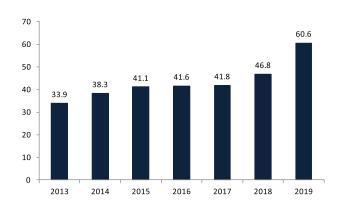


## **Exhibit 3: New office completions (mn sq ft)**



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# **Exhibit 4: Office transactions (mn sq ft)**



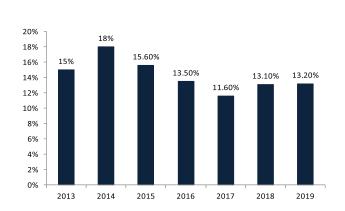
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### **Exhibit 5: House Price to Income Ratio**

City	2010	2018	2019
Mumbai	11.0	7.2	7.1
NCRNCR	6.0	5.0	5.0
BengaluruBengaluru	5.6	4.0	3.9
PunePune	4.6	2.6	2.5
ChennaiChennai	5.4	4.1	3.9
HyderabadHyderabad	5.7	4.9	5.0
KolkataKolkata	5.7	3.0	2.9
AhmedabadAhmedabad	4.3	3.3	3.1

Source: MOSPI

# **Exhibit 6: Vacancy rates in offices**



Source: Knight & Frank

Sector wise split of transactions in the office space degrew in the BFSI sector with the NBFC crisis plaguing the industry in 2019. The IT/ITeS sector accounted for 41% of the transacted volume in H2 2019 as compared to the 31% in the previous period. The Other Services Sector's share (All services excluding BFSI and IT/ITeS) has reduced from 36% in H2 2018 to 32%.

With the growth momentum continuing, it would be vital to see if the increased supply of office spaces lined up in the near future puts additional pressure on the rental growth or will it be offset by the increased demand.



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