# Office & retail investment in Metropolis Barcelona

A talent and innovation ecosystem

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**11.2%** of Spain's GDP (2022) Catalonia is the **5th** European region in GDP (in PPS)



+40 international schools



2 business schools at the top of the world rankings



**47%** of the patents registered in Catalonia



+ 2,100 startups based in Catalonia (2023)



+1,700 total meetings in 2022

#### **Metropolis Barcelona**

This diverse metropolis of 636 km<sup>2</sup> is home to more than 3.3 million people (2020). The metropolitan area includes 36 municipalities and a rich fabric of productive and residential zones that are all accessibly located and well connected to one another.

The metropolitan area of Barcelona is one of the largest metropolitan areas in Europe and it is the core of economic activity of Catalonia, concentrating the 52% of GDP and 52% workforce of Catalonia. Besides, the metropolis of Barcelona is home of highly prestigious business schools and powerful research hub of universities and hi-tech centres.

The location of economic activity is not constrained to industrial zones, but rather it is spread throughout the territory in the form of services, warehouses, workshops, technology parks, shopping centres, labs, co-working spaces and leisure areas. All of them are contiguous with and easily accessible from residential zones, universities, hospitals, natural spaces and commercial areas.

#### An open metropolis to the world

The metropolis of Barcelona is strategically located in Europe, acting as the so-called Europe's Southern gate and located along the Mediterranean Corridor, a route connecting Spain to the rest of the continent.

The metropolis is easily accessible via land, sea and air thanks to the proximity of the area's transport hubs to the city centre. The concentration of significant infrastructures on and around the Llobregat River Delta, allows that none of the modes of passenger or commercial transport are located farther than 7 km from the city.

Regarding to transport of goods, the city is connected to the global economy by sea, via the logistics port; by rail, via conventional railroad; and by road, via comprehensive road and highway network, all of which help to give shape to the metropolitan area.

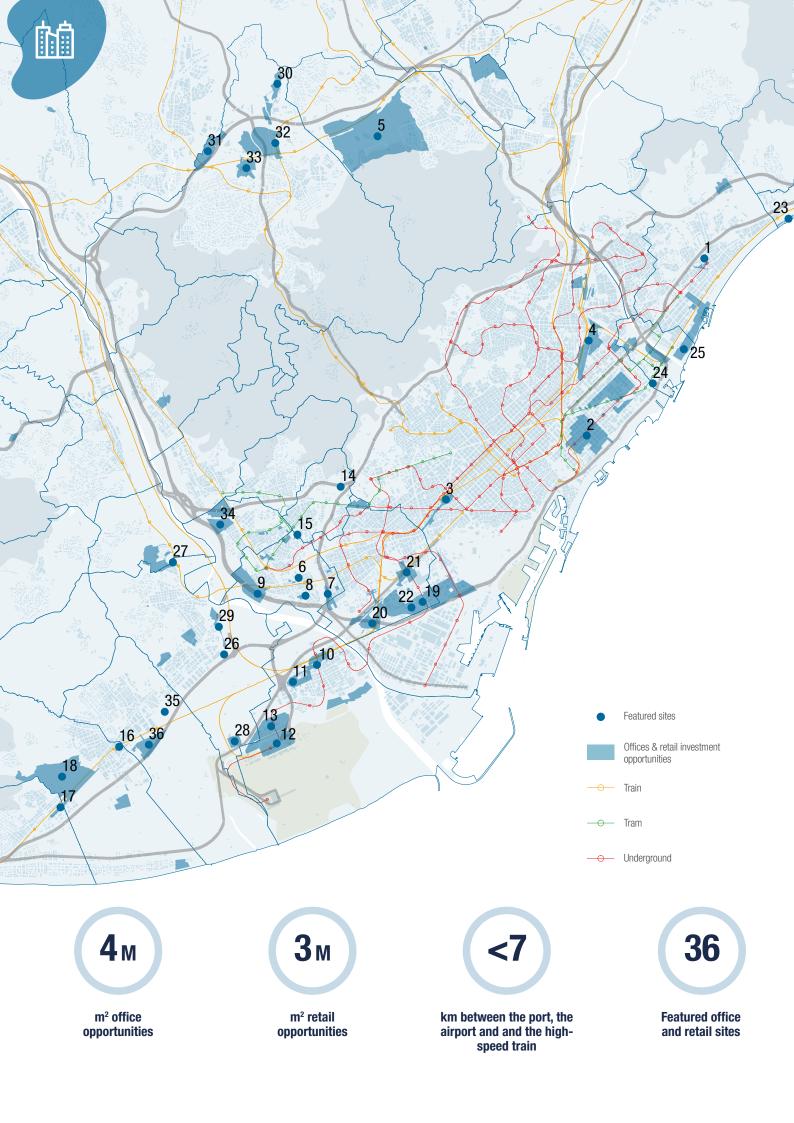
# The 3rd preferred European city to locate a startup (Startup Heatmap Europe, 2023)

#### A creative, entrepreneurial and social environment

The metropolitan area of Barcelona hosts a range of actors engaged in technological innovation, and it is home to 51 % of Catalonia's creative activities and a large number of business clusters. It is also a fertile ground for entrepreneurs, scoring the 3rd place in the EU startups rankings.

The metropolis is now one of southern Europe's chief economic engines, a hub for logistics and a magnet for talent, a place that is open to business where over 530,000 jobs are potentially associated to industry 4.0.

Over time, Barcelona has evolved into a highly dynamic metropolis and a focal point for tourism, business, culture, entrepreneurship and creativity. The metropolitan area is also a leading destination for business travellers. It has taken on a central role as the locus of exchange of knowledge of new technologies, playing host to international congresses and fairs. Fira de Barcelona hosts many world-wide recognised trade fairs and events such as Alimentaria, Mobile World Congress, Integrated Systems Europe, Smart City World Congress, Seafood Expo Global, among others.



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• 4	Entorn Sagrera	322,347	40 %		Tertiary-Residential		5	1
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• 5	Parc de l'Alba	173,148	100	70	Economic activity	-	21	1
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• 6	Passatge dels Alps	26,212	100		Economic activity		12	1
• 7	Silici-Rosselló-Caldereria	53,270	100		Tertiary		11	1
• 8	Fira de Cornellà	42,400	80%	0%	Tertiary		13	1
• 9	Ribera - Salines	80,972	100	%	Tertiary-Residential		14	1
	Llobregat							
• 10	Entorn Estació Intermodal	84,000	100		Tertiary-Residential		11	1
• 11	Enkalene	233,248	75%	21%	Economic activity		11	1
• 12	Ciutat Aeroportuària	315,030	39%	17%	Tertiary		17	2
• 13	Mas Blau II	158,875	100	%	Economic activity		13	1
Esplugues	de Llobregat							
• 14	Porta Barcelona	85,515	90%	10%	Tertiary		8	1
• 15	Montesa	16,729	100	%	Residential	1.1	14	1
Gavà								
• 16	Roca	60,721	TBD	35%	Tertiary-Residential		19	1
• 17	Resintex	27,933	100	%	Tertiary		22	1
• 18	Pla de Ponent	30,215	100	%	Tertiary-Residential		20	1
L'Hospital	et de Llobregat							
• 19	City Metropolitana	162,537	66%	0%	Economic activity		7	1
• 20	Biopol-Granvia	556,418	72%	10%	Tertiary		9	1
• 21	Plaça Europa	195,962	100	%	Tertiary	1	6	1
• 22	Entorn Gran Via	7,511	44%	0%	Economic activity	1	7	1
Montgat								
• 23	Plataformes Passeig Marítim	17,950	100	%	Tertiary		17	1
	a de Besòs							
• 24	Campus Diagonal-Besòs	20,650	100	%	Tertiary and facilities		7	1
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• 35	Illa A - Business Center	26,667	100		Tertiary		14	1
• 36	Ca N'Alemany	13,060	90%	0%	Tertiary		17	1

Immediately II Short term III Mid term IIII Long term TBD To be defined  $^11.6$  million  $m^2$  (out of 3.6 million  $m^2$ ) to be developed through second level planning  $^220,000\ m^2$  (out of 100,807 m²) to be developed through second level planning



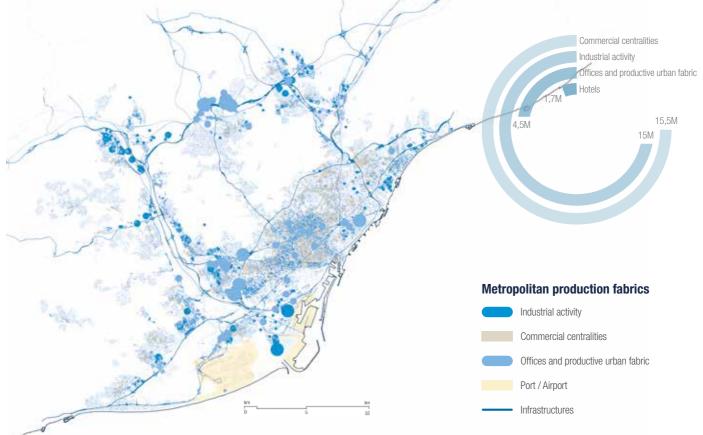
of workers in tech hubs in Catalonia are expats (Tech Hubs Overview, 2023)

#### **Retail investment**

During 2021, the retail sector grew around 15% in most districts of Barcelona. Besides the boom of local demand, especially thanks to the digitalisation of the sector and the e-commerce, foreign demand is slowly recovering pre-pandemic figures. Right now there are 17 shopping centres (over  $25,000 \text{ m}^2$ ) in the metropolis of Barcelona, as well as many dynamic commercial areas in each of the municipalities. Some areas of the metropolis (i.e. Centre) have the highest density of shops in the country, while others have a great commercial potential.

The region's commercial areas are also distributed around the urban centres of all 36 municipalities, offering a wide range of activities and businesses. The urban structure brings the retail sector to coexist, in some metropolitan locations, with residential uses or with offices and general tertiary uses.

The retail investment sector has up to 3.6 million m<sup>2</sup> of available land equally spread out throughout the metropolis. The largest areas devoted to new retail investment projects are located in the municipalities of Barcelona, El Prat de Llobregat and the Besòs area.



Barcelona ranked 8th among European cities in digital health investment (4YFN)

#### **Office investment**

The main real estate agencies report a reactivation in the Barcelona office market after the pandemic situation, as a result of the high demand and very competitive prices per square meter. Recently, world-renowned multinational companies, such as Facebook, Microsoft or Amazon, have located the headquarters of some of their business units in the metropolis. Good quality of life, entrepreneurial and technological ecosystem—which has been forged during the last decades and an increasing attraction of international talent and innovation have played a central role in this decision making process. The offices investment sector has more than 4.2 million m<sup>2</sup> of land available in the metropolis of Barcelona, featuring different sizes of office space adapted to the new economic activities and new models for the post-pandemic workplaces. Most of the land available for office buildings is located in three areas: Centre, Vallès and Llobregat. In the Centre area, the new economic districts of 22@ in Barcelona and Gran Via in L'Hospitalet de Llobregat stand out for their large amount of land available for office uses.

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