

SOFIA

RESIDENTIAL MARKET OVERVIEW



SUPPLY

- At the end of 2019 the supply in mid-plus and high-end residential market registered an 8% increase equating to 10,600 residential units.
- The projects under active construction comprised slightly above 4,000 residential units.
- Vacant residential units declined by 1%, compared to the first six months of the year and reached a share of 5% of the total.
- 40% of all registered transactions were pre-sales.
- Demand remained mainly focused on purchasing residential property to live in, still the share of buyers with investment intentions stayed high (40%).

- A two-bedroom apartment to live in continued to be the most popular choice for a family home.
- The most important factors
 when choosing a residential
 unit, remained unchanged:
 neighborhood, green areas, kids'
 playground, recreational areas,
 functional internal distribution,
 parking space, good price-quality
 ratio.
- Price compression in projects, completed a year ago, have been registered. Additional discounts from the listed price were not common during the surveyed period.

PRICES

Average sales price** for:

- Two-bedroom apartment:
 145,000 180,000 euro
- Three-bedroom apartment: 210,000 250,000 euro
- Row house:250,000 420,000 euro
- Single house:
 above 450,000 euro.

Average rental price*** for:

- Two-bedroom apartment:
 950-1,200 euro
- Three-bedroom apartment:
 1,300 1,600 euro
- House: above 2,000 euro.

FORECAST

- Approximately 250 residential units will be added to the mid-plus and high-end residential market stock in the first half of 2020.
- Price discount in the range of 5% to 10% are expected for projects under construction that fail to reach preset absorption targets prior to Permission Use.
- Developers will start to consider more flexible payment schemes for properties under construction.
- There will be downward pressure on asking prices of properties on the secondary residential market (sales by private owners), as a result from growing supply of newly built units.

Definitions:

- * The report covers mid-plus and high-end residential market in Sofia
- ** Including VAT and a parking lot
- *** Including VAT

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