

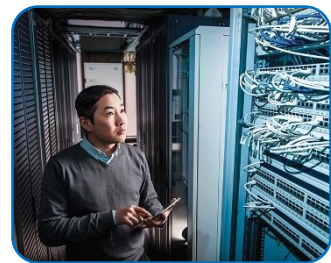
VIETNAM AMONG TOP REGIONAL EXPANSION DESTINATIONS FOR ASEAN COMPANIES



Construction cost hikes exacerbate real estate delays

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The skyrocketing price of construction materials has been affecting real estate projects in Vietnam, delaying their progress and raising property prices even further. Since the beginning of 2021, steel has seen runaway price growth to now stand at \$780 per tonne, 40-50% higher than quotes from the end of 2020. Many investors said they would have to delay some projects and adjust the prices of their products.



Growing demand for land plots to develop data centres

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According to JLL Vietnam, the consultancy has received many requests for acquiring and leasing land plots, as well as ready-built structures, meant for establishing data centres in Vietnam. A JLL report notes that the global data centre revenue is growing at a 15.7 per cent year-on-year.



HCMC retail space rents fall in Q2

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Average rents at trade centers dropped 8.3 percent in the second quarter, real estate services provider JLL reports. The average rent for retail space in the downtown area stood at \$70.4 per square meter, and that in other areas at \$31.7. The pandemic's impact has also prompted some trade centers to delay their opening.



Investor favor shifts from land to apartments

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Investors are shifting their interest from land to apartments as there are signs that land prices have entered a cooling off phase following a first quarter surge. Searches for land lots in May in the northern provinces of Bac Giang, Bac Ninh, Ha Nam, Vinh Phuc and Quang Ninh fell 35-49% from April.



HCMC land prices for townhouses reaches \$5,700 per sq.m

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The average price of land used to build townhouses or villas in HCMC was \$5,700 per square meter in Q2. Similar land costs \$1,800-3,000 in the neighboring provinces of Long An, Dong Nai, Binh Duong and Ba Ria-Vung Tau, according to real estate service provider JLL. Amid the fourth wave of Covid-19, many property investors have begun selling their products online, offering longer payment terms.

Vietnam among top regional expansion destinations for ASEAN companies

A survey commissioned by Standard Chartered reveals that ASEAN companies are highly optimistic about intra-regional growth over the next 12 months, and Vietnam is emerging as an attractive investment spot.

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