Italy

# Logistics Market Overview Q4 2021

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## **Investments Key data** Italy



61% Portfolio Deals 2.9M Investments in 2021

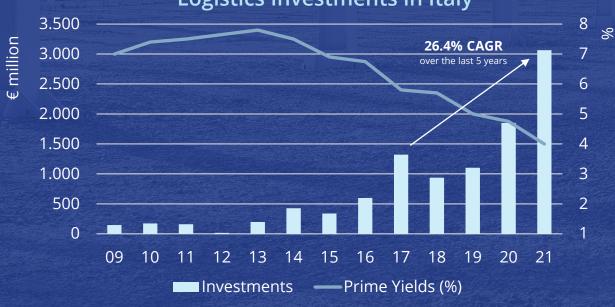
+66% Investment Growth YoY (2020-2021) 4% Prime Net Yield

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Yield Compression YoY (2020-2021)

## **Investment Trends**

- Significant growing appetite from national and international investors in the logistic asset class.
- Secondary markets and Last-mile assets are attracting increasing interests showing a significant yield compression.
- In Q4 2021, €1.3bn were recorded, totaling an impressive €3.0bn on a yearly basis (+66% increase YoY).
- Portfolio's transactions account for more than 60% of the total amount invested.
- The Italian prime yield is settling at its lowest level reaching an average of 4.00% NIY. Some transactions were closed touching a low at about 3.80% and we expect a further yield compression in the coming quarters.
- We highlight a rising interest for speculative investments and land acquisition by institutional investors and land developers even in secondary locations (included the South of Italy).



### Logistics Investments in Italy

## **Letting Key data** Italy

## Take-up Trends

- We recorded a **steady take-up** throughout the entire 2021.
- In Q4 2021, a sharp increase in tenants demand (approx. 800K sqm) settled the annual take-up to 2.4mln sqm.
- The **9% increase** over 2020 demonstrates a rising need and interest from logistic operators which are driven by the sharp rise of e-commerce and the inherent companies expansion plans.
- Final clients are seeking even more for newly built (Grade A) and ESG compliant warehouses.
- The vast majority of the take-up recorded involves e-commerce and omni-channel retailers.
- Approximately half of the total absorption refers to speculative development signaling a rising appeal for these kind of transactions.



## Take-up Evolution

**2.4**M sqm Take-up in 2021



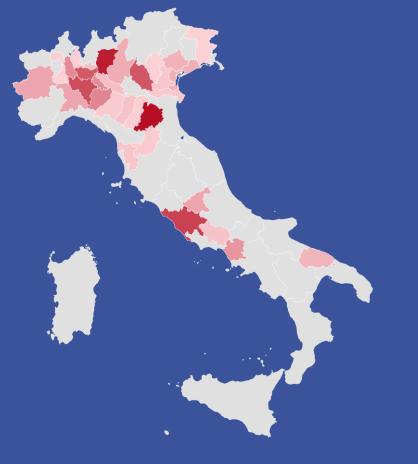
**9%** Take-up Growth YoY (2020-2021)



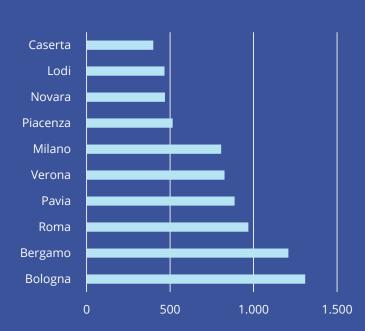
Prime Rent Last Mile

**2.6%** Vacancy Grade A

57% E-Commerce Absorption Available leasable space entering the Italian logistic market in the next 2 to 3 years. Pipeline concentration divided by Provinces (GLA in sqm)

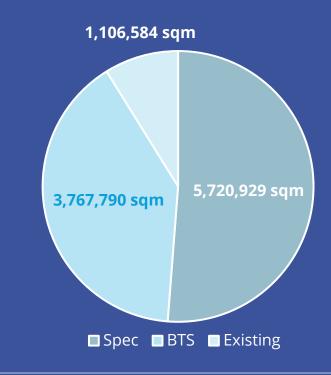


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Potential recorded leasable area coming to the market – Main Provinces (GLA - Thousands Sqm)

### Italian Vacancy & Pipeline divided by Type



# Growth Y-o-Y 21% 11% J% Brited Kingdom France Spain

Online sales growth during 2021 (% YoY)

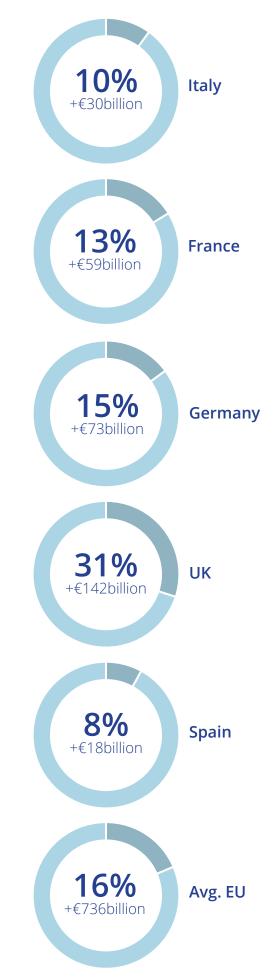
Source: Politecnico di Milano / Osservatorio.net | October 2021

## **Colliers view**

The Pandemic has boosted the e-commerce sales worldwide reaching a record of \$3.9 trillion in 2021. China, UK and the US show the highest rate of penetration of the online sales on the retail.

Italy recorded one of the highest online sales growth rate (21%) in the EU. This momentum wasn't enough to restore the gap accumulated over the past few years with the other major EU countries.

## E-commerce penetration on the total Retail sales



## Fast Facts on Digitalization & E-commerce

- 1 More than a year after the start of the pandemic, we record a significant growth in the internet costumers base which grew by more than 4% reaching a 74% of the adult population in Italy.
- 2 The time spent online increased by 3% touching approximately an average of 3 hours per day with accesses from mobile which account for 82% of the total (mobile access increased by 7% this year).

In this context the news sites have maintained stable their audience respect to the pre-pandemic, with a penetration of 95%.

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The entertainment world is registering an audience increase of 3% with 38.8 million of visitors, reaching the 97% of the Italian digital population. 4

The e-commerce growth is registering the most appealing results for the logistic sector. Overall, retail e-commerce reaches an audience of 37.3 million visitors (93% reach) outweighing even the social medias as customer base impact. Worth mentioning, on the top of the Italian growing e-commerce companies, we find Shein (+ 717%), Zalando (+89%) and the newcomer Vinted (today the first mobile retail app in Italy for time spent on average per visitor).



Retail e-commerce reaches an audience of 37.3 million visitors

The time spent online increased by 3%

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