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Pre-Commitment Latest Trend among Corporates as Rentals Keep Rising

EARLY BIRDS Companies in Gurgaon are increasingly taking up space in buildings that are still under construction to save themselves from potentially high rentals later

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ffice occupiers are precommitting leases—taking space in buildings under construction—to safeguard against high or rising future rentals.

"Large corporates or companies which have future expansion plans are pre-committing leases, especially in central business districts of Gurgaon," said Vineet Taing, president of Vatika Business Centre. Over the past nine months, central business district (CBD) areas of the city have witnessed a rise of about 10% in rental values. "This is majorly due to the demand-supply mismatch and is concentrated only in CBD areas. Rent of office spaces in the secondary business districts has more or less remained stable," said Taing.

While large companies are committing to leases in advance, the smaller ones are mostly opting for co-working spaces.

"We have witnessed the tenants' appetite for higher quality office space and broadening of co-working/shared office demand earlier this year. Primary tenants of flexible working space are businesses which either have limited visibility over future expansion plans or believe that a collaborative environment is conducive to the success of their operation," said Sanjay Chatrath, executive director (NCR), Colliers International India.

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continues to be the most preferred market in the National Capital Region when it comes to leasing of fice space, a recent report by Colliers International India showed. According to the report, about 1.58 million square feet of office space was leased in Gurgaon in July-September, followed by Noida

with 0.6 million square feet. The gross leasing area in New Delhi was 0.26 million square feet.

"Availability of Grade A office spaces, along with all the basic infrastructure, is the reason why companies continue to opt for Gurgaon. Although the rents are comparatively lower in Noida and Faridabad, they have low supply of Grade A office spaces," said Taing.

In Gurgaon, over 30% of the total leased area was concentrated on Golf Course Road, in Cyber City and along parts of National Highway 8.



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Office occupiers pre-commit office spaces in Gurugram to avoid rising rentals

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The total gross leasing volume in Delhi amounted to 0.26 million sq ft in the second quarter of FY 2018.

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