

"Another subdued quarter of activity across the Capital's office market saw a total of 90,274 sq ft transacted in the city centre across 27 deals, an average deal size of 3,343 sq ft. Whilst this is below the long term average and 35% down year on year, it represents a slight improvement on Q1 2024, giving cause for optimism for the second half of this year. Out of town take up was recorded at a modest 22,976 sq ft and largely focused on the South Gyle area in west Edinburgh.

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The ongoing trend for a significant level of lease renewal and re-gear activity continues with total transaction volumes running at almost 20% above new lettings. This is due to a combination of limited supply of best in class space but also ongoing uncertainty within businesses as to how much space they require with flexible working practices."

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