

BELARUS COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE MARKET REVIEW

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The Republic of Belarus

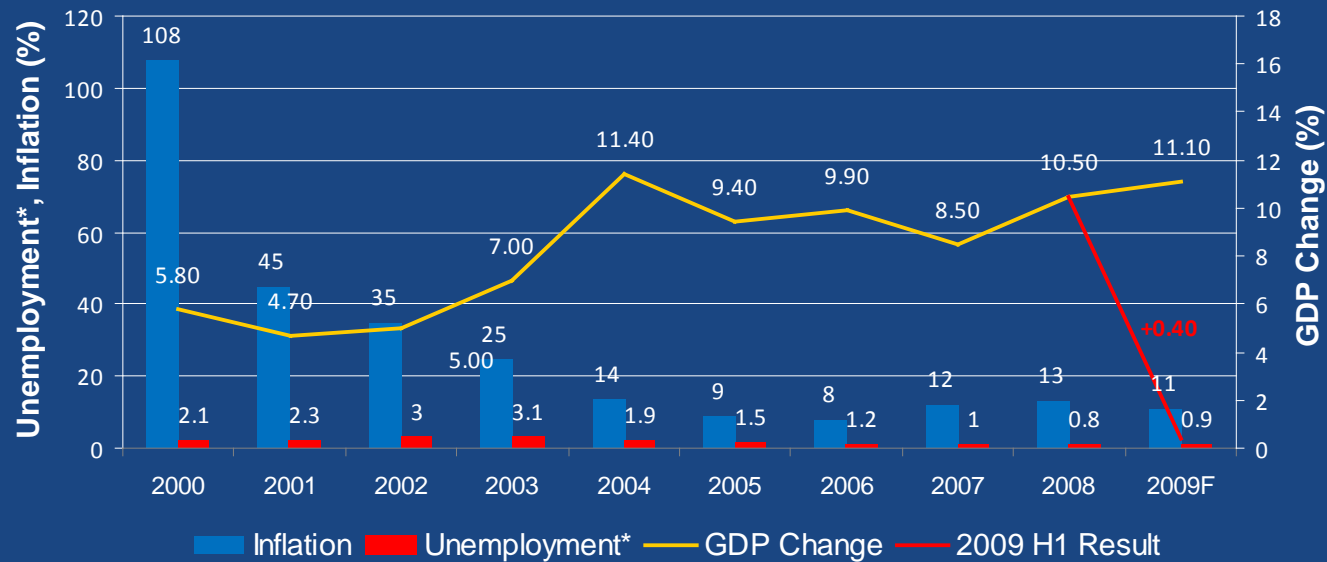
- area – 207 600 sq. km
- population – 9.672 million

Minsk – the capital of Belarus

- area - 256 sq. km
- population - 1.829 million



Economic indicators



* - number of unemployed registered with the Labor, Employment and Social Protection

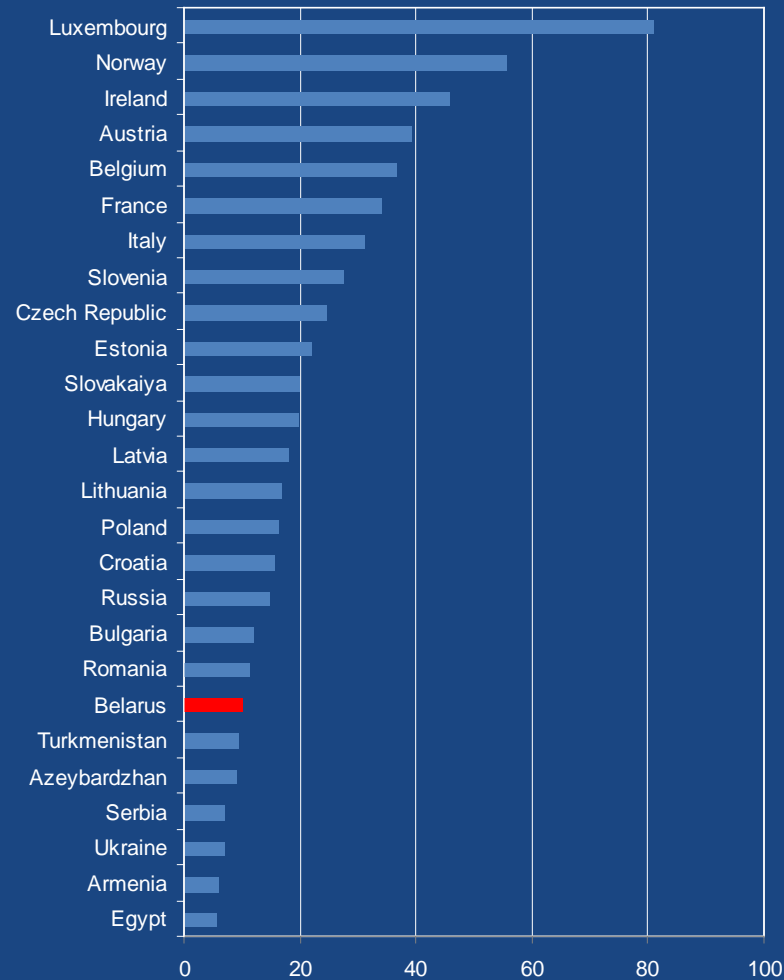
F - forecast

Source: National Statistical Committee and Ministry of Economics of the Republic of Belarus

The key factors decisive inflation processes:

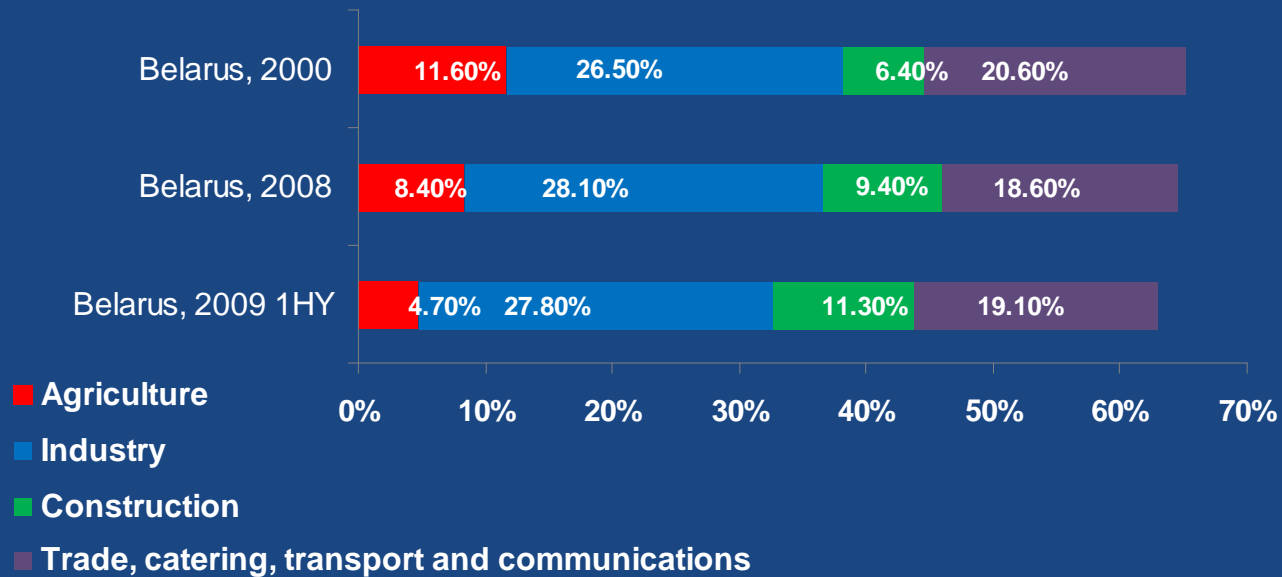
- high monopolization rate
- absence of actual competitive environment in many branches of economy
- stiff price control
- regional protectionism of local authorities

GDP per capita in Belarus and other countries

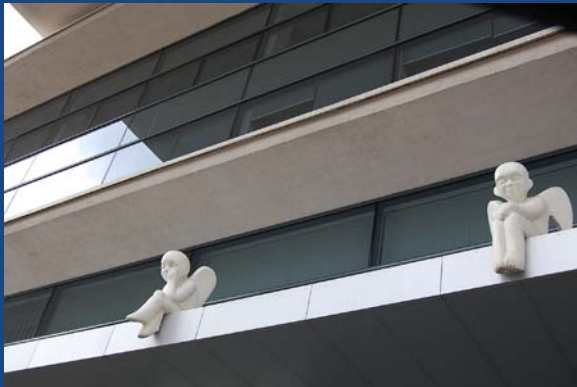


Source: The Central Intelligence Agency (CIA)

Sector-focused structure of GDP comparison

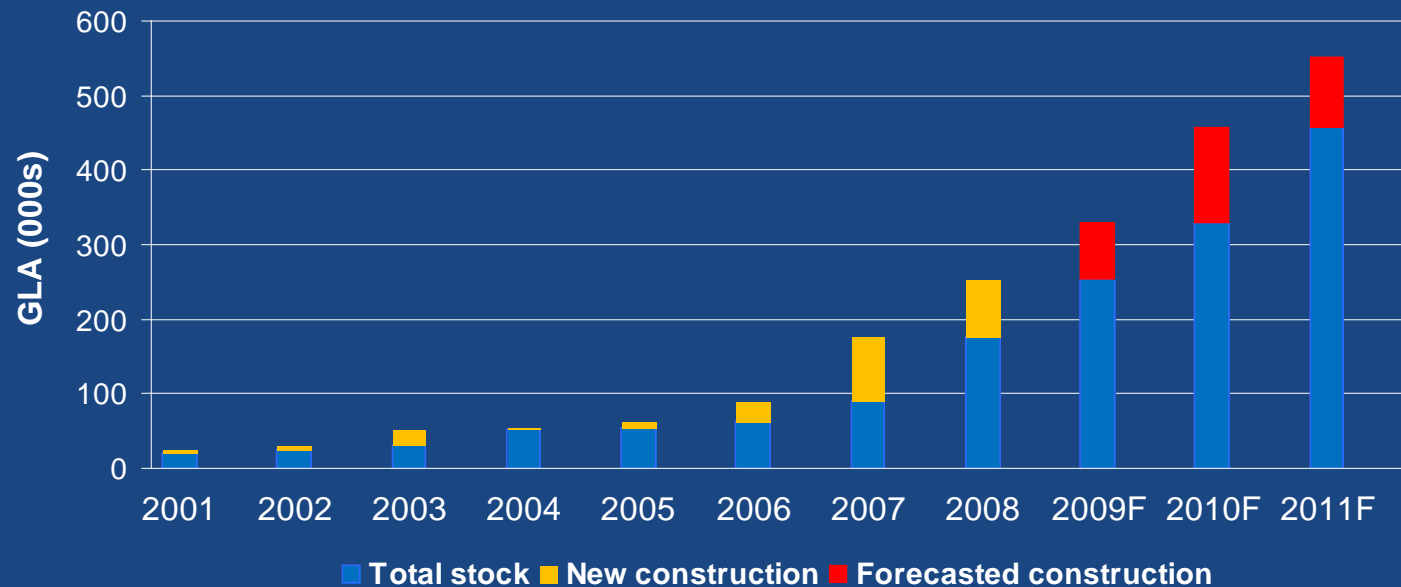


Source: Belarus' National Statistics Committee



Office Market

Dynamics of office space in Minsk



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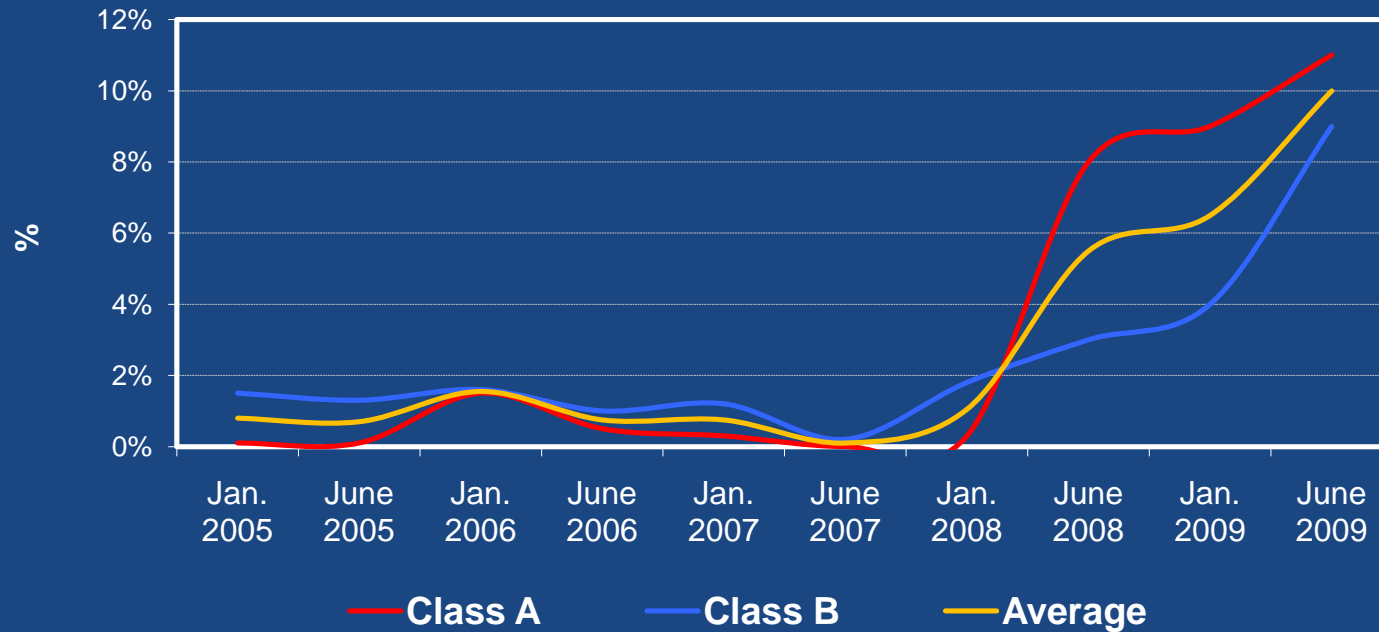
- Forecasted supply declared by developers is optimistically high
- Due to the possible financial, juridical and construction problems the completion date can be postponed

Dynamics and forecast of rent rates in Minsk



* - asking rent rates (EUR/sqm/month) excl. VAT and operating expenses

Vacancy of office premises in Minsk



- Expectations of maintaining the level of vacancy in Minsk city (in the medium term)

Tendencies and forecasts

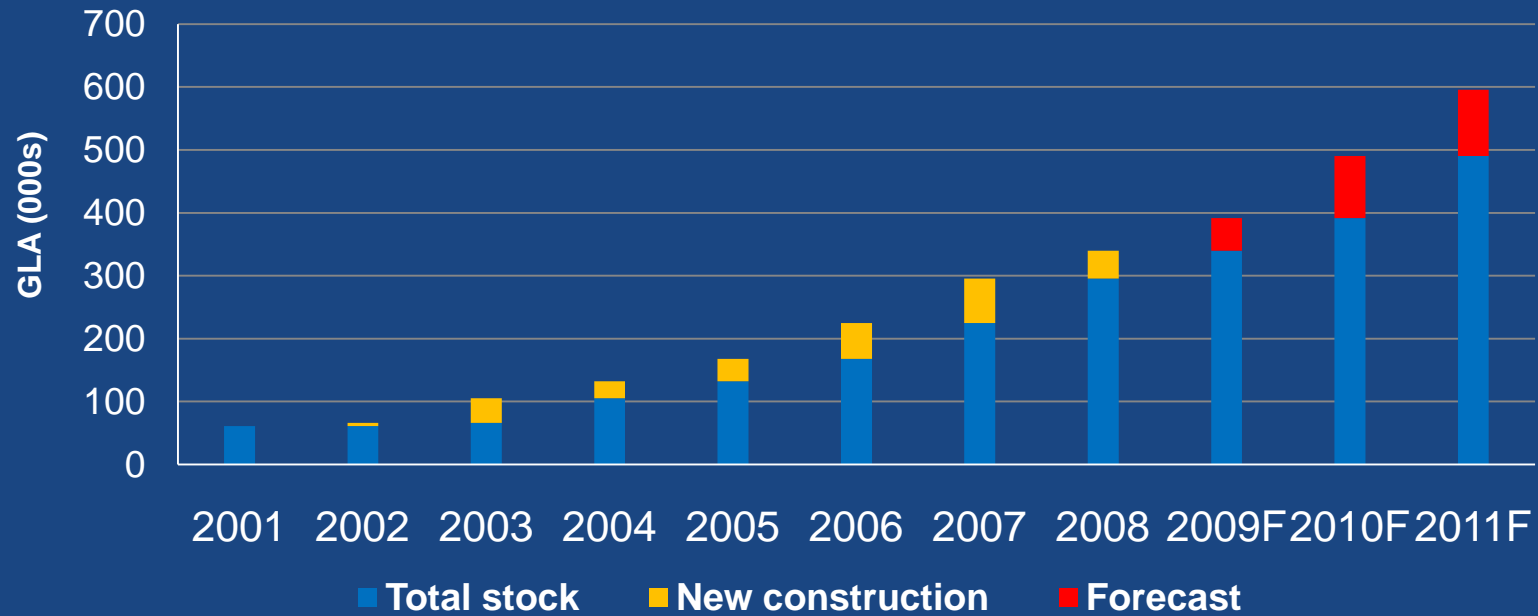
- Further reduction in rental rates. Reducing the difference between the upper and lower level of rates in similar classes in the direction of lower levels
- Price reduction in office space selling
- The expected entry of several new objects will maintain a high vacancy rate of premises in Minsk
- Reducing the interest of Built-To-Suit projects;
- The trend of selling part of the premises in those projects the developers planed to implement without the involvement of co-investors



Retail Market



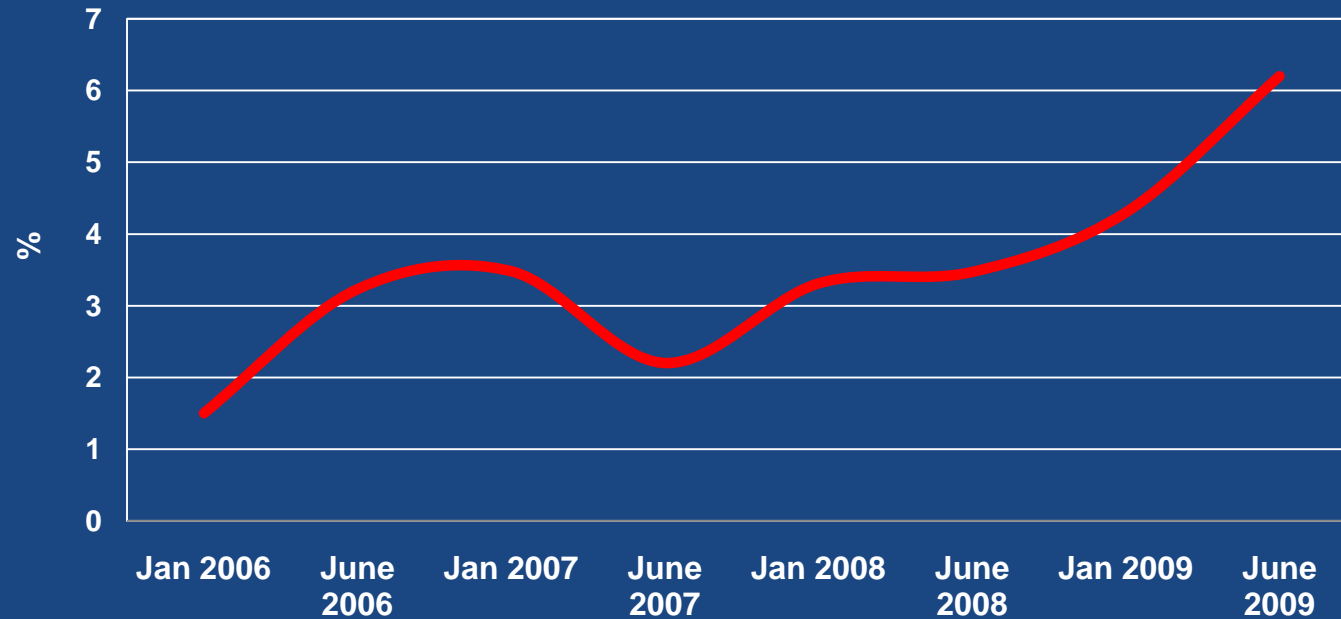
Dynamics of retail space in Minsk



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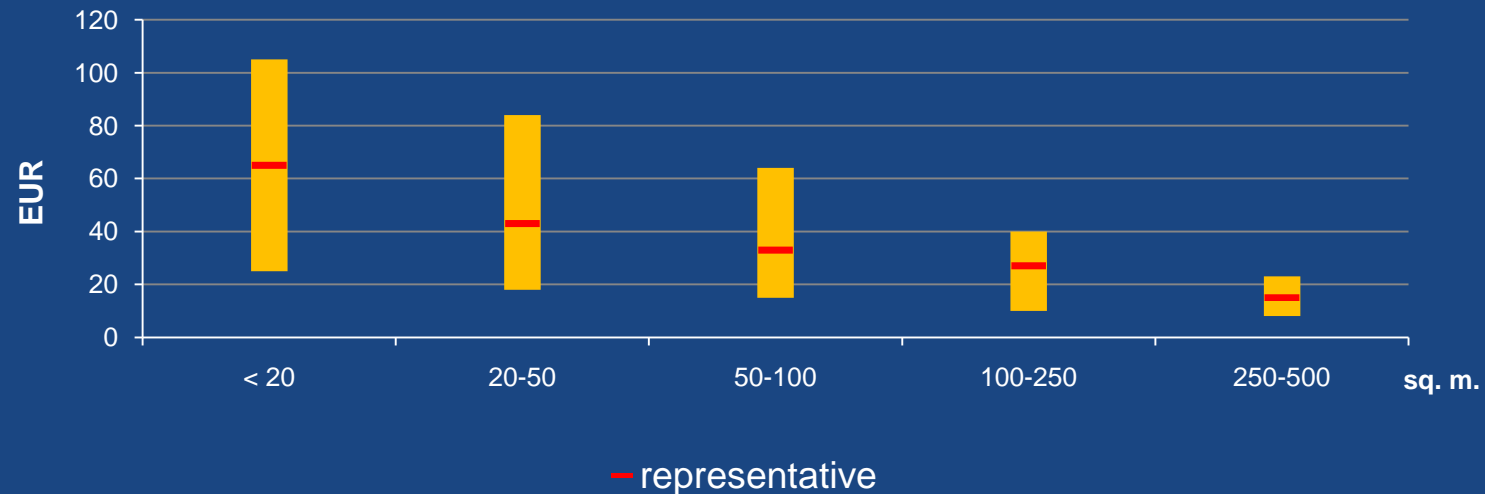
- Before 2000 - only a few retail projects existed (except for market-places)
- 2007 - development of larger trade areas began in Minsk
- Largest growth of supply is forecasted for 2011-2012

Vacancy in Minsk retail centers



- The increase in vacancy in the shopping centers with obsolete formats

Rent rates in Minsk retail centres



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- The prospect of lower rent rates in the older shopping centers and introduced new ones

Tendencies and forecasts

- Vacant space will continue to grow (especially in small format) due to both: the projected introduction of new shopping centres and closing some small business. The vacuum will consist for a short period till the new retail players come
- Reduction of rental rates, including the possible use of administrative resources
- The deterioration of the structure of retail trade; a tendency to reverse the dominance of food groups over non-food items
- Developers, who had small and large projects in their portfolio, will focus mainly on small projects
- Revision of the plans of foreign operators to break into the local market



Industrial Market

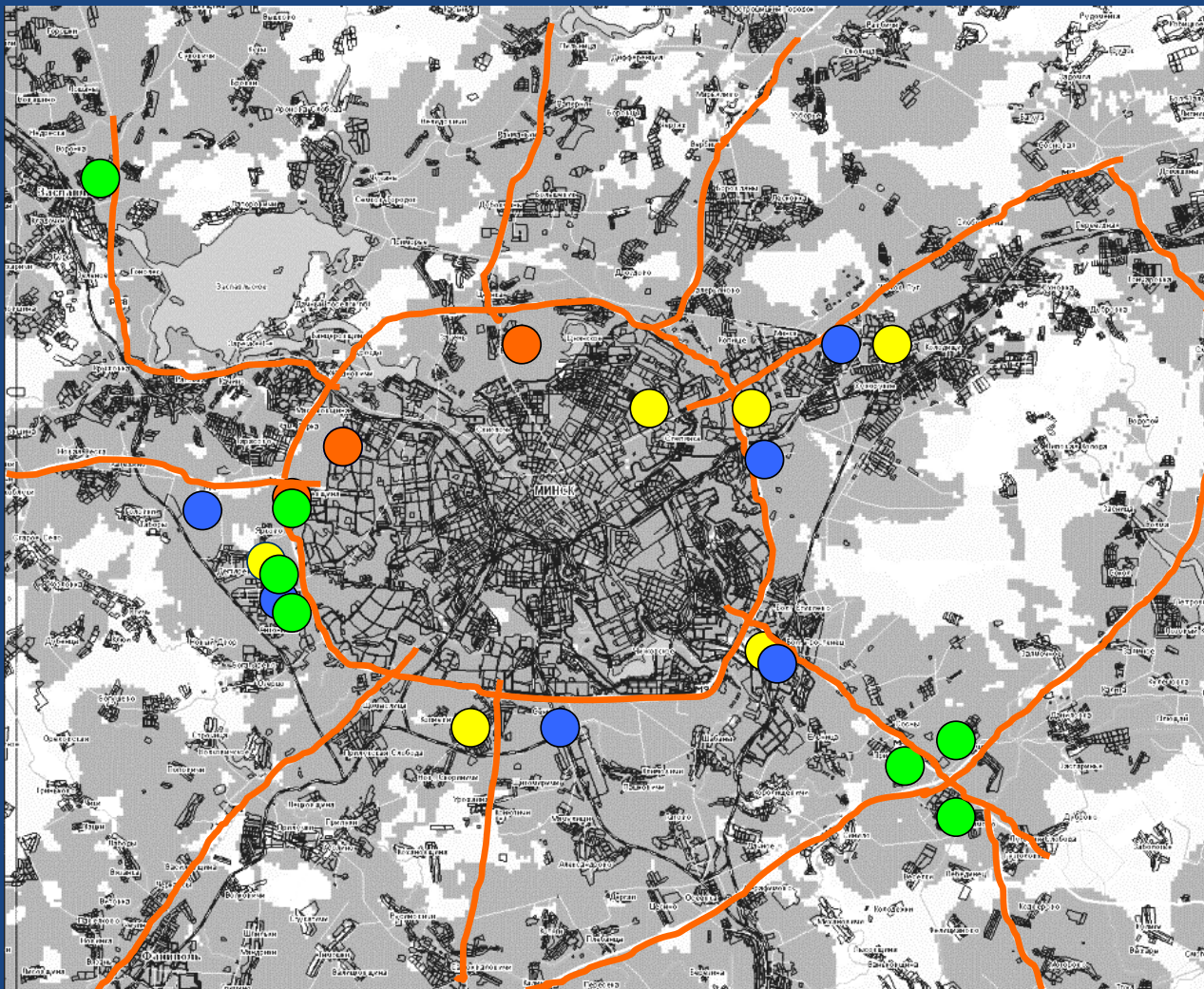
Dynamics of industrial space in Minsk



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- Lack of supply and the unsatisfied demand for high-quality properties is being observed
- The supply of modern warehouses is expected to increase only in the end of 2009

Location of industrial projects in Minsk



Existing

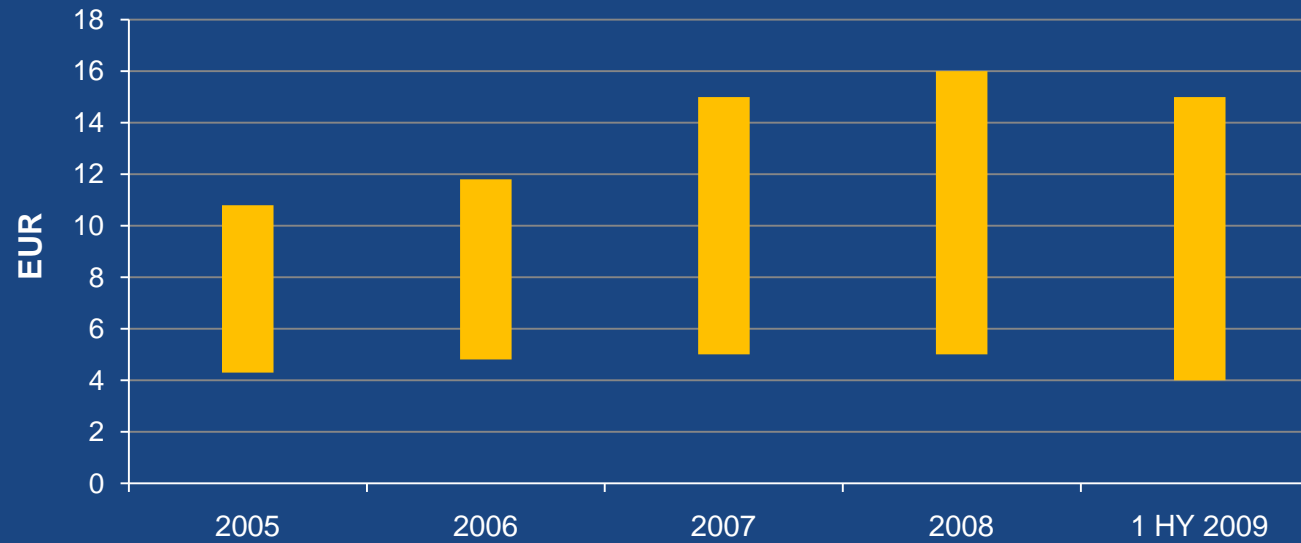
● Industrial parks

● Built to suit

● Speculative

● Planned

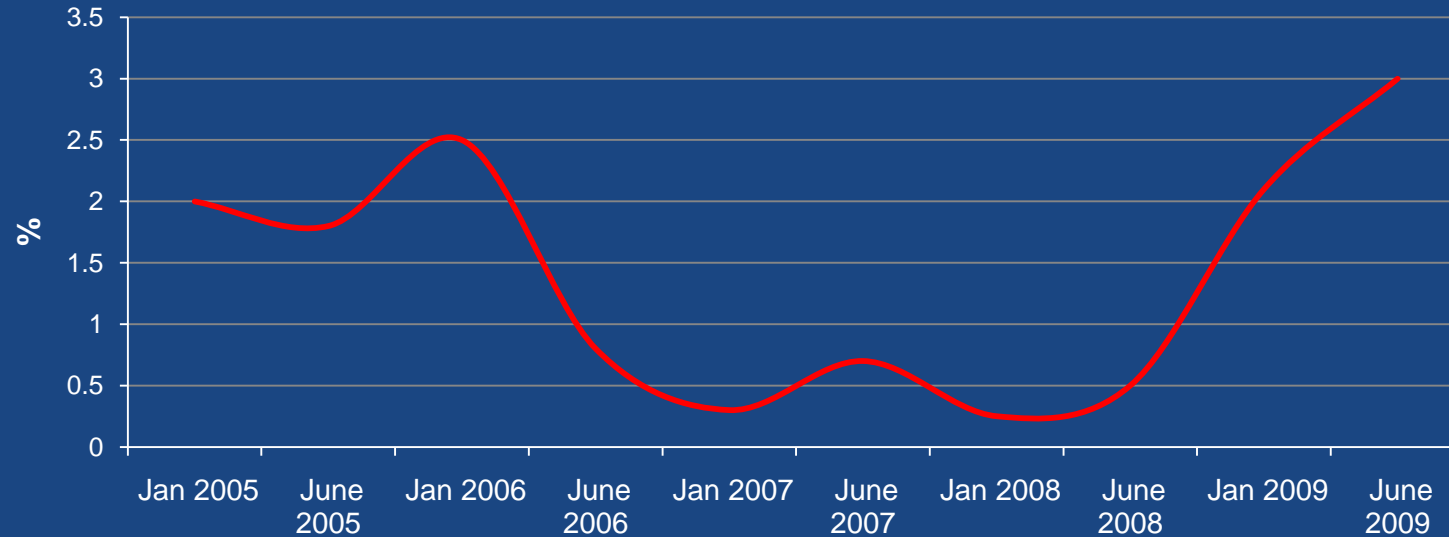
Rent rates in Minsk



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- There are no plans to drastically increase the supply of modern storage space and saturate the market, so further rent rate growth is possible

Vacancy rates in Minsk



- There is some increase of vacancies in the segment

Tendencies and forecasts

- Revitalization of developers in logistic projects which are intended by the State Program
- Completion of certain warehouse projects by the end of 2009, which will increase the supply of qualitative space
- Stabilization of rental rates, and possible reduction in the 4th quarter of 2009
- The trend of elimination and removal of industrial zones out of the city will continue. The trend will lead to reduction of the storage space in the city

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