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Orlando

Here's the latest on Orlando's office market

- While leasing activity remains considerably below pre-pandemic levels, with **just over 225,000 square feet (sf) leased during the first quarter of 2021**, overall activity is beginning to improve and inquiries for space are up. Total occupancy is up 160 basis points (bps) over the past quarter to 13.5%, with sublease space at a 12-year high accounting for 170 bps of that figure. On the construction side, contractors are reporting an uptick in office build-out work.
- Brightline has refined the timeline on its **roughly \$2.7 billion**, **170-mile Orlando expansion**. The intercity rail company expects to reach substantial completion of the route from West Palm Beach to Orlando International Airport by December 2022.
- JetBlue Airways Corp. is reportedly considering **relocating its headquarters from New York to Florida**, most likely centering
 its search in either the Orlando or Fort Lauderdale markets where
 it has existing operations. A formal decision expected later this
 year. The Walt Disney Co. is also evaluating the feasibility of
 moving one of its divisions to the Lake Nona area.
- Sonesta International Hotels Corp. has received \$360,000 in incentives from the city to **open an 18,000-sf office location** in the Landmark Center One building in downtown Orlando. The company would create at least 80 jobs over two years in accordance with the agreement.



	1Q-2021	Previous YE Δ
Net absorption	-643,245 sf	-74.5%
Total vacancy	13.5%	+160 bps
Asking rent	\$24.83/sf	-1.7%
Completions	0 sf	-100.0%

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