

Discover Metropolis Barcelona

Full of
opportunities

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Metropolis Barcelona means quality of life

Metropolis Barcelona in figures

Area: 636 km²

Population: 3.42 M

GDP: 169,990 M€ (2023)

GDP per capita: 48,685 € (2023)

Exports: 78,627 M€ (2023)

Imports: 86,247 M€ (2023)



The metropolis of Barcelona leads European cities in quality of life for workers, according to the European Cities Monitor

This diverse metropolis boasts a privileged location in Europe, where the mild climate affords ample opportunities for outdoor activities and the landscape offers a wealth of natural assets. This well-managed city provides high-quality municipal services and engages in urban planning to create public spaces designed to prioritize people's wellbeing.

The metropolitan area of Barcelona is home to 7% of Spain's total population and a large proportion of Catalonia's 8 million

people. The territory occupies 636 km², making it Europe's second region in highest population density.

Barcelona is a hub for social and cultural exchange, a place that fosters knowledge, creativity, innovation and entrepreneurship, drawing in talent and businesses from around the world.

The system of linked cities surrounded by open spaces brings with it benefits for the environment, the economy and leisure, and it makes for a more liveable,



3.42 million
inhabitants



11.1%
of Spain's GDP (2023)



10.2 %
of the patents registered in
Spain in 2023



70 million
tons of goods through
the port in 2023



~300,000
university students



9 UNESCO
world heritage sites



32 km
of beaches



330 km²
of green open space

*A city that pulses with life 24 hours
a day, an urban ecosystem populated by
a wide range of activities, services and
opportunities*

more efficient and healthier city. It is considered an attractive place to work, as well as a good place for investing and developing new business projects. Barcelona is perceived as an innovative and creative metropolis, linked to the areas of culture, fashion, architecture, art, modernity and sport.

Barcelona also means quality of life, social cohesion and equality. This quality of life is partially thanks to the city's Mediterranean lifestyle. What places the city at the top of the quality of life rankings is notably the fact that it is a very healthy place to live. This is not only thanks to its privileged geography,

but also because of the commitment to promoting local agriculture and outdoor sports and the measures that have been taken to improve the area's air quality and sustainable mobility.

Barcelona is considered an attractive place to work due to its quality of life, as well as being a good place for investing and developing new business ideas.



**Catalonia's total
employees**



**International
schools**



**Residents
born abroad**



**European city
in cultural venues
and facilities**

*A biodiverse territory of rivers and mountains, with over
32 km of high-quality beaches*

Barcelona is the only metropolis in Europe that can boast a major Mediterranean port, an international airport and a high-speed train line, all within a radius of 7 km

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Trade fair facilities

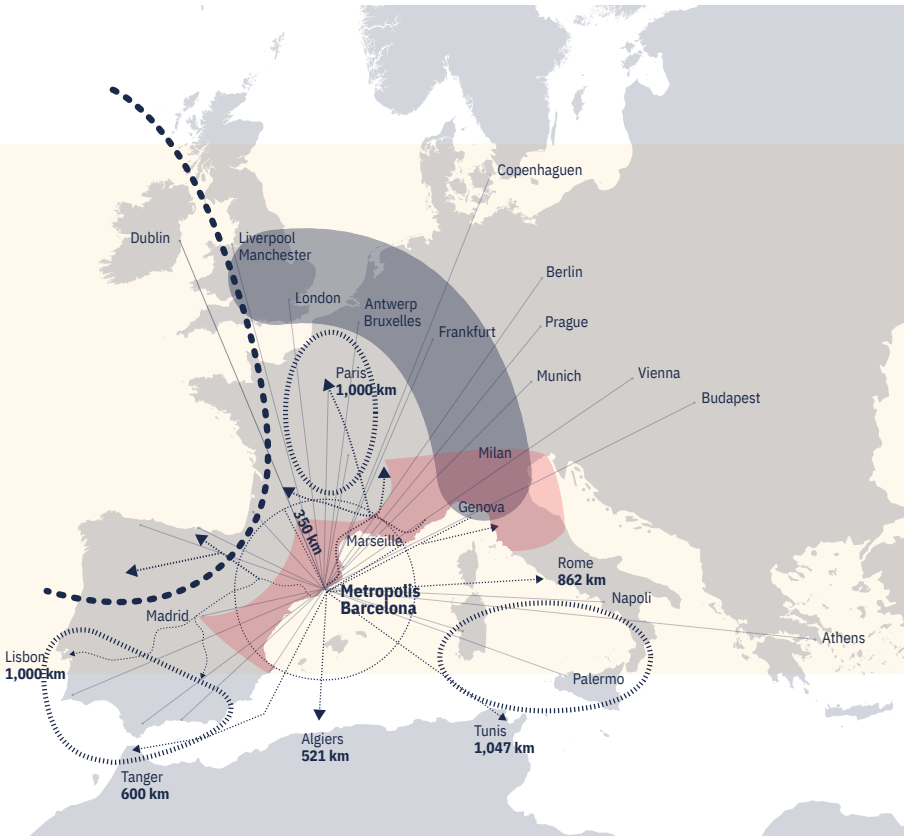
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Thousand m² free economic zone

Ever since Roman times, Barcelona has enjoyed the multiple advantages that come with its privileged location, thanks both to its easy access to the rest of Europe and to its Mediterranean port. The city could even be called Europe's Southern gate in light of the good connections to the rest of the world, thanks to the area's transport infrastructures.

The Catalan city is also strategically located along the Mediterranean Corridor, a route currently receiving the support of the European Union-funded Connecting Europe Facility programme.

Due to the proximity of the area's transport hubs to the city centre, as well as to the compact nature of the city, its high population density and the concentration of significant infrastructures on and around the Llobregat River Delta, none of the modes of passenger or commercial transport are located farther than 7 km from the city.

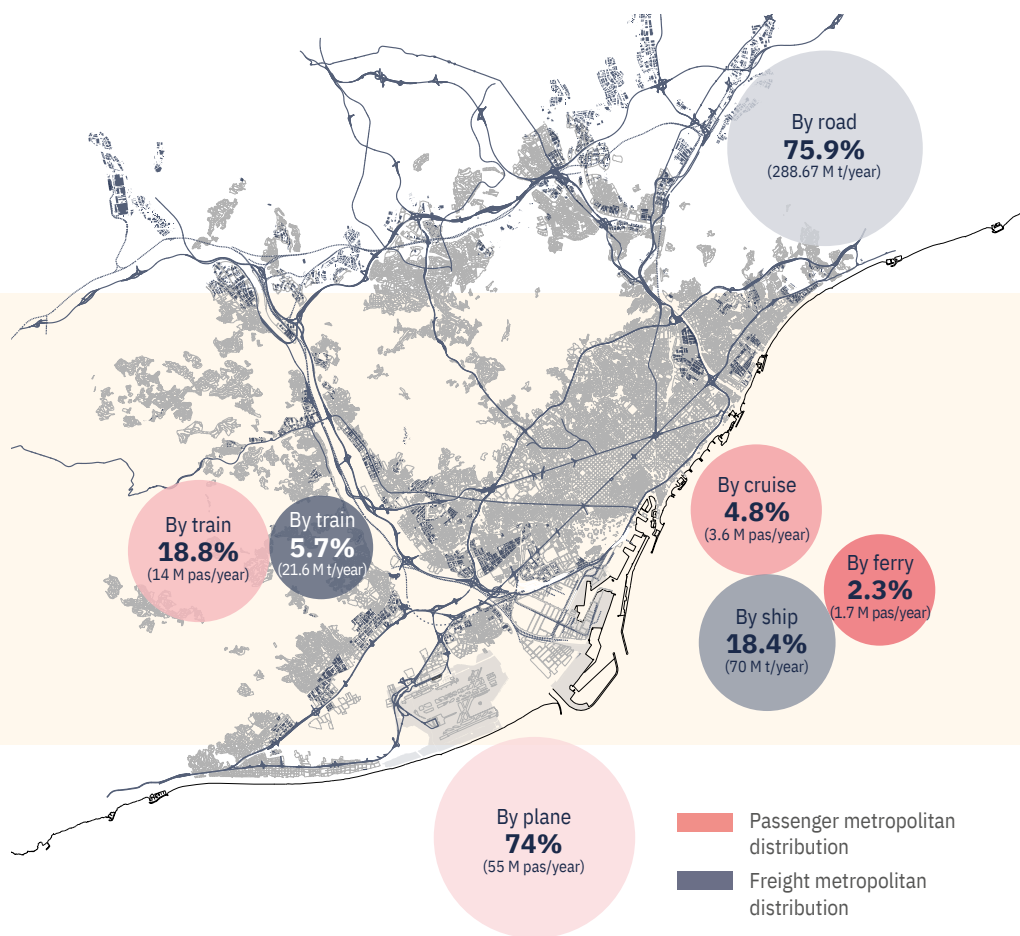
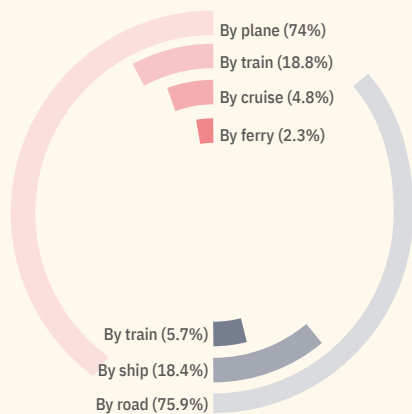


A metropolis open to the world



Regarding to transport of goods, the city is connected to the global economy by sea via the logistics port; by rail via conventional railroad; and by road via a comprehensive road and highway network, all of which help give shape to the metropolitan area.

The metropolis of Barcelona is easily accessible via land, sea and air to large and strategic markets: the European Union, the Mediterranean basin, Africa, the Middle East and Asia.



Regarding economic and transport infrastructures, Barcelona has within an area of 7 kilometers:

- An international airport and port
- A high speed train line
- More than 100 trade fair facilities
- A free economic zone covering a 160,000 m² area
- A major logistics platform over 285,000 m²



A destination for foreign investment



A city that is able to attract international talent, thanks to highly prestigious business schools and a powerful research hub of universities and hi-tech centres

The metropolis of Barcelona benefits from a long tradition of attracting foreign investment, which has become a major driving force to foster and promote the metropolitan economy and its competitiveness.

Barcelona is a pole of attraction for economic activity and continues to be positioned in the global context as an advanced, competitive city with good international reputation.

Barcelona has been chosen three consecutive years the European city with the best promotional and foreign direct investment strategy at the fDi Strategy Awards, highlighting its efficient infrastructures, entrepreneurial ecosystem, high-tech industry and its friendly business environment.

Barcelona and Catalonia achieved the highest level of foreign direct investment during the period 2018-

2022 with 20,312 M€. Catalonia is the 3rd European Region in workplaces created by foreign investment (2018-2022).

Catalonia was home to the offices of more than 9,600 foreign companies in 2024, mainly from Germany, France and the USA.

The quality of the infrastructure network and the geostrategic location of the urban area facilitate reaching out to potential markets, as well as establishing business services near their target markets

Several prestigious rankings attest the attractiveness of the Barcelona territory for foreign investment: according to fDi Intelligence, Barcelona was the first place among the main urban areas across Europe for attracting foreign investment projects in 2024.

Main urban areas in the world receiving international investment projects (Global Cities Investment Monitor 2023, KPMG)

Rank	City
1	Dubai
2	London
3	Singapore
4	Paris
5	Barcelona
6	New York
7	Berlin
8	Madrid
9	Bangalore
10	Amsterdam



Spanish exports come from companies located in Barcelona



European city in workplaces created by foreign investment



Foreign companies headquartered in Catalonia

The metropolis of Barcelona is the 5th urban area in Europe in foreign investment projects (KPMG, 2023)

A diversified economic activity destination

Metropolis Barcelona is now one of southern Europe's chief economic engines, a hub for logistics and a magnet for talent, a place that is open to business.

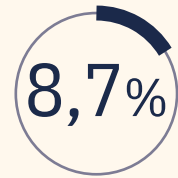
The metropolitan area of Barcelona hosts a range of actors engaged in technological innovation, and it is home to 52 % of Catalonia's creative activities and a large number of business clusters. Barcelona is considered the 8th European hub with the highest technological investment (State of European Tech 2024, Atomico), with more than 6.3 billion dollars invested during the 2015-2024 period.

There are 340 deep tech startups headquartered in Catalonia in 2024, with an annual growth of 6.3 %. Barcelona is also the 8th European city in healthtech startups and scaleups investment. Over 320 million euros were invested from 2021 to 2023 according to Dealroom.

Catalonia is the top region in Spain in terms of industrial development, reaching the 20.1 % of its gross added value (EU average 20.6 %), and the metropolitan area has a significant industrial sector, including competitive clusters, with 14 % of the working population employed in industry. The food sector, pharmaceutical-biotech industry, car production, paper and graphic arts, textiles and waste treatment are key sectors in the manufacturing industry.

Based on the Industry 4.0 and the circular economy, the new economic model that Barcelona develops is promoting innovative and efficient systems to transform the traditional industry towards a digital and green manufacturing.

The 8th European hub with the highest technological investment (State of European Tech 2024, Atomico)



of Catalonia's GDP comes from the biotech sector



European hub preferred for establishing startups (Startup Heatmap Europe, 2023)



European region by number of workers in high or mid-high technological companies



A privileged destination for tourism and business

A city devoted to services, a commercial environment with a wide range of small and medium-sized shops all around the city, with mixed uses and activities

Main cities in the world by number of international meetings (2023 ICCA)

Cities	Congresses
Paris	156
Singapore	152
Lisbon	151
Vienna	141
Barcelona	139
Prague	134
Rome	119
Madrid	109



55 million
airport passengers



15.5 million
tourists/year



+2.5 million
visitors at Fira de Barcelona

The metropolis of Barcelona provides both tourists and residents with a wide range of leisure options and is also a leading destination for business travellers. This successful growth in specialized business has come about thanks in part to more than 100 different facilities for the hosting of fairs and congresses that can be found all over the metropolitan area.

According to the 2024 TripAdvisor Travellers' Choice Award, Barcelona is named the 14th best world's destination.

Regarding business tourism, the International Congress and Convention Association (ICCA) ranks Barcelona as one of the top cities worldwide in terms of number of delegates and also the top city in number of international meetings organised in 2023 (+1,900).

Barcelona is a city with over a century of trade fair tradition. Fira de Barcelona yearly welcomes more than 2.5 million visitors from 200 countries and regions around the world, making it one of the most important trade fairs institutions in Europe. Its 400,000 m² of exhibition area, one of the largests in Europe, host international and prestigious shows and congresses, namely, the Mobile World Congress, Automobile Barcelona, Barcelona Building Construmat, Smart City Expo World Congress, Alimentaria or Integrated Systems Europe.



Investment opportunities in Metropolis Barcelona

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Areas to invest

27.6

Million m² land

11

Million m² total available floor area

Vallès Area

1,650,000 m²

850,000 m²

35,000 m²

Llobregat Area

550,000 m²

500,000 m²

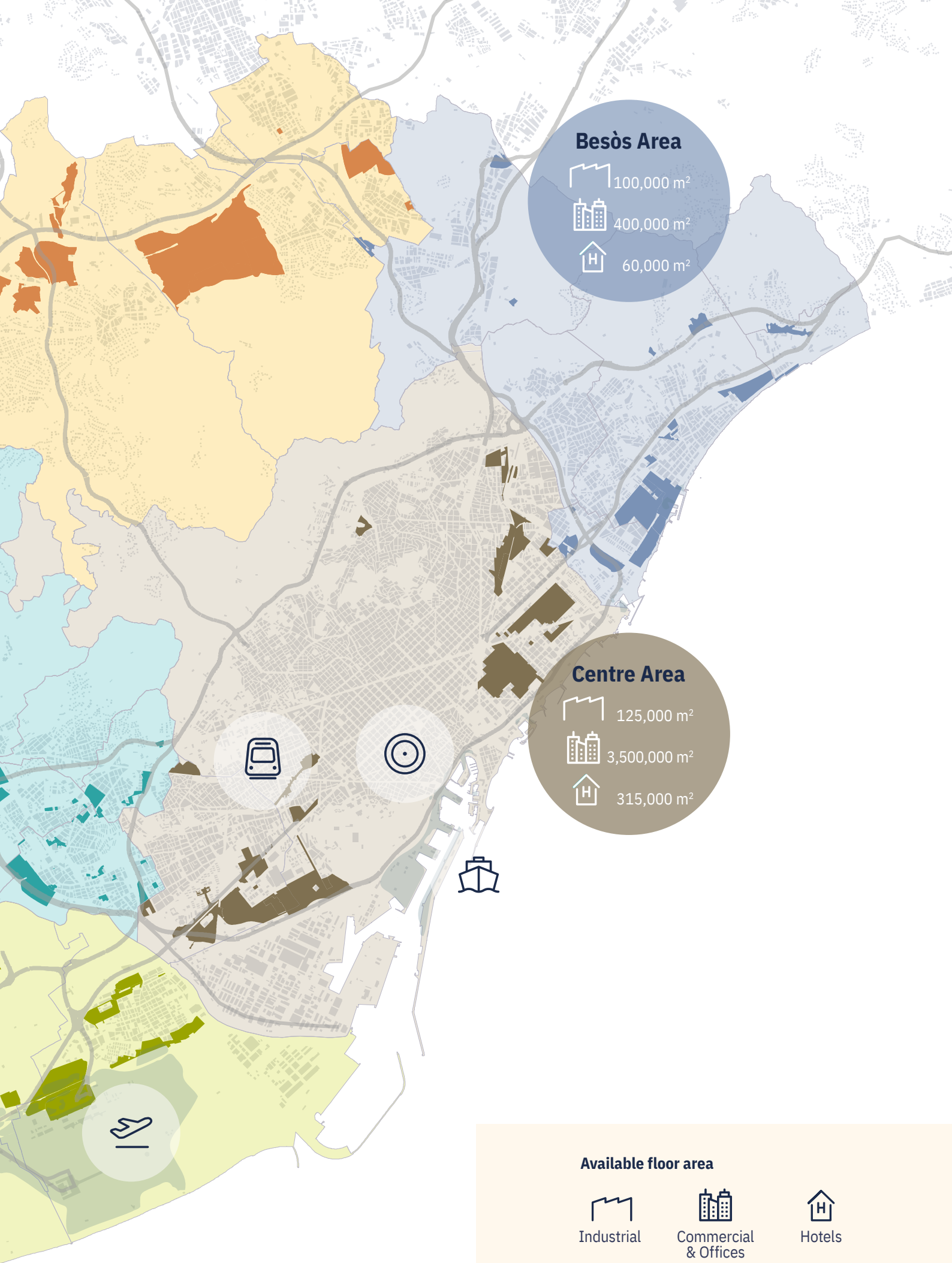
110,000 m²

Delta Area

1,100,000 m²

1,400,000 m²

140,000 m²



Besòs Area

- Industrial: 100,000 m²
- Commercial & Offices: 400,000 m²
- Hotels: 60,000 m²

Centre Area

- Industrial: 125,000 m²
- Commercial & Offices: 3,500,000 m²
- Hotels: 315,000 m²

Available floor area

- Industrial
- Commercial & Offices
- Hotels

Centre Area



This area comprises the cities of Barcelona and L'Hospitalet de Llobregat. It is home to highly diversified and internationalised companies, being the top location for corporate services and multinational head offices.

The main economic activities located in this area are pharmaceutical, automobile, creative, ICT and service industries.

Current top companies



Multinational corporation based in Plaça Europa in L'Hospitalet de Llobregat. The company mainly focuses its activity on the fashion and perfumery sector, and it owns internationally renowned fragrances and fashion brands. Puig has a worldwide presence and its products are distributed in more than 150 international markets.



French multinational corporation founded in Barcelona. It is considered a world leader in the food industry and it is present in more than 120 countries. Danone's brand portfolio includes several international brands with global awareness.

Other companies: Naturgy, Nissan, Basf, Schneider, Asics.



Land area



Floor area



Industrial



Commercial & Offices



Hotels








TBD To be defined



1






Barcelona

22@	
 1,982,700 m ²	
 1,943,777 m ² (1)	
 0 %	
 92 % (*)	
 TBD	
<p>Urban centrality Land for office investment Tech and creativity hub Time horizon: mid term</p>	

2

L'Hospitalet de Ll.

Sagrera	
 584,606 m ²	
 745,550 m ²	
 0 %	
 43 % (*)	
 18 %	
<p>New urban development in Barcelona High speed train station under construction Urban centrality Time horizon: mid term</p>	

Biopol - Granvia	
 958,621 m ²	
 556,418 m ²	
 0 %	
 100 % (*)	
 18 %	
<p>Consolidated economic district Land for offices and hotel investment Near to Fira de Barcelona Time horizon: short term</p>	

 3 km  22 km  1'

 5 km  26 km  1'

 8 km  10 km  1'

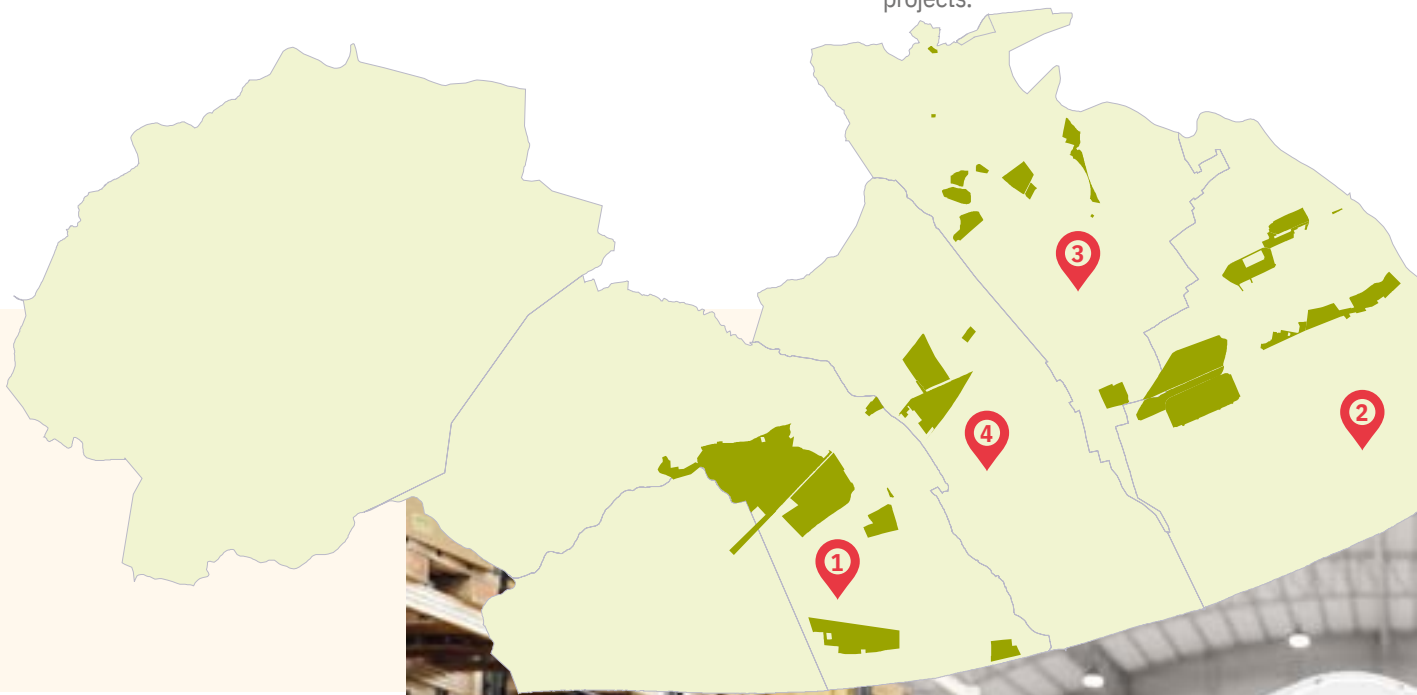
(*) Commercial and Offices may include hotel floor area

(1) 1.9 million m² (out of 3.6 million m²) to be developed through second level planning

Delta Area

Begues, Castelldefels, El Prat de Llobregat, Gavà, Sant Boi de Llobregat and Viladecans are the municipalities located in the Delta Area.

This area is extremely well connected both to the airport and to the city centre. During the last decade, its premium location has helped to attract industrial and logistics investment projects to the area. In addition, the Delta Area is very near to the coastline, and has the potential to attract hotel investment projects.



Current top companies

amazon

Globally well-known multinational corporation, they recently opened a logistics centre in El Prat de Llobregat. It is considered one of the top ten largest companies in the world and its business model has transformed the retail sector worldwide.



International Company headquartered in the Viladecans Business Park. They manufacture and distribute more than 400 brands and are present in more than 190 countries. Unilever ranks among the top ten companies in the FMGC industry.

Other companies: Pronovias, Estrella Damm, Nike, Desigual, etc.





Gavà

	Land area
	Floor area
	Industrial
	Commercial & Offices
	Hotels
TBD	To be defined

(*) Commercial and Offices may include hotel floor area

Els Joncs	
	746,467 m ²
	317,212 m ²
	70 %
	0 %
	0 %
Near an industrial zone Land for industrial and logistics investment Good transportation facilities Time horizon: mid term	

Pla de Ponent	
	1,865,429 m ²
	503,111 m ²
	0 %
	6 % (*)
	3 %
New urban development Land for the tertiary sector and residential investment Natural environment location Time horizon: immediately	

25 km 10 km 1'

20 km 12 km 1'



Sector Llevant Mar	
	117,710 m ²
	27,709 m ²
	0 %
	0 %
	11 %
Residential area next to the sea Land for hotel investment Time horizon: immediately	
20 km 7 km 2'	






-  Land area
-  Floor area
-  Industrial
-  Commercial & Offices
-  Hotels
- TBD** To be defined

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2 El Prat de Llobregat






Mas Blau II

	744,541 m ²
	436,544 m ²
	65 %
	35 % (*)
	2 %

Near the airport
 Land for industrial and the tertiary sector investment
 Diversification of economic activities
 Time horizon: immediately

 13 km  3 km  1'

Polígon Industrial Enkalene






	231,674 m ²
	356,819 m ²
	35 %
	65 % (*)
	3 %

New urban development
 Land for the tertiary sector and residential investment
 Natural environment location
 Time horizon: short term

 11 km  4 km  1'

3 Sant Boi de Llobregat

Antic Híper

	134,960 m ²
	60,000 m ²
	50 %
	50 %
	0 %

Near the airport
 Land for offices and industrial investment
 Good transport connection
 Time horizon: mid term

 15 km  5 km  1'



4

Viladecans

Ca N'Alemany

13,060 m²

28,667 m²

0 %

100 % (*)

24 %

Land for economic activities

Near to retail services

Time horizon: immediately

17 km 8 km 1'

Illa A

20,262 m²

26,667 m²

0 %

100 %

0 %

Office building development

Green areas and digital ecosystem

Time horizon: mid term

16 km 7 km 1'

PMU1 Polígon Centre

56,336 m²

56,336 m²

21 %

69 %

10 %

Mixed-use sector (industrial, offices and retail)

Hotel investment opportunities

Time horizon: mid term

17 km 8 km 7'

Can Gavarrot

185,756 m²

82,040 m²

29 %

29 %

0 %

Land for sports investment

Urban proximity

Sports grounds already built

Time horizon: mid term

15 km 13 km 8'

Sector Llevant

132,288 m²

54,151 m²

34 %

19 % (*)

14 %

Land for industrial, the tertiary sector and residential investment

Near to an urban developed zone

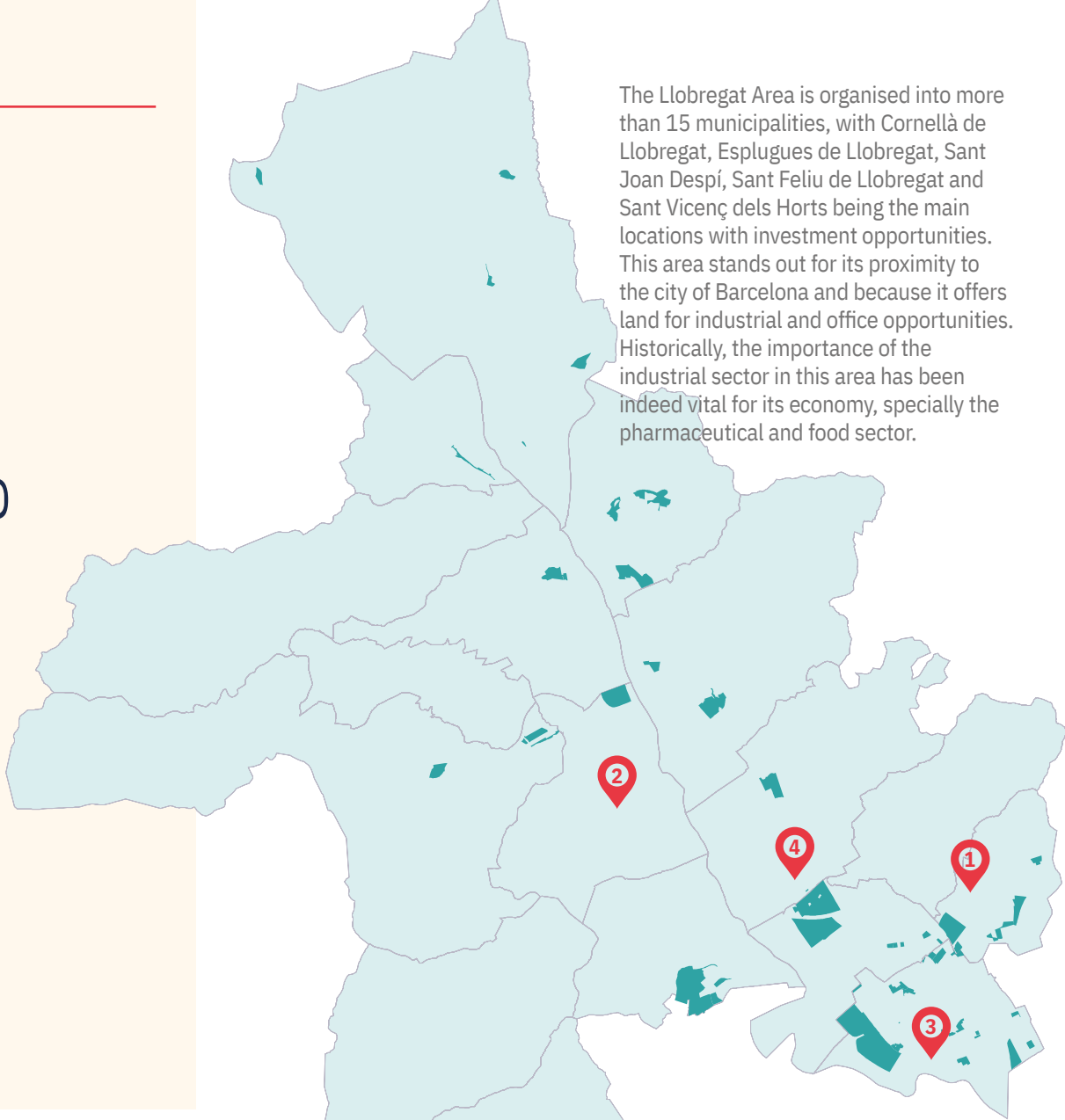
Good accessibility

Time horizon: mid term

14 km 11 km 1'

Llobregat Area

The Llobregat Area is organised into more than 15 municipalities, with Cornellà de Llobregat, Esplugues de Llobregat, Sant Joan Despí, Sant Feliu de Llobregat and Sant Vicenç dels Horts being the main locations with investment opportunities. This area stands out for its proximity to the city of Barcelona and because it offers land for industrial and office opportunities. Historically, the importance of the industrial sector in this area has been indeed vital for its economy, specially the pharmaceutical and food sector.



Current top companies



Food and beverage corporation based in Esplugues de Llobregat. Nestlé is present in 190 markets around the world and it owns more than 2,000 international brands. It is considered the world's largest food and beverage company.



Pharmaceutical company with different manufacturing plants and offices established throughout the metropolitan area and abroad. The Almirall Research and Development centre is headquartered in Sant Feliu de Llobregat.

Other companies: Bayer, Pepe Jeans, Ingram Micro, Ferrer.



Esplugues de Llobregat

Porta Barcelona

13,496 m²

85,515 m²

0 %

100 % (*)

4 %

Urban project under development
Land for the service sector and residential investment
Near Barcelona city centre
Time horizon: short term

8 km

15 km

1'



Sant Vicenç dels Horts

Pla de Ricard

120,462 m²

192,739 m²

100 %

0 %

0 %

Near transportation links
Land for logistics investment
Time horizon: immediately






19 km









20 km

1'

3

Cornellà de Llobregat

Ribera-Salines	
	539,814 m ²
	539,814 m ²
	0 %
	15 %
	0 %
Urban development project Residential area and public infrastructures Time horizon: mid term	
	14 km
	15 km
	1'

Fira de Cornellà	
	23,403 m ²
	42,400 m ²
	0 %
	80 %
	20 %
New business and technologic campus Located in a dynamic business area Time horizon: mid term	
	13 km
	15 km
	1'

4

Sant Feliu de Llobregat

Torrent del Duc Sud	
	106,000 m ²
	35,000 m ²
	100 %
	0 % (*)
	0 %
New industrial business park Central location Time horizon: short term	
	15 km
	21 km
	6'

Soterrament	
	71,853 m ²
	56,444 m ²
	0 %
	15 % (*)
	0 %
Large urban development project New residential area with public facilities and economic activity Time horizon: mid term	
	12 km
	18 km
	1'

	Land area
	Floor area
	Industrial
	Commercial & Offices
	Hotels
TBD	To be defined

(*) Commercial and Offices may include hotel floor area



Vallès Area



Current top companies



Tech multinational corporation headquartered in Sant Cugat del Vallès. This campus is home to the company's largest Research and Development lab outside of the US, and it is the global centre for its 3D printing business.



Cosmetics and skincare company founded in Barcelona, located in Cerdanyola del Vallès. It has products available in more than 40 countries and is known worldwide for its focus on innovation and quality. It is a leader in the high-end market.

Other companies: Ricoh, King, Epson, Garmin, Novartis, Stradivarius.

This area, located to the north-west of the city of Barcelona, is organised into 5 municipalities, with Sant Cugat del Vallès, Cerdanyola del Vallès and Barberà del Vallès having the bulk of investment opportunities. This area's added value is the fact that it is home to prestigious universities, international research centres, tech clusters and large international companies.

The Vallès Area has a highly diversified economy and potential for offices and retail investment projects.

	Land area
	Floor area
	Industrial
	Commercial & Offices
	Hotels
TBD	To be defined

(*) Commercial and Offices may include hotel floor area




1

Barberà del Vallès

Fàbrica Capella

 14,660 m²

 15,144 m²

 0 %

 100 %

 0 %


Urban planning under development
Former factory building
Land for service sector investment
Time horizon: mid term


 18 km  33 km  3'

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Cerdanyola del Vallès

Parc de l'Alba

 3,788,594 m²

 2,137,283 m²

 65 %

 8 % (*)

 1 %


Near the main transportation infrastructures
Land for offices and hotel investment
Next to Syncrothon Alba, universities and research centres
Time horizon: immediately

 21 km  35 km  1'

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Sant Cugat del Vallès

Can Sant Joan

 493,494 m²

 172,330 m²

 0 %

 100 % (*)

 TBD

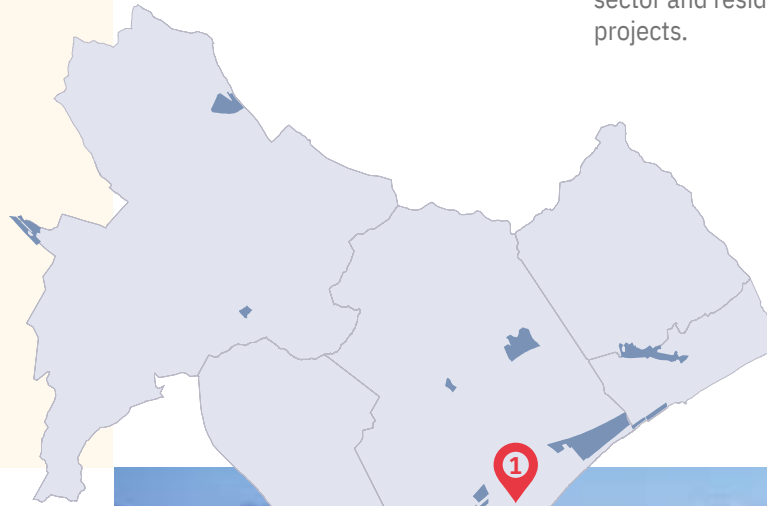
Near the main transportation infrastructures
Land for offices and hotel investment
Near to universities and research centres
Time horizon: mid term

 18 km  32 km  1'

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Besòs Area

This area is organised into 6 municipalities and it is located towards the north-east of Barcelona. Badalona and Sant Adrià de Besòs are the main foreign investment destinations in the Besòs Area. It shares industrial and tertiary zones with Barcelona, and the urban development project Pla Besòs is intended to reshape the Besòs riverside, transforming the area into a new metropolitan hub. This area offers opportunities for industry, the tertiary sector and residential investment projects.



Current top companies



International company with headquarters in tional business group AVIC, a leading technological and aeronautical corporation.



Food distribution company present in the main European markets. They have a logistics centre in Montcada i Reixac and the head office for the Spanish market.

Other companies: Grup Cacaolat, Bombardier, Federal Mogul, Grup Menarini, etc.



Badalona

239,491 m ²
282,694 m ²
0 %
12 % (*)
TBD
Marina location Land for the services sector and residential investment Time horizon: immediately

12 km

29 km

1'



Sant Adrià de Besòs

2,616 m ²
7,200 m ²
0 %
0 % (*)
100 %
Well connected to the 22@ and the future Media City Last plot available Time horizon: immediately

9 km

24 km

1'

Tres Xemeneies

323,530 m ²
285,120 m ²
0 %
35 %
0 %
Conversion of an iconic industrial building Future development area for housing and IT activities Time horizon: mid term

10 km

25 km

1'



Land area



Floor area



Industrial



Commercial & Offices



Hotels

TBD

To be defined

(*) Commercial and Offices may include hotel floor area

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