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### Quarterly comment

The rental revenue for East Capital Baltic Property Fund for the financial year 2023/24 amounted to EUR 4.68m and increased by 1.6% compared to the financial year 2022/23 (ending 30 June 2023). The average rent across the portfolio for the financial year 2023/24 was EUR 7.4/sqm/mo.

The vacancy level for the fund portfolio stands at 12% at the financial year end in June 2024. Occupancy has improved partly due to sales of Metal B building (fully vacant) and Jewe Furniture house (vacancy ~26%) in April 2024 and partly due to improved occupancy in Tänassilma warehouse/logistics property.

Furniture retailer Evelekt, previously renting 1,134 sqm for short-term period in Tänassilma warehouse/logistics property, has now signed a 5-years lease agreement for 2,662 sqm. ELP Logistics lease agreement in the same Tänassilma industrial park will mature at the end of October 2024, after which they will relocate to a new built-to-suit office and industrial complex. New lease agreement with logistics company Kaubaekspress for the current ELP Logistics building is now signed. Kaubaekspress will rent 7,243 sqm, leaving 1,058 sqm of office premises vacant (representing 13% of buildings area/ 8% of total area).

Tallinn Seaport Hotel turnover for the financial year 2023/24 amounted to EUR 0.81m, being +5.4% higher compared to financial year 2022/23. On top of the base rent, a semi-annual turnover rent component was added both in December 2023 and June 2024. Turnover rent component forms 35% of total annual rent (30% in 2022/23).

Vacancy rate in Aiandi 13, B-class office complex in Tallinn, will increase in July 2024 to over 20% due to Linn Systems leaving (9% of GLA). Linn Systems has been a longstanding occupant in Aiandi 13, however now decided to move to city centre to provide its employees with enhanced facilities.

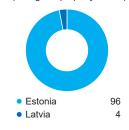
Jõhvi Tsentraal upgrade project is now near its completion, with Swedbank regional office and retail branch opening planned in the end of August 2024. After commissioning of Swedbank premises, Jõhvi Tsentraal will operate with all time low vacancy of ca 3%.

Construction works in Kerese commercial centre in Narva are proceeding as planned, with estimated opening of the new Gym! sports club in autumn 2024.



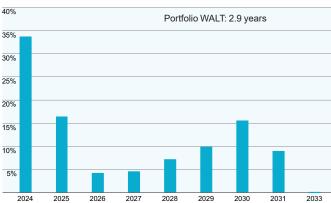
# Country Allocation





## Top 10 tenants of the fund

Tenant	Sector	Property	Share of total rent
Maxima Eesti	Wholesale and	Aiandi 13 office /	11%
	retail trade	Jõhvi Tsentraal	
ELP Logistics	Logistics	Tänassilma industrial	9%
Tallinn Seaport Hotel	Accommodation	Seaport hotel	8%
Selver	Wholesale and	Jewe shopping	7%
	retail trade	centre	
Baltic Defence & Technology	Defence industry	Metal industrial	5%
Broadcom CA Estonia	Professional	Aiandi 13 office	4%
	services		
Estonian Unemployment	Public sector	Kerese centre	3%
Insurance Fund			
Paulig Estonia	Food industry	Aiandi 13 office	3%
LPP Estonia	Wholesale and	Jõhvi Tsentraal	2%
	retail trade		
Jysk Linnen'n Furniture	Wholesale and retail trade	Jõhvi Tsentraal	2%
Total			54%



### Lease maturity

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## **Financial overview**

The Net Asset Value of East Capital Baltic Property Investors AB was EUR 311.43 as of 30 June 2024, decreasing by 10.14% during the quarter and by 6.23% yearto-date for the financial year 2023/2024. The Net Asset Value decreased mainly due to negative reappraisal of the property portfolio at financial year end. The operational Net Asset Value increase, excluding the negative revaluation change, the investment cost and the loss from sale of properties, amounts to 5.13% for the financial year 2023/24.

At financial year end in June 2024, an external portfolio reappraisal for the property portfolio was carried out, resulting in EUR 1.43m decrease in the fair value of the Fund's properties (equivalent to -2.7%) compared to the previous external reappraisal in June 2023. The fair value decrease was mostly caused by the negative changes in the market through higher exit yield and discount rate assumptions. In some properties, appraisal was also negatively affected by more conservative view on the local market (properties in Eastern Estonia) and B-class office market (Aiandi 13 office building).

The decrease in NAV was also affected by the investment works of the Jöhvi Tsentraal commercial centre, Kerese centre and Aiandi 13 office building, as the costs carried out during the year were reflected in the Fund's income statement as of financial year-end. The investment works totalled EUR 1.9m during the 2023/24 financial year, out of which EUR 1.7m are related to Jöhvi Tsentraal. In the external appraisal, the Jöhvi Tsentraal property value increased by 16.5% y-o-y as a result of increased occupancy and rental income after the reconstruction. In Kerese centre external appraisal, property value is negatively affected by the currently ongoing investment works and the full extent of the upgrade is yet to be reflected in the property value once new sports club is operational.

The Fund's rental income for the financial year 2023/2024 was EUR 4.68m. The rental income y-o-y increased the most in Jõhvi Tsentraal as renovation is now mostly completed and new leases are in force and in Tallinn Seaport Hotel as higher turnover rent has been invoiced.

The Fund's direct expenses include the above-mentioned investment cost of EUR 1.91m and the loss from sales of Metal B building and Jewe Furniture house in total 0.24m. Excluding these costs, the operational gross profit amounts to EUR 3.13m.

The fund's net profit concluded at EUR -1.95m. The net profit includes the revaluation loss of EUR 1.43m.

The fund's portfolio value stands at EUR 52.94m following the annual reappraisals in June 2024. The loan-to-value of the EPF Neli syndicate loan is 47% as of 30 June 2024, considering only Estonian properties as collaterals as per the loan agreement.

## Net Asset Value 30 June 2024

#### East Capital Baltic Property Investors AB SE0011788439

NAV (EUR)	% 3 months	% YTD	% Since inception*
311.43	-10.14	-6.23	14.57
*including dividend pa	ayments		



## **Fund Summary**

	30 Jun 2024	30 Jun 2023
	EUR '000	EUR '000
Fair value of portfolio	52,639	56,312
Other assets	2,662	2,341
Liabilities	-25,336	-26,737
TOTAL NET ASSET VALUE	29,965	31,916
Net Asset Value East Capital Baltic Property		
Investors AB	311.43	332.11

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# Financials

EUR'000

Earnings per share - Ordinary shares

# Statement of Comprehensive Income of East Capital Baltic Property Fund AB, unaudited for the period in EUR'000

	Jul 2023 - Jun 2024	Jul 2022 - Jun 2023
Revenue	4,677	4,602
Direct expenses	-2,583	-4,029
Gross profit	2,094	573
Administrative expenses	-871	-905
Other operating income/expenses	-240	-
Unrealised changes in value of investment properties	-1,433	-1,103
Operating profit/loss	-450	-1,435
Interest income	37	4
Interest expenses	-1,525	-1,051
Profit/loss before income tax	-1,938	-2,482
Income tax	-12	-500
NET PROFIT FOR THE YEAR	-1,950	-2,982
Earnings per share - Ordinary shares	-353,70	-541,20

Statement of Financial Position of East Capital Baltic Property
Fund AB, unaudited in EUR'000

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TOTAL ASSETS	55,301	58,653
Total current assets	2,657	2,335
Cash and cash equivalents	1,934	1,694
Accrued income and prepaid expenses	140	93
Other receivables	391	313
Account receivables - trade	192	235
Current assets		

### EQUITY AND LIABILITIES

Equity		
Share capital	17	17
Other paid-in capital	38,217	23,860
Retained earnings	-6,319	11,021
Profit/loss for the period	-1,950	-2,982
TOTAL EQUITY	29,965	31,916

### Liabilities

Jul 2022 -

Jun 2023

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Total non-current liabilities	23,213	24,902
Other liabilities	387	498
Interest-bearing liabilities	22,826	24,404
Non-current liabilities		

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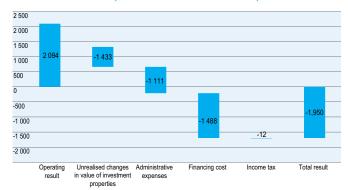
Statement of Comprehensive Income of East Capital

Baltic Property Investors AB (publ), unaudited for the period in

Jul 2023 -

Jun 2024

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#### Economic overview

In 4Q 2023 GDP (in real terms) decreased in all Baltic countries in a y-o-y basis. The GDP of Estonia fell by 2.7% y-o-y (mainly due to dampening effect of energy sector, manufacturing, professional, scientific and technical activities, transportation and storage) and by 0.5% y-o-y in Latvia (driven transportation and storage and manufacturing). The GDP of Lithuania declined by 0.2% y-o-y, driven by manufacturing.

Average annual inflation in March 2024 is remaining under 2% target in Latvia and Lithuania, 1.0% and 0.4% accordingly according to estimates. In Estonia, according to estimate the inflation stood at 4.1% in March 2024.

In 4Q 2023 the average monthly gross earnings grew by 11.6% y-o-y in Latvia, 11.1% in Lithuania and 9.7% in Estonia. As of February 2024, the highest registered unemployment rate of the country's working age population was recorded in Estonia (7.7%) and Lithuania (7.4%), the lowest in Latvia (6.9%).

### Real estate market

#### Investment market

Estonian investment market started the year with significant activity with total volume amounting to EUR 250m in 1Q 2024. 1Q 2024 saw the closure of three large-scale deals – after granting approval from the Estonian Competitive Authority, Kapitel became the majority shareholder of Viru Keskus (Pontos Group sold its 72% share). Mainor Ülemiste acquired 51% Technopolis Ülemiste shares and became the sole developer of Ülemiste City and simultaneously, the largest office owner in Tallinn. Additionally, East Capital Real Estate Fund IV acquired fully leased J13 logistics park (40,000 sqm) in Tänassilma for EUR 40m.

In 1Q 2024, investment volume in commercial real estate in Latvia slightly exceeded EUR 40m. There were few notable, however, small-scale transactions: Hili Properties sold a retail unit on Dzelzavas street anchored by Rimi & MyFitness to local investor; NPD Logistics Solutions warehouse was also acquired by local company for EUR 6 million and Royal Casino SPA & Resort Hotel on Terbatas street was acquired by foreign company for EUR 5.5m Largescale deals faced challenges as buyer yields expectations continue exceeding sellers' ones. Prime yields remained stable facing limited market evidence.

Lithuanian investment market activity in 1Q 2024 remained considerably low. Lords LB completed the acquisition of the Technopolis Ozas office campus (106,000 sqm) after receiving approval from the Lithuanian Competition Authority. It was the largest commercial real estate transaction in all Baltic countries in 2023. The latest notable transaction in Q1 included the sale of the lbis Style hotel building by Modus Group to Addere for reconstruction into a nursing home. Yields remained stable, causing the slowdown in activity as investors are still looking for more attractive alternatives.

#### Office segment

Development in the Tallinn office market remains constantly active with total GLA reaching 92,600 sqm (10 projects) under construction in March 2024. 1Q 2024 saw the completion of Roseni Maja and Maakri HUB, adding over 17,000 sqm of office space to CBD area. Vacancy continued to trend upwards (exceeding

the 9% threshold in the Class A and 10.5% threshold in Class B1), driven by new supply as well as current and planned relocation of tenants to newer and/ or smaller and more affordable premises. Hidden vacancy started to reshape to physical one, thus negatively affecting occupancy rate in all type and class of buildings.

1Q 2024 in Riga started with three new commencements, Novira Plaza in city centre, Arcada in Purvciems district and one building in the Skanstes City project. 69,300 sqm of office leasable space remains under construction, of which almost half is set to be completed by year-end. Take-up activity remains in line with expectations, totalling almost to 10,000 sqm. Prospective tenants prioritize new, Class A buildings, but options within available projects are becoming limited. With new buildings entering the market, total vacancy trends upwards. As the office segment remains tenant-led, growth in the rental market remain slow and "good offers" tend to persist.

New office stock under development in Vilnius exceeds 115,000 sqm and 32,000 sqm is set to be completed in 2024. There is a notable rise in the number of tenants started to search for different lease options, signalling a potentially active year ahead in the lease market. Space optimization and better-quality remain the main demand drivers. Class B premises are meeting a growing vacancy. To remain competitive, owners and operators will likely need to invest in repair and refurbishment in near term to ensure relevance in the competitive landscape, maintain high occupancy levels as well as to enhance the overall appeal and functionality.

#### **Retail segment**

Colliers

Development market in Tallinn region remains driven only by the activity in the grocery segment. In addition to Selver that will become the second grocery anchor in the Rocca al Mare SC, Lidl signed agreement to occupy ca 2,200 sqm of ground floor space and become the second grocery anchor in the T1 Centre. As a result, vacant stock in both shopping centres has remarkably decreased. Retailers indicate anticipated decrease in footfall and sales in the beginning of the year, significantly affecting ability of several tenants (e.g. retailers of furniture, home goods) to pay rent and thus, adding continual pressure on rental levels and forcing tenants to adjust and optimize / close non-profitable stores.

Riga shopping centres continue to struggle to reach pre-Covid footfall figures, while turnover growth still comes mostly from the inflation. The postpandemic hybrid work options have led to a heightened demand for retail services in regions, therefore increasing interest from discount, fashion and sports brands. New openings expected in April include Douglas and Komforts store in SC Saga and IKEA branch store in Liepaja. Grocery operators, especially small local brands, continue to actively acquire land plots and properties, mostly also in the regions.

Retail developers in Vilnius are directing their attention towards convenience centres and small retail parks. The grocery operators have initiated a trend of downsizing their current shops. Meanwhile, fast fashion retailers are intensifying their expansion efforts, not only within major cities but also targeting secondary and smaller cities. Polish brand Half Price entered the market and made its debut at SC Vilnius Outlet at the end of March. Major shopping malls are experiencing almost zero vacancy rates. Conversely, older and outdated concept shopping centres are witnessing a slight increase in vacancies.

#### Industrial segment

The industrial segment remains active in Tallinn region with a total area of 170,680 sqm (31 projects) under construction in March 2024. 1Q 2024 saw the completion of 6 B-t-S projects with total GLA ca 36,800 sqm. Several larger tenants are looking for options due to planned expansion and/or relocation, although lease negotiations require lot of efforts and significantly longer period. The pace of stock-office projects development remains also notable with almost 36,000 sqm (10 projects) under construction. Vacancy rates continue to remain considerably low, although slightly growing to 3.5%.

Riga development market remains active with around 124,000 sqm under construction. Green Park (stage IV) and BTS Pet Baltija (stage I) by Piche were commissioned during 1Q 2024, increasing industrial stock in Riga region by 24,600 sqm. Demand for newly built industrial and warehouse premises remains high with new projects reaching high pre-lease figures. As a result, vacancy levels are low and continue to decrease. Rent rates in Riga remain stable, averaging EUR 4.5-5.5/sqm. Stock-office rent rates currently reach the level of Class B2 office premises rather than being closer to industrial rent levels.

Vilnius in 1Q 2024 saw a significant volume (exceeding 125,000 sqm)) of BTO project added to the market, predominantly driven by completion of two large-scale logistics centres developed by Maxima and Lidl. Vacancy rates are continuously very low, with a marginal decrease recoded during the quarter. Prime rents have remained stable, ranging from EUR 5.0-5.5/sqm. Stock-office market is also experiencing rapid developments, around 45,000 sqm is expected to be added in the market during 2024. Stock-office rent rates remain stable, ranging from EUR 9-12/sqm.

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