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South Georgian Core, Dublin









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Georgian Buildings Overview

Dublin's south Georgian core comprises the areas within Merrion Square, Fitzwilliam Square and St. Stephen's Green, along with immediately adjoining streets. The area is dominated by business users with relatively few buildings currently in residential use.

Over the years, demand for period buildings in Dublin's south Georgian core has fluctuated. Given the size of the buildings, averaging 3,000 to 5,000 sq ft (net), demand traditionally came from professional services practices (such as legal, medical and accounting firms) that required office headquarters in Dublin 2. From the early to mid-2000s, additional demand came from those wanting to re-establish the original residential use and occupy the properties as private homes.

In 2005 / 2006, the prevailing sales price of these period buildings with vacant possession (VP) ranged between $\[mathebox{\ensuremath{\mathfrak{e}}}\]$ 1,000 and $\[mathebox{\ensuremath{\mathfrak{e}}}\]$ 1,600 psf. This depended on the features and condition of the building and also whether there was a mews building or site to the rear. Where the original garden was included in a sale, either developed with a mews building or used for surface car parking, the property was considered more valuable.

The top price achieved for a Georgian building was in June 2007 when 90 Merrion Square was sold by the FAI for €1,940 psf. This totalled €9m and included an extensive garden to the rear.

Between 2008 and 2011 there was little or no demand for Georgian buildings. Onerous conservation and building control policies for protected structures and the quantity of alternative modern accommodation at more favourable rates, resulted in the previous demand for these buildings depleting. Furthermore, due to the collapse of the residential market, there was also no demand to convert properties back to residential use.

In 2012, a revival of interest began from both commercial and residential owner-occupiers. That year, there were three VP sales, the lower two at €144 psf and €246 psf respectively. The other sale was at a much higher rate, at €442 psf. This property received a premium due to the fact that it was in residential use and in excellent condition.

In 2013, the number of transactions increased on the previous year with seven VP sales recorded. The prices achieved ranged between €133 psf and €337 psf. The property at the lowest end of the range was in need of significant refurbishment and did not include a mews, while those at the upper end were in excellent condition and had car parking spaces attached.

In the first half of 2016, five Georgian properties with vacant possession have sold. Achieved prices ranged from €489 psf to €574 psf. The lowest level achieved has no car parking while the sale with the highest rate has a lift, a significant number of car parking spaces and offers very good residential conversion potential.

Current market conditions mean that there is an opportunity for those who own similar Georgian properties and are considering a sale. They can capitalise on the favourable market sentiment and achieve strong prices.





Vacant Possession Sales

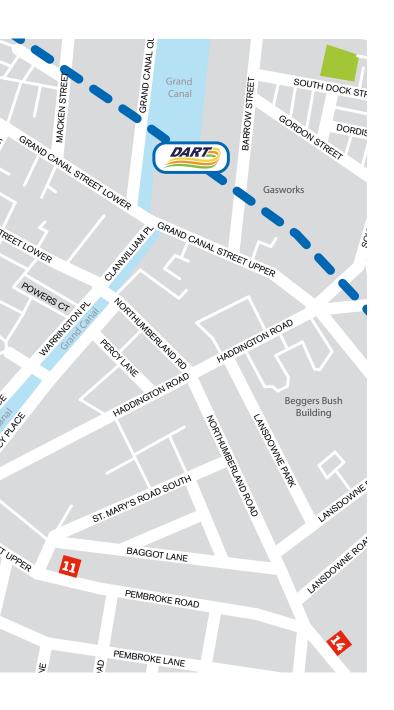
Please note that the list of properties detailed opposite relate to vacant possession sales only. There have also been additional investment sales (i.e. where a tenant occupies the property under a lease agreement) over the period, but these have been disregarded for the purpose of this report. There are some exceptions to this, which comprise 4, 47 & 32 Mount Street Upper; 6 & 12 Merrion Square; 19 & 24 Fitzwilliam Place; 4 & 29/30 & 43 Fitzwilliam Square; 8 Upper Fitzwilliam Street; 62 Lower Baggot Street and 10 Herbert Street. With these properties there was short-term income was in place at the time of sale and as such can be overlooked in this instance.

Some sales listed opposite include mews sites and/or buildings, while others just comprise the period buildings with no rear access. Consequently, the prices achieved vary based on these factors as well as others such as the condition of the property, whether it is located on a square, whether it benefits from car parking, if a lift is in place, etc. To reflect this, we have provided a key to the sales as follows:

- A Price includes fully undeveloped mews site to the rear
- B Price includes mews building to the rear
- C Price includes mews part developed with building and part undeveloped site to the rear
- D Price includes part of the mews site adjacent to the building with the rear part of the mews in separate ownership and excluded
- E Entire mews in separate ownership and not included in the sale



2012				
1	65 Baggot Street Lower	€246	В	
2	24 Fitzwilliam Square	€442	Е	
3	10 Herbert Place	€144	Α	
2013				
4	40 Fitzwilliam Place	€202	С	
5	95 Merrion Square	€133	Ε	
6	2 Fitzwilliam Street Upper		Ε	
7	17 Fitzwilliam Square	€214	С	
8	66 Merrion Square	€320	С	
9	10 Fitzwilliam Square	€211	Ε	
10	9 Merrion Square	€337	D	



2014					
11	10 Pembroke Road	€255	Е		
12	47 Mount Street Upper	€561	Α		
13	6 Merrion Square	€182	Е		
14	85 Pembroke Road	€478	Α		
15	40 Fitzwilliam Square	€347	D		
16	42 Fitzwilliam Place	€299	D		
17	14 Mount Street Upper	€315	В		
18	2 Fitzwilliam Square	€492	Е		
19	38 Fitzwilliam Place	€237	D		
20	19 Fitzwilliam Place	€387	D		
21	29/30 Fitzwilliam Square	€313	С		
22	23 Herbert Place	€311			
23	4 Fitzwilliam Square	€288	E		
24	104 Baggot Street Lower	€268	В		
25	17 Mount Street Upper	€543	С		
26	63 Mount Street Lower	€347	E		
27	56 Fitzwilliam Square	€457	E		
28	12 Merrion Square	€393	D		
29	62 Lower Baggot Street	€280	C		
30	4 Mount Street Upper	€754			
31	8 Upper Fitzwilliam Street	€360	В		
	2015				
32	47Merrion Square	€372	С		
33	40 Lower Baggot Street	€411	В		
34	63 Lower Leeson Street	€463	D		
35	53 Merrion Square	€445	D		
36	4 Pembroke Street Lower	€680	В		
37	10 Herbert Street	€322	В		
38	43 Fitzwilliam Square	€568	A		
39	95 Merrion Square	€491	E		
40	30 Fitzwilliam Street Upper 13 Fitzwilliam Street Upper	€354 €370	E C		
42	32 Mount Street Upper	€370	C		
43	19-22 Lower Baggot Street (The Baggot Buildings)	€307	D		
	2016				
44	75 Merrion Square, Dublin 2	€574	D		
45	8 Upper Fitzwilliam St., Dublin 2	€559	В		
46	46 Upper Mount Street	€512	D		
47	17 Merrion Square	€489	А		
48	40 Fitzwilliam Square	€508	D		

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