# Retail Facts Finland 2018

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## Chapter I Finland OVERVIEW

## **Well-performing** stable Nordic country

## A member of the European Union and the only Nordic country in the Eurozone

The Nordic region continues to outperform the rest of Europe in rankings. All Nordic countries are ranked in the **top IO best countries in the world** for doing business and the region's residents are among the happiest and the wealthiest.

## **KEY FACTS FINLAND**

Population 2017	5.5 million
GDP per capita 2017	EUR 40,544
GDP growth 2017	<b>2.6</b> %
GDP growth 2018 (f)*	2.8 %
Inflation (Mar 2018)	0.8 %
Unemployment rate (Mar 2018)	8.8%
Disposable income per capita 2016	EUR 22,490
Retail sales 2016	EUR 45,600 million
Retail sales growth 2017	<b>2.5</b> %
F&B sales 2016	EUR 6,200 million
F&B sales growth 2017	<b>5.9</b> %
Retail and F&B sales per capita 2016	EUR 9,400
Corporate tax rate	20 %

**Source:** Statistics Finland, \*EU



# **GDP growth** forecasted to be the **highest in the Nordics**

#### **Economy is boosting again**

Finland's GDP per capita is 36 % above the EU average. Within the recent years, the economy has entered a new growth phase. Finland's GDP grew by 2.6 % in 2017, faster than that of the other Nordic countries and hitting **one of the highest growth rates in Europe.** 

The current growth is broadly based and well balanced with exports, private consumption and investments all increasing, which is expected to continue in 2018.

Finland's economy is **consistently being ranked as one of the most competitive economies in the world** by the World Economic Forum.

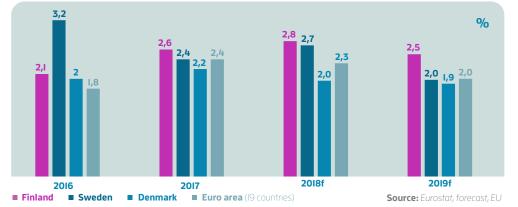
### **Affluent population**

Private consumption increased by I.5 % in 2017 and is projected to grow by some 2 % in 2018, reflecting the improved labor market and the historically high level of consumer confidence.

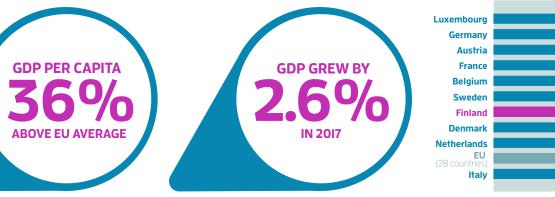
Image one of the highest growth ratesSpending potential significantly<br/>exceeds the EU average. Finland is among<br/>the top 10 EU-countries based on<br/>purchasing power per capita (2016).

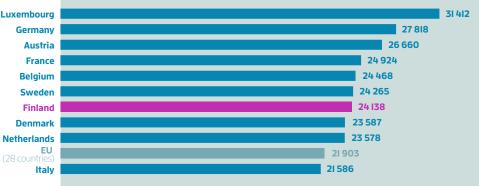
Sources: Eurostat, Statistics Finland, EU forecast

### **GDP DEVELOPMENT AND FORECAST**



#### TOP IO COUNTRIES IN EU 2016 DISPOSABLE INCOME PER CAPITA IN PPS, EUR





Source: Eurostat, forecast, EU

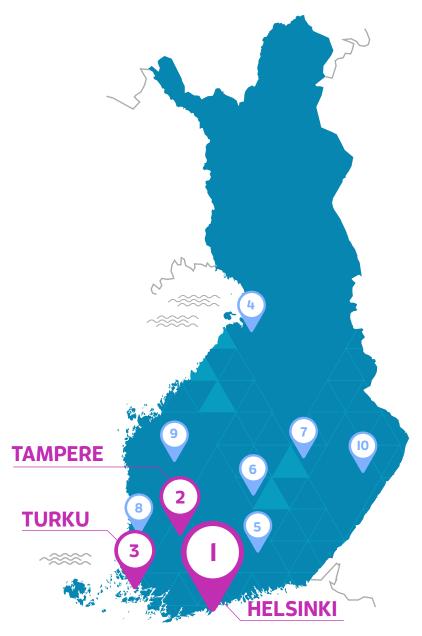
## Population grows rapidly especially in Helsinki

Finland has **three city regions** with more than **300,000 inhabitants**. Nearly 40 % of the population lives in these three regions and the share is set to increase thanks to a growing population and continuous urbanization.

### **FINLAND'S LARGEST CITY REGIONS**

	Population 2017	Forecasted 5-year pe	opulation growth
I Helsinki region	I,540,600	92,100	<b>6.0</b> %
2 Tampere region	402,500	16,400	4.1 %
3 Turku region	328,100	7,400	<b>2.2</b> %
4 Oulu region	248,300	15,900	6.4 %
5 Lahti region	201,200	1,600	0.8%
6 Jyväskylä region	184,300	5,000	2.7 %
7 Kuopio region	139,900	4,600	3.3 %
8 Pori region	133,400	-1,000	-0.7 %
9 Seinäjoki region	126,900	4,100	3.3 %
10 Joensuu region	124,400	2,200	1.8 %





## The top performer in international rankings

Finland retains its good position in many international rankings regarding the **competitiveness of the economy or the overall welfare of its citizens**.

This illustrates Finland's reputation as a respected Nordic economy where **stability, transparency, high-quality education** and **healthcare** support business and living.

lst Ist 151 **Consumers'** The safest Top Nordic country in a confidence in the country in the world. number of foreign direct economy is strongest investment projects. in Europe. S The happiest The most stable AA/AA+ credit ratings **Primary education is** country in the world. country in the world from all major global the best in the world. for 7 years in a row. rating agencies. **∐**th The second most 10th most competitive 4th best digital The third wealthiest mobile broadband competitiveness in economy in the world country in the world. subscriptions per inhabitant the world 5th in the world. **⊥**th

D, Digital Economy Outlook 2017

The third best country for business in Europe.

European Chamber, Best European countries for 4th most innovative

**country in the world.** World Economic Forum, The Global Competitiveness

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orld's largest ranking of countries by English skills

## Chapter 2 The Finnish retail market

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## **Retail market is growing** faster than the Eurozone on average

The retail sales increased by 2.5 % in 2017. The food & beverage sector has approximately 7-10 % share of the total been growing fast almost the whole decade, by 6 % in 2017.

retail sector is expected to continue in 2018 and 2019. The latest forecasts for **private** consumption growth vary around 2 every month. More than 50 % of the online %.

The national **consumer confidence** online shops. index has now reached the highest levels in the measuring history of 30 vears, which expectedly boosts the retail market growth.

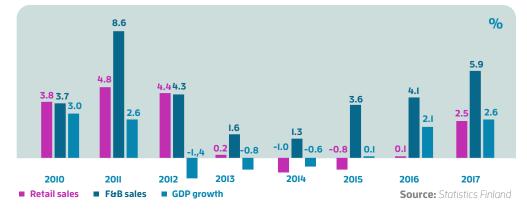
Finnish online retail sales amount to retail sales. E-commerce has increased rapidly, with an increase of 8 % in 2017. Positive development of the whole Finnish consumers are tech savvy and internationally oriented. About 50 % of the population (aged I8-79 years) shop online clothing purchases are ordered from foreign

> Sources: Eurostat, Statistics Finland, Finnish Commerce Federation, Postnord

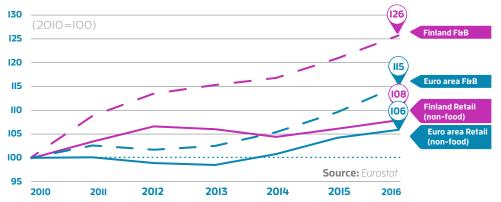
### **CONSUMER CONFIDENCE INDICATOR 2010-2018**

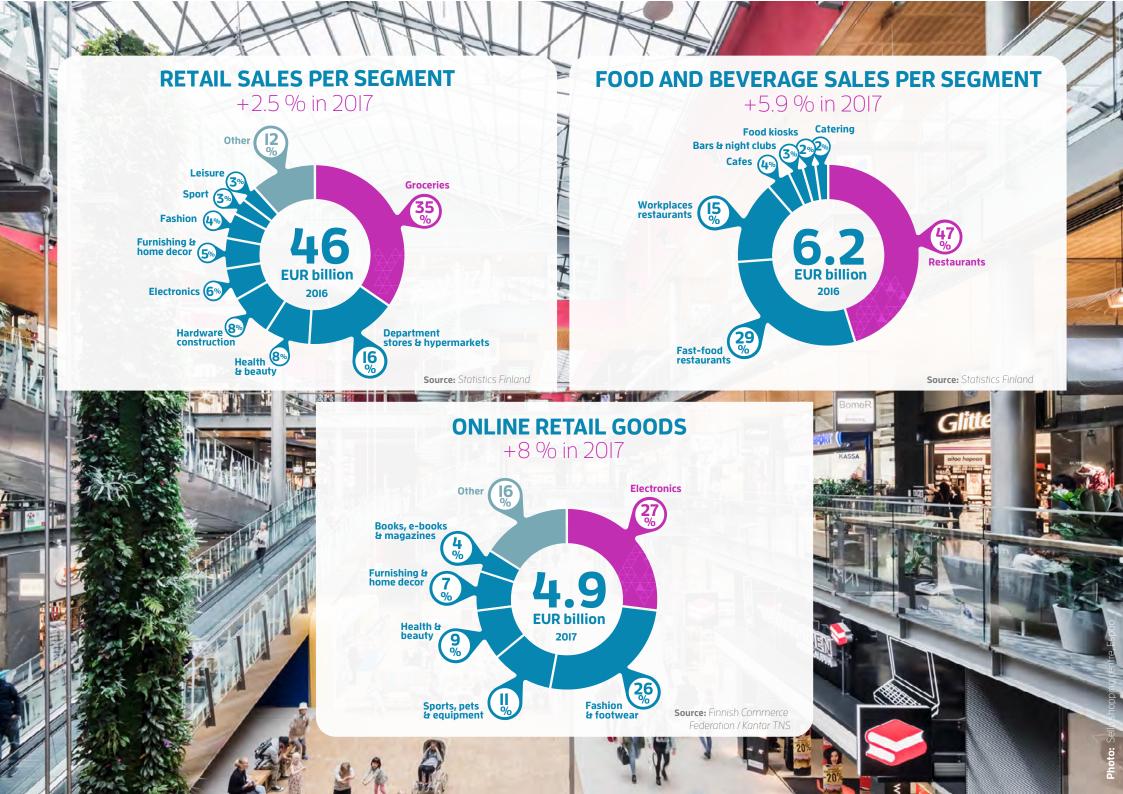


### RETAIL, F&B AND GDP DEVELOPMENT 2010-2017



### RETAIL AND F&B TURNOVER INDEX 2010-2016





## **Opportunities** for international retailers

and sports market. Largest companies are Swedish H&M, Norwegian Varner Group fashion companies in the market include Inditex Zara and Massimo Dutti, New Yorker, Mango and Marks&Spencer.

nated by two domestic operators K Group

Scandinavian chains dominate the fashion and S Group, but German Lidl has increased its market share

The presence of international retailers in and Danish Bestseller Group. International Finland has steadily grown in recent years. However, the share of international retailers in Finland is still lower compared to the rest of Europe and there is great potential for new retailers Grocery retail market is heavily domi- to enter the largely **untapped market**.

### **INTERNATIONAL BRAND ENTRANTS IN FINLAND**

2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
XXL	<b>Michael Kors</b>	Volt	& Other Stories	JD Sports
Marks & Spencer	Odd Molly	The Athlete's Foot	Samsoe & Samsoe	Suitsupply
cos	Victoria's Secret	Levi's	Newbie	Weekday
Hugo Boss	Pandora	Massimo Dutti	Lexington	Cinamon
Quiksilver	Espresso House	Flormar	Lakrids	64
Thomas Sabo		Peak Performance	Taco Bell	
Nespresso		WHSmith	Beijing8	
O'Learys		Power		
Burger King		Joe & The Juice		1 1
		UpperCrust		



## Scandinavian chains dominate the Finnish retail

HeM	& other Stories	COS	MONKL	WEEKDAY	VOLT
BIKBOK	CARLINGS	Cubus	Dressmann	clas ohlson	ONLY
JACK JONES	VERO MODA	name it.	VILA	HEMTEX	EFVA ATTLING
NILSON Shoes	o skopunkten	din sko	ecco	SYNSAM	PeakPerformance
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JC	KappAhl	newbie	LINDEX	POWER	τογερισ
POLARN O. PYRET	TIGER of SWIDIN	samsøe	SAND	Ur&Penn	LAKRIDS
KICKS	Zizzi	flying tiger	2000110007	'Gurdrum Sjödén	

Source: Colliers International Finland

## International retail chains in the Finnish market

Calvin Klein Jeans	ESPRIT	BOSS	GUESS
Levis		Л	Kartell
LEXINGTON	LAURA ASHLEY	L'OCCITANE EN PROVENCE	LOUIS VUITTON
MANGO	Marc O'Polo	MARKS & SPENCER	Massimo Dutti
MICHAEL KORS	NESPRESSO	NEWYORKER	QUIKSILVER
R SARTORIA ROSSI	Specsavers	Superdry.	Timberland 🅙
SUITSUPPLY	the athlete's foot	Thomas Sabo	
UNITED COLORS OF BENETTON.	BODY SHOP	T O H H Y	<b>E</b>
VICTORIA'S Secret	ZARA	1.401	TACO
McDonaids	SUB MAT		

## **Retail consumption is over 20 %** higher than that of the Eurozone

Finnish retail consumption per capita is on the same level with Sweden and it's on the sixth place in the whole EU

Finns spend a large share of their income on retail and leisure activities. Retail accounts for 33 % of total household expenditure. Adding food & beverage and leisure services, the share is over 40 %.

Retail, restaurants and leisure services is approx. 43 % of the total consumption - EUR 8,800 per capita



### **TOP IO COUNTRIES IN EU**

**CONSUMPTION EXPENDITURE PER CAPITA 2016, EUR** 



Groceries Specialty retail Restaurants Recreational and cultural services

## Rapid **population growth** boosts the **demand** for shopping centres

The shopping centre market is growing, offering high quality opportunities for retail brands. Shopping centre sales have increased faster than the retail sales in general, while F&B and leisure services take larger and larger share.

The Finnish retail landscape is dominated by shopping centres. There are currently IOI shopping centres in Finland with a total GLA of more than 2 million sq **continues to increase,** and the total sales m, ca. 440 sg m per 1,000 inhabitants.

extensions have been opened during 2010-2018 with a total of GLA of 550,000 są m.

be six new shopping centres that are now being planned or constructed in the Helsinki metropolitan area. These new centres will add 264,000 sqm of GLA.

Finnish shopping centres perform strongly year after year, with both the number of visitors and total sales continuing to increase. The total number of shopping centre visitors increased by 2.2 % and sales grew by 5.2 % in 2017. The share of shopping centre sales of the total retail

sales continues to increase, being 16.4 % in 2017 (from 13.9 % in 2010).

The share of food & beverage of cafes and restaurants in shopping **17 new shopping centres and 8** centres increased by over 8 % in 2017.

The supply of various kinds of entertainment and leisure services is increasing. For example, cinemas Finnki-Before the year 2022, there will no and Cinamon, children adventure parks HopLop and Duudson Park, virtual reality park Pikseli Arcade, indoor Surf Beach, indoor skydiving Fööni and climbing centre Irti Maasta help shopping centres to attract new customers.

> Also public health centres and libraries increasingly wish to be located in the busy shopping centres.

**Sources:** Finnish Council of Shopping Centers



## Chapter 3 Helsinki metropolitan area

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## Northern Europe's Next Capital of Cool

Rebecca Thandi Norman, Fathom Travel Award winner of the Best Travel Blogs and Websites of 2018.

## Helsinki is a fast growing and wealthy capital city

### Key facts Helsinki metropolitan area

Population 2017	<b>I.15 million</b> (+16,500 from 2016), 21 % of total Finland
GDP per capita 2015	52,000 EUR 48 % above the EU average, 36 % above the Finland average
Workplaces 2015	607,900
Students 2016 (higher education)	89,400
Disposable income per capita 2016	EUR 25,200 II % above the Finland average
Retail sales 2016	EUR II,900 billion 26 % of total Finland
F&B sales 2016	EUR 2,200 billion 36 % of total Finland
Foreign visitors 2017	4.3 million (+14 % from 2016) 52 % of total Finland visitors
Shopping centres 2017	<b>34 shopping centres</b> with a total GLA of 910,000 sq m
New shopping centre space during 2018-2021	6 new centres or extensions with a total GLA of over 264,000 sq m

**Sources:** Statistics Finland, Cities of Helsinki, Vantaa and Espoo, Finnish Council of Shopping Centers **Helsinki metropolitan area** = Cities of Helsinki, Vantaa, Espoo and Kauniainen **Helsinki region** = Metropolitan area and surrounding IO commuter municipalities

## The economic centre and the no. I retail destination of the country

### Helsinki is the most dynamic region in retail and business

The metropolitan area accounts for 37 % of the national GDP.

The average disposable income of the inhabitants is EUR 25,200 per capita, which is II % higher than the national average.

Helsinki attracted more congress visitors in 2017 than ever before, and is currently the **most popular congress city in the Nordics**.

**The Helsinki's startup ecosystem is recognized globally.** World's leading startup event Slush is bringing together the global tech scene to Helsinki every year.

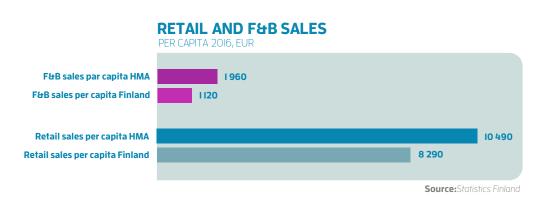
### Most attractive retail destination with highest retail sales per capita

Shopping centre sales of the region **increased by 8.2 % in 2017**, boosted by shopping centre extensions of Iso Omena and Ainoa.

Retail and restaurant sales equal over EUR 12,000 per capita, which is 33 % above the national average.

More than 30 % of Finnish Shopping centres are located in the area and their sales equals 54 % of the total shopping centre sales in Finland.

**Sources:** Statistics Finland, Cities of Helsinki, Vantaa and Espoo, Finnish Council of Shopping Centers, UIA statistics, The Global Startup Ecosystem Report 2018





# Rapid population growth increases the **demand for new retail**

### More than 20 % of the Finland's population live in the area.

the fastest growing city region in public transport developments in recent **Finland**, with a current population of 1.2 years to support the growth in the metromillion. The population grew by 16,000 in politan area (e.g the airport Ring Rail Line 2017 and is expected to increase by 80,500 connection, Western metro line extension over the next 5 year period (+6%).

Helsinki metropolitan area is clearly Municipalities have invested in several major and new tram lines are under planning).



## Helsinki the most popular tourist destination in the country

### Record volumes in tourism boost retail and restaurant sales.

Foreign visitors in Finland spent an Helsinki has the busiest passenger sea average of 318 euros per guest in 2017. port in Europe with 12.3 million Shopping, restaurants and leisure is the **passengers.** Last year saw also a record largest expenditure among foreign visitors, number of cruise visitors. A total of 266 an average 53 % share of the total cruise ships visited Helsinki during the 2017 consumption.

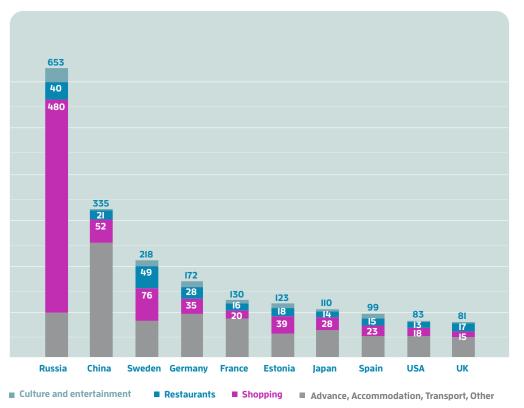
**Tourism enjoyed record growth in** the city (16 % up from the previous year). 2017 with +14 % and grew faster than in Copenhagen, Oslo and Stockholm. Now than I8 million annual passengers and the annually 4.3 million foreign travellers visit Helsinki, which is over 50 % of the total 2017. visits to Finland. The number of overnights grew with an increase of 14 % and the Russian overnight stays increased even by 37 % in 2017

season, bringing 478,000 cruise visitors to

The international airport has more traffic is growing fast, increasing by IO % in



## **TOP IO COUNTRIES**



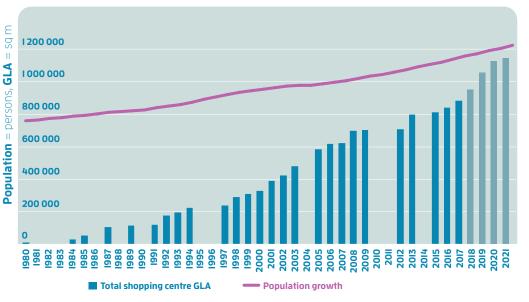
#### FOREIGN VISITORS EXPENDITURES IN FINLAND 2017, EUR MILLION

## Large shopping centre projects offer new opportunities for retail brands

extensions are either under construction or include Redi, Tripla, Hertsi and Lippulaiva, all starting soon. These projects will add located next to metro or train stations. some 264,000 sq m of modern retail Construction of Kivistö centre is expected to **space** to the market offering great possibil- start later in 2018. ities for new retail brands

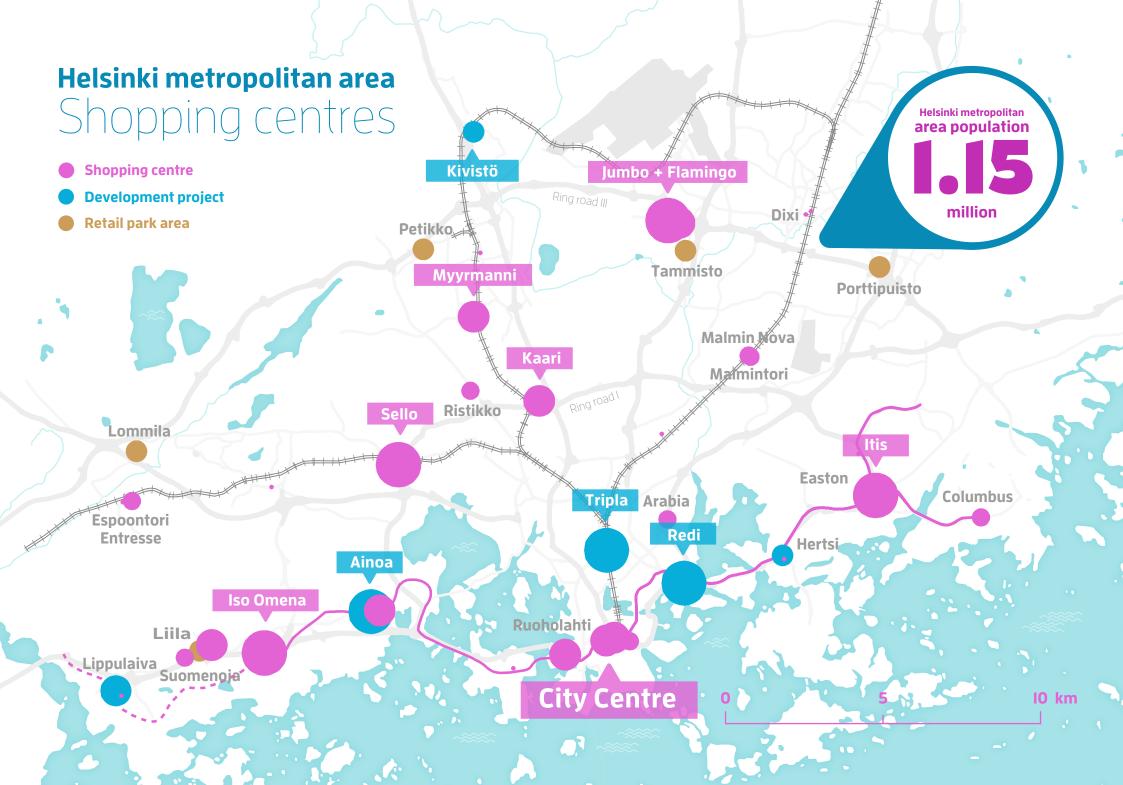
Six new shopping centre projects and The main projects under construction

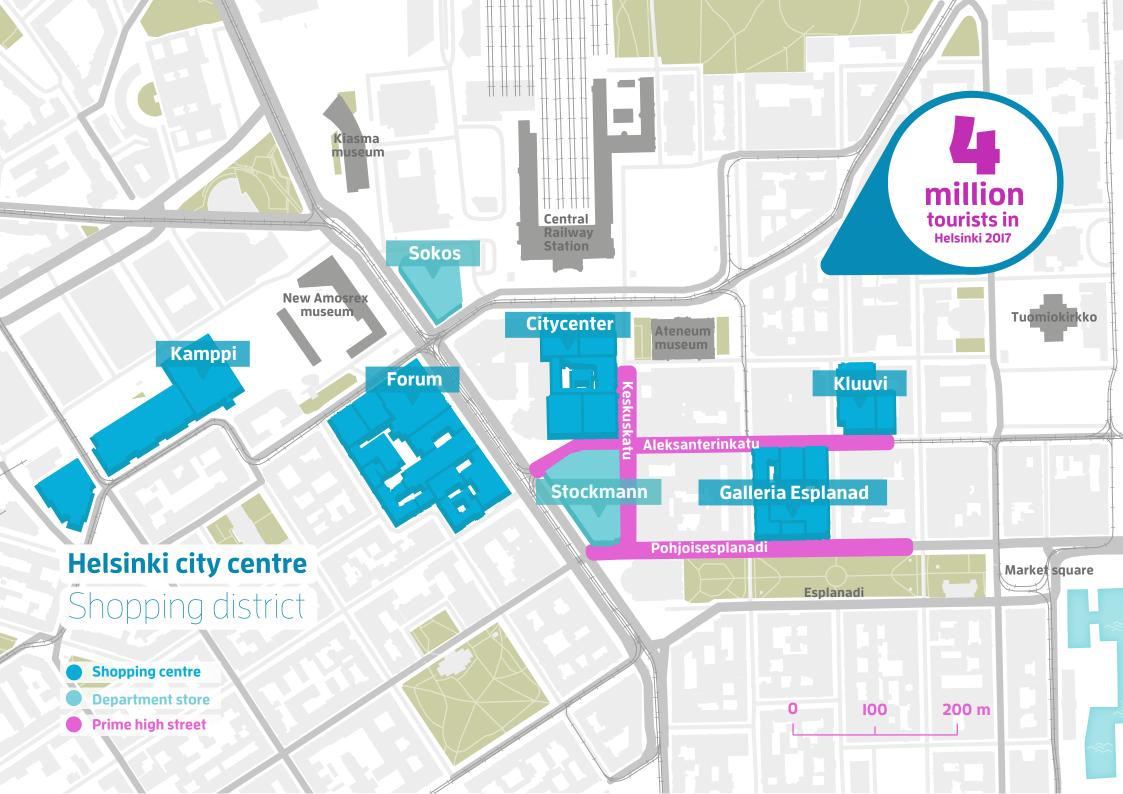
### SHOPPING CENTRE GLA AND POPULATION IN THE HELSINKI METROPOLITAN AREA



Sources: Finnish Council of Shopping Centers; Statistics Finland; Cities of Helsinki, Vantaa, Espoo; Colliers International Finland







# Largest shopping centres and development projects in Helsinki

### **Outside Helsinki city centre**

Source: Finnish Council of Shopping Centers

	Sales 2017, EUR million	Footfall 2017, million	Leasable retail area, sq m	Sales / Leasable retail area	Sales / Visitor
Jumbo	420	12	85,000	4,900	35
Sello	397	24	97,900	4,100	16
Itis	328	18	79,000	4,200	19
Iso Omena	317	12	84,700	3,700	28
Kaari	215	7	47,400	4,500	31
Myyrmanni	153	8	31,800	4,800	19
<b>Ainoa</b> + extension, opening 2019	- 114	5	29,400 +20,000	3,900	23
Tripla, opening 2019	h	-	85,000	A Baldillan	1 D _2
Redi, opening Sep 2018			60,000		
Kivistö, opening 2020			55,000	100000000000000000000000000000000000000	
Lippulaiva, opening 2021 (redevelopment)	-	-	40,000	-	-
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Kamppi	250	43	34,100	7,300	6
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Kamppi	250	43	34,100	7,300
Forum	218	15	40,000	5,500
Citycenter	97	14	24,000	4,100
Galleria Esplanad	43	3	8,000	5,400
Kluuvi	28	4	10,600	2,600

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Source: Finnish Council of Shopping Centers

## Chapter 4 Tampere

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## **Tampere is the second** largest city region in Finland

and the largest inland city in the Nordic countries

Tampere is a growing university city and one Finland as well as the first tramway of the of the fastest growing urban areas in city are under construction. In the future, Finland

new skyline is growing fast around Tampere

Currently, the largest multipurpose arena in the railway tracks.

The city centre is developing fast. railway station with new buildings to cover

### **Key facts Tampere**

Population 2017	<b>City 231,900</b> (whole city region 402,500)
Workplaces 2015	115,700
Students 2016 (higher education)	30,600
Disposable income per capita 2016	EUR 22,200
Retail sales 2016	EUR I,980 billion
F&B sales 2016	EUR 0,4 million
Shopping centres 2017	7 shopping centres with a total GLA of 224,000 sq m

Sources: Statistics Finland, Finnish Council of Shopping Centers

**Tampere region** = Tampere and surrounding nine commuter municipalities



### **Tampere region** Shopping centres

Shopping centre Retail park area

Lielahtikeskus City centre (Ratina, Koskikeskus, Tullintori)

Kaleva

Veska Turtola

Partola Lahdesjärvi Duo

Tampere region population 402,500

	Sales 2017, EUR million	Footfall 2017, million	Leasable retail area, sq m
ldeapark	250	7	91,700
Ratina, opened in 2018	-	-	53,000
Koskikeskus	132	6	28,600
Elo	51	2	16,700
Duo	64	5	12,200
Tullintori	21	3	9,900
Lielahtikeskus	13	1	11,400

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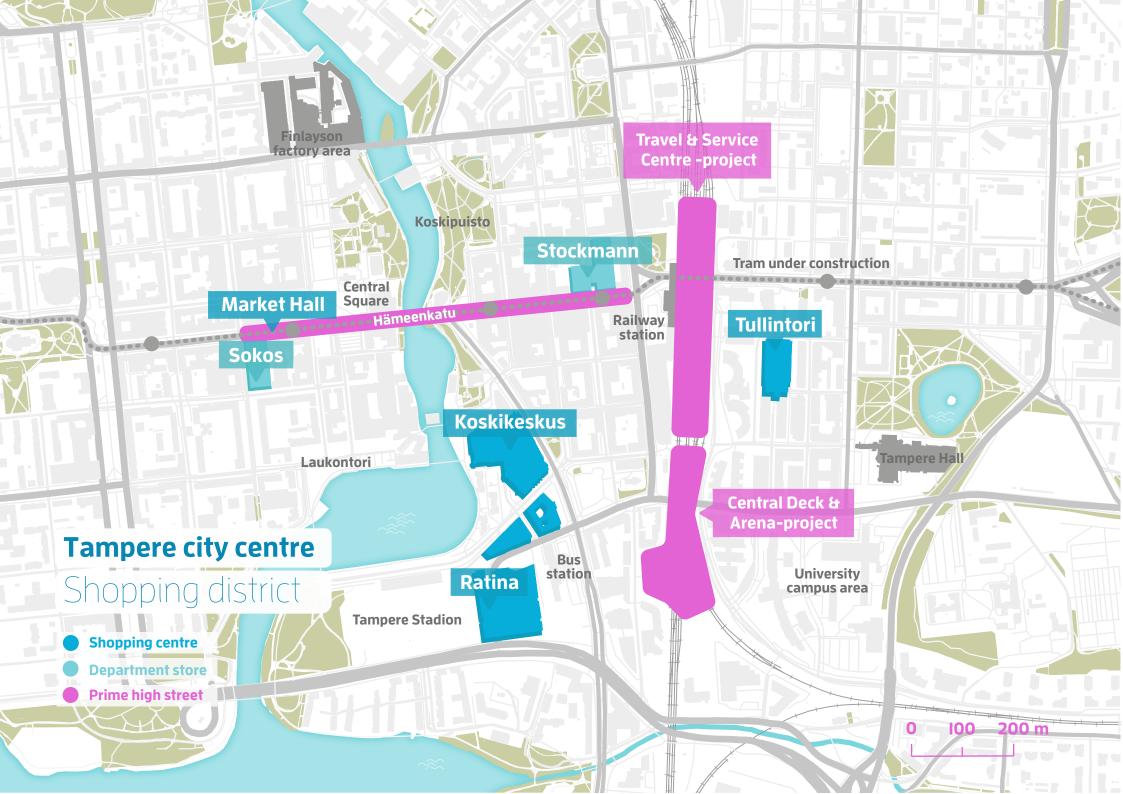
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Forecasted 5 year population growth 16,400 new inhabitants (4.1%)

Ideapark

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## Chapter 5 **Turku**

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# **Turku is the third largest** city region in Finland

Turku is the oldest city in the whole country and the most important cultural and business hub of the Western Finland.

The city centre is located at the mouth of the Aura River. The lively urban centre consists of the commercial district around

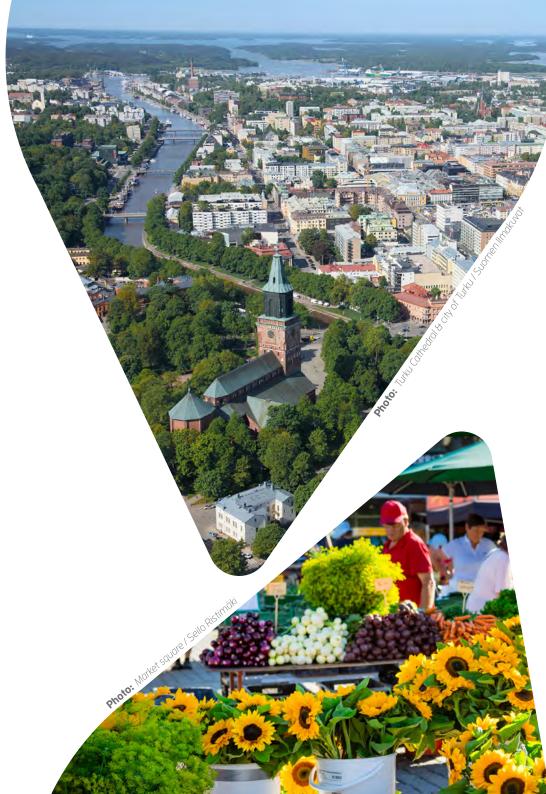
the market square, Aura riverfront with many restaurants, Old Town and the university campus area. The municipality has an ambitious new vision for developing the city centre and giving a boost for the future of the whole Turku region.

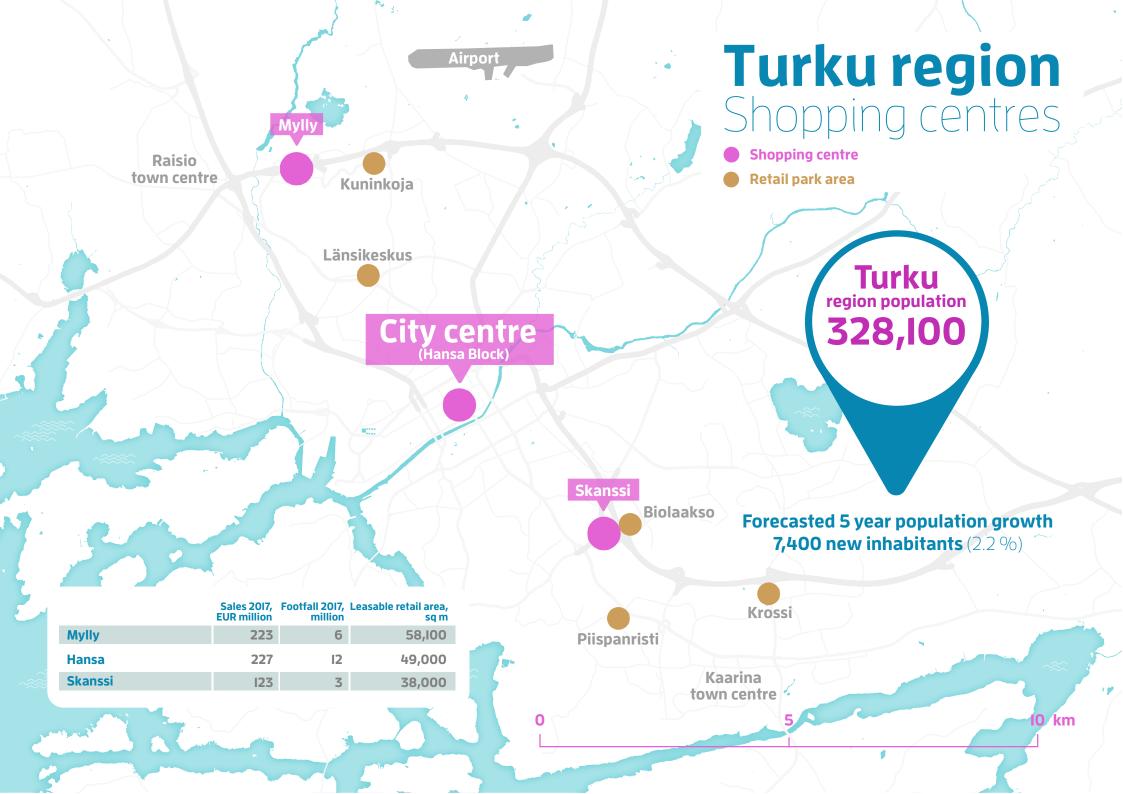
### Key facts Turku

Population 2017	<b>189,700</b> (whole city region 402,500)
Workplaces 2015	95,400
Students 2016 (higher education)	29,400
Disposable income per capita 2016	EUR 21,600
Retail sales 2016	EUR I,620 billion
F&B sales 2016	EUR 0.3 billion
Shopping centres 2017	3 shopping centres with a total GLA of 145,300 sq m

**Sources:** Statistics Finland, Finnish Council of Shopping Centers

**Turku region** = Turku and surrounding ten commuter municipalities







## **Establishment facts**

### **Entering the market**

Easiest way to enter the Finnish market is through direct ownership.

Franchising and via shop-in-shops are other ways, but the franchise market is not as mature as in other Europe. There is no restrictions for foreign companies for buying or renting property in Finland.

### **Rental conditions**

Fixed lease terms are usually applied in the shopping centres, with a **typical mini-mum fixed term between 3-5 years**. Longer terms usually apply for anchor

tenants, often between 5-10 years. If not agreed, tenants don't have an automatic right for lease renewal.

Usually the rent is based on the leasable area. Separate maintenance cost and marketing fee are usually charged in shopping centres. The use of turnover rent with a minimum base rent is common in shopping centres.

Rents are usually adjusted annually according to the cost of living index. The legislation gives parties high freedom to agree on all the terms and conditions freely.

Photo: Helsinki Day at Kluuvi / Jussi H

### **Opening hours**

Retail opening hours regulation is the most liberal in Europe. All shops can set their opening hours freely. Finnish shopping centres usually have common minimum opening hours agreed in the leases. Typical minimum opening hours for shopping centres in the Helsinki metropolitan area are **I0:00 a.m. – 21.00 p.m. Mon-Fri, I0:00 a.m. – 19:00 p.m. Sat and 12:00 a.m. – I8:00 p.m. Sun.**  Retail opening hours regulation **MOST IDDET** in Europe

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shopping centre owners, managers and can be found on the annual publication. consultants.

It is an industry association bringing Further information on the Finnish shoptogether the most prominent players in the ping centre industry, statistics and key Finnish shopping centre industry - retailers, figures for all the main shopping centres

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