

#### A stable, transparent and well-performing **Nordic country**

# Why Finland?

**Population** grows rapidly in the largest cities, especially in Helsinki

happiest country

**Growing** shopping centre market, high quality opportunities for retail brands

in the world third year in a row

Wealthy consumers with purchasing power among the top 10 in EU

The presence of international retailers has been steadily growing in Finland

Retail market is growing faster than the Eurozone

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# 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 2019	5.5 million
GDP per capita 2019	EUR 43,484
GDP growth 2019	I,00 %
Inflation 2019	1.02 %
Unemployment rate (March 2020)	7.30 %
Disposable income per capita 2018	EUR 23,900
Retail sales 2018 (VAT 0%)	EUR 39,400 million
Retail sales growth 2019	2.20 %
F&B sales 2018 (VAT 0%)	EUR 5,600 million
F&B sales growth 2019	5.10%
Retail and F&B sales per capita 2018 (incl. VAT)	EUR 9,700
Corporate tax rate	20 %

**Source:** Statistics Finland



# Finland's economy has made it through the

### COVID-19 pandemic relatively unscathed

Finland's economy has made it through the pandemic relatively unscathed compared to other EU countries. Finland did better at controlling the spread of the illness. Much of the labour force transitioned smoothly to working remotely, thanks to solid digital skills and infrastructure.

Based on Eurostat figures, Finland's economy fared the second best of any in the EU last spring. Finland's seasonally adjusted GDP plunged by 6.3 percent year-on-year in the second quarter. On

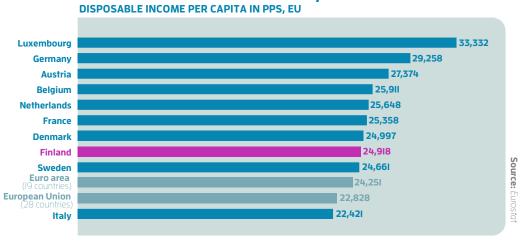
average, EU countries' GDP plunged by I4 percent.

Before COVID-I9, Finland's GDP grew for several years in a row. In 2019 the economy grew by I.O %. Finland's GDP per capita was 9.2 % above the EU average.

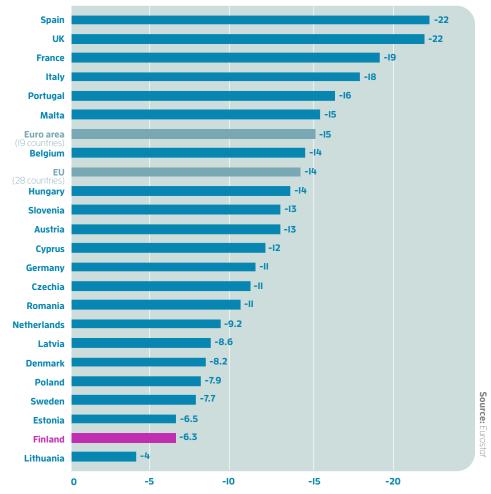
Also Finnish spending potential exceeds the EU average. Finland is among the top IO EU-countries based on purchasing power per capita (2018).

Sources: Eurostat

#### **TOP IO COUNTRIES IN EU, 2018**



#### Q2 2020: GDP change from previous year, %



### Population grows rapidly especially in Helsinki

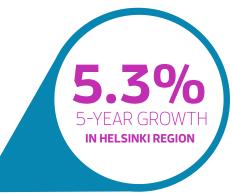
Finland has **three city regions** with more than **300,000 inhabitants**. Almost 42 % of the population lives in these three regions and the share is set to increase thanks to a growing population and continuous urbanization.

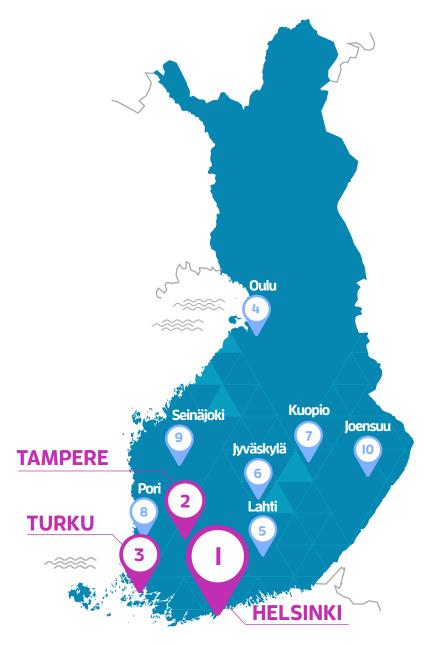
#### **FINLAND'S LARGEST CITY REGIONS**

	Population 2019	Forecasted 5-year population growth
I Helsinki region	1,572,161	5.3 %
2 Tampere region	410,689	4.1 %
3 Turku region	332,288	2.8 %
4 Oulu region	252,559	3.5 %
5 Lahti region	199,604	-1.5 %
6 Jyväskylä region	186,252	2.9 %
7 Kuopio region	140,705	1.3 %
8 Pori region	131,368	-3.4 %
9 Seinäjoki region	126,732	-0.4 %
10 Joensuu region	124,152	-0.6 %

**Source:** Statistics Finland







# 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.





# Retail consumption is over 15%

# higher than that of the Eurozone

Finnish retail sales increased by 2.2 % in been growing fast almost the whole decade, by 5.1 % in 2019. The retail market has been growing faster than the Eurozone on average.

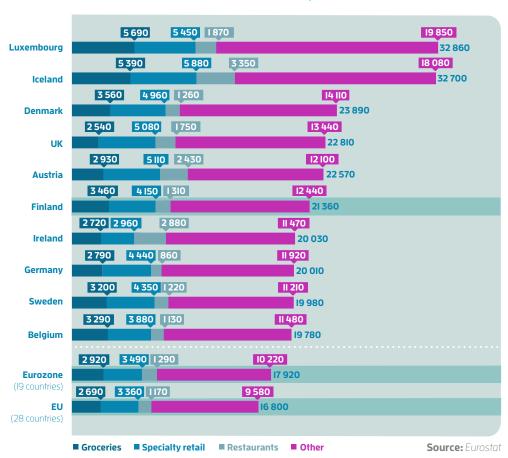
Finnish retail consumption per capita is slightly higher than in Sweden and on the 6th place in the EU.

Finns spend a large share of their 2019. The food & beverage sector has income on retail and leisure activities. Retail accounts for 34 % of total household expenditure. Adding food & beverage and leisure services, the share is approx. 40 % -EUR 8,900 per capita.

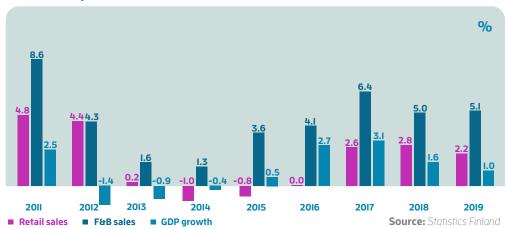
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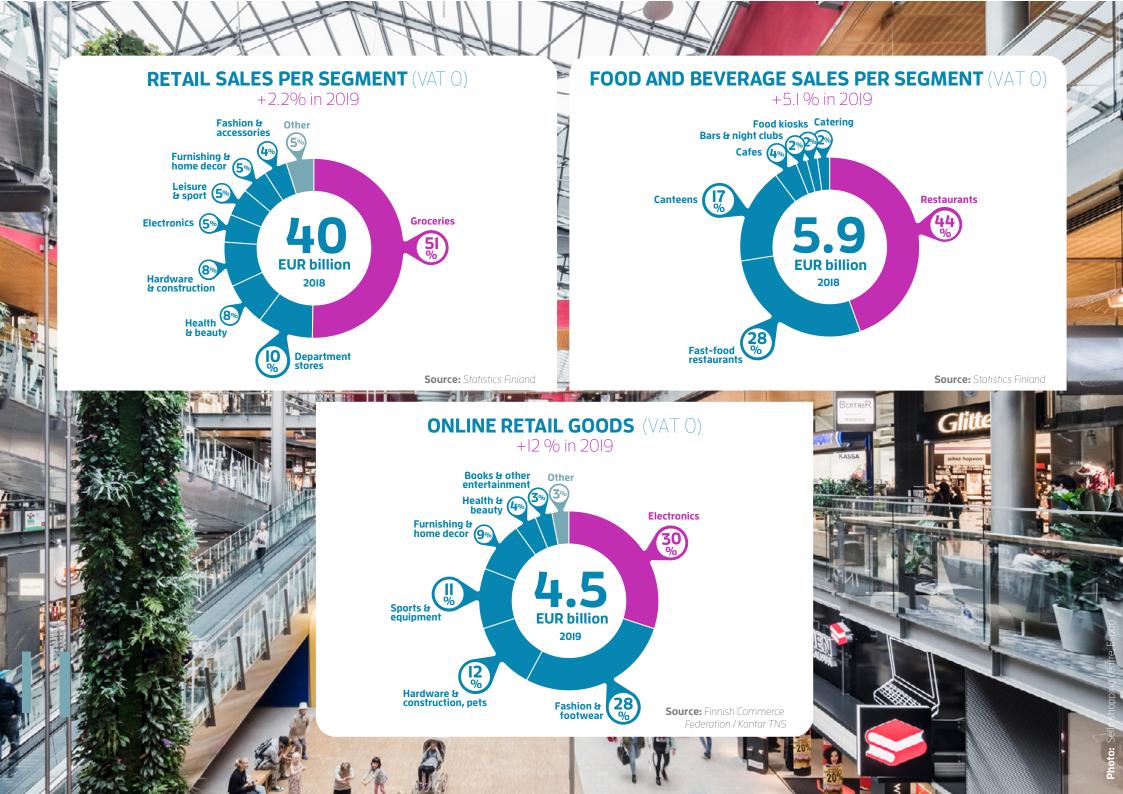
#### **TOP 10 COUNTRIES IN EU**

**CONSUMPTION EXPENDITURE PER CAPITA 2018, EUR** 



#### RETAIL, F&B AND GDP DEVELOPMENT 2011-2019





# Opportunities for international retailers

Scandinavian chains dominate the fashion and S Group, but German Lidl has increased its and sports market. Largest companies are Swedish H&M and Stadium, Norwegian seller Group. International fashion companies in the market include Inditex 7 ara and Massimo Dutti, New Yorker, Mango, Marks&Spencer and ID Sports.

Grocery retail market is heavily dominated by two domestic operators K Group

market share.

The presence of international retailers in Varner Group and XXL and Danish Best- 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 to enter the largely **untapped market**.



2016	2017	2018	2019	
Volt	& Other Stories	JD Sports	Reserved	Søstrene Grene
The Athlete's Foot	Samsoe & Samsoe	Suitsupply	Cropp	Kare Design
Levi's	Newbie	Cinamon	House	Haglöfs
Massimo Dutti	Lexington	Weekday	Mohito	Kari Traa
Peak Performance	Lakrids		Sinsay	
WHSmith	Taco Bell		Rieker	
Power	Beijing8		MUJI	
Joe & The Juice			J.Lindeberg	
UpperCrust			Norrøna	



# Scandinavian chains dominate the Finnish retail

H <sub>2</sub> M	& other Stories	COS	WONKL	WEEKDAY	VOLT
BIKBOK	CARLINGS	Cubus	Dressmann <sup>-</sup>	clas ohlson	ONLY.
JACK JONES	VERO MODA	name it.	V I L A	HEMTEX	EFVA ATTLING
NILSON SHOES	skopunkten	din sko	SCCO	SYNSAM	PeakPerformance
BJÖRN BORG 🔇	flying Tiger corenhagen	CHANGE Lingerie	stadium	SAR THE JULE	XXL
<b>K</b> ARITRAA	GANT	GIGANTTI	ginatricot		LAKRIDS
HELLY HANSEN	KappAhl	newbie	LINDEX	POWER	Gudrun Gudrun Sijödén
POLARN O. PYRET	TIGER	samsøe ф samsøe	SAND	Ur&Penn	TOOD HOLLY
KICKS	Zizzi	Haglöfs	SØSTRENE GRENE	LEXINGTON	NORRØNA

# International retail chains in the Finnish market

Calvin Klein Jeans	ESPRIT	BOSS	GUESS
Levi's	LUSH FRESH HANDMADE COSMETICS	<b>ID</b>	Kartell
<b>blue-tomato</b>	LONGCHAMP	L'OCCITANE	LOUIS VUITTON
MANGO	Marc O'Polo	MARKS & SPENCER	Massimo Dutti
MUJI 無印良品	NESPRESSO.	NEWYORKER	QUIKSILVER
R SARTORIA ROSSI	Specsavers	Superdry.	Timberland 🏶
SUITSUPPLY	the athlete's foot	Mulberry	
UNITED COLORS OF BENETTON.	THE BODY SHOP	HILFIGER	BURGER
Victoria's Secret	ZARA	L-DL	TACO BELL
McDonald's	SUBWAY?		

## **Shopping centre sales** have increased faster

than the retail sales in general

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 domi**nated by shopping centres.** There are currently III shopping centres in Finland with a total GLA of 2.46 million sa m.

34 new shopping centres and 32 **extensions** have been opened during the million sa m.

Finnish shopping centres have been performing strongly year after year. The number of shopping centre visitors and sales increased by 6.6 % in 2019, including the figures of new shopping centres and extensions. The share of the shopping centre sales is 17 % of the total retail sales. The share continues to increase steadily.

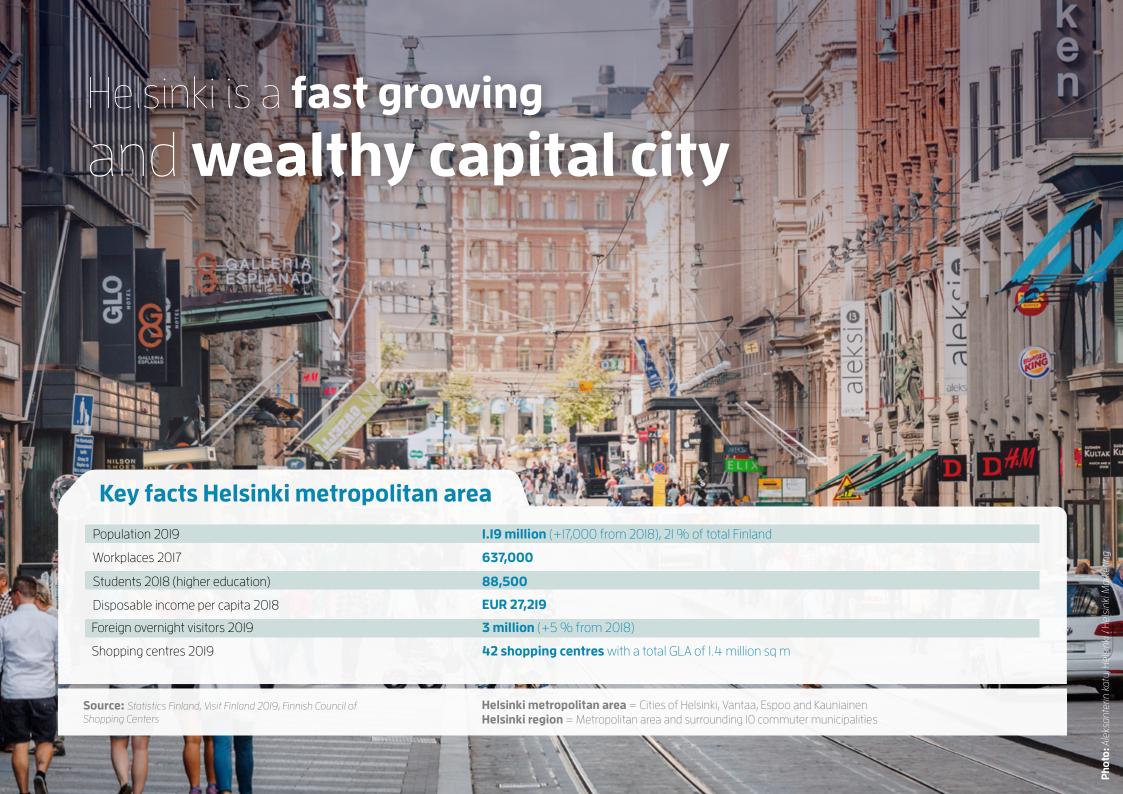
The supply of F&B as well as various kinds of entertainment and **leisure services is increasing.** For example, cinemas Finnkino and Cinamon, children adventure parks HopLop and Duudson Park, virtual reality park Pikseli past decade with a total of GLA of I.3 Arcade, indoor Surf Beach, indoor skydiving 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







# **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 27,200 per capita, which is 14 % higher than the national average (in included, the total sales of the region grew 2018)

A record number of congresses chose Helsinki as host city in 2018. According to the annual congress city statistics (UIA), Helsinki is the most popular Nordic city for organizing congresses.

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

Shopping centre like-for-like sales of the region increased by 2.2 % and footfall by 0.1 % in 2019.

When new centres and extensions are by 9.8 % and footfall by 9.7 % in 2019.

One third of Finnish Shopping centres are located in the metropolitan area and their sales equals over half of the total shopping centre sales in Finland.

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



Rapid population growth increases

the demand for new retail

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

108,000 new residents within the next new tram lines are under planning. decade.

**The Helsinki metropolitan area is** To support the growth, the municipalities in clearly the fastest growing region in the Helsinki area have invested remarkably **Finland**, with a current population of I.19 in several major public transport systems, million. The population grew by 17,000 in e.g. the airport Ring Rail Line, metro line 2019 and it is expected to increase by extension and Jokeri Light Rail. Also other

**Population** million in 2019

**637,000** workplaces in 2017



# Helsinki, the most popular tourist destination in the country

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

In 2018, foreign visitors spent in average restaurants and leisure.

and there were totally over 7 million overnight stays in 2019 (+2.9 % from 2018).

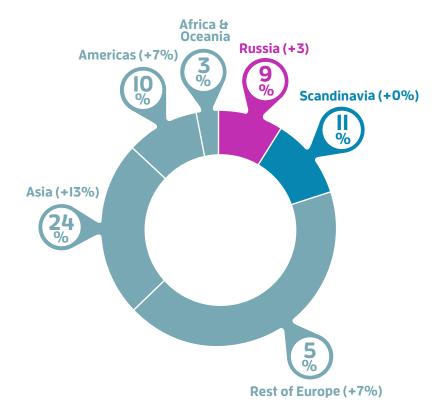
In Helsinki area, the number of overnights exceeded 3 million in 2019 (+5 % year). compared to 2018), which makes Helsinki the most popular tourist destination.

The Port of Helsinki has been the 358 euros per capita in Finland. Half of the busiest international passenger port in total consumption went to shopping, Europe for three years in a row, with over 12 million ship passengers in 2019. Liner traffic Tourism in Finland continued to grow on the Tallinn route remains extremely popular, but the most substantial growth was in the passenger numbers in international cruise traffic (+16 % from previous

million foreign overnight stays in Helsinki metropolitan area in 2019

Port of Helsinki is the busiest passenger port in Europe

#### **HELSINKI REGION FOREIGN OVERNIGHTS IN 2019,** SHARE AND GROWTH FROM DIFFERENT REGIONS



# **Shopping centres**

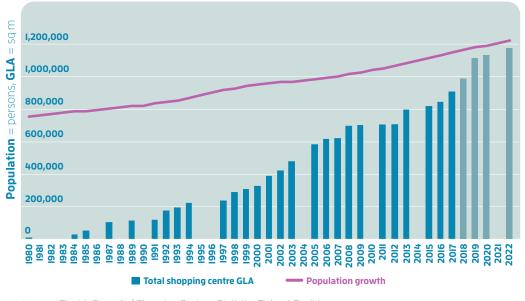
offer attractive opportunities for new retail brands

area has increased significantly during the ed. past decade. The most significant new openings in 2019 were Mall of Tripla in volumes, retail construction activity is now Helsinki and the completion of the shop- expected to decline. The largest shopping ping centre Ainoa in Espoo. During centre project under construction is Lippu-2019–2020, approx. I50,000 sgm of new laiva in Espoo, estimated to open in 2022.

Shopping centre stock in the metropolitan shopping centre space have been complet-

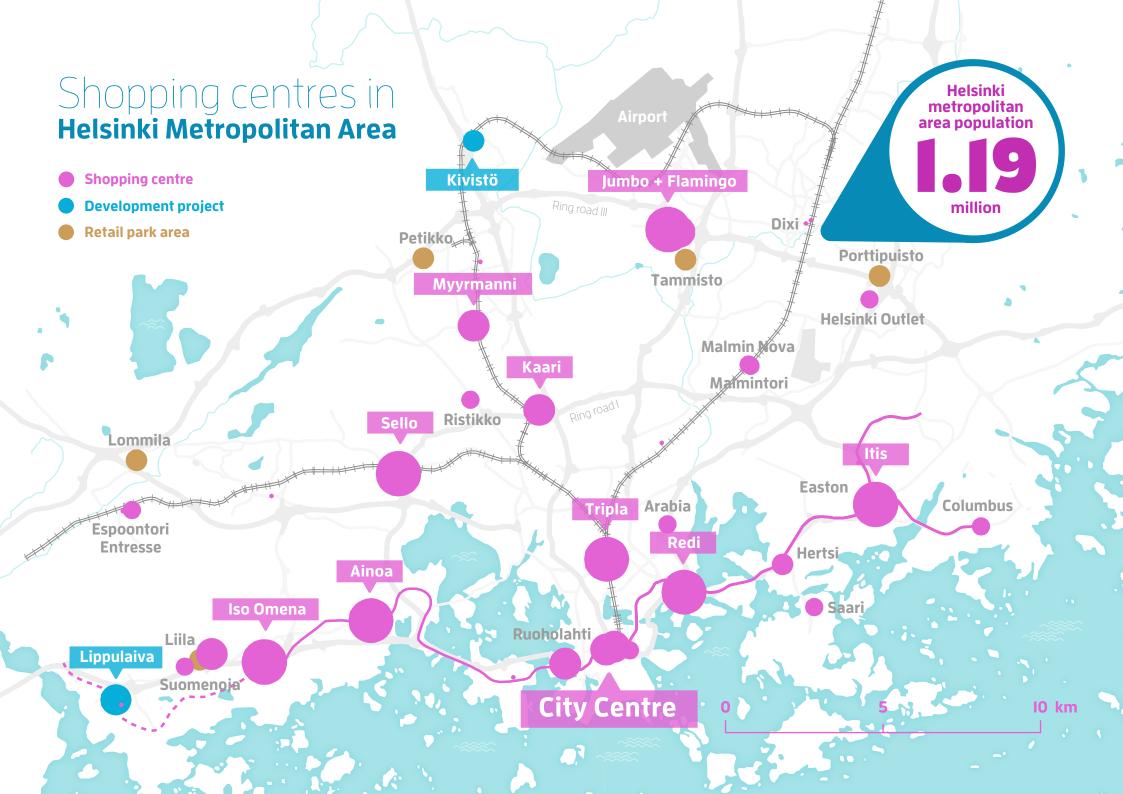
However, after these years of high

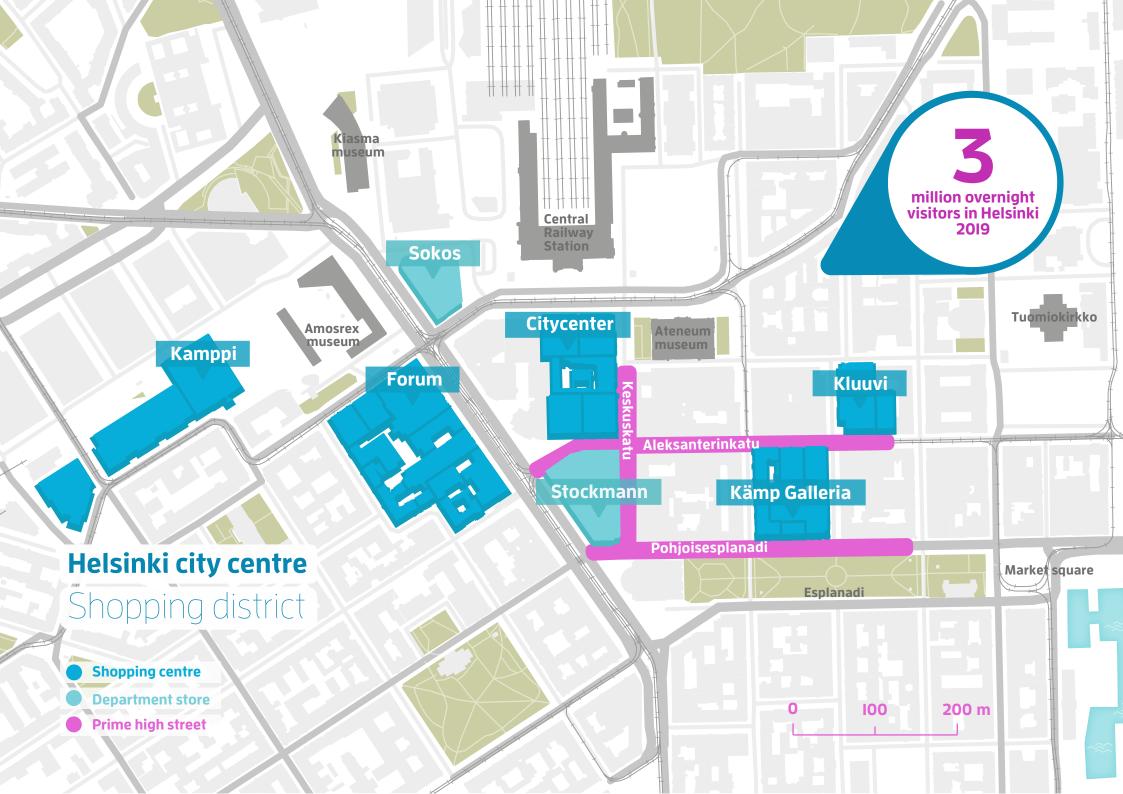
#### SHOPPING CENTRE GLA AND POPULATION IN THE HELSINKI METROPOLITAN AREA





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





# Largest shopping centres and development projects in Helsinki

Outside	Helsin	ki citv	centre
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S	ales 2019, EUR million	Footfall 2019, million	Leasable retail area, sq m	Sales / Leasable retail area	Sales / Visitor
Jumbo-Flamingo	501	13	115,900	4,300	38
Sello	394	24	91,700	4,300	16
Tripla (opened in 2019)	-	-	85,400	-	-
Iso Omena	385	20	84,500	4,600	19
Itis	319	18	78,562	4,100	18
Redi	110	8	59,000	1,900	14
Kaari	234	7	45,665	5,100	33
Ainoa (extension completed in 2019)	146	7	45,584	3,200	21
Myyrmanni	152	9	31,100	4,900	18
<b>Lippulaiva</b> (under construction, completion in 20	D22) <b>-</b>	1100	42,000	minimizuu - 1	1 1111 -

#### Helsinki city centre shopping centres

Forum	216	13	40,500	5,300	17
Kamppi	235	30	32,662	7,200	8
Citycenter	118	17	24,000	4,900	7
Kämp Galleria	41	3	8,432	4,900	16
Kluuvi	32	4	10,000	3,200	8



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

and the largest inland city in the Nordic countries

of the fastest growing urban areas in location in Finland with 9,000 congress Finland. The city centre is developing fast. visitors in 2018. The revenue impact Currently, the largest multipurpose arena in brought to Tampere by the congresses was Finland as well as the first tramway of the over I2 million euros, which is I,340 euros city are under construction. In the future, per congress visitor. new skyline is growing fast around Tampere railway station with new buildings to cover the railway tracks.

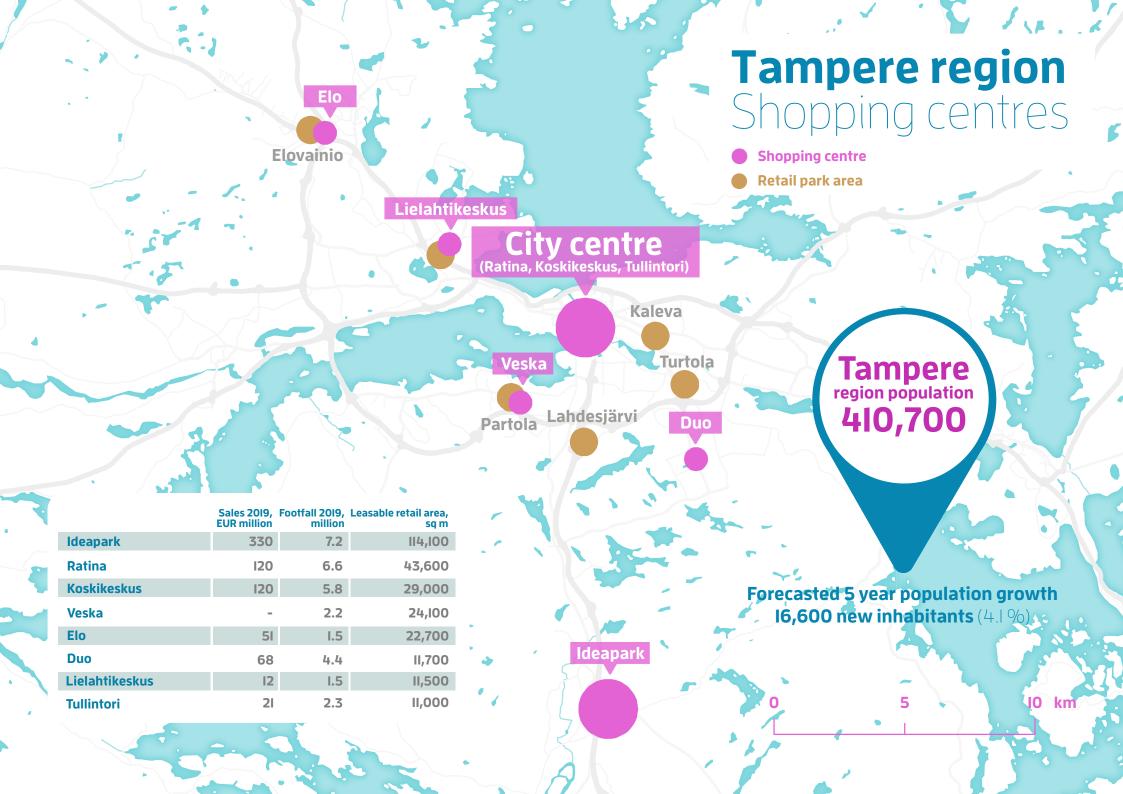
Tampere is a growing university city and one Tampere was the second busiest congress

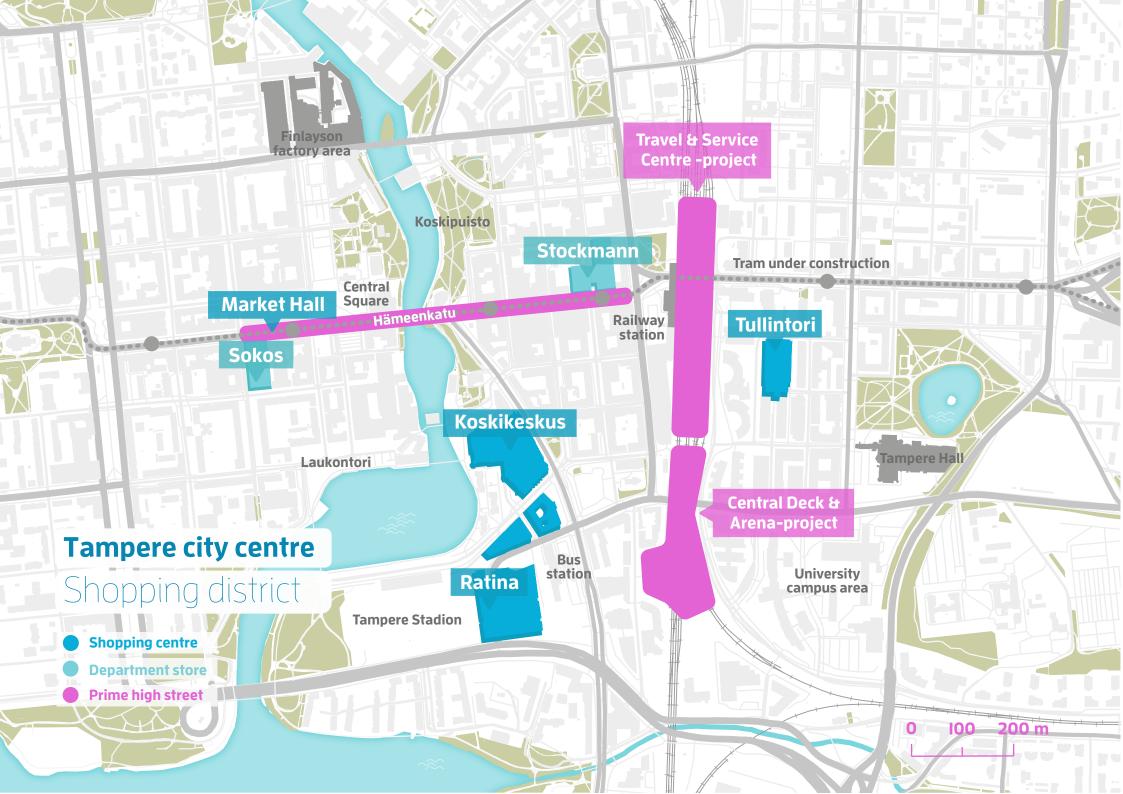
#### **Key facts Tampere**

Population 2019	<b>City 238,100</b> (whole city region 410,700)
Workplaces 2017	<b>122,600</b> (whole city region 175,200)
Students 2018 (higher education)	30,900
Disposable income per capita 2018	EUR 23,700
Shopping centres 2019	8 shopping centres with a total GLA of 267,700 sq m

**Sources:** Statistics Finland; Finnish Council of Shopping Centers; Visit Tampere









# 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

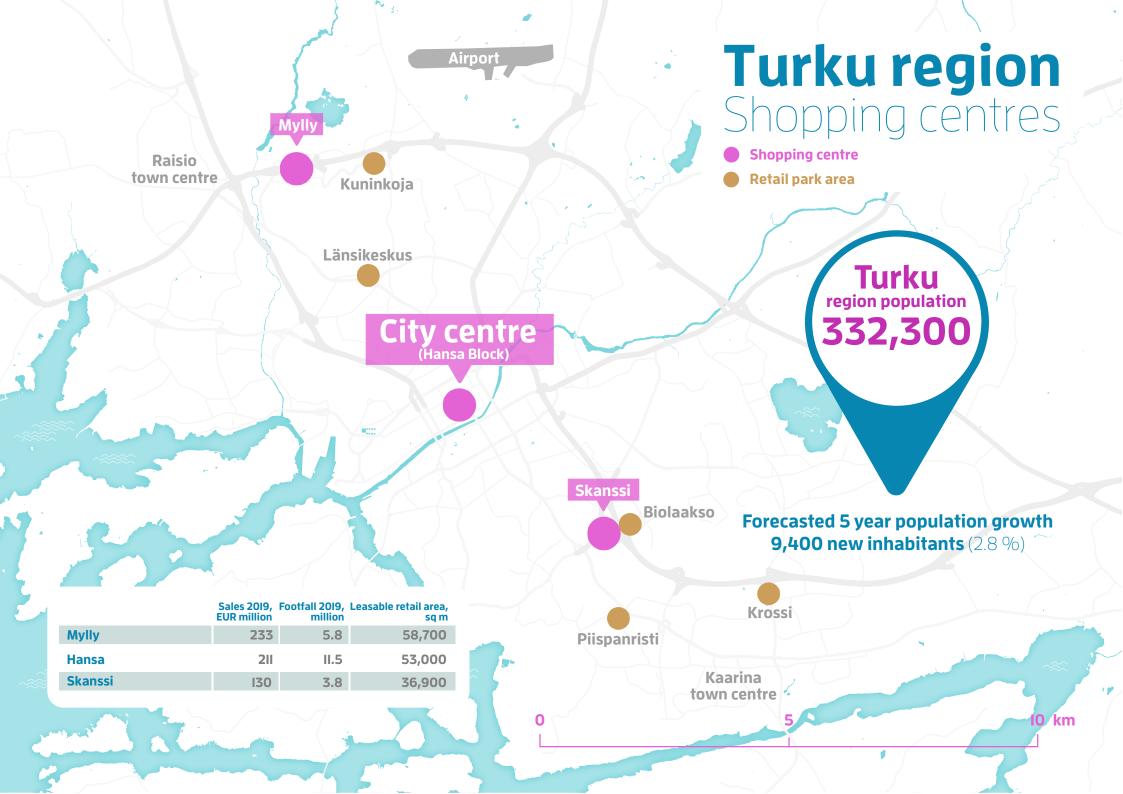
the market square, Aura riverfront with many restaurants, Old Town and the university campus area. The municipality has an ambitious new vision for developing the city centre and giving a boost for the future of the whole Turku region.

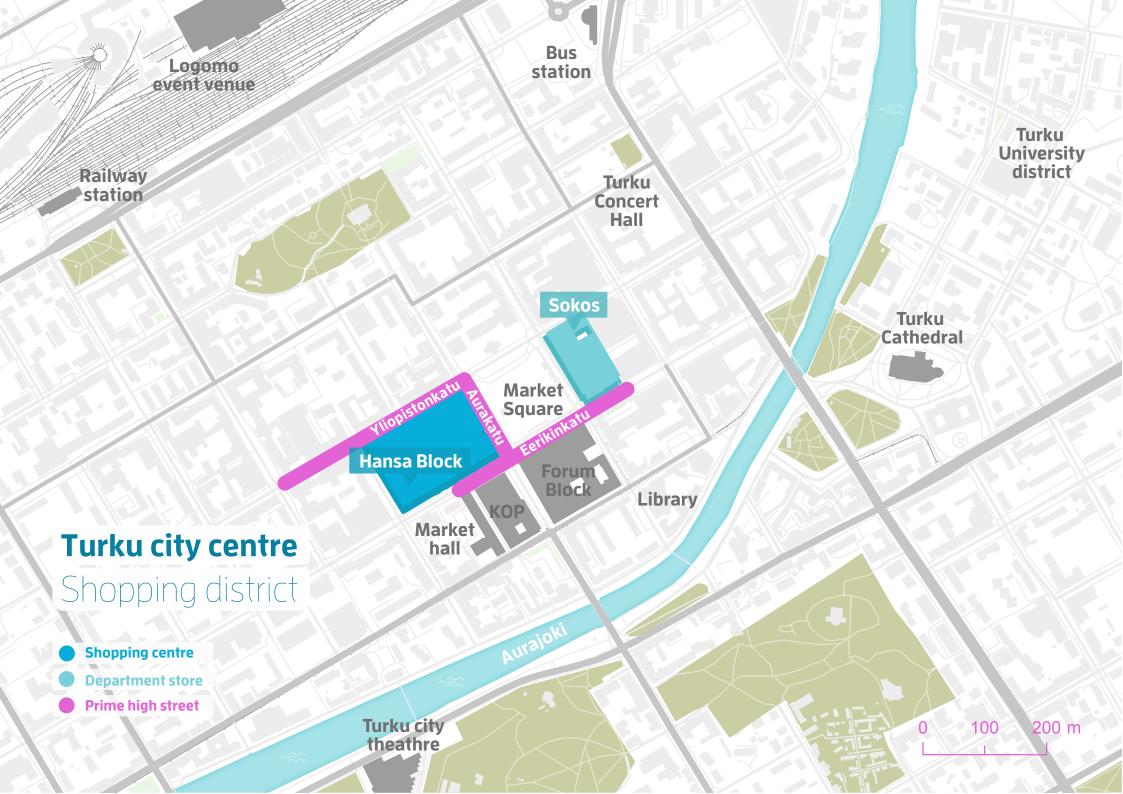
#### **Key facts Turku**

Population 2019	<b>193,000</b> (whole city region 332,300)
Workplaces 2017	100,100
Students 2018 (higher education)	29,900
Disposable income per capita 2018	EUR 23,000
Shopping centres 2019	3 shopping centres with a total GLA of I55,700 sq m

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







# **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 minimum fixed term between 3-5 years**. Longer terms usually apply for anchor

tenants, often between 5-IO 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.

#### **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 10:00 a.m. – 21:00 p.m. Mon-Fri, 10:00 a.m. – 19:00 p.m. Sat and 12:00 a.m. – 18:00 p.m. Sun.





