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## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Duna House Transaction number estimate, in line with other market transaction data, suggests an unusually strong summer season on the real estate market. The demand index –higher than in the previous yearsalso reflects an active market demand, with the index currently at 83 points, predicting an August similarly strong as July.

Based on the assessment of transaction parameters, the most popular size in Budapest is still in the 40-60 m2 range, with Buda characterized by a bigger (60-80 m2), and Pest by a smaller (20-40) category. When looking at prices, the gap between the two sides of the Danube is still significant. In Buda, 50% of sale and purchases the m2 price has exceeded HUF 750 thousand; while in Pest 33% of transactions fell in the HUF 600 thousand plus price range. In means of average property value, in Buda 53% of the transactions involved flats above HUF 40 Million sale price, while in Pest the HUF 20-25 Million price range accounted for the highest part (24%).

The dynamic rise of panel flat prices, based on the gathered data, seems to have continued in July. When compared to the previous year, square meter prices on regional level have gone up by HUF 50 thousand, while in the capital buyers paid HUF 100 thousand more for one m2. That means, average m2 prices outside Budapest are above HUF 250 thousand, and exceed HUF 400 thousand in the capital.

As far as forecasts are concerned, the volume of sale and purchase transactions on the Hungarian real estate market will reach 100 thousand in August, which is a limit that was not crossed in the entire year of 2009 and 2013.

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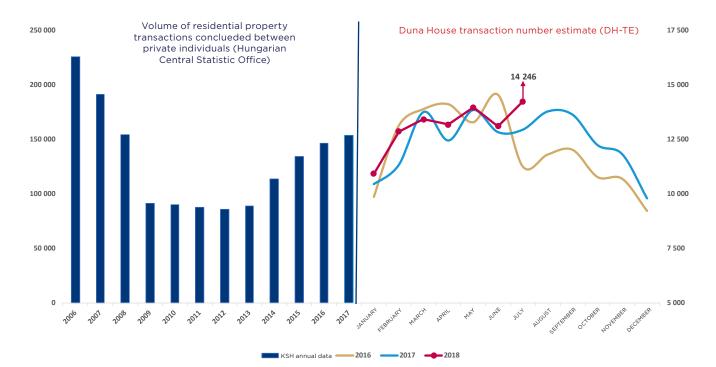


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## **TRANSACTION DATA**

#### **Duna House Transaction Number Estimate (DH-TE)**

The Hungarian real estate market has closed its most active month so far this year. The estimated 14 thousand sale-and purchase volume calculated by Duna House is 10% higher than last year and 26% more than in July 2016. Summer seasons tend to be more active, but it's been a long time since a similarly strong month. Transaction volumes exceeding 14 thousand were last measured in April and May 2016. This year so far 91 700 sale and purchase transactions have been completed.



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	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
2016	9 870	13 130	13 897	14 118	13 294	14 550	11 257	11 814	12 029	10 786	10 700	9 229
2017	10 444	11 317	13 762	12 452	13 855	12 836	12 951	13 787	13 639	12 246	11 820	9 787
2018	10 918	12 869	13 426	13 180	13 967	13 098	14 246					



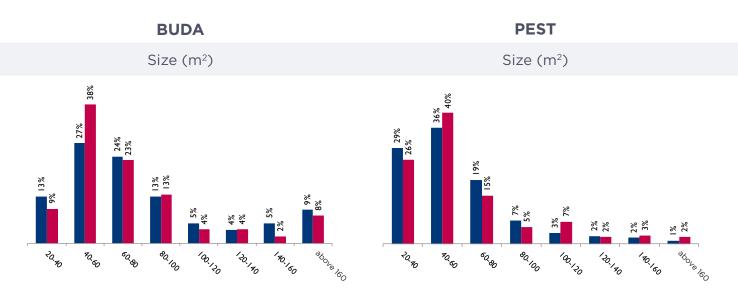
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Methodology behind DH-TE: Regardless of the time, the most important indicator of the real estate market is the yearly sale-purchase transaction number. DH-TE is an estimate published by Duna House showing interim approximate data. The estimate is based on monthly transaction number of property brokered by Duna House is based on the total market ratio of Duna House. The estimate of the actual monthly market ratio of Duna House is based on the following indicators:: 1. data published by the Hungarian Central Statistical Office on transactions among private individuals Since the Statistical Office publishes data with a months' delay, the correction of market ratio can be carried out retroactively with refining of the estimate as well. Attention! After 2016 and by the newly built flat boom, pre-contracted transactions are visible in the statistics of the Statistical Office with a delay of several months, even 1-2 years, only following the tariff of the capital transfer tax, resulting in anomalies in the statistics. 2. Amount of issued Energy certificates. 3. Subjective assessment based on other management information from the Duna House Holding.

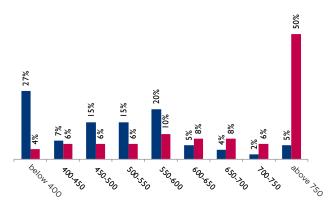


## TRANSACTION PARAMETERS IN BUDAPEST

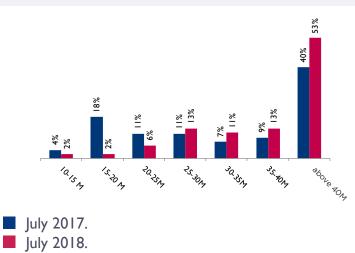
In Budapest, similarly to the data from a year before, the highest volume of sale and purchase transactions targeted 40-60 m2 properties on both sides of the Danube. In Buda, in 50% of all transactions the m2 price was above HUF 750 thousand. Prices in Pest are still somewhat lower, with 33% of the transactions being above HUF 620 thousand. In Buda 53% of the transactions involved flats above HUF 40 Million sale price, while in Pest the HUF 20-25 Million price range accounted for the highest part (24%).



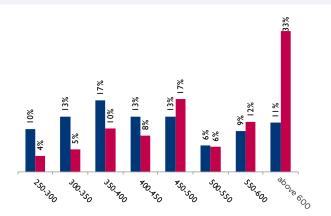
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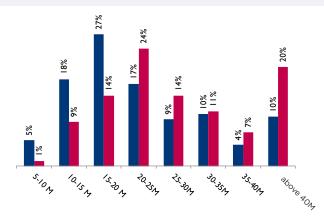
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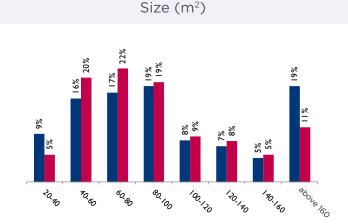
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## TRANSACTION PARAMETERS REGIONALLY

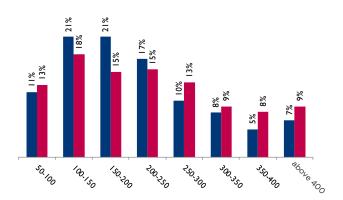
Outside Budapest, on regional level, the most demanded categories were the 40-60 m2 and the 60-80 m2 size in July. Prices are far behind the Budapest prices; even in Pest County only 17% of the transactions exceeded HUF 400 thousand m2 price. Therefore, the sale price of the flats generally remained under HUF 25 Million.



PEST COUNTY



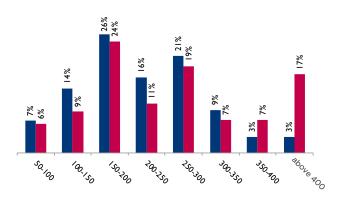
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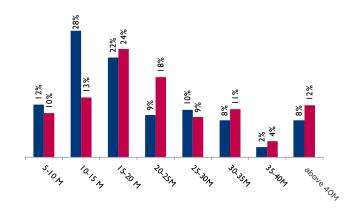
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## **PRICES - RESIDENTIAL FLAT DATA**

When compared to the previous year, the price of panel flats has clearly increased outside Budapest. In the eastern part of the country the average m2 price was HUF 267 thousand, while in the western regions it was HUF 255 thousand in July. Bargain position was around 4% everywhere.

In means of brick-built flats, average m2 prices in East-Hungary stagnated, and have somewhat increased in West-Hungary. The former shows HUF 305 thousand, while the latter HUF 271 thousand for one m2 on average.

	PANEL COUNTRYWIDE											
		EA	ST		WI	EST						
	price	m <sup>2</sup> price	Change in listing price	Bargain	price	m <sup>2</sup> price	Change in listing price	Bargain				
July 2017.	11 885 000	217 000	2%	4%	10 774 000	205 000	1%	4%				
July 2018.	14 119 000	267 000	1%	4%	13 300 000	255 000	1%	4%				

BRICK COUNTRYWIDE											
		EA	ST	WEST							
	price	m <sup>2</sup> price	Change in listing price	Bargain	price	m <sup>2</sup> price	Change in listing price	Bargain			
July 2017.	17 724 000	308 000	1%	1%	14 067 000	247 000	2%	4%			
July 2018.	15 530 000	305 000	2%	5%	14 029 000	271 000	1%	6%			

Average price of panel flats in the capital has increased by HUF 100 thousand on average. This accounts for nearly half a million (478 thousand) in Buda, and 400 thousand on the Pest side as well, according to data gathered by Duna House.

Both sale and m2 prices have grown in case of brick-built flats as well. In July, the average m2 price was HUF 700 in Buda, HUF 673 thousand in the Inner City, and HUF 522 in Pest. In comparison with the previous year, bargain potential has improved slightly.

#### PANEL BUDAPEST

		BU	IDA		PE	ST		
	price	m <sup>2</sup> price	Change in listing price	Bargain	price	m <sup>2</sup> price	Change in listing price	Bargain
July 2017.	20 163 000	367 000	1%	4%	17 214 000	331 000	2%	2%
July 2018.	25 725 000	478 000	3%	5%	21 363 000	416 000	1%	2%

#### BRICK BUDAPEST

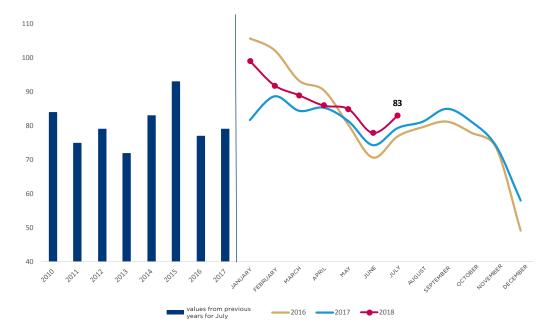
		PEST				INNER CITY						
	price	m <sup>2</sup> price	Change in listing price	Bargain	price	m <sup>2</sup> price	Change in listing price	Bargain	price	m <sup>2</sup> price	Change in listing price	Bargain
July 2017.	39 766 000	552 000	3%	4%	23 605 000	444 000	2%	3%	33 640 000	571 000	2%	3%
July 2018.	49 467 000	700 000	2%	4%	27 288 000	522 000	1%	4%	41 519 000	673 000	3%	6%

Based on purchase prices of the given period of properties brokered by Duna House.

Methodology: Change in the listing price is the difference between the first price indicated by the seller in the Duna House assignment and the last registered price at the time of the appearance of the buyer. Bargain shows additional changes in the price agreed upon by the seller and buyer. The two indicators together give a good picture of the difference in price between the original idea of the seller and the actual final price

## **BUYERS - DEMAND INDEX**

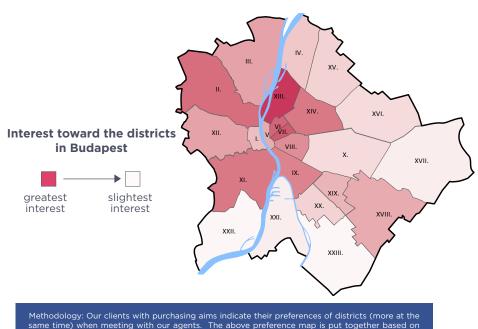
The demand for properties has remained unusually high in July, with the Demand Index reaching 83%. The generally accepted trend of slower summer seasons on the real estate market is clearly beginning to change.



Methodology behind Demand Index: The basis of the estimate is the activity registered by our agents in various, mainly major cities and Duna House offices. Corrections are made depending on the number of active agents and working days. The Demand Index is an important indication of buyer side's reactions to political decision or solutions offered by the financial sector. Demand Index is a quantitative indicator which has no direct connection with the realized or future transaction numbers. The latter is a qualitative issue highly affected by market environment and available financial product.

## INTEREST TOWARD THE DISTRICTS

District 13 has presented the highest interest in the past months, which didn't change in July either. District 7, with its growing potential, came in second this time, breaking the steady second place of District 14 seen in the past months. The third most popular location in July was District 6, just slightly behind its neighbor.



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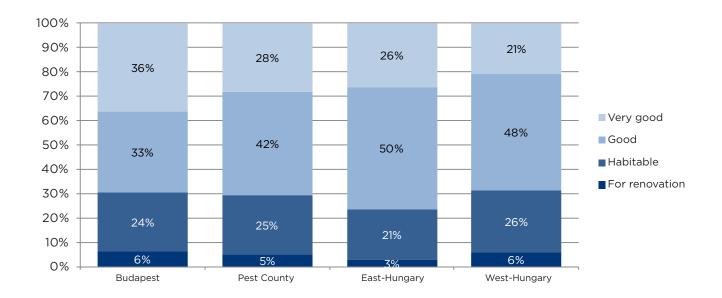
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DISTRICT	JULY 2017.	JULY 2018.
Budapest 01.	8,2%	9,2%
Budapest 02.	13,5%	15,6%
Budapest 03.	11,4%	11,8%
Budapest 04.	7,9%	8,3%
Budapest 05.	10,1%	10,8%
Budapest 06.	14,5%	17,0%
Budapest 07.	15,9%	17,1%
Budapest 08.	12,3%	12,9%
Budapest 09.	13,3%	13,9%
Budapest 10.	6,9%	6,4%
Budapest 11.	14,3%	15,3%
Budapest 12.	10,7%	11,5%
Budapest 13.	19,1%	20,4%
Budapest 14.	16,2%	15,3%
Budapest 15.	6,9%	6,9%
Budapest 16.	5,4%	6,2%
Budapest 17.	4,5%	4,4%
Budapest 18.	9,1%	10,5%
Budapest 19.	8,3%	9,5%
Budapest 20.	6,3%	7,2%
Budapest 21.	4,0%	4,7%
Budapest 22.	3,8%	3,6%
Budapest 23.	2,9%	2,4%



## QUALITY PREFERENCE

Very good quality flats are the most demanded in Budapest, and the less preferred in West-Hungary. In East-Hungary, half of the transactions targeted god quality homes with minor renovation need. On countrywide level, habitable category properties account for nearly 25% of sales and purchases, next to which only 3-6% of buyers favor properties for renovation.



### TIME NEED OF SALE

The time need for sale has decreased both in case of panel and brick-built flats. Panel flats were sold within a two-month period generally, while brick-built flats needed more than three months. In July the sale of properties located in the Inner City of the capital, and brick-built ones in West-Hungary required the longest time.

PANEL								
Time need of sale/day								
	East	West	Buda	Pest				
July 2017.	63	115	69	81				
July 2018.	62	61	68	52				

BRICK								
Time need of sale/day								
	East	West	Buda	Pest	Inner city			
July 2017.	106	152	99	116	88			
July 2018.	97	110	93	98	102			

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## **BUYER'S PROFILE BUDAPEST**

In Budapest the ratio of buyers in the 40-50, and the 60+ age group has increased in comparison with the previous year. They generally acquired properties of a size above 60 m2, and paid over HUF 32 Million. Investors this July accounted for a higher ratio than last year. The average price of investments reached HUF 30 Million.



## **BUYER'S PROFILE ON REGIONAL LEVEL**

Similarly to Budapest, on regional level, it was also the age group of 40-50, and 60+ that presents growth in comparison with data from the previous year. The average price of the acquired properties is over half of the prices in Budapest. The ratio of investors has decreased since last July, while the ratio of those oving into a bigger property has grown.

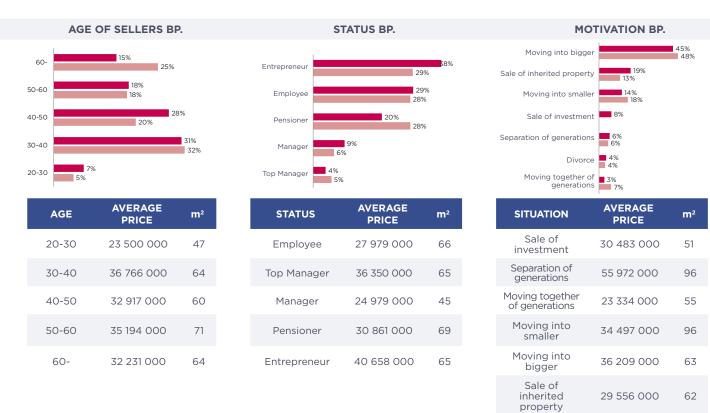


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## SELLER'S PROFILE BUDAPEST

The highest ratio of sellers came from the age group of 30-40, with the representation of the 40-50 groups also being similarly high. Properties were sold for HUF 33-37 Million on average. Although the ratio of properties sold with a reason to move into a smaller one has decreased, it still accounts for the highest part of sales. Seller generally received HUF 36 Million for their properties.



## SELLER'S PROFILE ON REGIONAL LEVEL

Sellers outside Budapest seem to be older than in the capital, with leading age groups of 40-50 and 60+. The ratio of the latter group has actually increased by 7% since last year. The greatest part among these sellers moved into a smaller property. Average size of sold properties was 116 m2, with a HUF 19 Million average price level.





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Divorce

SITUATION	AVERAGE PRICE	m²
Sale of investment	12 755 000	54
Separation of generations	17 523 000	103
Moving together of generations	14 467 000	63
Moving into smaller	19 128 000	116
Moving into bigger	18 070 000	71
Sale of inherited property	11 700 000	81
Divorce	16 758 000	127

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Data presented above relating age, status and reason of purchase have been acquired through the voluntary declaration of our clients. They qualify as sampling and are regarded as estimated values..



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