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#### **NEED TO KNOW**

### 9 August 2022

1.75%

BoE interest rate, August 2022 BoE raises its interest rate to 1.75%. Last week, the Bank of England (BoE) increased its interest rate by 50bps to 1.75%, its highest level since December 2008, the central bank's largest increase in 27-years and its sixth successive rate rise since December. The BoE's decision followed two successive 75bps rate hikes by the US Federal Reserve and the European Central Bank lifting its base rate by 50bps in July. The BoE now expect inflation to peak at 13.1% in Q4 2022 (10.2% previously forecast), with inflation forecast to pare back to its 2% target by Q3 2024 (previously Q2 2024). Lastly, the BoE now expects the UK economy to enter into a recession in Q4 2022 which will last for five successive quarters. Despite the BoE's announcements, the UK 5-year swap rate and 10-year gilt yield have been largely unaffected, currently at 2.35% and 1.96%, respectively.

2.89%

Current yield gap between UK All Property yields and the risk free rate What does this mean for UK CRE? While there are indications that pricing has already moved in some markets due to the elevated cost of debt, attention may now move to the risk premium part of yields. The current yield gap with UK all property yields and the risk-free rate is at 2.89%, which is the tightest it has been since 2008. However, the yield gap remains above the pre-GFC average of 2.46%. Counter cyclical and lower beta real estate such as affordable housing, retirement living, discounters and food stores may see more focus as the rising cost of debt causes more polarisation within UK CRE. More traditional, liquid sectors as well as those which capture structural changes from data centres to residential sectors, could also benefit. Investors will also look to target local levels of growth and resilience. Our global and UK innovation-led cities can help identify those local areas with a micro-growth location story.

### £15.2bn

UK all property commercial real estate investment, Q2 2022 UK CRE investment remained robust in Q2. Despite the more downbeat economic outlook and the geo-political headwinds facing the global economy, Q2 2022 saw some strong sector level performances in terms of UK commercial real estate investment. For example, both the specialist sectors and the industrial sector recorded their second strongest Q2 on record, with £7.3 billion and £3.0 billion invested, respectively. Overall, UK CRE investment totalled £15.2bn in Q2, which was +39% above the Q2 LTA. With this in mind, £32.0 billion was invested in the first half of the year, the strongest H1 on record and +43% higher than the H1 LTA. Investors looking to hedge against inflation, capitalise on weaker sterling or even act before softer economics hit, could drive UK commercial real estate over the coming months.

### Swap rates are down from their recent peak, but remain elevated



 $Sources: Bank\ of\ England,\ FT,\ Macrobond,\ Property\ Data,\ Trading\ Economics,\ Knight\ Frank\ Research$ 

### **LOOKING AHEAD**

### Inflation

The latest inflation figures for France, Germany, Italy, Norway, Spain and the US will be published this week. US inflation accelerated to +9.1% in June 2022, up from +8.6% in May, its highest level since 1981. The US Federal Reserve will pay close attention to inflation figures released on Wednesday and will explore whether more 75-basis point interest rate hikes should be considered. The Fed's Chair, Jerome Powell has already indicated that the Federal Open Market Committee will most likely implement another large rate hike at its next meeting on 20th September. This is largely due to the robust US labour market, which has experienced strong jobs growth in recent months. The US economy added 528k jobs in July, more than double economists expectations of 250k and significantly higher than the 398k jobs added in June. Furthermore, US unemployment hit 3.5% in July, matching February 2020's 50-year low.

### **GDP**

Q2 2022 GDP growth figures for the UK, Hong Kong (SAR), Japan and Singapore are also due later this week. The British economy expanded +0.8% q-q in the first three months of 2022, the lowest in a year, but in line with preliminary estimates. Looking ahead, the BoE forecast UK GDP growth to reach +3.50% in 2022 (previously forecast as +3.75% growth in May). The outlook is softer with GDP growth of -1.50% in 2023 (versus -1.25% forecast previously) and -0.25% in 2024 (+0.25% forecast previously).

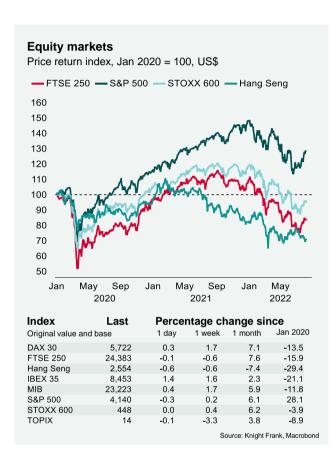
### Air Traffic

On Thursday, Heathrow Airport's monthly traffic figures will be published. The London hub said that the increase in traffic over the last four months was equivalent to 40 years of growth at the airport, with nearly six million passengers traveling through its terminals in June, up from 5.3 million in May. Following London's Heathrow's decision in July to cap departing passengers at 100,000 a day to limit queues, baggage delays and cancellations, Heathrow airport expects to witness a decline in monthly traffic figures, in line with pre-pandemic figures (1,350 flights per day).

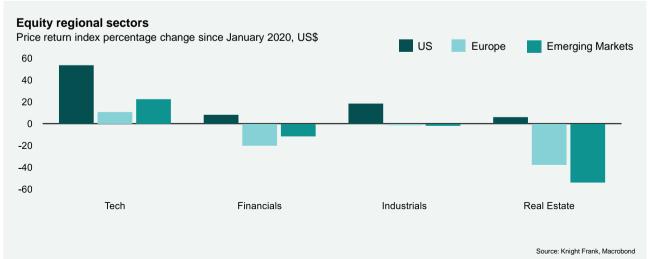
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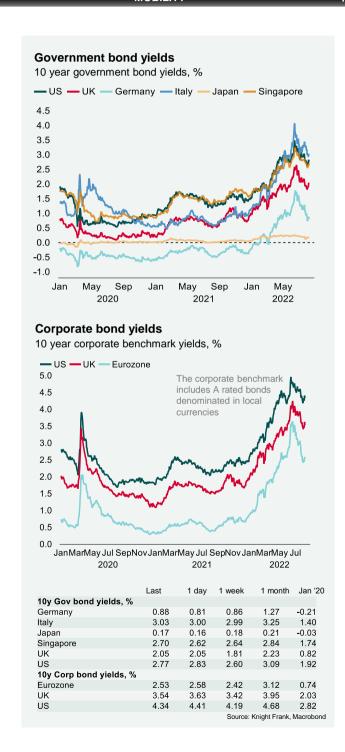


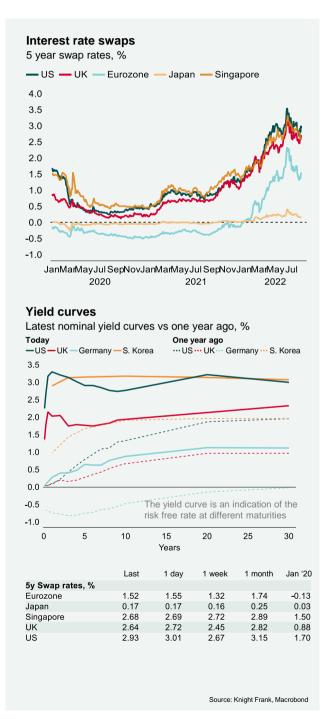






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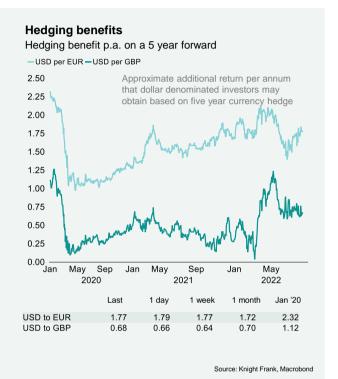


Source: Knight Frank, Macrobond

## **Leading Indicators**

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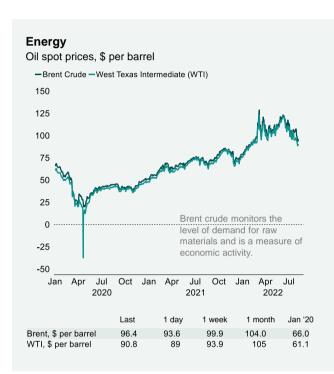


#### Inflation and monetary policy

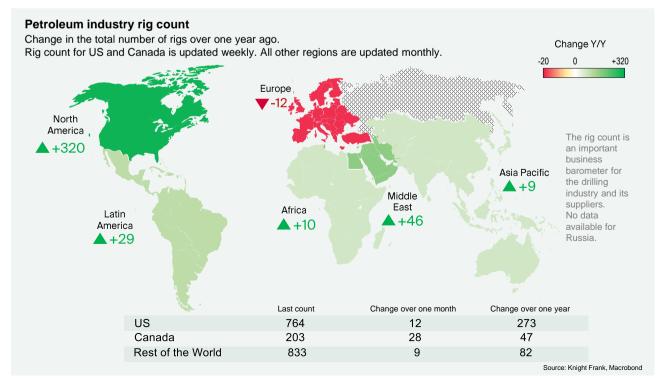
	Inflation rate (%)				Interest ra	ıtes (%)	Asset purchasing		
	Jul	Jun	May	Apr	Last	Jan '21	Latest (\$)	1m change (%	
Australia 1	n/a	6.1	6.1	6.1	1.85	0.10	433 bn	2.4	
Canada	n/a	8.1	7.7	6.8	2.50	0.25	354 bn	-2.5	
China	n/a	2.4	2.0	2.0	4.35	4.35	5.86 tn	1.6	
Euro Area	8.9	8.6	8.1	7.4	0.50	0.00	8.9 tn	-3.8	
France	6.1	5.8	5.2	4.8	0.50	0.00	2.15 tn	<del>-</del> 2.0	
Germany	7.6	7.4	8.0	7.4	0.50	0.00	3.02 tn	-3.4	
India	n/a	7.0	7.0	7.8	5.40	4.00	378 bn	-0.6	
Italy	7.9	8.0	6.8	6.0	0.50	0.00	1.61 tn	-2.8	
Japan	n/a	2.4	2.5	2.5	-0.10	-0.10	5.43 tn	0.6	
Saudi Arabia	n/a	2.3	2.2	2.3	3.00	1.00	529 bn	6.5	
South Korea	6.3	6.0	5.4	4.8	2.25	0.50	461 bn	3.1	
Spain	n/a	n/a	8.7	8.3	0.50	0.00	487 bn	-1.2	
Sweden	n/a	8.7	7.3	6.4	0.75	0.00	147 bn	1.2	
UK	n/a	9.4	9.1	9.0	1.75	0.10	1.05 tn	-1.4	
US	n/a	9.0	8.5	8.2	2.50	0.25	8.87 tn	-0.3	
. Australia Inflation rate is	s only available on	a quarterly ha	sis						



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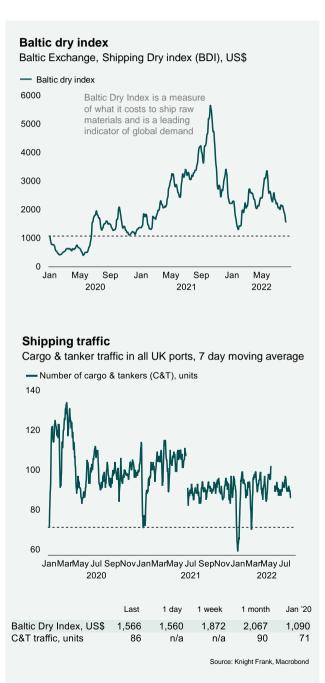


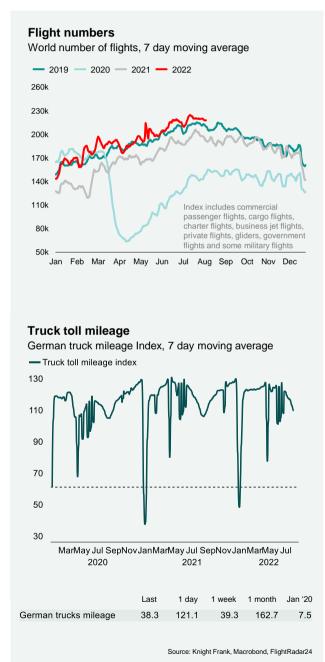






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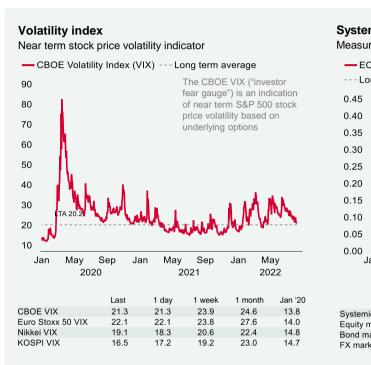
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#### **UK REITs by sector** US REITs by sector UK EPRA gross total return index, Jan 2020 = 100, GBP£ US NAREIT gross total return index, Jan 2020 = 100, US\$ — All REITs — Office — Industrial — Retail All REITs — Office — Industrial — Retail Healthcare — Residential — S&P500 Healthcare — Residential — FTSE 250 200 175 175 150 150 125 125 100 100 75 75 50 50 25 25 O Sep Sep May Jan May Jan May Jan May Sep May Sep May Jan Jan Jan 2020 2021 2022 2020 2021 2022 Index, gross total return Percentage change since Index, gross total return Percentage change since Jan '20 Original value and base I ast 1 day 1 week 1 month Original value and base Last 1 day 1 week 1 month Jan'20 All REITs 958 -1.0 -2.2 3.9 -6.3 All REITs 22,866 1.2 -1.1 6.3 13.4 Office 2,073 -30.1 -1.3 -3.0 1.4 Office 1.677 1.0 -4.1 1.0 -25.2 5.8 Industrial 1,597 -1.7 -2.6 28.8 Industrial 3 206 0.2 -0.9 47 0 62 Retail -0.3 -1.2 10.7 -81.9 65 Retail 1.139 1.8 -0.9 8.3 -0.2Healthcare 2,343 -0.1 -0.3 3.3 3.990 4.4 Healthcare 0.8 -3.52.3 -38 3.7 -0.8 Residential 1.514 -0.6 Residential 2,300 8.0 -2.3 18.1 FTSF 250 16.560 -0.2 68 S&P500 8,753 -0.3 6.2 33.6 Source: Knight Frank, Macrobono



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#### Systemic stress Measures FX, money, sovereign and bond yield volatility ECB Composite Indicator of Systemic Stress (CISS) --- Long term average The CISS is an indicator of instability across the whole financial system (hence "systemic stress") JanMaMayJulSepNovJanMar MayJulSepNovJanMarMayJul 2020 2021 1 month Jan'20 Last 1 week 0.282 0.022 0.411 0.411 Systemic stress composite Equity markets stress sub index 0.117 0.149 0.097 0.009 Bond markets stress sub index 0.107 0.112 0.098 0.020 FX markets stress sub index 0.065 0.082 0.041 0.004

#### Source: Knight Frank, Macrobond

#### Workplace mobility

Google Workplace Mobility Index change since March '20, %

7 day moving average of daily office visitors compared to each country's baseline (5 week average between Jan 2020 - Feb 2020).



#### **Public transport mobility**

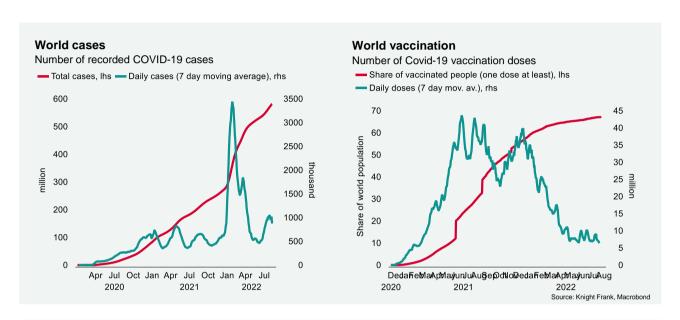
Citymapper Mobility Index change since March '20, %

7 day moving average of daily trips planned and taken compared to each city's baseline (4 week average between Jan 2020 - Feb 2020).





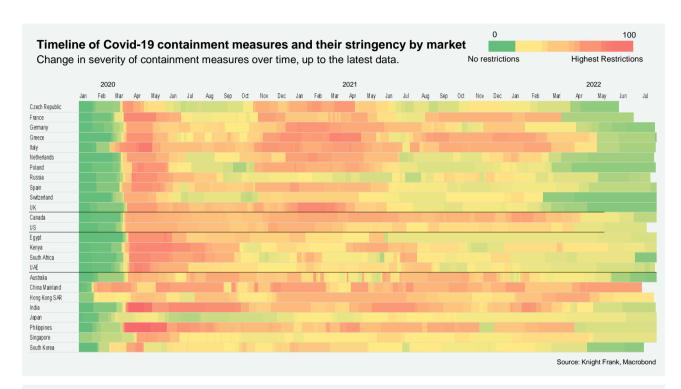
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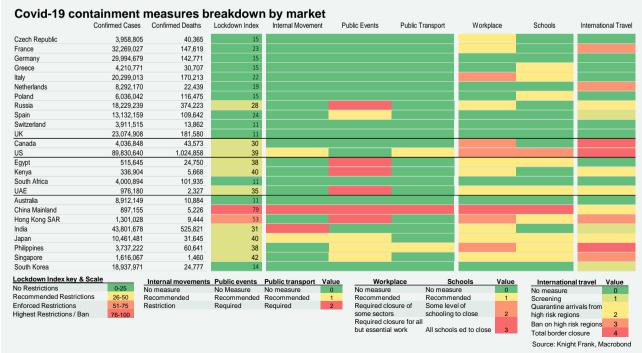


#### Cases and vaccinations breakdown by country Total cases New cases People vaccinated New doses 1 week ago 1 month ago Thousands Population (%) Millions Last day Last 7days av. Australia 96 85,830 43 118 22,402 86 1,142 26,530 76,549 Brazil 33.9 17,409 22,889 77,166 185,208 86 32.793 86 4.974 Canada 4.1 4,085 2,254 4,031 1,298,636 91 45,837 China 5.8 24,048 22,895 32,694 82 4,824 27 Denmark 3.2 2,631 3.006 2,672 31,535 54,529 81 5,428 33.1 21.528 161.187 France 31.2 49,609 7,775 110,578 64,738 78 3,638 Germany 7 924 76 520 Greece 4.5 17,885 122,230 22.109 44.2 1,022,423 73 456,344 India 16,167 16,464 18,815 Ireland 1.6 104 2,753 4,093 82 49 507 21.3 26,656 37,252 108,386 50,821 86 5,455 Italy Japan 14.2 198,563 196,812 47,786 103,962 83 63,219 12,951 74 1,770 Netherlands 8.3 7.287 1,231 2,371 4,344 80 543 Norway 1.5 227 112 416 2,047 95 562 9,740 Portugal 5.4 3,339 9,412 14,968 Russia 18.7 17,862 10,824 3,464 82,614 57 Saudi Arabia 8.0 147 223 503 26,714 74 7,330 Singapore 4,798 5,106 9.985 5,022 92 223 1.8 South Africa 4.0 273 354 365 22,183 37 1,489 20.5 55,292 87 South Korea 44,600 19,323 45,092 12.144 87 1,181 Spain 13.3 6.730 7,783 24.234 41,281 UK 23.4 9.202 6,984 29,634 53,710 80 4,024 US 90.7 18,362 261,591 79 23,583 44,123 145,973 Change since People vaccinated Share of population **Total cases** Total (mn) 1 week ago 1 month ago Total (mn) Last 1 week ago 1 month ago World 582 1.1% 5.2% 720 67.2% 67.1% 66.6%



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#### **ESG FUNDS & SUSTAINABLE FINANCE**

# **\$120bn**ESG funds Inflow 2021

- Inflows into ESG funds reached \$120bn in 2021, more than double 2020's \$51bn total.
- Global ESG assets may surpass \$41 trillion by 2022 and \$50 trillion by 2025, one-third of the projected total assets under management globally, according to Bloomberg.

40%
Growth in US ESG

assets over past two

years

- Europe accounts for half of global ESG assets and dominated the market until 2018.
- The U.S is taking the lead with more than 40% growth in the past two years and is expected to exceed \$20 trillion in 2022, even if its pace of growth halves this year.

35%

Forecast growth in ESG EFTs by 2025

- Bloomberg forecast a 35% growth in ESG exchange-traded funds' (ETFs) by 2025, expecting \$1.3 trillion in inflows into global ETFs.
- Despite a 4% share of total ETF assets, ESG ETFS accounted for over 10% of the ETF flows in 2021.
- Investments in ESG ETFs have increased for the past 38 months.

EU Allowance (EUA) and UK Allowance (UKA) grant the entitlement to emit one tonne of carbon dioxide equivalent gas

#### **EMISSION TARGETS**

### **UN IPCC**

Under all emissions scenarios outlined in the UN's IPCC report, temperatures will pass 1.5°C above 1850-1900 levels by 2040 and extreme weather occurrences will be more frequent. Therefore, the Paris Agreement's goal of stabilising temperatures at 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels by the end of the century will require significant action.

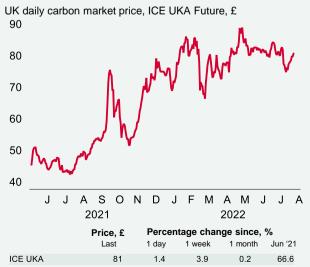
As result, the UK, US and EU have accelerated their emissions targets:

- **UK**: to reduce emissions by 78% before 2035 (vs 1990 levels).
- EU: to cut emissions by at least 55% by 2030 (vs 1990 levels).
- US: to cut emissions by 52% by 2030 (vs 2005 levels).

#### **EU AND UK EMISSIONS TRADING SYSTEM TRACKER**

EU daily carbon market price, ICE EUA Futures, € UK
90
80
70
60
70
40







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### **MACROECONOMIC INDICATORS**

Market	Population million	GDP \$tn	YoY	QoQ	Interest rate	Inflation rate	Jobless rate	Gov. Budget % of GDP	Debt/ GDP %	A
Australia	26	1,543	3.3%	0.8%	1.85%	6.1%	3.5%	-7.8%	24.8%	
Austria	9	477	4.7%	0.5%	0.50%	9.2%	5.6%	-5.9%	82.8%	
Belgium	12	600	3.3%	0.2%	0.50%	9.6%	5.5%	-5.5%	108.2%	
Brazil	213	1,609	1.7%	1.0%	13.75%	11.9%	9.3%	-4.5%	88.8%	
Canada	38	1,991	2.9%	0.8%	2.50%	8.1%	4.9%	-4.7%	117.8%	
China Mainland	1,413	17,734	0.4%	-2.6%	3.70%	2.5%	5.5%	-3.7%	66.8%	
Denmark	6	397	6.2%	-0.5%	-0.10%	8.2%	2.5%	2.3%	36.7%	
Egypt	101	404	5.4%	9.8%	11.25%	13.2%	7.2%	-6.1%	92.0%	
Euro Area	343	14,493	4.0%	0.7%	0.50%	8.9%	6.6%	-5.1%	95.6%	
Finland	6	299	3.6%	0.2%	0.50%	7.8%	6.8%	-2.6%	65.8%	
France	68	2,937	4.2%	0.5%	0.50%	6.1%	7.3%	-6.5%	112.9%	
Germany	83	4,223	1.4%	0.0%	0.50%	7.5%	5.4%	-3.7%	69.3%	
Hong Kong SAR	7	368	-1.4%	0.9%	2.75%	1.8%	4.7%	-12.0%	38.4%	
India	1,380	3,173	4.1%	0.8%	5.40%	7.0%	7.8%	-9.4%	74.0%	
Indonesia	273	1,186	5.4%	3.7%	3.50%	4.9%	5.8%	-4.7%	38.5%	
Ireland	5	499	10.7%	6.3%	0.50%	9.1%	4.2%	-0.1%	56.0%	
Israel	9	482	9.0%	-0.5%	1.25%	4.4%	3.3%	-11.7%	68.8%	
Italy	59	2,100	4.6%	1.0%	0.50%	7.9%	8.1%	-7.2%	150.8%	
Japan	125	4,937	0.2%	-0.1%	-0.10%	2.4%	2.6%	-12.6%	266.2%	
Netherlands	17	1,018	6.7%	0.4%	0.50%	10.3%	3.4%	-2.5%	52.1%	
Nigeria	206	441	3.1%	-14.7%	14.00%	18.6%	33.3%	-4.7%	37.0%	
Norway	5	482	4.8%	-1.0%	1.25%	6.3%	3.3%	9.1%	43.2%	
Philippines	110	394	8.2%	1.9%	3.25%	6.4%	6.0%	-8.6%	60.4%	
Poland	38	674	8.5%	2.5%	6.50%	15.5%	4.9%	-1.9%	53.8%	
Romania	19	284	6.4%	5.1%	5.50%	15.1%	5.3%	-7.1%	48.8%	
Russia	146	1,776	3.5%	-0.8%	8.00%	15.9%	3.9%	0.8%	18.2%	
Singapore	5	397	4.8%	0.0%	1.56%	6.7%	2.1%	-13.9%	131.0%	
South Africa	60	420	3.0%	1.9%	5.50%	7.4%	34.5%	-5.7%	69.9%	
South Korea	52	1,799	2.9%	0.7%	2.25%	6.3%	2.9%	-6.1%	42.6%	
Spain	47	1,425	6.3%	1.1%	0.50%	10.8%	12.5%	-6.9%	118.4%	
Sweden	10	627	4.2%	1.4%	0.75%	8.7%	8.6%	-0.2%	36.7%	
Switzerland	9	813	4.4%	0.5%	-0.25%	3.4%	2.0%	-0.7%	41.4%	
Turkey	85	815	7.3%	1.2%	14.00%	79.6%	10.9%	-2.7%	42.0%	
UAE	10	359	3.8%	2.0%	3.75%	2.5%	5.0%	-0.8%	36.9%	
UK	68	3,187	8.7%	0.8%	1.75%	9.4%	3.8%	-6.0%	95.9%	
US	332	22,996	1.6%	-0.9%	2.50%	9.1%	3.5%	-16.7%	137.2%	
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Source: Trading Economics



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In the latest edition of the UK Hotel Capital Markets Investment Review, we provide a comprehensive analysis of UK hotel transaction activity for 2021, outline the key investment trends and walk you through our Knight Frank predictions for the year arhead.



UK Healthcare Property Overview

In the 2021/22 edition of our UK Healthcare Property Market Overview, we look at several standout market trends from the past year and present a forward view on what we believe to be continuing trends throughout 2022

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