Leading Indicators



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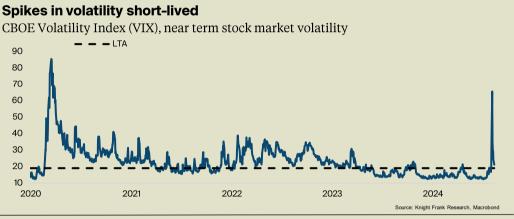
Will market volatility spark a rush for safe-haven assets?

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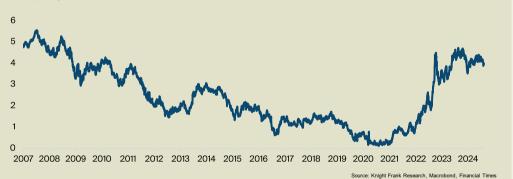
Recent turbulence in equity markets, spurred by weak US employment data and a sharp correction in US tech stocks led to a spike in the VIX (a measure of volatility), though this has since gradually declined to 21.2. In times of market volatility, investors may turn to safe-haven assets like Real Estate, where values appear to be stabilising,

3.96%

Earlier this month, the Bank of England began its loosening cycle by cutting rates to 5.00%. Today's robust labour market data has since boosted the pound to \$1.28, leading markets to price in one more rate cut this year, with a 63% chance of a second. Meanwhile, the UK 10-year gilt yield has dipped below 4% for the first time since March 2024, currently at 3.96%.

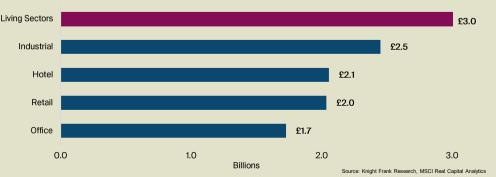


UK 10-year gilt yield drops below 4% for the first time since March UK 10-year government bond yield, %



Living sectors #1 in Q2 2024

UK CRE Investment Volumes, Q2 2024, £bn



£3.0bn

In Q2 2024, the Living Sectors led with £3.0bn in investment. This was followed by Industrial (£2.5bn), Hotels (£2.1bn), Retail (£2.0bn), and Offices (£1.7bn). Hotels (+326%), the Living Sectors (+54%), and Retail (+26%) were the only sectors to record an increase in investment YoY in Q2 2024.



Equities

Equity markets

Price return index, Jan 2020 = 100, US\$

- FTSE 250 - S&P 500 - STOXX 600 - Hang Seng



Source: Knight Frank, Macrobond

| Index | Last | Percentage change since | | | |
|------------------|---------|-------------------------|--------|---------|---------|
| Original value a | nd base | 1 day | 1 week | 1 month | Jan '20 |
| DAX 30 | 7,445 | 0.5 | 0.5 | -3.9 | 12.5 |
| FTSE 250 | 26,441 | 1.4 | -0.9 | -3.5 | -8.8 |
| Hang Seng | 2,205 | 0.6 | 2.8 | -3.5 | -39.1 |
| IBEX 35 | 11,639 | 1.0 | -0.1 | -4.2 | 8.6 |
| MIB | 34,906 | 0.8 | -0.2 | -6.5 | 32.6 |
| S&P 500 | 5,344 | 0.5 | 0.0 | -4.3 | 65.4 |
| STOXX 600 | 546 | 0.7 | 0.4 | -3.5 | 16.9 |
| ΤΟΡΙΧ | 17 | 2.6 | 11.2 | -6.0 | 10.0 |

REITs by region

EPRA/NAREIT total return index, Jan 2020 = 100, US\$ — World — Europe — US — Asia Pacific



| | | Source: Knight Frank, Macrobond | | | | |
|------------------------|-------|---------------------------------|-------------------------|------|---------|--|
| Index, total return | Last | Pe | Percentage change since | | | |
| Original value and bas | e | 1 day 1 week 1 month | | | Jan '20 | |
| US | 2,790 | -0.3 | -0.2 | 3.7 | 16.7 | |
| Europe | 2,170 | 1.0 | -1.9 | -2.8 | -23.9 | |
| World | 3,336 | 0.0 | -0.3 | 2.8 | 3.8 | |
| Asia Pacific | 3,142 | 0.7 | -0.7 | 1.8 | -20.0 | |

Equity regional sectors

Price return index percentage change since Jan 2020

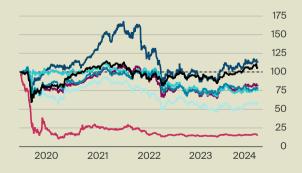


Source: Knight Frank, Macrobond

| | Percentag | Percentage change since Jan 2020 | | | | | |
|-------------|-----------|----------------------------------|--------|--|--|--|--|
| | US | Europe | World | | | | |
| Tech | 120.1% | 53.5% | 63.3% | | | | |
| Financials | 33.7% | 20.6% | -3.9% | | | | |
| Industrials | 54.2% | 35.2% | 0.4% | | | | |
| Real Estate | -0.9% | -54.2% | -59.0% | | | | |

UK REITs by sector

UK EPRA gross total return index, Jan 2020 = 100, GBP£ — All REITs Office — Industrial — Retail — Healthcare — Residential — FTSE 250



| | 501 | Source: Knight Frank, Macrobond | | | |
|--------|--|--|---|---|--|
| Last | | Percenta | ge change | e since | |
| е | 1 day | 1 week | 1 month | Jan '20 | |
| 837 | 0.3 | -2.3 | - 2.7 | -18.2 | |
| 1,720 | -0.5 | -0.4 | -2.7 | -42.0 | |
| 1,398 | 0.0 | -3.4 | -4.1 | 12.8 | |
| 57 | 1.5 | -2.7 | -5.4 | -84.2 | |
| 1,740 | 1.7 | 0.1 | -1.4 | -23.3 | |
| 1,194 | 0.5 | -2.0 | 0.1 | -21.8 | |
| 18,176 | 0.8 | -0.7 | -2.2 | 6.7 | |
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Bonds & Rates



Government bond yields

10 year government bond yields, %

- US - UK Germany - Italy - Japan - Singapore

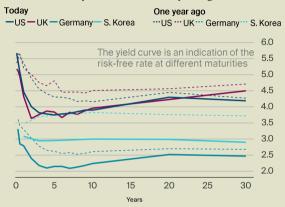


Source: Knight Frank, Macrobond

| | Last | 1 day | 1 week | 1 month | Jan '20 |
|-----------|------|-------|--------|---------|---------|
| Italy | 3.64 | 3.64 | 3.65 | 3.79 | 1.40 |
| Japan | 0.86 | 0.84 | 0.77 | 1.08 | -0.03 |
| Singapore | 2.87 | 2.87 | 2.77 | 3.10 | 1.74 |
| UK | 3.92 | 3.92 | 3.92 | 4.11 | 0.82 |
| US | 3.90 | 3.90 | 3.90 | 4.18 | 1.92 |
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Yield curves

Latest nominal yield curves vs one year ago, %



Source: Knight Frank, Macrobond

Interest rate swaps

5 year swap rates, %

- US - UK - Eurozone - Japan

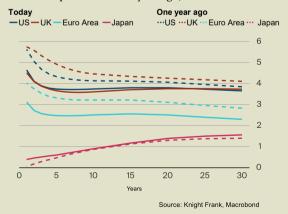


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| | Last | 1 day | 1 week | 1 month | Jan '20 |
|-----------|------|-------|--------|---------|---------|
| Eurozone | 2.48 | 2.48 | 2.48 | 2.79 | -0.13 |
| Japan | 0.60 | 0.60 | 0.61 | 0.72 | 0.03 |
| Singapore | 3.66 | n/a | n/a | n/a | 1.50 |
| UK | 3.91 | 3.92 | 3.87 | 4.14 | 0.88 |
| US | 3.74 | 3.75 | 3.61 | 4.09 | 1.70 |
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Swap curves

Latest swap curves vs one year ago, %



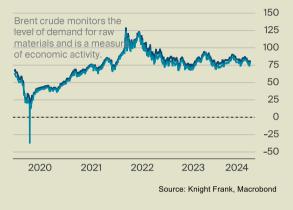


Commodities & Volatility

Energy

Oil spot prices, \$ per barrel

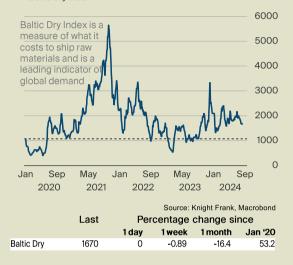




| | Last | 1 day | 1 week | 1 month | Jan '20 |
|----------------------|------|-------|--------|---------|---------|
| Brent, \$ per barrel | 82.0 | 82.0 | 76.1 | 85.0 | 66.0 |
| WTI, \$ per barrel | 79.8 | 79.8 | 73.3 | 82.3 | 61.1 |

Baltic dry index

Baltic Exchange, Shipping Dry index (BDI), US\$ — Baltic dry index



Volatility index

Near term stock price volatility indicator

---- CBOE Volatility Index (VIX) ---- Long term average



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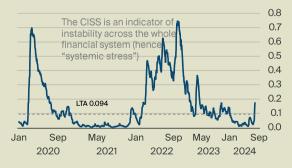
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|-------------------|------|-------|--------|---------|---------|
| CBOE VIX | 20.7 | 20.7 | 27.7 | 12.5 | 13.8 |
| Euro Stoxx 50 VIX | 19.3 | 19.3 | 25.1 | 13.1 | 14.0 |
| Nikkei VIX | 35.2 | 45.3 | 51.2 | 18.4 | 14.8 |
| KOSPI VIX | 23.6 | 24.5 | 43.1 | 16.4 | 14.7 |

Systemic stress

Measures FX, money, sovereign and bond yield volatility

- New ECB Composite Indicator of Systemic Stress (CISS)

--- Long term average



Source: Knight Frank, Macrobond

| | Last | 1 week | 1 month | Jan '20 |
|---------------------------------|-------|--------|---------|---------|
| Systemic stress composite | 0.090 | 0.048 | 0.049 | 0.023 |
| Equity markets stress sub index | 0.105 | 0.064 | 0.058 | 0.009 |
| Bond markets stress sub index | 0.068 | 0.039 | 0.038 | 0.02 |
| FX markets stress sub index | 0.060 | 0.020 | 0.006 | 0.004 |

Currencies & Monetary Policy





| | Last | 1 day | 1 week | 1 month | Jan '20 |
|-------------|-------|-------|--------|---------|---------|
| EUR per GBP | 1.170 | 1.169 | 1.162 | 1.191 | 1.177 |
| KOR per GBP | 1,752 | 1,742 | 1,745 | 1,786 | 1,525 |
| USD per GBP | 1.279 | 1.276 | 1.276 | 1.299 | 1.321 |
| USD per EUR | 1.093 | 1.093 | 1.096 | 1.090 | 1.123 |

Hedging benefits

Hedging benefit p.a. on a 5 year forward

- USD per EUR - USD per GBP



Source: Knight Frank, Macrobond

| | Last | 1 day | 1 week | 1 month | Jan '20 |
|------------|-------|-------|--------|---------|---------|
| USD to EUR | 1.38 | 1.43 | 1.28 | 1.40 | 2.32 |
| USD to GBP | -0.07 | -0.07 | -0.23 | 0.02 | 1.12 |

Inflation and monetary policy

Currencies

Inflation rate (%)

| | Jun | Мау | Apr | Mar |
|------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Australia ¹ | n/a | 3.8 | 3.8 | 3.8 |
| Canada | n/a | 2.7 | 2.9 | 2.7 |
| China | 0.6 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.2 |
| Euro Area | 2.6 | 2.5 | 2.6 | 2.4 |
| France | 2.3 | 2.2 | 2.3 | 2.2 |
| Germany | 2.3 | 2.2 | 2.4 | 2.2 |
| India | 3.5 | 5.1 | 4.8 | 4.8 |
| Italy | 1.3 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.8 |
| Japan | n/a | 2.8 | 2.8 | 2.5 |
| Saudi Arabia | n/a | 1.5 | 1.6 | 1.6 |
| South Korea | 2.6 | 2.4 | 2.7 | 2.9 |
| Spain | 2.7 | 3.4 | 3.6 | 3.3 |
| Sweden | n/a | 2.6 | 3.7 | 3.9 |
| UK | n/a | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.3 |
| US | n/a | 3.0 | 3.3 | 3.4 |
| | | | | |

Interest rates (%)

| Last | Jan '23 |
|------|---------|
| 4.35 | 3.10 |
| 4.50 | 4.25 |
| 4.35 | 4.35 |
| 4.25 | 2.50 |
| 4.25 | 2.50 |
| 4.25 | 2.50 |
| 6.50 | 6.25 |
| 4.25 | 2.50 |
| 0.25 | -0.10 |
| 6.00 | 5.00 |
| 3.50 | 3.25 |
| 4.25 | 2.50 |
| 3.75 | 2.50 |
| 5.00 | 3.50 |
| 5.50 | 4.50 |

Asset purchasing

| Latest (\$) 1m change (%) | |
|---------------------------|--|
| 4.1 | |
| 6.0 | |
| 1.6 | |
| -0.5 | |
| -2.0 | |
| -0.6 | |
| -0.9 | |
| -0.2 | |
| 1.1 | |
| -0.7 | |
| 8.4 | |
| 0.2 | |
| 0.1 | |
| -1.2 | |
| -0.7 | |
| | |

1. Australia Inflation rate is only available on a quarterly basis.

Source: Knight Frank, Macrobond





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