Leading Indicators



Knight Frank knightfrank.com/research

13th August 2024

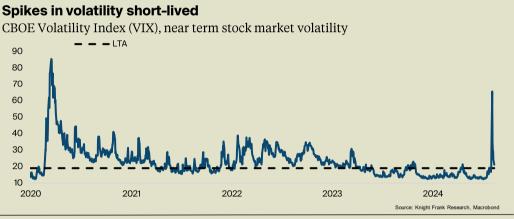
Will market volatility spark a rush for safe-haven assets?

21.2

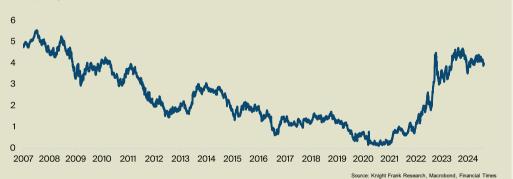
Recent turbulence in equity markets, spurred by weak US employment data and a sharp correction in US tech stocks led to a spike in the VIX (a measure of volatility), though this has since gradually declined to 21.2. In times of market volatility, investors may turn to safe-haven assets like Real Estate,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

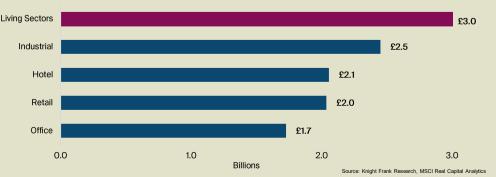


UK 10-year gilt yield drops below 4% for the first time since March UK 10-year government bond yield, %



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

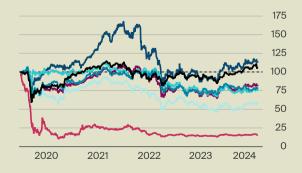


Source: Knight Frank, Macrobond

	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	
	e 837 1,720 1,398 57 1,740 1,194	Last e 1day 837 0.3 1,720 -0.5 1,398 0.0 57 1.5 1,740 1.7 1,194 0.5	Last Percentage 1 day 1 week 837 0.3 -2.3 1,720 -0.5 -0.4 1,398 0.0 -3.4 57 1.5 -2.7 1,740 1.7 0.1 1,194 0.5 -2.0	Last Percentage change 1 day 1 week 1 month 837 0.3 -2.3 -2.7 1,720 -0.5 -0.4 -2.7 1,398 0.0 -3.4 -4.1 57 1.5 -2.7 -5.4 1,740 1.7 0.1 -1.4 1,194 0.5 -2.0 0.1	

Bonds & Rates



Government bond yields

10 year government bond yields, %

- US - UK Germany - Italy - Japan - Singapore

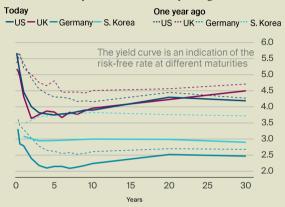


Source: Knight Frank, Macrobond

	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

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

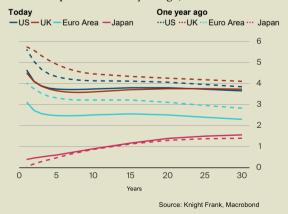


Source: Knight Frank, Macrobond

	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

Swap curves

Latest swap curves vs one year ago, %



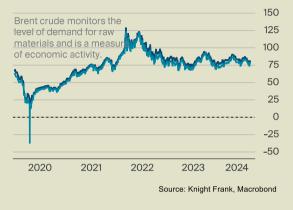


Commodities & Volatility

Energy

Oil spot prices, \$ per barrel

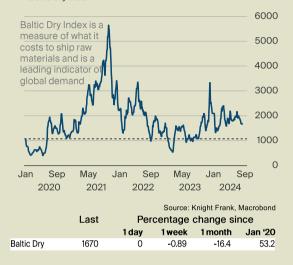




	Last	1 day	1 week	1 month	Jan '20
Brent, \$ per barrel	82.0	82.0	76.1	85.0	66.0
WTI, \$ per barrel	79.8	79.8	73.3	82.3	61.1

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



Source: Knight Frank, Macrobond

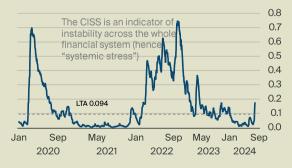
	Last	1 day	1 week	1 month	Jan '20
CBOE VIX	20.7	20.7	27.7	12.5	13.8
Euro Stoxx 50 VIX	19.3	19.3	25.1	13.1	14.0
Nikkei VIX	35.2	45.3	51.2	18.4	14.8
KOSPI VIX	23.6	24.5	43.1	16.4	14.7

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





UK Cities Mid-Year Review 2024

Read our UK Cities Mid-Year Review for the latest insights on occupier and investment activity in the UK's 10 largest regional office markets.

View Report



Healthcare Capital Markets 2024

Our Healthcare Capital Markets 2024 report focuses on the healthcare investment market, including emerging trends, our thoughts for the year ahead as well as highlighting sector's strength in terms of stability of returns. The overall outlook is undoubtedly positive, with key market participants already transacting in 2024.

View Report

Recent research



Life Sciences & Innovation Insight – Q2 2024

Record company incorporations, highest ever quarterly life sciences real estate investment and UK Government proposes road to "science superpower". UK Real Estate Mavigator



UK Real Estate Navigator – Q1 24

The latest Real Estate Navigator analyses the Q1 2024 occupier and investment performance of the UK commercial real estate sectors. We like questions, if you've got one about our research, or would like some property advice, we would like to hear from you



William Matthews Partner Head of Commercial Research +44 20 3909 6842 william.matthews@knightfrank.com



Victoria Ormond, CFA Partner Head of Capital Markets Research +44 20 7861 5009

victoria.ormond@knightfrank.com



Khadija Hussain Analyst Capital Markets Research +44 20 8176 9671 khadija.hussain@knightfrank.com



© Knight Frank LLP 2024. This document has been provided for general information only and must not be relied upon in any way. Although high standards have been used in the preparation of the information, analysis, views and projections presented in this document, Knight Frank LLP does not owe a duty of care to any person in respect of the contents of this document, and does not accept any responsibility or liability whatsoever for any loss or damage resultant from any use of, reliance on or reference to the contents of this document. The content of this document must not be amended in any way, whether to change its content, to remove this notice or any Knight Frank LLP insignia, or otherwise. Reproduction of this document in whole or in part is not permitted without the prior written approval of Knight Frank LLP to the form and content within which it appears.