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#### **NEED TO KNOW**

21 June 2022

1.25%

BoE interest rate, June 2022 More rate hikes seem likely, if higher inflation persists. Last week, the Bank of England (BoE) increased its interest rate to 1.25%, its highest level of interest in 13 years. The BoE was not alone. The US Federal Reserve increased its interest rate by 75bps at its meeting last Wednesday, lifting it to a range of 1.50% to 1.75% and the Swiss National Bank implemented an unexpected 50bp rate hike on Thursday. Money markets are placing an 80% chance of a 50bp rise from the BoE in July and expect almost 100 basis points of tightening by September. Meanwhile, money markets expect the Fed's interest rate to reach c.2.9% by the end of the year. For Europe, Deutsche Bank expects the ECB to deliver three 50bps rate increases this year, after an expected 25bps increase in July.

2.8%

Current UK SONIA 5-year interest rate swaps The rising cost of debt. Following the interest rate decision announcements, UK SONIA 5-year interest rate swaps hit 2.8%, up from 2.1% one month ago and 1.0% at the beginning of the year. This has therefore made debt financing more expensive for investors looking to acquire assets. On the flip side of the coin, overseas investors may find it cheaper to purchase UK commercial real estate at the moment. Uncertainty over interest rates in the US and UK has seen sterling fall to \$1.23, its lowest level since September 2019. This is notable considering overseas investors have accounted for 51% of total UK investment so far this year. Equity markets were also affected by the interest rate decisions, with US stocks experiencing their worst weekly decline since March 2020.

### \$8bn

Forecast annual global ESG audit market fees

ESG markets continue to outperform. The European Commission estimates that the annual market for ESG audits in Europe could generate fees of up to \$8bn once the new EU sustainability disclosure requirements are finalised. ESG investing has gained significant momentum over the last few years, with just under £3tn in assets under management globally in 2021. Here, corporates continue to align to the idea that enhanced returns can coincide with social and environmental objectives. Indeed, ESG funds have outperformed this year compared to their non-ESG counterparts. In line with the wider market equites sell-off, ESG equity funds are down -11.7% year to date, however global equities are -14.8% lower. Our analysis outlines that this outperformance also translates to commercial real estate, with BREEAM or NABERS rated offices achieving an 8 - 18% sales price premium compared to equivalent buildings without a rating.

### UK gilt yield hit its highest level since 2014 after BoE rate hike UK 10-year government bond yield, %



Sources: Bloomberg, FT, Macrobond, ONS, Trading Economics, Reuters, Knight Frank

### **LOOKING AHEAD**

#### **PMIs**

The latest PMI figures for the Euro Area, France, Germany, UK, US, Australia and Japan will be published this week. The UK Services PMI was 53.4 in May, down from 58.9 in the month prior. Meanwhile, the UK Manufacturing PMI fell from 55.8 in April to 54.6 in May. Despite the fall in PMIs, both the services and manufacturing sectors remain in expansionary territory, a figure above 50. June's PMI flash PMI figures will provide an indication on how the UK economy is fairing, considering wider fears of an economic slowdown.

#### Inflation

The latest inflation figures for the UK, Hong Kong (SAR), Japan, Singapore, Brazil, Canada, Mexico and South Africa will be published this week. UK inflation hit 9.0% in April, up from 7.0% in March and its highest level since 1982. However, inflation for April was lower than market expectations of 9.1%. The Bank of England (BoE) will be paying close attention to the data release as the central bank noted that it will act 'forcefully' on interest rates to tame rising prices, if inflation pressures were to persist. The central bank currently forecast inflation to peak at 10.2% in Q4 2022, and expect it to pare back to 6.6% in Q2 2023 before closing in on the 2.0% target (2.1%) by Q2 2024.

#### **Retail Sales**

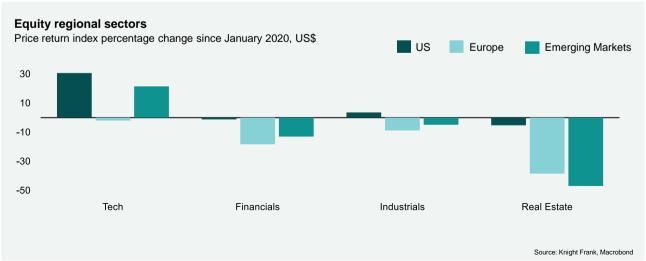
On Friday, the ONS will publish its retail sales figures for May. This will follow what Stephen Springham dubbed <u>'staggeringly robust'</u> retail sales figures for April. Indeed, retail sales values (excl fuel) increased +1.3% y-y and +1.7% m-m in April. This indicates that despite wider economic pressures, including higher levels of inflation and rising interest rates, consumer demand held up in April, Markets will look to Friday's data release to see if this resilient sentiment remained in May. Other signs of positivity in the economy have come from corporate incorporations and dissolutions. Year to date there have been 367k new corporate incorporations in the UK, up 17% on the same period in 2020 and 10% above 2019 incorporations. New data will be released on Thursday.



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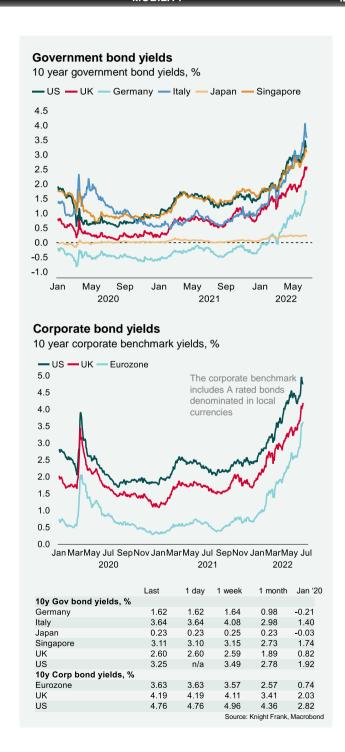


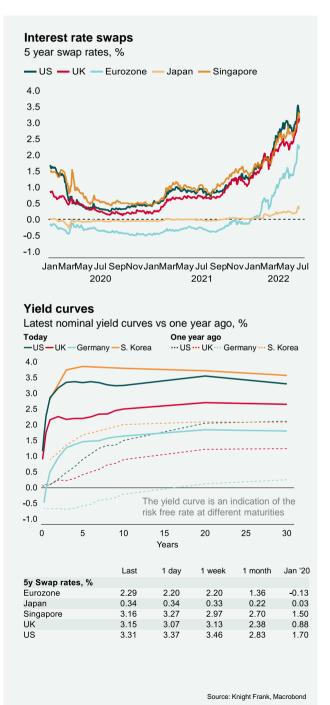






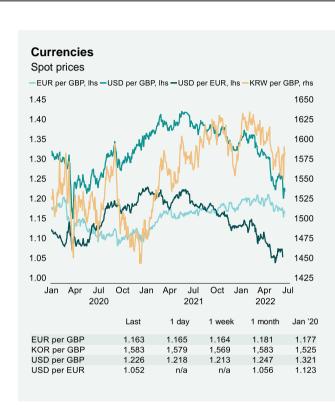
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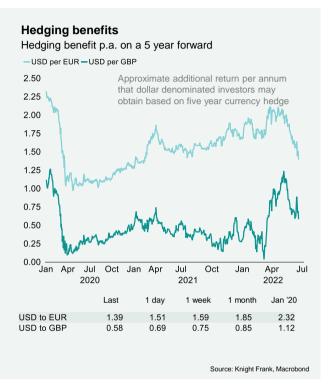






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#### Inflation and monetary policy

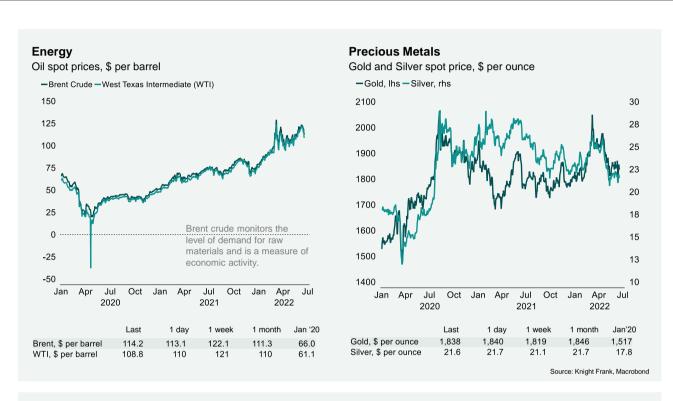
	Inflation rate (%)				Interest ra	ites (%)	Asset purchasing		
	May	Apr	Mar	Feb	Last	Jan '21	Latest (\$)	1m change (	
Australia 1	n/a	n/a	5.2	5.2	0.85	0.10	416 bn	-3.4	
Canada	n/a	6.8	6.7	5.7	1.50	0.25	362 bn	-3.9	
China	2.0	2.0	1.3	0.8	4.35	4.35	5.76 tn	-2.9	
Euro Area	8.1	7.4	7.4	5.9	0.00	0.00	9.44 tn	1.8	
France	5.2	4.8	4.5	3.6	0.00	0.00	2.18 tn	-4.4	
Germany	8.0	7.4	7.2	5.1	0.00	0.00	3.13 tn	-1.0	
India	7.0	7.8	7.0	6.1	4.90	4.00	382 bn	0.9	
Italy	6.8	6.0	6.5	5.7	0.00	0.00	1.71 tn	1.3	
Japan	n/a	2.5	1.2	0.9	-0.10	-0.10	5.5 tn	-3.1	
Saudi Arabia	2.2	2.3	2.0	1.6	2.25	1.00	492 bn	-1.9	
South Korea	5.4	4.8	4.1	3.7	1.75	0.50	447 bn	-8.5	
Spain	8.7	8.3	9.8	7.6	0.00	0.00	487 bn	-4.1	
Sweden	7.3	6.4	6.0	4.3	0.25	0.00	144 bn	-7.2	
UK	n/a	9.0	7.0	6.2	1.25	0.10	1.09 tn	-1.6	
US	8.5	8.2	8.6	7.9	1.75	0.25	8.93 tn	-0.1	

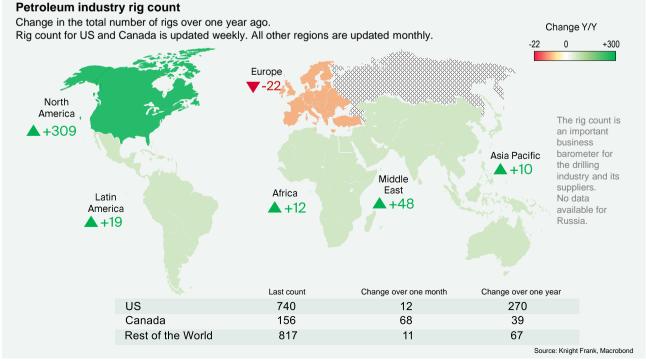
1. Australia Inflation rate is only available on a quarterly basis.

Source: Knight Frank, Macrobond



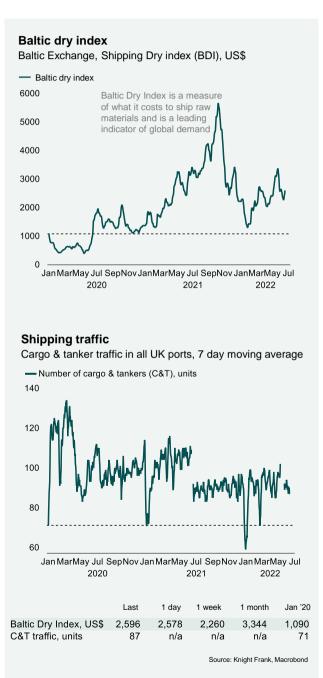
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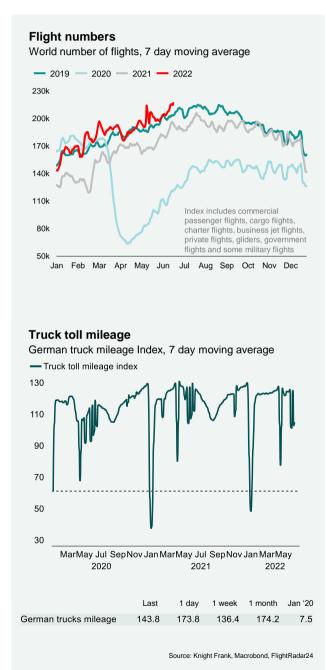






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May

Jan'20

1.3

-29.4

26.3

-12.1

-10.5

8 2

18.4

2022

-6.6

-5.5

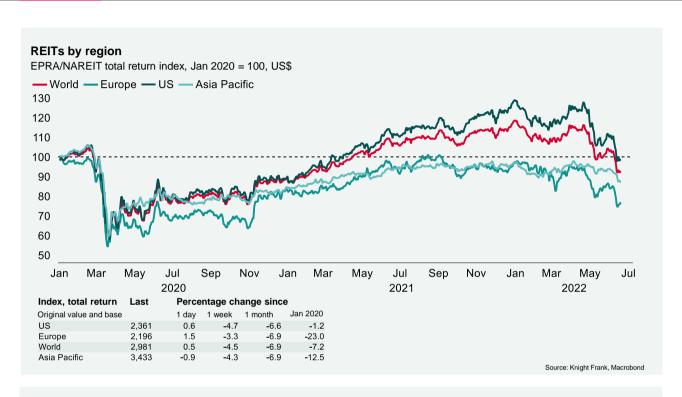
-8.6

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### **Leading Indicators**

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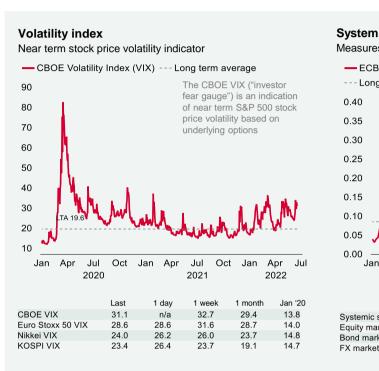
#### **UK REITs by sector** US REITs by sector UK EPRA gross total return index, Jan 2020 = 100, GBP£ US NAREIT gross total return index, Jan 2020 = 100, US\$ — All REITs — Office — Industrial — Retail All REITs — Office — Industrial — Retail Healthcare — Residential — S&P500 Healthcare — Residential — FTSE 250 200 175 175 150 150 125 125 100 100 75 75 50 50 25 25 O Sep Sep Jan Jan May Jan May May Sep May Sep May Jan Jan Jan 2020 2021 2020 2021 2022 Index, gross total return Percentage change since Index, gross total return Percentage change since Jan '20 Original value and base Last 1 day 1 week 1 month Original value and base Last 1 day 1 week 1 month All REITs 935 0.4 -2.5 -3.9 -8.7 All REITs 0.6 20,409 -4.6 Office -5.9 -28.2 2,128 0.1 -3.7 Office -7.5 1.584 2.1 -13.2Industrial 1,502 1.2 -2.8 -8.2 21.1 Industrial 2 755 -1 1 -4 5 Retail 1.7 -11.9 -18.9 -83.1 61 Retail 1,004 1.1 -4.8 Healthcare 2,268 -1.0 -2.4 -0.8 0.0 Healthcare 3,712 0.4 -5.5 -10 1 -2.0 Residential 1.459 -0.1 0.5 -4.4 Residential 2,107 1.0 -3.5 FTSF 250 15.592 -32 -8.5 S&P500 7,757 -3.0 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") JanMaMay Jul SepNowJanMar MayJul SepNovJanMarMay 2020 2021 1 month Jan'20 Last 1 week 0.393 0.353 0.292 0.022 Systemic stress composite Equity markets stress sub index 0.134 0.153 0.122 0.009 Bond markets stress sub index 0.116 0.110 0.107 0.020 FX markets stress sub index 0.104 0.088 0.071 0.004

#### Workplace mobility

Google Workplace Mobility Index change since March '20, %

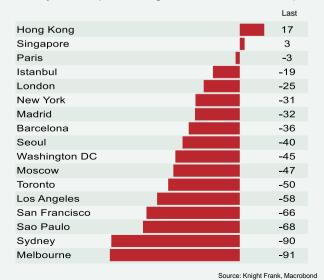
7 day moving average of daily office visitors compared to each country's baseline (5 week average between Jan 2020 - Feb 2020).



#### **Public transport mobility**

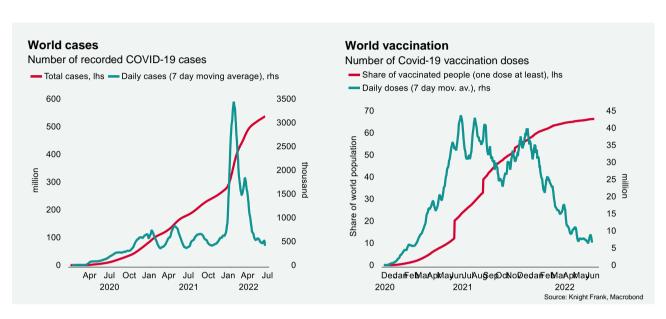
Citymapper Mobility Index change since March '20, %

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





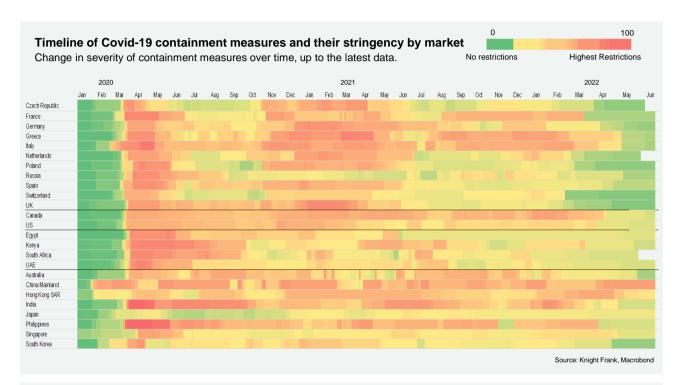
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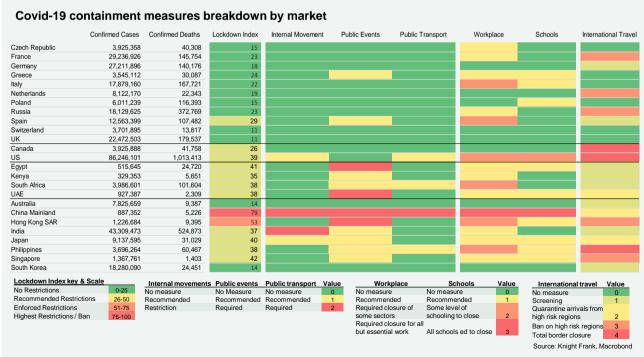


#### Cases and vaccinations breakdown by country Total cases New cases People vaccinated New doses 1 week ago 1 month ago Thousands Population (%) Millions Last day Last 7days av. Australia 78 54,416 22,340 87 1,138 30.994 25,589 Brazil 31.6 50,925 27,796 13,525 184,456 86 41,284 32.756 86 3.995 Canada 3.9 2,802 2,043 2,516 1,290,836 89 112,449 China 4.3 51,181 51,100 90,656 83 95 4,833 Denmark 3.2 2,820 2,119 664 29.2 11,566 22.962 54,437 81 5.264 23.852 France 27.2 1,367 11,871 44,331 64,564 77 3,516 Germany 7 9 1 8 76 306 Greece 3.5 5.689 3,682 3.928 43.3 1,014,754 73 200,270 India 12,781 8,084 2,259 4,089 Ireland 1.6 2,742 214 5,641 82 179 17.9 34,255 19,310 30,722 50,797 84 2,022 Italy Japan 9.1 19,638 13,128 38,812 103,705 82 11,256 1,888 12,805 75 253 Netherlands 1.448 8.1 2,920 370 4,341 79 131 Norway 1.4 766 118 96 5.0 13,809 32,765 9,723 2.819 Portugal 5,436 56 18,890 Russia 18.4 2,667 2,996 5,089 81,529 Saudi Arabia 8.0 930 905 545 26,693 76 7,513 Singapore 4,578 5,018 92 451 1.4 3.199 2.503 South Africa 4.0 995 962 7,238 21,951 37 3,136 18.3 45,064 88 South Korea 3,538 3,818 25,105 1.791 88 1,762 Spain 12.6 16.090 3,779 17,618 41,250 UK 22.5 12,054 9,876 7,618 53,540 79 6,001 US 85.0 259,198 78 24,234 22,762 23,770 146,692 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 537 0.5% 2.7% 720 66.3% 66.2% 65.7%



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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

ICF UFA

- 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.

#### **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 Allowance (EUA) and UK Allowance (UKA) grant the entitlement to emit one tonne of carbon dioxide equivalent gas EU daily carbon market price, ICE EUA Futures, € 90 80 70 60 50 40 30 20 10 Sep May Sep May Jan May Jan 2022 2020 2021 Percentage change since, % Price, € 1 week 1 month

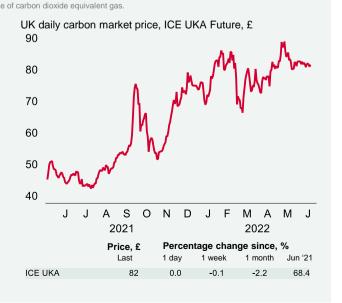
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#### **MACROECONOMIC INDICATORS**

Market	Population million	GDP \$tn	YoY	QoQ	Interest rate	Inflation rate	Jobless rate	Gov. Budget % of GDP	
Australia	26	1.331	3.3%	0.8%	0.35%	5.1%	3.9%	-7.8%	
Austria	9	431	9.5%	1.5%	0.00%	8.0%	5.7%	-5.9%	
Belgium	12	515	4.9%	0.5%	0.00%	9.0%	5.7%	-5.5%	
Brazil	212	1,445	1.7%	1.0%	12.75%	12.1%	10.5%	-13.4%	
Canada	38	1,644	2.9%	0.8%	1.50%	6.8%	5.2%	-4.7%	
China Mainland	1,413	14,723	4.8%	1.3%	3.70%	2.1%	6.1%	-3.7%	
Denmark	1,413	356	6.7%	-0.1%	-0.60%	6.7%	2.4%	2.3%	
Egypt	101	363	5.4%	9.8%	11.25%	13.1%	7.2%	-6.1%	
Euro Area	342	13,011	5.1%	0.3%	0.00%	8.1%	6.8%	-5.1%	
Finland	6	270	3.6%	0.3%	0.00%	5.7%	6.9%	-2.6%	
France	67	2.630	4.5%	-0.2%	0.00%	5.7%	7.3%	-6.5%	
Germany	83	,	3.8%	0.2%	0.00%	7.9%	5.0%	-3.7%	
Hong Kong SAR	7	3,846 347	-4.0%	-3.0%	1.25%	1.3%	5.4%	-3.7% -12.0%	
ndia	1,347		4.1%	1.8%	4.40%	7.8%	7.8%	-9.4%	
		2,623							
ndonesia	270	1,058	5.0%	-1.0%	3.50%	3.6%	5.8%	-4.7%	
reland	5	426	11.0%	10.8%	0.00%	7.0%	4.7%	-0.1%	
srael	9	402	9.0%	-0.4%	0.75%	4.0%	3.5%	-11.7%	
taly	60	1,886	6.2%	0.1%	0.00%	6.9%	8.4%	-7.2%	
Japan 	126	4,975	0.2%	-0.2%	-0.10%	2.5%	2.5%	-12.6%	
Netherlands	17	914	7.0%	0.0%	0.00%	9.6%	3.2%	-2.5%	
Nigeria	206	432	3.1%	-14.7%	13.00%	16.8%	33.3%	-4.7%	
Vorway	5	363	4.8%	-1.0%	0.75%	5.4%	3.3%	9.1%	
Philippines	110	361	8.3%	1.9%	2.25%	4.9%	5.8%	-7.5%	
Poland	38	594	8.5%	2.5%	5.25%	13.9%	5.2%	-1.9%	
Romania	19	249	6.5%	5.2%	3.75%	13.8%	5.5%	-7.1%	
Russia	146	1,484	3.5%	-0.8%	11.00%	17.8%	4.0%	0.8%	
Singapore	6	340	3.7%	0.7%	0.64%	5.4%	2.2%	-13.9%	
South Africa	59	302	1.7%	1.2%	4.75%	5.9%	34.5%	-5.7%	
South Korea	52	1,631	3.1%	0.7%	1.75%	5.4%	2.7%	-6.1%	
Spain	47	1,281	6.4%	0.3%	0.00%	8.7%	13.7%	-6.9%	
Sweden	10	541	3.0%	-0.8%	0.25%	6.4%	8.2%	-0.2%	
Switzerland	9	752	4.4%	0.5%	-0.75%	2.9%	2.3%	-0.7%	
Turkey	85	720	7.3%	1.2%	14.00%	73.5%	11.5%	-2.7%	
JAE	10	421	3.8%	2.0%	2.25%	2.5%	5.0%	-0.8%	
UK	67	2,708	8.7%	0.8%	1.00%	9.0%	3.7%	-15.0%	
US	329	20,937	3.5%	-1.5%	1.00%	8.3%	3.6%	-16.7%	

Source: Trading Economics



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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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