Leading **Indicators**



Key economic and financial metrics, updated weekly

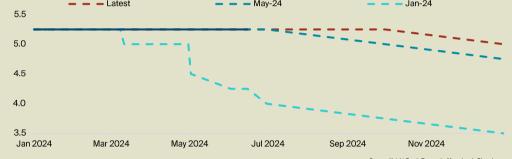
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Interest rate cuts postponed, a cooling labour market, and the UK's growing population

UK inflation held steady at 2% in June, albeit sticky services inflation has led money markets to reconsider the likelihood of a rate cut next month. Markets are now pricing in a 30% chance of an August rate cut, down from 50% two weeks ago. Since January, market expectations of anticipated rate cuts have dropped from six to just one currently.

Money markets are pricing in just one rate cut from the BoE in 2024 Money market expectations for the Bank of England base rate, %

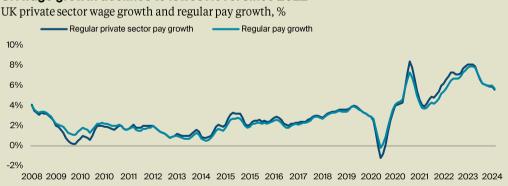




+5.6%

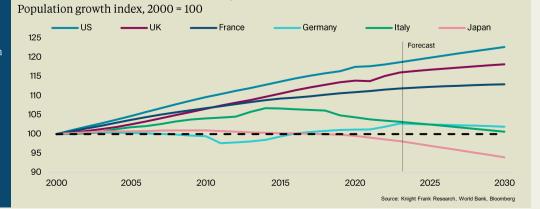
Private sector wage growth, a measure closely monitored by the BoE for indications of a tight labour market, slowed to 5.6% in the three months to May 2024, from 5.9% in the three-month period prior. Meanwhile, average earnings (excl. bonuses) fell to 5.7%, its lowest level since 2022.

UK wage growth declines to lowest level since 2022



The UK population is expanding, with growth averaging +0.6% y/y from 2000 – 2022. This highlights the demographic advantage that Britain has gained over other European countries. In contrast to Germany, Italy, and Japan, for which the World Bank predicts stagnant or shrinking populations, the UK is forecast to see robust growth.

The UK's population is expected to grow faster than most G7 nations





Equities

Equity markets Price return index, Jan 2020 = 100, US\$ — FTSE 250 — S&P 500 — STOXX 600 — Hang Seng 150 130 110 90 70 50 Jan Jul Jul Jan Jul Jul Jul

Source: Knight Frank, Macrobond

2024

2023

Index	Last	Percentage change since			
Original value ar	nd base	1 day	1 week	1 month	Jan '20
DAX 30	7,698	0.0	- 2.0	2.4	16.3
FTSE 250	27,307	-0.9	-0.8	5.0	-5.8
Hang Seng	2,259	-0.8	-3.6	-3.9	-37.6
IBEX 35	12,131	-0.3	- 1.2	1.4	13.2
MIB	37,682	0.0	-0.1	4.4	43.1
S&P 500	5,564	0.4	-0.9	1.7	72.2
STOXX 600	560	-0.1	- 2.0	0.7	20.1
TOPIX	18	-0.7	-1.5	5.2	14.4

2022

Equity regional sectors Price return index percentage change since Jan 2020 Europe **Emerging Markets** 125 100 75 50 25 0 -25 -50 -75 Tech Financials Industrials Real Estate

Source: Knight Frank, Macrobond

	Percen	Percentage change since Jan 202			
	US	Europe	World		
Tech	138.8%	62.7%	67.9%		
Financials	38.0%	29.5%	-2.6%		
Industrials	59.4%	39.6%	1.2%		
Real Estate	-1.6%	-54.2%	-59.0%		

REITs by region

2020

2021

EPRA/NAREIT total return index, Jan 2020 = 100, US\$



Source: Knight Frank, Macrobond

Index, total return Last Percentage change since					
Original value and base		1 day	1 week	1 month	Jan '20
US	2,786	1.1	2.9	8.4	16.5
Europe	2,209	-1.2	-1.4	3.6	-22.5
World	3,333	0.4	1.8	7.1	3.7
Asia Pacific	3,122	-1.8	-0.8	1.6	-20.5

UK REITs by sector

UK EPRA gross total return index, Jan 2020 = 100, GBP£

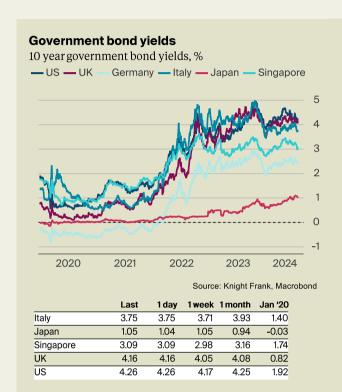


Source: Knight Frank, Macrobond

Index, total retu	rn Last	Last Percentage change since				
Original value and	base	1 day	1 week	1 month	Jan '20	
All REITs	849	-0.8	-1.1	2.2	-17.0	
Office	1,698	-2.5	-3.2	-1.0	-42.7	
Industrial	1,437	-0.2	-1.0	3.6	15.9	
Retail	60	1.4	1.5	7.7	-83.2	
Healthcare	1,738	-1.0	-1.3	4.1	-23.3	
Residential	1,182	-1.3	-1.4	1.4	-22.6	
FTSE 250	18,554	-0.4	-0.3	3.3	8.9	



Bonds & Rates



Yield curves Latest nominal yield curves vs one year ago, % One year ago -US-UK-Germany-S. Korea ···US ··· UK ··· Germany ··· S. Korea 6.0 The yield curve is an indication of the risk-free rate at different maturities 5.0 45 4.0 3.5 3.0 2.5 2.0 0 10 15 30 20 25 Years Source: Knight Frank, Macrobond

Interest rate swaps 5 year swap rates, % — US — UK — Eurozone — Japan 6 3 2 Jan Jul Jul Jan Jul Jan Jul Jan Jul 2020 2021 2022 2023 2024

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	Last	1 day	1 week	1 month	Jan '20
Eurozone	2.78	2.75	2.76	2.82	-0.13
Japan	0.73	0.72	0.72	0.68	0.03
Singapore	3.66	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.50
UK	4.19	4.14	4.12	4.14	0.88
US	4.16	4.13	4.09	4.29	1.70

Source: Knight Frank, Macrobond

Swap curves Latest swap curves vs one year ago, % Today One year ago ...US ...UK ... Euro Area ... Japan 6 5 4 3 2 1 0 5 10 15 20 25 30 Source: Knight Frank, Macrobond

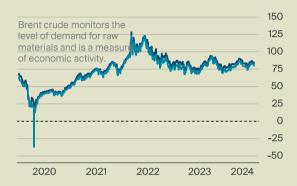


Commodities & Volatility

Cil spot a

Oil spot prices, \$ per barrel

- Brent Crude - West Texas Intermediate (WTI)



Source: Knight Frank, Macrobond

	Last	1 day	1 week	1 month	Jan '20
Brent, \$ per barrel	82.2	82.6	84.9	85.0	66.0
WTI, \$ per barrel	79.1	79.7	81.9	80.6	61.1

Baltic dry index

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

- Baltic dry index



	Last	Source: Knight Frank, Macrobond Percentage change since				
		1 day	1 week	1 month	Jan '20	
Baltic Dry	1896	-0.837	-4.87	-5.06	73.9	

Volatility index

Near term stock price volatility indicator

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



Source: Knight Frank, Macrobond

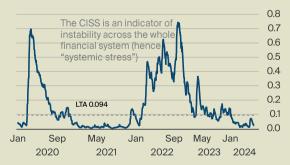
	Last	1 day	1 week	1 month	Jan '20
CBOE VIX	14.9	14.9	13.2	13.2	13.8
Euro Stoxx 50 VIX	15.7	15.7	13.9	17.6	14.0
Nikkei VIX	19.1	20.6	17.9	16.3	14.8
KOSPI VIX	17.5	18.4	16.3	16.5	14.7

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	0.053	0.058	0.069	0.023
Equity markets stress sub index	0.053	0.086	0.068	0.009
Bond markets stress sub index	0.040	0.049	0.059	0.02
FX markets stress sub index	0.010	0.020	0.033	0.004

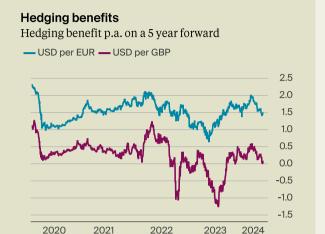


Currencies & Monetary Policy



Source: Knight Frank, Macrobond

	Last	1 day	1 week	1 month	Jan '20
EUR per GE	BP 1.186	1.186	1.189	1.182	1.177
KOR per GE	3P 1,792	1,795	1,796	1,756	1,525
USD per GE	3P 1.291	1.292	1.298	1.263	1.321
USD per EU	IR 1.089	1.089	1.091	1.069	1.123



Source: Knight Frank, Macrobond

	Last	1 day	1 week	1 month	Jan '20
USD to EUR	1.49	1.50	1.45	1.59	2.32
USD to GBP	0.04	0.08	0.05	0.26	1.12

Inflation and monetary policy

Inflation rate (%)

	Jun	May	Apr	Mar
Australia ¹	n/a	n/a	n/a	3.6
Canada	2.7	2.9	2.7	2.9
China	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.0
Euro Area	2.5	2.6	2.4	2.4
France	2.2	2.3	2.2	2.3
Germany	2.2	2.4	2.2	2.2
India	5.1	4.8	4.8	4.9
Italy	0.8	0.8	0.8	1.2
Japan	2.8	2.8	2.5	2.7
Saudi Arabia	1.5	1.6	1.6	1.6
South Korea	2.4	2.7	2.9	3.1
Spain	3.4	3.6	3.3	3.2
Sweden	2.6	3.7	3.9	4.1
UK	2.0	2.0	2.3	3.2
US	3.0	3.3	3.4	3.5

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

Interest rates (%)

Last	Jan '23
4.35	3.10
4.75	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
0.10	-0.10
6.00	5.00
3.50	3.25
4.25	2.50
3.75	2.50
5.25	3.50
5.50	4.50

Asset purchasing

Latest (\$) 1m change (%)	
-6.7	
-3.6	
1.6	
-0.6	
-2.0	
-0.6	
-0.9	
-0.8	
1.0	
5.0	
1.6	
-0.1	
0.5	
-0.5	
-0.6	

Source: Knight Frank, Macrobond





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