# Leading Indicators



Key economic and financial metrics, updated weekly

3rd December 2024

Source: Knight Frank Research, IPF

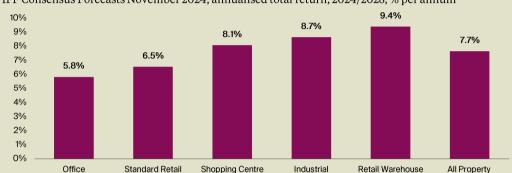
## Rising optimism?

### +5.6%

In the latest IPF Consensus Survey, the All-Property total return forecast for 2024 has weakened marginally by -10bps to +5.6%. However, total return projections for 2025 have improved by +20bps to +8.6%. Between 2024-2028, Retail Warehouse is expected to be the bestperforming sector with a total return of +9.4% per annum.

#### **UK Retail Warehouse poised to lead**

IPF Consensus Forecasts November 2024, annualised total return, 2024/2028, % per annum

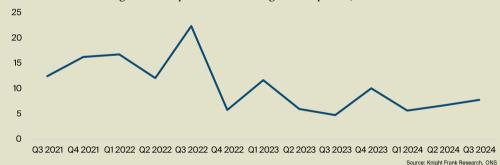


#### £7.8bn

inward M&A (foreign companies acquiring UK firms) rose to £7.8 billion, up £1.1bn from the previous quarter (£6.7bn) and a £3.0bn rise year-on-year. This rise signals growing investor confidence in the UK, which may benefit UK CRE through increased capital flows and stronger asset demand.

#### Foreign investment in UK rises in Q3 2024

The value of inward mergers and acquisitions involving UK companies, £bn

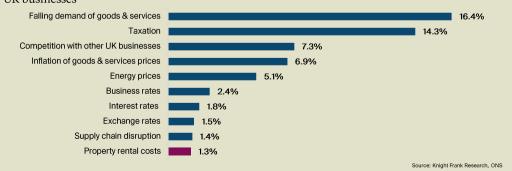


1.3%

The latest ONS BIC survey found that 61% of UK businesses reported some form of concern in December 2024. Falling demands of good and services were the primary reported business concern at 16.4%, followed by taxation concerns (14.3%) - which rose 4% from the previous month. Property rental costs remained the least reported concern, at 1.3%.

#### End of year insights: key concerns for UK businesses

'Which of the following, if any, will be the main concern for your business in December 2024?', % of UK businesses





# **Equities**

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

Source: Knight Frank, Macrobond

2024

2023

Index	Last	Percentage change since			
Original value a	nd base	1 day	1 week	1 month	Jan '20
DAX 30	8,012	1.7	3.7	0.7	21.1
FTSE 250	26,210	-0.4	1.7	-0.1	-9.6
Hang Seng	2,538	1.7	3.1	<b>-</b> 2.9	-29.9
IBEX 35	12,278	0.2	1.2	-3.1	14.6
MIB	35,032	-0.2	0.5	<b>-</b> 5.9	33.1
S&P 500	6,047	0.8	1.3	6.0	87.2
STOXX 600	537	0.4	1.5	-2.1	15.1
TOPIX	18	3.0	4.5	3.8	16.4

2022

#### **Equity regional sectors** Price return index percentage change since Jan 2020 Europe **Emerging Markets** 150 125 100 75 50 25 0 -25 -50 -75 Tech **Financials** Industrials Real Estate

Source: Knight Frank, Macrobond

	Percen	tage change si	ince Jan 2020
	US	Europe	World
Tech	157.0%	46.7%	66.5%
Financials	63.6%	24.3%	-2.8%
Industrials	80.1%	41.9%	0.1%
Real Estate	6.1%	-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	n Last	Percentage change since				
Original value and b	ase	1 day	1 week	1 month	Jan '20	
US	3,023	-1.9	0.3	2.9	26.5	
Europe	2,037	-2.2	-0.3	-5.1	-28.6	
World	3,532	-1.7	0.4	1.5	9.9	
Asia Pacific	3,355	0.1	1.1	3.0	-14.5	

#### **UK REITs by sector**

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

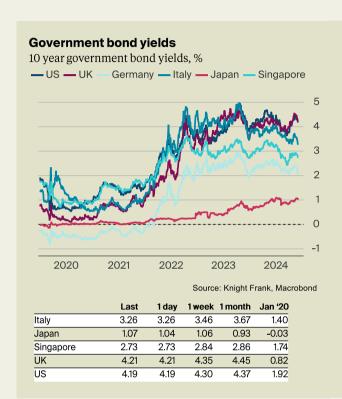


Source: Knight Frank, Macrobond

Index, total retu	rn Last	Percentage change since			
Original value and	base	1 day	1 week	1 month	Jan '20
All REITs	785	-1.4	-0.2	<del>-</del> 2.6	-23.3
Office	1,559	-1.8	-0.5	-4.2	-47.4
Industrial	1,243	-0.7	0.4	<del>-</del> 1.7	0.2
Retail	60	0.5	1.4	2.9	-83.2
Healthcare	1,731	-0.9	0.1	<del>-</del> 2.8	-23.6
Residential	1,156	-1.9	-0.3	-0.9	-24.3
FTSE 250	18,446	0.0	1.0	2.1	8.3



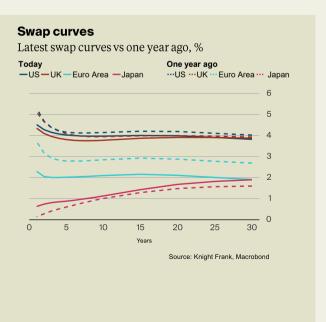
## **Bonds & Rates**



#### **Yield curves** Latest nominal yield curves vs one year ago, % One year ago -US-UK-Germany-S. Korea ···US ··· UK ··· Germany ··· S. Korea The yield curve is an indication of the 5.5 risk-free rate at different maturities 5.0 4.5 4.0 3.5 30 2.5 2.0 1.5 0 10 15 30 20 25 Years Source: Knight Frank, Macrobond

#### Interest rate swaps 5 year swap rates, % — US — UK — Eurozone — Japan 6 5 3 Jan Jul Jul Jan Jul Jan Jul Jan Jul Jan 2024 2020 2021 2022 2023 Source: Knight Frank, Macrobond

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	Last	1 day	1 week	1 month	Jan '20
Eurozone	2.02	2.07	2.17	2.36	-0.13
Japan	0.88	0.85	0.86	0.74	0.03
Singapore	3.66	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.50
UK	4.06	4.08	4.17	4.27	0.88
US	4.03	4.04	4.13	4.07	1.70



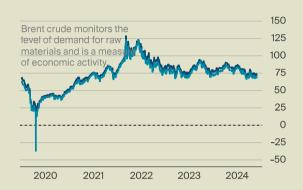


# **Commodities & Volatility**

#### **Energy**

Oil spot prices, \$ per barrel

- Brent Crude - West Texas Intermediate (WTI)



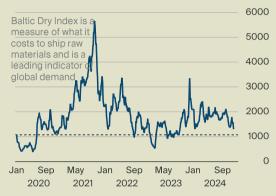
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	Last	1 day	1 week	1 month	Jan '20
Brent, \$ per barrel	71.9	72.0	72.5	72.9	66.0
WTI, \$ per barrel	68.0	68.5	68.5	70.3	61.1

#### **Baltic dry index**

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

- Baltic dry index



	Last	Per		Knight Frank, <b>change si</b>	
		1 day	1 week	1 month	Jan '20
Baltic Dry	1298	-8.53	-15.1	-5.81	19.1

#### Volatility index

Near term stock price volatility indicator

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



Source: Knight Frank, Macrobond

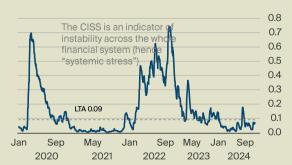
	Last	1 day	1 week	1 month	Jan '20
CBOE VIX	13.3	13.3	14.1	21.9	13.8
Euro Stoxx 50 VIX	17.2	17.2	17.7	21.1	14.0
Nikkei VIX	22.8	18.7	20.8	26.0	14.8
KOSPI VIX	19.1	19.9	18.5	23.0	14.7

#### **Systemic stress**

Measures FX, money, sovereign and bond yield volatility

- New ECB Composite Indicator of Systemic Stress (CISS)

--- Long term average



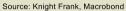
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	Last	1 week	1 month	Jan '20
Systemic stress composite	0.048	0.057	0.050	0.023
Equity markets stress sub index	0.050	0.050	0.045	0.009
Bond markets stress sub index	0.033	0.030	0.033	0.02
FX markets stress sub index	0.030	0.029	0.013	0.004



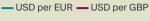
# **Currencies & Monetary Policy**





	Last	1 day	1 week	1 month	Jan '20
EUR per GBP	1.206	1.203	1.197	1.195	1.177
KOR per GBP	1,776	1,777	1,759	1,785	1,525
USD per GBP	1.263	1.271	1.255	1.296	1.321
USD per EUR	1.055	1.055	1.048	1.085	1.123

#### **Hedging benefits** Hedging benefit p.a. on a 5 year forward





Source: Knight Frank, Macrobond

	Last	1 day	1 week	1 month	Jan '20
USD to EUR	1.77	1.71	1.62	1.33	2.32
USD to GBP	0.02	0.02	-0.11	-0.33	1.12

#### Inflation and monetary policy

#### Inflation rate (%)

Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	
2.9	2.9	n/a	n/a	Australia <sup>1</sup>
2.0	1.6	2.0	n/a	Canada
0.7	0.5	0.3	n/a	China
2.2	1.7	2.0	2.3	Euro Area
1.8	1.1	1.2	1.3	France
1.8	1.6	2.1	2.3	Germany
3.7	5.5	6.2	n/a	India
1.1	0.7	0.9	1.4	Italy
3.0	2.5	2.3	n/a	Japan
1.6	1.7	1.9	n/a	Saudi Arabia
2.0	1.6	1.3	1.5	South Korea
2.2	1.5	1.8	n/a	Spain
1.9	1.6	1.6	n/a	Sweden
2.2	1.7	2.3	n/a	UK
2.6	2.4	2.6	n/a	US
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#### 1. Australia Inflation rate is only available on a quarterly basis.

#### Interest rates (%)

Last	Jan '23
4.35	3.10
3.75	4.25
4.35	4.35
3.40	2.50
3.40	2.50
3.40	2.50
6.50	6.25
3.40	2.50
0.25	-0.10
5.25	5.00
3.00	3.25
3.40	2.50
2.75	2.50
4.75	3.50
4.75	4.50

#### **Asset purchasing**

Latest (\$) 1m change (%)	
0.27 tn	-3.4
201 bn	0.2
6.28 tn	-1.7
6.72 tn	-0.6
1.63 tn	0.9
2.66 tn	-0.6
425 bn	-6.8
1.23 tn	0.7
5.06 tn	0.7
477 bn	-4.3
426 bn	1.5
487 bn	-1.0
107 bn	0.1
1.2 tn	-1.2
6.91 tn	-1.6

Source: Knight Frank, Macrobond





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