Leading Indicators



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Key economic and financial metrics, updated weekly

The rocky road to recovery

+0.6%

expanded by its fastest pace since Q4 2021, at +0.6% growth in Q1 2024, following a -0.3% decline in the previous quarter. This rebound suggests the UK economy might be on the road to recovery, if sustained. Meanwhile, April's PMI data signals a robust start to Q2 2024, with the latest services PMI rising to an 11-month high.

4.3%

The UK unemployment rate edged up to 4.3% in March, from 4.2% in the month prior, and in line with expectations. Wage growth (excl. bonuses) remained unchanged, yet private sector wage growth slowed to +5.9%. The latest figures indicate the labour market is losing some of its heat, with markets now pricing in a 52% chance of a June interest rate cut.



UK GDP grew +0.6% in the first quarter of 2024, its fastest pace since Q4 2021

UK labour market continues to loosen

UK GDP growth and Bank of England forecasts, % q/q

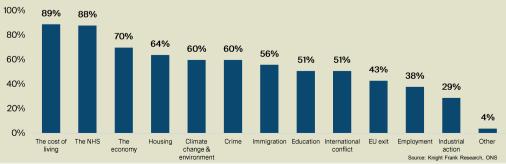
UK unemployment rate and private sector wage growth, % Unemployment Rate Private sector wage growth, regular pay 10%



2008 2009 2010 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2020 2021 2022 2023 2024 Source: Knight Frank Research, ONS



ONS Public Opinions and Social Trends Survey May 2024, 'What do you think are important issues facing the UK today?', % of people



89%

According to the ONS, the primary concerns among adults were the cost of living (89%), the NHS (88%), and the economy (70%). These concerns have consistently ranked as the top three issues since October 2022. Other commonly reported issues were housing (64%), climate change and the environment (60%) and crime (60%).



Equities

Equity markets

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



Source: Knight Frank, Macrobond

Index	Last	Percentage change since			
Original value a	nd base	1 day	1 week	1 month	Jan '20
DAX 30	7,838	0.5	3.4	3.6	18.4
FTSE 250	25,800	0.4	2.0	4.1	-11.0
Hang Seng	2,441	0.6	2.7	11.9	-32.5
IBEX 35	12,037	1.1	3.0	5.5	12.3
MIB	37,578	1.6	3.8	4.1	42.7
S&P 500	5,221	0.1	1.8	0.4	61.6
STOXX 600	562	1.0	3.3	4.0	20.5
ΤΟΡΙΧ	17	-0.1	-1.3	-2.4	10.8

REITs by region

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



2020 2021 2022 2023 2024

		Source: Knight Frank, Macrobond			
Index, total return	Last	P€	ercentage	change s	since
Original value and base		1 day	1 week	1 month	Jan '20
US	2,538	0.2	2.3	0.9	6.2
Europe	2,139	-0.7	0.7	5.8	-25.0
World	3,106	0.2	1.8	1.2	-3.3
Asia Pacific	3,129	0.1	0.2	-0.2	-20.3

Equity regional sectors

Price return index percentage change since Jan 2020

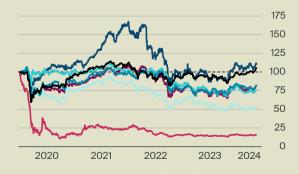


Source: Knight Frank, Macrobond

	Percentage change since Jai US Europe					
Tech	112.1%	60.4%	55.5%			
Financials	32.3%	27.0%	-4.1%			
Industrials	57.2%	41.9%	1.9%			
Real Estate	-9.1%	-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



		Sou	Source: Knight Frank, Macrobond			
Index, total return	Last		Percentage change sind			
Original value and bas	е	1 day	1 week	1 month	Jan '20	
All REITs	826	-1.4	0.5	3.9	-19.3	
Office	1,651	0.4	3.6	9.2	-44.3	
Industrial	1,361	-1.5	-0.1	2.9	9.8	
Retail	56	-1.1	1.2	3.1	-84.3	
Healthcare	1,723	-0.6	1.6	2.4	-24.0	
Residential	1,236	-1.0	0.6	4.4	-19.0	
FTSE 250	17,933	0.1	2.0	4.3	5.3	

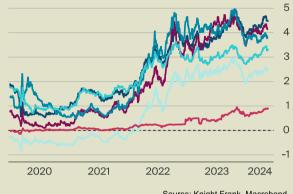
Bonds & Rates



Government bond yields

10 year government bond yields, %

- US - UK Germany - Italy - Japan - Singapore

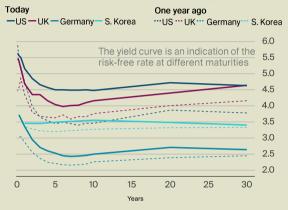


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	Last	1 day	1 week	1 month	Jan '20
Italy	3.85	3.85	3.75	3.77	1.40
Japan	0.93	0.90	0.90	0.85	-0.03
Singapore	3.32	3.33	3.26	3.33	1.74
UK	4.17	4.17	4.13	4.14	0.82
US	4.48	4.48	4.47	4.50	1.92

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

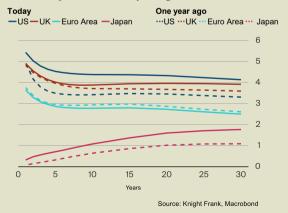


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	Last	1 day	1 week	1 month	Jan '20
Eurozone	2.87	2.89	2.85	2.75	-0.13
Japan	0.71	0.69	0.68	0.66	0.03
Singapore	3.66	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.50
UK	4.26	4.24	4.33	4.27	0.88
US	4.54	4.54	4.53	4.57	1.70

Swap curves

Latest swap curves vs one year ago, %

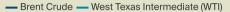


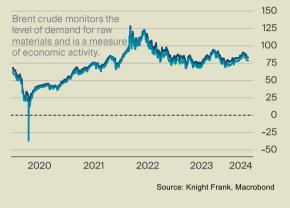


Commodities & Volatility

Energy

Oil spot prices, \$ per barrel





	Last	1 day	1 week	1 month	Jan '20
Brent, \$ per barrel	83.4	83.4	82.9	89.6	66.0
WTI, \$ per barrel	79.3	79.3	78.5	85.7	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

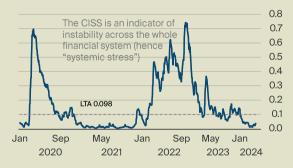
	Last	1 day	1 week	1 month	Jan '20
CBOE VIX	13.6	13.6	13.2	17.3	13.8
Euro Stoxx 50 VIX	13.9	13.9	14.1	18.8	14.0
Nikkei VIX	18.2	18.5	19.2	20.0	14.8
KOSPI VIX	16.7	16.6	17.2	17.6	14.7

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	0.047	0.053	0.059	0.023
Equity markets stress sub index	0.032	0.039	0.026	0.009
Bond markets stress sub index	0.040	0.045	0.040	0.02
FX markets stress sub index	0.009	0.031	0.009	0.004

Currencies & Monetary Policy





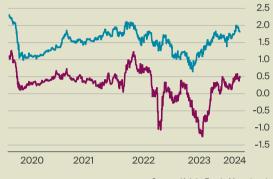
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	Last	1 day	1 week	1 month	Jan '20
EUR per GBP	1.163	1.162	1.165	1.170	1.177
KOR per GBP	1,716	1,713	1,701	1,722	1,525
USD per GBP	1.256	1.251	1.255	1.244	1.321
USD per EUR	1.077	1.077	1.078	1.065	1.123

Hedging benefits

Hedging benefit p.a. on a 5 year forward

- USD per EUR - USD per GBP



Source:	Knigh	t Fran	k, №	lacro	bond
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	Last	1 day	1 week	1 month	Jan '20
USD to EUR	1.82	1.82	1.83	1.98	2.32
USD to GBP	0.46	0.52	0.36	0.50	1.12

Inflation and monetary policy

Currencies

Inflation rate (%)

	Apr	Mar	Feb	Jan
Australia ¹	n/a	3.6	3.6	3.6
Canada	n/a	2.9	2.8	2.9
China	0.2	0.0	0.7	-0.8
Euro Area	2.4	2.4	2.6	2.8
France	2.2	2.3	3.0	3.1
Germany	2.2	2.2	2.5	2.9
India	4.8	4.9	5.1	5.1
Italy	0.9	1.2	0.8	0.8
Japan	n/a	2.7	2.8	2.2
Saudi Arabia	n/a	1.6	1.8	1.6
South Korea	2.9	3.1	3.1	2.8
Spain	n/a	3.2	2.8	3.4
Sweden	n/a	4.1	4.5	5.4
UK	n/a	3.2	3.4	4.0
US	n/a	3.5	3.2	3.1

Interest rates (%)

Last	Jan '23
4.35	3.10
5.00	4.25
4.35	4.35
4.50	2.50
4.50	2.50
4.50	2.50
6.50	6.25
4.50	2.50
0.10	-0.10
6.00	5.00
3.50	3.25
4.50	2.50
4.00	2.50
5.25	3.50
5.50	4.50

Asset purchasing

Latest (\$) 1m change (%)			
-4.9			
-7.6			
-2.4			
-0.2			
-3.7			
-0.6			
-5.3			
0.3			
0.4			
4.7			
0.5			
-1.8			
0.2			
-0.5			
-1.1			

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

Source: Knight Frank, Macrobond





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