# Leading Indicators 

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## The UK maintains its entrepreneurial spirit, despite macro headwinds

## c.39k

UK company
incorporation in the first two weeks of October 2023,
according to the ONS

## 239bps

Current MSCI UK All Property yield gap, which compares to the 20-year average of 388bps and -7bps low in the run up to the aFC

## Real UK wages rise by levels last seen in September 2021, as nominal wages may have peaked

UK regular wage growth, \%


Source: Knight Frank Research, ONS

## UK company incorporations hit a five-year high in October

Number of weekly UK company incorporations and voluntary dissolutions


Yield gap remains above recent low, but below the 20-year average in all sectors Spread between UK monthly MSCI sector equivalent yields vs UK 10-year gilt yield, bps


## Equities

Equity markets
Price return index, Jan $2020=100$, US\$
-FTSE 250 -S\&P 500 - STOXX 600 - Hang Seng



| Jan May Sep Jan May Sep Jan May Sep Jan May Sep |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 |

Source: Knight Frank, Macrobond

| Index LastOriginal value and base |  | Percentage change since |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | 1 day | 1 week | 1 month | Jan '20 |
| DAX 30 | 6,361 | -1.2 | -0.4 | -4.7 | -3.9 |
| FTSE 250 | 21,357 | -2.0 | -1.6 | -9.0 | -26.3 |
| Hang Seng | 2,256 | -3.2 | 1.0 | -2.1 | -37.6 |
| IBEX 35 | 9,798 | -0.6 | 0.1 | -3.8 | -8.6 |
| MIB | 29,952 | -0.4 | 1.6 | -2.8 | 13.8 |
| S\&P 500 | 4,374 | 0.6 | 1.5 | -2.9 | 35.4 |
| STOXX 600 | 475 | -0.8 | 0.7 | -3.4 | 1.8 |
| TOPIX | 15 | -0.7 | 1.0 | -6.3 | -2.9 |

## REITs by region

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

- World - Europe - US - Asia Pacific


Equity regional sectors
Price return index percentage change since Jan 2020


## UK REITs by sector

UK EPRA gross total return index, Jan $2020=100$, GBP $£$ - All REITs Office - Industrial — Retail - Healthcare
— Residential — FTSE 250

|  |  |  |  |  | 175 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  | 150 |
|  |  |  |  |  | 125 |
|  |  |  |  |  | 100 |
|  |  |  |  |  | 75 |
|  |  |  |  |  | 50 |
| N | $\mathrm{m}$ |  |  |  | 25 |
| 2020 | 2021 |  |  | 2023 |  |
|  |  | Source: Knight Frank, Macrobond |  |  |  |
| Index, total return | Last | Percentage change since |  |  |  |
| Original value and base |  | 1 day | 1 week | 1 month | Jan '20 |
| All REITs | 702 | -1.4 | 0.3 | -4.5 | -31.4 |
| Office | 1,435 | -1.3 | 0.1 | -5.3 | -51.6 |
| Industrial | 1,127 | -1.7 | 1.0 | -3.6 | -9.1 |
| Retail | 51 | -1.1 | 0.2 | -3.9 | -85.9 |
| Healthcare | 1,559 | -1.0 | -1.8 | -9.1 | -31.3 |
| Residential | 1,114 | -1.7 | 0.3 | -3.4 | -27.0 |
| FTSE 250 14 | 14,996 | -1.8 | -1.2 | -7.1 | -12.0 |

## Bonds \& Rates

## Government bond yields

10 year government bond yields, \%
— US — UK Germany — Italy — Japan — Singapore


|  | Last | 1 day | 1 week | 1 month | Jan '20 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Italy | 4.76 | 4.76 | 4.75 | 4.45 | 1.40 |
| Japan | 0.75 | 0.76 | 0.80 | 0.70 | -0.03 |
| Singapore | 3.33 | 3.33 | 3.40 | 3.30 | 1.74 |
| UK | 4.39 | n/a | 4.43 | 4.36 | 0.82 |
| US | 4.71 | 4.71 | 4.66 | 4.33 | 1.92 |

## Interest rate swaps

5 year swap rates, \%
— US — UK — Eurozone - Japan


JanApr Jul OctJanApr Jul OctJanApr Jul OctJanApr Jul Oct 202020212023

Source: Knight Frank, Macrobond

|  | Last | $\mathbf{1}$ day | $\mathbf{1}$ week | $\mathbf{1}$ month | Jan '20 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Eurozone | 3.36 | 3.34 | 3.31 | 3.30 | -0.13 |
| Japan | 0.62 | 0.61 | 0.65 | 0.59 | 0.03 |
| Singapore | 3.66 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | 1.50 |
| UK | 4.83 | 4.77 | 4.81 | 4.85 | 0.88 |
| US | 4.73 | 4.67 | 4.79 | 4.51 | 1.70 |

## Yield curves

Latest nominal yield curves vs one year ago, \%


## Swap curves

Latest swap curves vs one year ago, \%
Today

One year ago
...US ...UK ... Euro Area .... Japan


## Commodities \& Volatility

## Energy

Oil spot prices, \$ per barrel

- Brent Crude - West Texas Intermediate (WTI)


|  | Last | 1 day | 1 week | 1 month | Jan '20 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Brent, \$ per barrel | 90.1 | 90.9 | 88.2 | 94.2 | 66.0 |
| WTI, \$ per barrel | 85.5 | 87.7 | 86.4 | 90.8 | 61.1 |

## Volatility index

Near term stock price volatility indicator

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


|  | Last | 1 day | 1 week | 1 month | Jan '20 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| CBOE VIX | 17.2 | 17.2 | 17.0 | 13.8 | 13.8 |
| Euro Stoxx 50 VIX | 19.9 | 19.9 | 18.6 | 14.7 | 14.0 |
| Nikkei VIX | 21.2 | 21.9 | 21.1 | 16.0 | 14.8 |
| KOSPI VIX | 16.2 | 17.1 | 17.6 | 11.7 | 14.7 |

## Baltic dry index

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


Systemic stress
Measures FX, money, sovereign and bond yield volatility — New ECB Composite Indicator of Systemic Stress (CISS)
--- Long term average


|  | Last | 1 week | 1 month | Jan '20 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Systemic stress composite | 0.168 | 0.130 | 0.143 | 0.023 |
| Equity markets stress sub index | 0.089 | 0.068 | 0.048 | 0.009 |
| Bond markets stress sub index | 0.083 | 0.070 | 0.063 | 0.02 |
| FX markets stress sub index | 0.029 | 0.032 | 0.010 | 0.004 |

## Currencies \& Monetary Policy

## Currencies

Spot prices
— EUR per GBP, Ihs — USD per GBP, Ihs
— USD per EUR, Ihs KRW per GBP, rhs


|  | Last | $\mathbf{1}$ day | $\mathbf{1}$ week | $\mathbf{1}$ month | Jan '20 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| EUR per GBP | 1.156 | 1.157 | 1.157 | 1.163 | 1.177 |
| KOR per GBP | 1,643 | 1,645 | 1,644 | 1,657 | 1,525 |
| USD per GBP | 1.214 | 1.221 | 1.219 | 1.249 | 1.321 |
| USD per EUR | 1.050 | 1.055 | 1.060 | 1.074 | 1.123 |

## Hedging benefits

Hedging benefit p.a. on a 5 year forward
— USD per EUR — USD per GBP


Inflation and monetary policy

|  | Inflation rate (\%) |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Sep | Aug | July | June |
| Australia ${ }^{1}$ | n/a | n/a | n/a | 6.1 |
| Canada | n/a | 4.0 | 3.3 | 2.8 |
| China | 0.1 | 0.2 | -0.2 | 0.1 |
| Euro Area | 4.3 | 5.2 | 5.3 | 5.5 |
| France | 4.9 | 4.9 | 4.3 | 4.5 |
| Germany | 4.5 | 6.1 | 6.1 | 6.4 |
| India | 5.0 | 6.8 | 7.4 | 4.9 |
| Italy | 5.3 | 5.4 | 5.9 | 6.4 |
| Japan | n/a | 3.2 | 3.3 | 3.3 |
| Saudi Arabia | 1.7 | 2.0 | 2.3 | 2.7 |
| South Korea | 3.7 | 3.4 | 2.3 | 2.7 |
| Spain | 3.5 | 2.6 | 2.3 | 1.9 |
| Sweden | 6.5 | 7.5 | 9.3 | 9.3 |
| UK | n/a | 6.7 | 6.8 | 7.9 |
| US | 3.7 | 3.7 | 3.3 | 3.1 |

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

| Interest rates (\%) |  |
| :---: | :---: |
|  | Last |
| 4.10 | Jan '23 |
| 5.00 | 4.10 |
| 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 (\%) |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| 0.34 tn | -6.0 |
| 257 bn | -2.5 |
| 5.85 tn | 2.6 |
| 7.41 tn | -1.4 |
| 1.81 tn | 0.2 |
| 2.66 tn | -2.7 |
| 382 bn | 2.4 |
| 1.35 tn | -1.9 |
| 4.99 tn | -0.7 |
| 470 bn | -1.3 |
| 406 bn | -0.6 |
| 487 bn | 0.4 |
| 124 bn | -2.5 |
| 1.31 tn | -0.5 |
| 7.95 tn | -1.8 |



Is the Logistics sector delivering on ESG?
The real estate sector is currently experiencing an ESG wake-up call. Recognising its contribution of around a third of total energy consumption and just shy of $40 \%$ of CO2 emissions, governments are introducing ESG-focused legislation and strategies to ensure corporations and the real estate sector take action.


Healthcare Development Opportunities 2023
The continued interest in UK healthcare markets is based on strong fundamental drivers such as demographic shifts, secure income and consistency regarding performance - so understanding current and future supply levels is becoming increasingly important.

## View Report

## Recent research



Life Sciences \& Innovation Insight - Q2 2023

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


UK CRE Quarterly Review - August 23

The latest CRE Review analyses the Q2 2023 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


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