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#### **NEED TO KNOW**

### 28th March 2023

c.6%

UK bank exposure to real estate debt as a proportion of all debt

UK CRE less exposed to bank volatility. The recent bank failures have raised questions surrounding commercial real estate, as it is a levered asset class. However, the situation in the UK is different from that of the US, where markets are concerned about the c.\$5.6tn commercial real estate loans in rotation. Firstly, the UK is yet to see a bank failure this cycle. Furthermore, UK bank exposure to real estate debt is currently relatively low at c.6% of all debt, compared to 12+% pre-GFC, according to Capital Economics. UK banks have also been relatively restrained, with 80+% of UK CRE loans at an LTV of under 60%, again below pre-GFC levels. And notably, over the last 15 years, we have seen a rise in non bank lenders, another source of available liquidity for CRE investors. Credit conditions may tighten for CRE lending in the short term, but longer term, downwards pressure on rates may gradually ease financing conditions.

4.25%

Bank of England Interest rate, March 2023 Interest rates may have peaked. Despite the recent global banking sector volatility, the US Federal Reserve and Bank of England (BoE) raised borrowing costs by 25bps to 5.00% and 4.25%, while the European Central Bank hiked rates by 50bps to 3.50%. For the BoE, economists widely expect this to be the last rate hike in the current tightening cycle, albeit this remains conditional on whether wage growth and services inflation strengthens further. The BoE outlined it would "monitor closely any effects of the banking turmoil" on businesses and households, which may suggest the central bank is hesitant to push rates much further. In line with this, a number of forecasters expect the BoE to cut rates to between 3.25% and 3.00% by Q4 2024. All else equal, lower interest rates will likely be supportive of real estate prices.

10.4%

UK CPI Inflation rate, February 2023 UK inflation rises, but was it just a blip? The UK inflation rate unexpectedly rose to 10.4% in February, from 10.1% in January, the first increase in four months and missing market expectations of 9.9%. Despite this, the Bank of England (BoE) Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) does not see February's rise as a sign of persistent inflationary pressure. Instead, the MPC stated that it expects inflation to fall to a lower rate in 2023 than previously thought. The BoE noted that some of February's rise in inflation was due to volatile clothing prices, which it expects to prove less persistent. Meanwhile, other recent economic data showed signs of further improvement, including robust retail sales figures, expansionary PMIs and improving consumer confidence.

### Real Estate performance below the overall UK equity market but outperforming the Banking sector



Sources: Bloomberg, BoE, Capital Economics, FT, Macrobond, ONS, Oxford Economics, Reuters, Trading Economics, Knight Frank Research

#### LOOKING AHEAD

### **BoE Updates**

The Bank of England will release its Consumer Credit numbers, Inflation Letter and Quarterly Bulletin this week. Markets will pay close attention to these BoE reports to gauge whether the central bank will take any further steps to tame inflation. Language used in the Inflation Letter and Quarterly Bulletin, will be of particular interest.

#### **GDP**

The UK and US will publish their finalised Q4 2022 GDP figures this week. The UK economy has so far avoided a technical recession (two consecutive quarters of decline), with GDP flat in the final month of the year, better than market forecasts of a -0.2% decline. In response to the recent robust activity data and the loosening of fiscal policy in the Spring Budget, the MPC projected that it will almost certainly raise its UK growth forecasts in May's Monetary Policy Report. For context, in the February Monetary Policy Report, the central bank forecast growth of -0.5% in 2023.

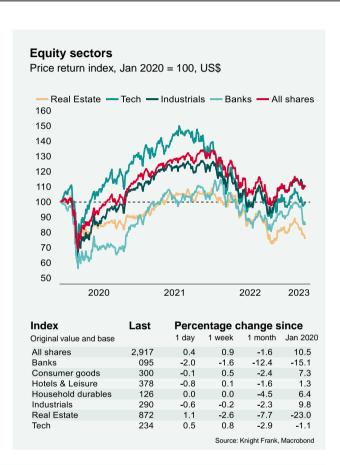
#### **Business Investment**

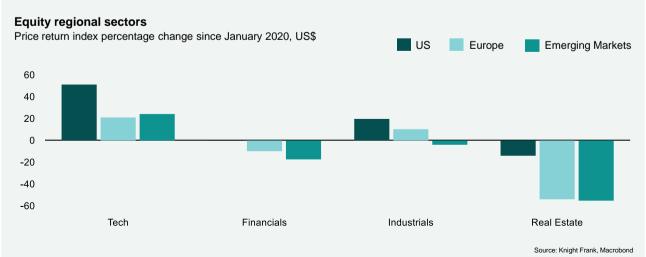
The latest UK Business Investment data will be published on Friday. In Q4 2022, UK Business Investment increased by +4.8% q-q and was up +13.2% y/y. Overall, Business Investment increased by +9.9% in 2022 and compares to just a +0.9% increase in 2021. Meanwhile, whole economy investment (gross fixed capital formation or GFCF) which includes business and public sector investment, was up +7.7% y/y in Q4 2022 and was +3.7% above its precovid (Q4 2019) levels. Markets will check to see whether Business Investment remains on an upwards trajectory in 2023.



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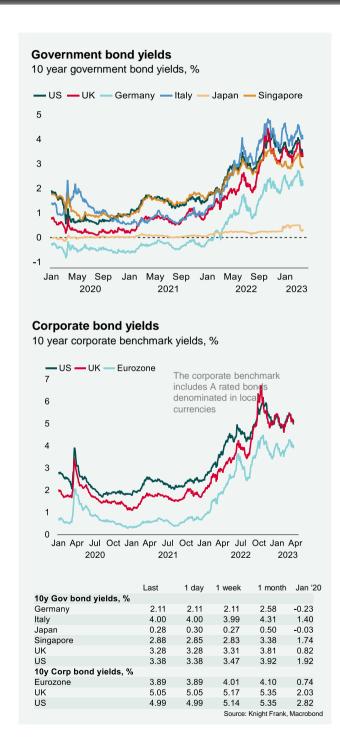
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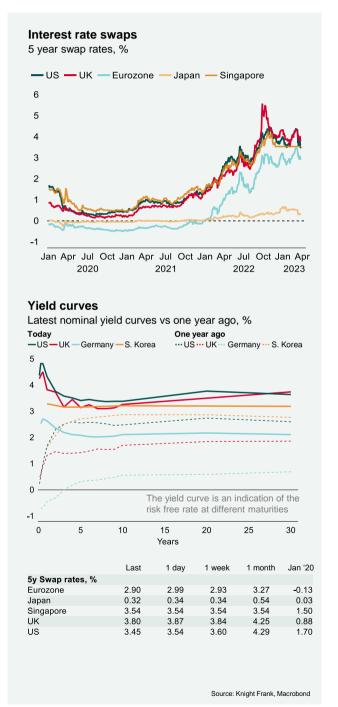
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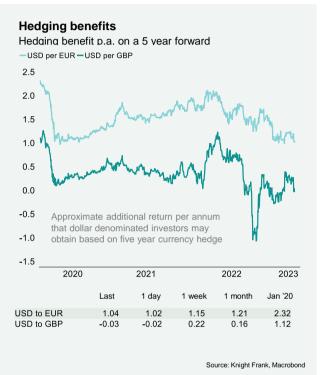


Source: Knight Frank, Macrobond

### **Leading Indicators**

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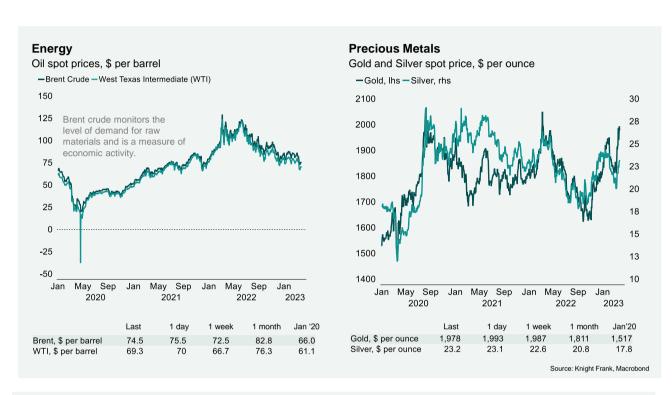


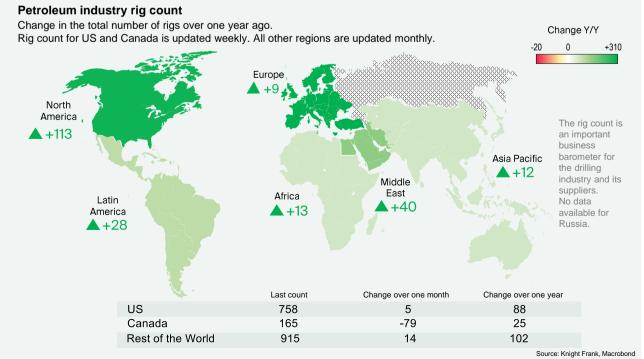
#### Inflation and monetary policy

	Inflation	rate (%	o)		Interest ra	ites (%)	Asset purchasing			
	Feb	Jan	Dec	Nov	Last	Jan '21	Latest (\$)	1m change (%)*		
Australia 1	n/a	n/a	7.8	7.8	3.60	0.10	421 bn	1.9		
Canada	5.2	5.9	6.3	6.8	4.50	0.25	290 bn	<del>-</del> 4.2		
China	1.1	2.2	1.8	1.5	4.35	4.35	6.23 tn	1.3		
Euro Area	8.5	8.6	9.2	10.1	3.50	0.00	8.34 tn	-0.5		
France	6.3	6.0	5.9	6.2	3.50	0.00	1.96 tn	-1.9		
Germany	8.7	8.7	8.2	8.9	3.50	0.00	2.92 tn	-0.8		
India	6.4	6.5	5.7	5.9	6.50	4.00	342 bn	-2.2		
Italy	9.1	10.0	11.6	11.8	3.50	0.00	1.55 tn	-0.3		
Japan	3.3	4.3	4.0	3.8	-0.10	-0.10	5.6 tn	0.1		
Saudi Arabia	3.0	3.4	3.3	2.9	5.00	1.00	512 bn	-0.6		
South Korea	4.8	5.2	5.0	5.0	3.50	0.50	453 bn	-4.2		
Spain	6.1	5.9	5.8	6.9	3.50	0.00	487 bn	-2.0		
Sweden	12.0	11.7	12.3	11.5	3.00	0.00	149 bn	-1.1		
UK	10.4	10.1	10.5	10.7	4.25	0.10	1.37 tn	1.4		
US	6.0	6.3	6.4	7.1	5.00	0.25	8.73 tn	4.2		
Australia Inflation rate i	is only available or	a quarterly ba	nsis.				* % change is in loca	* % change is in local currency		



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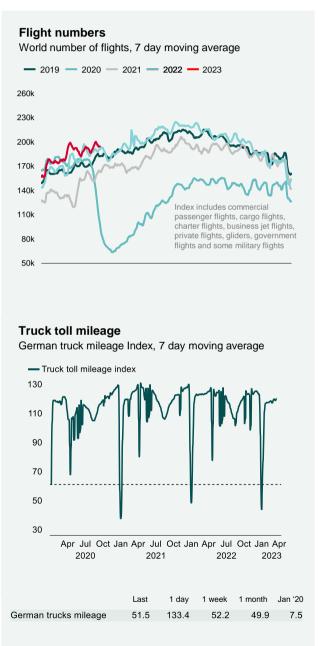
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### **Baltic dry index** Baltic Exchange, Shipping Dry index (BDI), US\$ Baltic dry index 6000 Baltic Dry Index is a measure of what it costs to ship raw 5000 materials and is a leading indicator of global demand 4000 3000 2000 1000 Jan Apr Jul Oct Jan Apr Jul Oct Jan Apr Jul Oct Jan Apr 2020 2021 2022 Shipping traffic Cargo & tanker traffic in all UK ports, 7 day moving average - Number of cargo & tankers (C&T), units 140 120 80 60 Jan Apr Jul Oct Jan Apr Jul Oct Jan Apr Jul Oct Jan Apr 2021 2022 2023 1 day 1 week 1 month Baltic Dry Index, US\$ 1,489 1,489 883 1,090 C&T traffic, units 84 n/a 84 88 71 Source: Knight Frank, Macrobond



Source: Knight Frank, Macrobond, FlightRadar24



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### UK REITs by sector

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



Index, gross total re	value and base Last s 709		Percentage change since				
Original value and base	Last	1 day	1 week	1 month	Jan '20		
All REITs	709	-1.8	-5.8	-12.6	-30.7		
Office	1,649	<b>-</b> 3.8	-7.1	-13.7	-44.4		
Industrial	1,113	-1.1	<b>-</b> 4.5	-11.4	-10.3		
Retail	48	-3.3	-5.9	-14.9	-86.5		
Healthcare	1,678	-1.3	<b>-</b> 3.5	-6.7	-26.0		
Residential	1,038	-0.3	<b>-</b> 5.2	-13.5	-32.0		
FTSE 250	15,489	-1.3	<b>-</b> 1.3	-6.3	-9.1		

#### **US REITs by sector**

2020

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

— All REITS — Office — Industrial — Retail — Healthcare

— Residential — S&P500
200

175
150
125
100
25
0

2021

Index, gross to	Percentage change since							
Original value and base Last		1 day	1 week	1 month	Jan'20			
All REITs	19,454	1.8	<b>-</b> 3.5	-9.6	-3.5			
Office	1,090	0.1	<del>-</del> 6.0	-24.8	<del>-</del> 51.4			
Industrial	2,935	2.6	-2.5	<b>-</b> 5.5	34.6			
Retail	1,046	1.9	-2.4	-10.1	-8.4			
Healthcare	3,212	2.2	<b>-</b> 5.0	-12.7	<del>-</del> 22.6			
Residential	1,816	1.7	-3.9	-11.7	-6.8			
S&P500	8,494	0.9	0.3	-0.9	29.6			
Source: Knight Frank, Macrobon								

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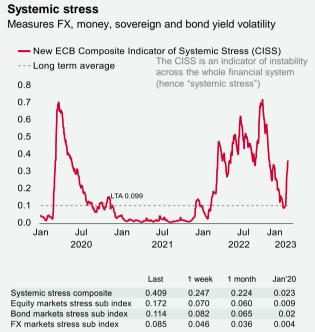
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#### Volatility index Near term stock price volatility indicator - CBOE Volatility Index (VIX) --- Long term average The CBOE VIX ("investor 90 fear gauge") is an indication of near term S&P 500 stock 80 price volatility based on underlying options 70 60 50 40 30 20 10 2020 2021 2022 2023 Last 1 day 1 week 1 month Jan '20 **CBOE VIX** 21.7 21.7 24.2 21.0 13.8 Euro Stoxx 50 VIX 24.9 24.9 28.4 20.0 14.0 Nikkei VIX 19.0 22.8 14.8 KOSPI VIX



Source: Knight Frank, Macrobond

#### Workplace mobility

Google Workplace Mobility Index change since March '20, %

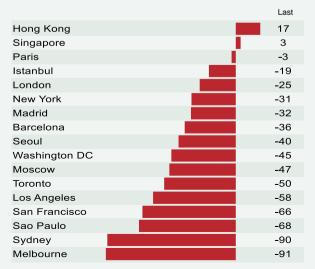
7 day moving average of daily office visitors compared to each country's baseline (5 week average between Jan 2020 - Feb 2020).



### **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).



Source: Knight Frank, Macrobond

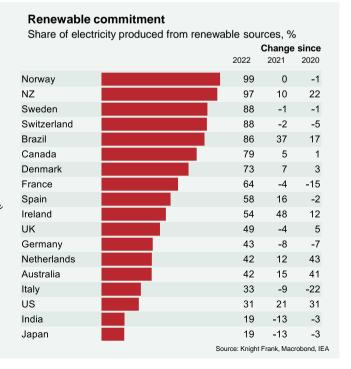


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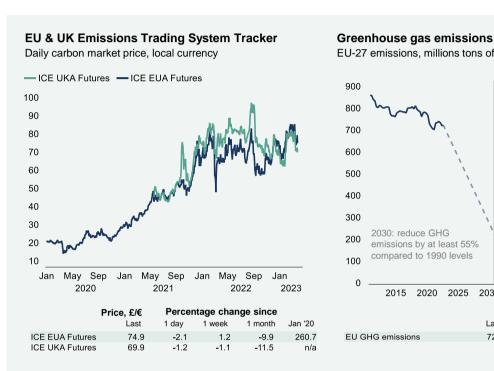


#### **Electricity production** Renewable and non-renewable electricity production, OECD total, year-to-date, % 30 20 10 Wind 2022 2021 Renewables, % 32.3 30.7 30.5 Wind 10.0 9.0 9.1 Solar 5.9 4.8 3.8 Hydro 128 13 4 14 3 Other renewables 3.5 3.5 3.4 Fossil fuels, % 67.7 69.3 69.5 Natural gas 30.1 29.5 30.4 Coal 19.2 20.0 19.1 Nuclear 17.2 17.4 15.9 Other fossil fuels



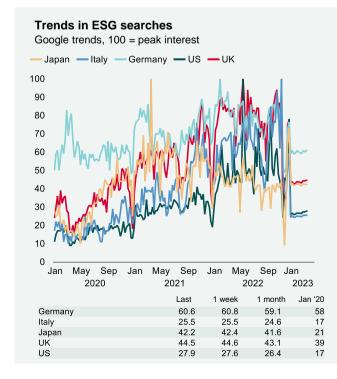


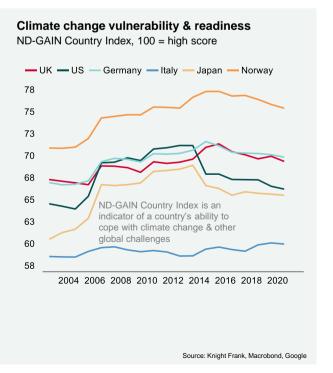
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### EU-27 emissions, millions tons of CO2 equivalent 2050: net zero GHG emissions 2030 2035 2040 2050 2045 Percentage change since Jan '10 Last 1 quarter 1 year 721 -1.5 -16.1 -1.7

Source: Knight Frank, Macrobond, Eurostat







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### **MACROECONOMIC INDICATORS**

Market	Population million	GDP \$tn	YoY	QoQ	Interest rate			9	Interest Inflation Jobless Budget GDP
Australia	26	1,553	2.7%	0.5%	3.60%	3.60% 7.8%	3.60% 7.8% 3.5%	3.60% 7.8% 3.5% -1.5%	3.60% 7.8% 3.5% -1.5% 36.1%
Austria	9	480	2.6%	0.0%	3.50%	3.50% 10.9%	3.50% 10.9% 7.0%	3.50% 10.9% 7.0% -5.9%	3.50% 10.9% 7.0% -5.9% 82.8%
Belgium	12	594	1.4%	0.1%	3.50%	3.50% 6.6%	3.50% 6.6% 5.8%	3.50% 6.6% 5.8% -5.5%	3.50% 6.6% 5.8% -5.5% 108.2%
Brazil	215	1,609	1.9%	-0.2%	13.75%	13.75% 5.6%	13.75% 5.6% 8.4%	13.75% 5.6% 8.4% -4.5%	13.75% 5.6% 8.4% -4.5% 80.3%
Canada	39	1,988	2.1%	0.0%	4.50%	4.50% 5.2%	4.50% 5.2% 5.0%	4.50% 5.2% 5.0% -4.7%	4.50% 5.2% 5.0% -4.7% 112.8%
China Mainland	1,412	17,734	2.9%	0.0%	3.65%	3.65% 1.0%	3.65% 1.0% 5.6%	3.65% 1.0% 5.6% -7.4%	3.65% 1.0% 5.6% -7.4% 76.9%
Denmark	6	398	1.5%	0.9%	2.60%	2.60% 7.6%	2.60% 7.6% 2.3%	2.60% 7.6% 2.3% 3.6%	2.60% 7.6% 2.3% 3.6% 36.7%
Egypt	104	404	3.9%	9.8%	16.25%	16.25% 31.9%	16.25% 31.9% 7.2%	16.25% 31.9% 7.2% -6.8%	16.25% 31.9% 7.2% -6.8% 87.2%
Euro Area	343	14,563	1.8%	0.0%	3.50%	3.50% 8.5%	3.50% 8.5% 6.7%	3.50% 8.5% 6.7% -5.1%	3.50% 8.5% 6.7% -5.1% 95.6%
Finland	6	297	0.0%	-0.6%	3.50%	3.50% 8.8%	3.50% 8.8% 6.7%	3.50% 8.8% 6.7% -2.7%	3.50% 8.8% 6.7% -2.7% 72.4%
France	68	2,958	0.5%	0.1%	3.50%	3.50% 6.3%	3.50% 6.3% 7.2%	3.50% 6.3% 7.2% -6.5%	3.50% 6.3% 7.2% -6.5% 112.9%
Germany	84	4,260	0.9%	-0.4%	3.50%	3.50% 8.7%	3.50% 8.7% 5.5%	3.50% 8.7% 5.5% -2.6%	3.50% 8.7% 5.5% -2.6% 69.3%
Hong Kong SAR	7	368	-4.2%	0.0%	5.25%	5.25% 1.7%	5.25% 1.7% 3.3%	5.25% 1.7% 3.3% -3.6%	5.25% 1.7% 3.3% -3.6% 38.4%
India	1,363	3,176	4.4%	0.8%	6.50%	6.50% 6.4%	6.50% 6.4% 7.1%	6.50% 6.4% 7.1% -6.9%	6.50% 6.4% 7.1% -6.9% 89.3%
Indonesia	276	1,186	5.0%	0.4%	5.75%	5.75% 5.5%	5.75% 5.5% 5.9%	5.75% 5.5% 5.9% -2.4%	5.75% 5.5% 5.9% -2.4% 40.9%
Ireland	5	504	12.0%	0.3%	3.50%	3.50% 8.5%	3.50% 8.5% 4.3%	3.50% 8.5% 4.3% -1.7%	3.50% 8.5% 4.3% -1.7% 56.0%
Israel	9	489	2.6%	1.4%	4.25%	4.25% 5.2%	4.25% 5.2% 3.9%	4.25% 5.2% 3.9% 0.6%	4.25% 5.2% 3.9% 0.6% 60.9%
Italy	59	2,108	1.4%	-0.1%	3.50%	3.50% 9.1%	3.50% 9.1% 7.9%	3.50% 9.1% 7.9% -8.0%	3.50% 9.1% 7.9% -8.0% 144.7%
Japan	125	4,941	0.4%	0.0%	-0.10%	-0.10% 3.3%	-0.10% 3.3% 2.4%	-0.10% 3.3% 2.4% -5.9%	-0.10% 3.3% 2.4% -5.9% 262.5%
Netherlands	18	1,013	3.2%	0.6%	3.50%	3.50% 8.0%	3.50% 8.0% 3.5%	3.50% 8.0% 3.5% -2.6%	3.50% 8.0% 3.5% -2.6% 52.4%
Nigeria	213	441	3.5%	11.0%	18.00%	18.00% 21.9%	18.00% 21.9% 33.3%	18.00% 21.9% 33.3% -4.7%	18.00% 21.9% 33.3% -4.7% 37.0%
Norway	5	482	1.3%	0.2%	3.00%	3.00% 6.3%	3.00% 6.3% 3.1%	3.00% 6.3% 3.1% 9.1%	3.00% 6.3% 3.1% 9.1% 43.2%
Philippines	112	394	7.2%	2.4%	6.25%	6.25% 8.6%	6.25% 8.6% 4.8%	6.25% 8.6% 4.8% -7.3%	6.25% 8.6% 4.8% -7.3% 60.9%
Poland	38	679	2.0%	-2.4%	6.75%	6.75% 18.4%	6.75% 18.4% 5.5%	6.75% 18.4% 5.5% -1.8%	6.75% 18.4% 5.5% -1.8% 53.8%
Romania	19	284	4.6%	1.0%	7.00%	7.00% 15.5%	7.00% 15.5% 5.6%	7.00% 15.5% 5.6% -7.1%	7.00% 15.5% 5.6% -7.1% 48.8%
Russia	146	1,776	-3.7%	-0.8%	7.50%	7.50% 11.0%	7.50% 11.0% 3.6%	7.50% 11.0% 3.6% -2.3%	7.50% 11.0% 3.6% -2.3% 18.2%
Singapore	5	397	2.1%	0.1%	4.08%	4.08% 6.3%	4.08% 6.3% 2.0%	4.08% 6.3% 2.0% -0.3%	4.08% 6.3% 2.0% -0.3% 160.0%
South Africa	60	419	0.9%	-1.3%	7.25%				
South Korea	52	1,799	1.3%	-0.4%	3.50%	3.50% 4.8%	3.50% 4.8% 2.6%	3.50% 4.8% 2.6% -5.6%	3.50% 4.8% 2.6% -5.6% 46.9%
Spain	47	1,427	2.6%	0.2%	3.50%				
Sweden	10	636	-0.9%	-0.9%	3.00%				
Switzerland	9	801	0.7%	0.0%	1.50%				
Turkey	85	819	3.5%	0.9%	8.50%				
UAE	10	415	8.5%	2.0%	4.90%				
UK	68	3,131	0.4%	0.0%	4.25%				
US	334	23,315	0.9%	2.7%	5.00%				

Source: Trading Economics



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#### **Future Gazing 2023**

In the latest edition of the Future Gazing Report, the sectors and locations which could benefit from reconfiguring supply chains are explored. Through the past three years, we have experienced a supply-side crisis. Simply restoring the old order is unlikely to solve the crisis and provide much-needed resilience amidst a shifting geopolitical landscape.

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Quantifying ESG in real

This report covers a selection of our recent analytical projects, as well as practical applications and considerations for clients. It offers clear messages that we hope will inform decision-makers as they make decisions against a rapidly evolving backdrop. We also hope the ideas will spark debate and unlock new areas of investigation.



Retail Property Market Outlook 2023

The 2023 Retail market outlook discusses predictions for the Retail market, providing in-depth commentary on retail subsectors and occupier activity amidst economic distress.

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