# Leading Indicators



Key economic and financial metrics, updated weekly

4th November 2025

Source: Knight Frank Insight, Macrobond

## Yields ease, focus turns to monetary and fiscal signals

#### 4.40%

Softer UK inflation earlier this month has reinforced expectations for Bank of England rate cuts in 2025, keeping downward pressure on gilt yields. The 10-year yield has eased to around 4.40%, from its highs earlier in the year, marking the lowest level year-to-date. Speaking this morning ahead of the 26th November Budget, Chancellor Reeves stressed the importance of maintaining fiscal credibility. Longer-dated yields also moved lower in line with the broader rally.

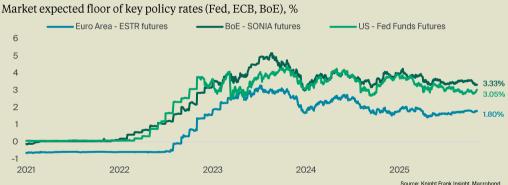
#### UK 10-year gilt yield falls to lowest level this year



#### 3.33%

Market expectations for the end of the easing cycle are diverging across major central banks. Terminal rate projections for the Fed and BoE have moved lower, pointing to deeper policy easing in the US (3.05%) and UK (3.33%), while the ECB's terminal rate has edged higher, suggesting a more cautious easing path in the euro area. Focus now turns to Thursday's BoE monetary policy meeting for guidance on the policy outlook ahead.

#### Meanwhile, markets diverge on outlook for global rate cuts

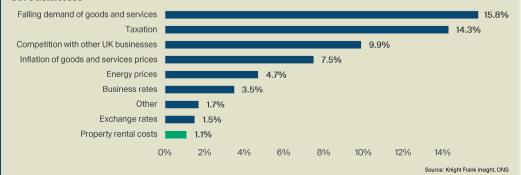


#### 1.1%

The latest ONS BIC survey found that 72% of UK businesses reported some form of concern in November 2025. Falling demands of good and services were the primary reported business concern at 15.8%, followed by taxation concerns at 14.3%, while property rental costs remained the least reported concern at 1.1%. The findings come ahead of the 26th November Budget, where business support and the wider tax environment are expected to be in focus.

#### Q4 insights: key concerns for UK businesses

'Which of the following, if any, will be the main concern for your business in November 2025?', % of UK businesses





### **Equities**

#### **Equity markets** Price return index, Jan 2020 = 100, US\$ - FTSE 250 - S&P 500 - STOXX 600 - Hang Seng 225 200 175 150 125 100 75 50 Jan Jul Jan Jul Jan Jul Jan Jul Jan Jul 2021 2022 2023

Source: Knight Frank, Macrobond

2024

Index	Last		Percent	age chan	ge since	
Original value	and base	1 day	1 week	1 month	Jan '20	YTD %
DAX 30	10,420	-0.3	-1.3	<del>-</del> 2.7	57.4	31.3
FTSE 250	29,068	-0.7	-3.0	-1.8	0.3	12.3
Hang Seng	3,339	0.2	-1.9	<b>-</b> 4.8	<del>-</del> 7.7	29.2
IBEX 35	18,482	-0.3	0.2	1.9	72.5	53.2
MIB	49,813	-0.3	0.8	-1.2	89.2	40.4
S&P 500	6,852	0.4	0.9	2.0	112.1	16.5
STOXX 600	660	-0.8	-1.5	-0.7	41.3	24.9
TOPIX	21	-0.7	-1.1	2.5	36.0	21.2

#### **Equity regional sectors** Price return index percentage change since Jan 2020 Europe **Emerging Markets** 250 200 150 100 50 0 -50 Tech **Financials** Industrials Real Estate

Source: Knight Frank, Macrobond

	Percentag	Percentage change since Jan 2020			
	US	Europe	World		
Tech	225.6%	88.6%	155.8%		
Financials	66.7%	111.6%	16.7%		
Industrials	94.5%	87.9%	32.8%		
Real Estate	-1 9%	-54 2%	-59.0%		

#### **REITs by region**

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



Source: Knight Frank, Macrobond

Original value and base	e	1 day		age char 1 month		
US	2,921	0.4	<del>-</del> 2.8	-1.1	22.2	2.91
Europe	2,371	-1.2	-3.9	-0.9	-16.9	21.74
World	3,579	0.1	-2.7	-1.2	11.4	7.84
Asia Pacific	3,481	-0.1	-1.1	0.1	-11.3	9.34

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

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

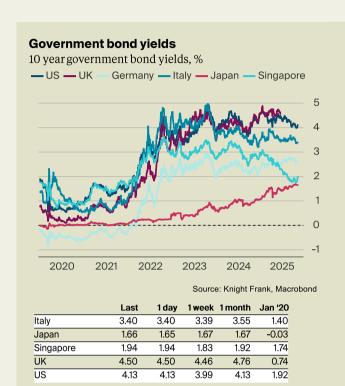


Source: Knight Frank, Macrobond

Index, tota	l return I	Last	Pe	rcentage	change s	ince
Original valu	e and base	1 day	1 week	1 month	Jan '20	YTD %
All REITs	808	-1.0	-3.7	2.3	<b>-</b> 21.0	8.8
Office	1,459	-1.1	-4.1	1.2	-50.8	-0.2
Industrial	1,270	-0.9	<del>-</del> 4.0	5.1	2.4	10.7
Retail	64	-0.4	-2.5	3.0	<del>-</del> 82.2	10.3
Healthcare	2,128	-0.6	-0.9	3.6	-6.1	23.3
Residential	919	-1.2	-4.4	-13.2	-39.8	-16.8
FTSE 250	20,280	-0.8	-1.8	0.5	19.0	10.5



### **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 5.5 The yield curve is an indication of the 5.0 4.5 4.0 3.5 3.0 2.5 2.0 1.5 0 10 15 20 30 25 Years Source: Knight Frank, Macrobond

#### Interest rate swaps 5 year swap rates, % — US — UK — Eurozone — Japan 6 Jan Jul Jan Jul Jan Jul Jan Jul Jan Jul 2025 2020 2021 2022 2023 2024 Source: Knight Frank, Macrobond Jan '20 Last 1 day 1 week 1 month

2.35

1.24

3.86

3.66

2.38

1.25

4.06

3.63

2.33

1.25

3.86

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1.70

2.36

1.24

3.88

3.68

Eurozone

Japan

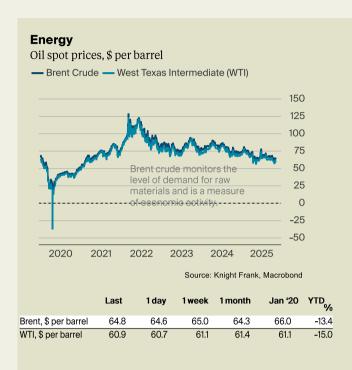
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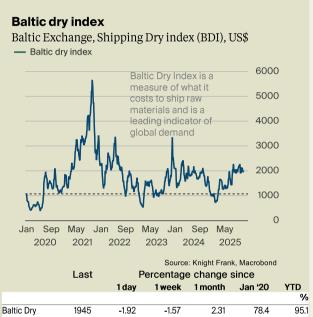
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#### Swap curves Latest swap curves vs one year ago, % Today One year ago -US-UK - Euro Area - Japan ···US ···UK ··· Euro Area ··· Japan - Eurozone, Latest - US, Latest - UK, -1y - US, -1y - - Eurozone, -1y -- UK, Latest -- Japan, Latest -- Japan, -1y 4.0 3.5 3.0 2.5 2.0 1.5 1.0 0.5 10 30 15 25 Years Source: Knight Frank, Macrobond



## **Commodities & Volatility**





#### **Volatility index** Near term stock price volatility indicator - CBOE Volatility Index (VIX) --- Long term average 90 The CBOE VIX ("investor 80 fear gauge") is an indication of near term S&P 500 stock 70 price volatility based on 60 underlying options 50 40 30 20 10 2020 2021 2022 2023 2024 2025 Source: Knight Frank, Macrobond

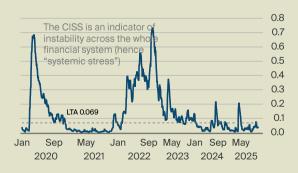
	Last	1 day	1 week	1 month	Jan '20	YTD
CBOE VIX	17.2	17.2	16.4	16.7	13.8	-1.04
Euro Stoxx 50 VIX	18.2	18.2	16.4	16.1	14.0	6.76
Nikkei VIX	32.7	28.2	27.3	24.8	14.8	49.89
KOSPI VIX	35.8	32.9	33.2	22.3	14.7	69.25

#### 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	0.094	0.117	0.073	0.023
Equity markets stress sub index	0.078	0.095	0.064	0.009
Bond markets stress sub index	0.032	0.033	0.014	0.02
FX markets stress sub index	0.024	0.039	0.021	0.004

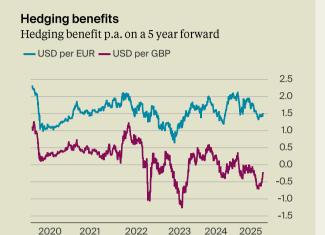


## **Currencies & Monetary Policy**



Source: Knight Frank, Macrobond

	Last	1 day	1 week	1 month	Jan '20
EUR per GBP	1.141	1.138	1.146	1.148	1.177
KOR per GBP	1,882	1,877	1,910	1,894	1,525
USD per GBP	1.315	1.314	1.333	1.347	1.321
USD per EUR	1.154	1.154	1.164	1.175	1.123



Source: Knight Frank, Macrobond

	Last	1 day	1 week	1 month	Jan '20
USD to EUR	1.48	1.51	1.43	1.43	2.32
USD to GBP	-0.25	-0.22	-0.40	-0.58	1.12

#### Inflation and monetary policy

#### Inflation rate (%)

	Oct	Sep	Aug	Jul
Australia <sup>1</sup>	n/a	3.2	3.2	3.2
Canada	n/a	2.4	1.9	1.7
China	n/a	-0.5	-0.6	-0.2
Euro Area	2.1	2.2	2.0	2.0
France	1.0	1.2	0.9	1.0
Germany	2.3	2.4	2.3	2.0
India	n/a	1.5	2.1	1.6
Italy	1.2	1.6	1.6	1.7
Japan	n/a	2.9	2.7	3.1
Saudi Arabia	n/a	2.2	2.3	2.2
South Korea	2.4	2.1	1.7	2.1
Spain	n/a	n/a	2.7	2.7
Sweden	n/a	0.9	1.1	0.8
UK	n/a	3.8	3.8	3.8
US	n/a	3.0	2.9	2.7

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

#### Interest rates (%)

Last	Jan '24
3.60	4.35
2.25	5.00
4.35	4.35
2.15	4.50
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2.15	4.50
5.50	6.50
2.15	4.50
0.50	-0.10
4.50	6.00
2.50	3.50
2.15	4.50
1.75	4.00
4.00	5.25
4.00	5.50

#### **Asset purchasing**

Latest (\$)	1m change (%
0.26 tn	0.3
170 bn	-4.1
6.61 tn	1.8
7.2 tn	2.1
1.78 tn	1.7
2.66 tn	-0.6
488 bn	5.8
1.29 tn	2.1
4.62 tn	-2.2
515 bn	-2.4
406 bn	1.2
487 bn	0.2
98.5 bn	-0.5
1.14 tn	-0.7
6.59 tn	-0.1

Source: Knight Frank, Macrobond





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